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## Remote school safeguards against shootings

Three Creek's upcoming active shooter, concealed carry classes go hand-in-hand

School shootings are now part hard-wired into parents' and administrators' list of safety concerns, so Three Creek School

officials are being proactive. "With all the violence we hear about happening in schools, we want to be

prepared," teacher Dena Pollock said.

Three Creek School will play host to an active shooter training session and an Idaho Enhanced Concealed Carry class next month.

In another safety measure, the school board approved the installation of motion-

sensing lights on the west and south sides of the tiny school building.

School trustee Gus Brackett said the active shooter training is part of Three Creek's strategy to implement the state

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## Homedale takes 3rd at Future City regional

Young scientists and engineers from Homedale Middle School took home a third-place finish from Saturday's Future City regional finals at Boise State University.

First place went to Boise's Sacred Heart Catholic School's Future City named "Mottainai." Meridian Middle School walked away with second place for "Pre-voyant."

Three students, a teacher, and an engineer mentor from Sacred Heart will represent Idaho at the national finals in Washington D.C. from Feb. 13 to Feb. 16. HMS represented Idaho at the national finals in 2011.

The project made by the HMS students was called "Reciado," and won a special award for most efficient and creative transit system.

The Homedale team came in fourth at the 2015 regional finals.

This year's competition included 31 teams from 22 different schools. Participants came from all over Idaho, including American Falls, Blackfoot, Boise, Caldwell, Cascade, Craigmont, Hailey, Jerome, Kuna, Meridian,

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## Assisting one of their own

### Firefighters rally to help Marsing colleague

Two area firefighters have volunteered their time to help a fellow firefighter recover from a serious injury.

Marsing volunteer firefighter Jason Ineck and Toby Robinson, who works for the Caldwell Fire Department, built a wheelchair ramp outside the home of John DeOsio, who broke his neck after



falling inside a building on New Year's Eve.

DeOsio, who has been involved with the Marsing Fire Department since 1982, was released from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center on Jan. 6 after undergoing neck surgery.

DeOsio is recovering, slowly but surely.

"Day by day. I get bored but I am recovering on a daily basis," DeOsio said. "They figure

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Jason Ineck (left) and Toby Robinson working on the new wheelchair ramp outside John DeOsio's home in Marsing. Photo by Mary Lou DeOsio

## Marsing Fire board has vacancy

Commissioners invite letters of interest

Commissioners for the Marsing Rural Fire Protection District will appoint someone to fill a vacancy on the governing panel next month.

The appointment is necessary because Subdistrict 2 Commissioner Jim Bower nor anyone else filed nomination papers in time for

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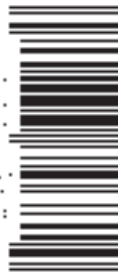
## Homedale councilperson Harkins dies

Flags in Homedale were lowered to half-staff Thursday after City Councilperson Vonnie Harkins lost her battle with cancer.

The 78-year-old, who rarely missed a city council meeting during her illness, died at home Thursday morning. She had been a Homedale resident for nearly 40 years.

An in-home caregiver, Harkins joined the city council in January 2014. During her campaign,

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# United Way: Most county households are impoverished

## Organization studies income, services, unemployment

A majority of Owyhee County families have a difficult time affording basic needs, according to the United Way's latest study.

The organization's ALICE ("Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed") report — based on 2013 statistics (the most recent numbers available) — was released Jan. 17.

The United Way reports that the lags behind the state average in median household income, and the county's unemployment rate is nearly double the statewide number.

The report based its findings on a county population of 11,474, and 3,911 households.

In Grand View, 69 percent of the city's 185 households were either below the poverty line or part of what United Way calls the ALICE population.

In Homedale the combined ALICE and poverty rate was 79 percent for 890 households. In Marsing, the number was 75 percent for the city's 496 households.

The United Way says its ALICE analysis system represents the population of individuals who are working, but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, childcare, health care and transportation.

United Way of the Treasure Valley communications manager

Daniel Mediate said he expects another ALICE report, examining 2014 statistics, will be issued next year.

The United Way's Owyhee County report reflected a median household income of \$32,175, which is 31.2 percent lower than the state average of \$46,783.

The United Way reports that the county's 2013 unemployment rate was 12.9 percent, nearly double the statewide rate of 7.2 percent.

The report gave housing affordability and job opportunities in Owyhee County "fair" ratings. The community resources category received a "poor" rating with a score of 42 points. Mediate said a score of 53 is the lowest possible for a "fair" rating.

The report states that the community resources category was comprised of three elements:

- Education resources, which measured preschool enrollment. ALICE project national director Stephanie Hoopes, Ph.D., said only eight percent of Owyhee County children ages 3-4 were in preschool.

- Health resources, an analysis of the percent of the population under 65 years old with health insurance. Hoopes said 62 percent of Owyheens had health

insurance.

- Social capital, a measurement of the percent of the population 18 and older who voted. Hoopes said only 32 percent of the voting-age population in Owyhee County cast a ballot.

The report is part of a joint effort of United Ways across the Pacific Northwest to study the size and scope of financial hardship in nearly every community the organization serves.

ALICE and impoverished households account for 37 percent of all families in Idaho, according to the United Way. That compares to 38 percent in Oregon, and 32 percent in Washington.

A total of 982,835 Pacific Northwest households fall into the ALICE population. The number is more than the official poverty rate, which accounts for 660,933 households in the region.

About 250 United Ways in 10 states used the same methodology for documenting financial need. The groups hope to use the ALICE study as a framework for improving lives and strengthening local communities. The ALICE reports build on a United Way study first developed in New Jersey.

United Ways of the Pacific Northwest is the trade association

### Where to go for help

**Homedale:** El-Ada Community Action Partnership  
Food pantry open 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 15 W. Colorado Ave.

USDA commodity distributions are held every other month. The next one in Homedale will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Feb. 16.

Another commodity day will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 17 at the corner of Main and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets in Marsing.

El-Ada also provides Homedale and Marsing residents with applications to the Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) for low-income housing so people don't have to travel to Middleton.

The organization also provides energy assistance to residents who meet eligibility requirements and has a limited supply of warm clothing and blankets for the needy.

**Homedale:** Idaho Foodbank drop-off  
Begins at 9 a.m., fourth Friday of the month  
First Presbyterian Church  
320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W.  
(208) 473-9331

**Marsing:** Vision Community Church  
Food pantry is open 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Thursday.  
221 W. Main St.  
(208) 779-7926

**Grand View:** Knight Community Church  
Food pantry opens at 9 a.m., on the Saturday after the second Thursday of the month.  
630 Idaho St.  
(208) 834-2639

representing local United Way organizations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The groups collectively raise and distribute more than \$171 million annually to better the health, education and financial stability of individuals and families.

## GV Lions gear up for auction

With its 60<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser approaching, the Grand View Lions Club is seeking donations for the auction.

The auction and luncheon takes

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place on Saturday, Feb. 13 in the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium.

Lions Club secretary Dixie McDaniel said folks who have items to give to the auction can arrange pickup or drop-off by calling any Lions Club member. Call club treasurer Doug Thurman at (208) 834-2442 for more information.

The Lions Club is involved in several projects in the community, including the Good Grades Make Sense program at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School and helping out with the town's greenbelt construction and enhancement.

The Lions Club also serves a Sunday breakfast during Grand View Days in June.

## Medical marijuana card has no standing in Idaho

One state's laws collided with another's Sunday afternoon outside Marsing.

A 48-year-old California woman was cited for misdemeanor marijuana possession after the vehicle she was riding in was pulled over for speeding near Dobbin Lane on U.S. Highway 95.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Wendy Thomas of Santa Maria, Calif., told the deputy that she had a medical marijuana card when about three grams of pot was found. Unfortunately for Thomas, the card doesn't permit her to allegedly possess marijuana in other states.

Thomas also was cited for misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession.

Bowman said the driver of the vehicle wasn't cited for speeding during the stop shortly before 4 p.m.

### Inmate accused of battery

A 19-year-old Homedale man faces a misdemeanor battery charge after he allegedly punched his cellmate at the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

Bowman said Wyatt Thompson punched a 29-year-old male in the face on Friday, Jan. 15.

"We get something like this about once a year," Bowman said. "It was a minor fight."

Thompson is set to appear before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober for a pretrial conference at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22. Grober has issued a no-contact order.

Thompson was in jail awaiting sentencing for misdemeanor driving without privileges. On Jan. 20, Grober sentenced him to 21 days' time served and two years' probation and ordered him to pay \$247.50 in court costs and fines. The judge suspended the remainder of a six-month jail sentence.



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# MES students launch disaster auction raffle race

Marsing Elementary School students are competing for a chance to enjoy pizza in their classroom.

Each third- through fifth-grade class is selling \$1 raffle tickets for the Marsing Disaster Auction, and the class with the most sales will win a pizza party.

So far, Abigail St. George's fourth-graders lead the pack.

Tickets for the \$1 raffle are available from the older MES students until the week of the 55<sup>th</sup> annual auction, which begins at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Auction committee members also are selling tickets for the \$10 raffle, and winning tickets will be drawn during the auction inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

The \$1 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

The \$10 prizes are:

- 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



The progress of each classroom is being gauged with this scoreboard at school. Photo by Kelly Ineck

by Owyhee County Farm Bureau agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, who are based in Homedale

More information on the auc-

tion, including contact information for committee members, can be found online at [www.marsingdisasterauction.org](http://www.marsingdisasterauction.org).

To donate to the auction or vol-

unteer time to the effort, contact any committee member, email [marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com](mailto:marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com) or call auction chair Cindy Floyd at 830-5560.

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### ✓ Harkins: No word on when city council will consider a successor

she vowed to bring a woman's perspective to the governing board.

She and Kim Murray became the first women to serve on the board in more than a decade when they won seats in the November 2013 election.

Harkins, whose second

anniversary as a council member came just three days before her death, was an active participant in city government business into her final days, attending the Jan. 13 meeting.

Public service was nothing new for Harkins. She was a member of the Homedale Ambulance crew

for 15 years and also served as an Owyhee County deputy coroner.

She spent nearly 20 years as an emergency room unit clerk at West Valley Medical Center, too, according to an obituary appearing on Page 6 this week.

Harkins' funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday at Homedale

Friends Community Church. City Hall closed at 2:30 p.m. so local government employees could attend the services.

The council is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Thursday for its second meeting of the year. It's unclear whether the remaining council members and Mayor

Gheen Christoffersen are prepared to discuss a succession plan yet.

When Harkins' replacement is named, it will be the second city council appointment in about two months.

Jerry Anderson joined the board after Murray resigned midway through her first term.



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## ✓ Vacancy: Prospective candidates have until Feb. 10 to show interest

November's election. Fire district officials announced the opening after checking into the protocol.

Any person wishing to be considered for the volunteer position must submit their interest in writing. Letters of interest must be delivered before the district's next scheduled board meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Feb. 10. The meeting will be held in the fire hall at 303 Main St., Marsing.

The letters can be sent to Marsing Rural Fire, P.O. Box 299, Marsing, ID 83639.

Bobo Carter has been MRFD secretary/treasurer for six years, and said commissioners — or anyone wanting to serve as a commissioner — have to file nomination

papers prior to the election. No one filed before the deadline for the Nov. 3 election. Commissioners serve four-year terms.

"Jim Bower is the one that was on there. He inadvertently didn't get his paperwork filed by the deadline," Carter said. "We're being legal about this. We just need to post that notice so that anybody can have an opportunity to show interest. Jim is going to put a letter of interest



Bob Malmberg

in."

He went on to explain that the delay in making the appointment was because no one has ever challenged a district commissioner during his time as secretary/treasurer. Carter stated that it took this long for he and the commissioners to properly interpret Idaho Code.

Bower has been a commissioner for 12 years. The last time there was a vacancy on the board was when he began serving.

Anybody interested in applying for the volunteer position must live within Subdistrict 2, which is in Canyon County including an area around Sunnyslope where Bower lives.

Jerry Floyd is chairman of the district board, and has been a commissioner for 34 years. He is the at-large commissioner and also lives in Canyon County.

Bob Malmberg is board vice-chair, and hails from Subdistrict 1, which extends west to the Oregon state line, and southeast to a point near the Bonnie plant farm just before Givens Hot Springs on Idaho highway 78.

Malmberg has been a commis-



Jerry Floyd

sioner for 22 years.

The current commissioners will be looking for someone who is good at managing taxpayer dollars.

"Someone that's interested in maintaining a high level of financial responsibility," Carter said.

Commissioners also have to approve any purchases for things that the volunteer firefighters might need.

Carter added that the volunteer firefighters will participate in more wildland fire training this year than they did in 2015. He explained that the devastating Soda Fire served as a lesson for how important it is to hone their skills of fighting fires in the backcountry.



Bobo Carter

The new commissioner will be appointed during the Feb. 10 meeting.

"If more than one person seems viable for the position (commissioners) can either appoint whoever they like, or if they can't agree on a consensus it goes down to a good old coin flip," Carter said.

Anyone who applies should be prepared for more work than just the monthly meeting.

"The firemen have a fundraiser, we do our prime rib and crab feed, that's our only fundraiser at this time, but the commissioners get involved in helping with that as well," Carter said. "They come down and serve and help set up."

He added that while the district board positions are unpaid, the commissioners take their jobs very seriously.

"We're doing the same things that paid personnel are doing, but we do it voluntarily," Carter said.

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### ✓ **Homedale:** Team picks up special recognition for project's creativity

New Meadows and Riggins.

HMS second-year Future City advisor Kim Portwood described 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 theme this year — “Waste Not, Want Not” — challenged students to create solid waste management systems of the future.

The competition is part of a STEM program to promote science, technology, engineering, and math.

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



*From left: Nyelah Johnson, Ashley Moore and Daniel Uranga give the Homedale Middle School presentation during Saturday's Future City regional competition in Boise. Submitted photo*

### ✓ **Safeguards:** Saturday is last day to RSVP for either gun safety seminar

Department of Education's mandate to improve school safety.

“One of the primary issues we have in Three Creek is our remoteness. Once an emergency call is made, it is more than an hour before an ambulance or police could arrive,” Brackett said. “Because of this, most of our safety training falls to the teacher and members of the community.”

The firearms classes are the second phase of a plan that started with the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator and AED and CPR training two years ago, Brackett said.

Brackett said that an enhanced concealed carry permit is required for a person to carry a gun on school grounds, so having the active shooter training (set for Saturday, Feb. 6) and the concealed carry class (Saturday,

Feb. 27) “seemed like a logical extension,” he said.

The active shooter training takes place on Saturday, Feb. 6, and the Idaho Enhanced Concealed Carry class will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Both classes will start at 9 a.m. The active shooter training registration fee is \$75, and participants (the class is open to the public) must bring their own handgun, two magazines, 100 rounds of ammunition, holster and eye and ear protection).

The enhanced concealed carry class entry fee is \$100.

Anyone interested in the courses must RSVP by Saturday either by email to gusbrackett@rtci.net or threecrk@rtci.net or by calling (208) 857-2281 or (208) 308-4962 and leaving a message.

Three Creek Parent Teacher Organization will provide lunch both days.

Brackett expects about 10 people to take advantage of the active shooter training.

“We want to make sure that the teacher and other community members can safely and legally carry a firearm to the school,” Brackett said. “I liken it to carrying a pair of jumper cables to the school. You never hope to use your jumper cables, but in the event someone has a dead battery, you have the means to fix the problem.

“It's the same reason we have an AED machine, fire extinguishers, and concealed weapons. You never hope to use any of the safety equipment, but should the need arise, we want to be prepared.”

Filer resident Todd Eccles, who runs Patriot Defense, will head up the active shooter class. He developed the curriculum based on the Run, Hide and Fight program with the help of a Twin Falls

Police detective, and has invited an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy to talk to attendees about how law enforcement personnel would respond once they arrived at an active shooter situation.

Deputy Scott Snyder said he plans to attend the training primarily from an advisory standpoint. He said Three Creek is the only school in the county conducting such a training at this time.

“It will be interesting as the Three Creek School has a very unique situation as they are very remote,” Snyder wrote in a Monday morning email. “I hope to learn as much as I can as well as advise.”

Eccles has taught several basic safety classes in recent years — from firearms permit classes to one-on-one shooting classes — but he said this is the first active shooter training he will do

in a school setting.

The 20-year Idaho resident said the Feb. 6 training will include a Powerpoint presentation showing trainees what to expect from law enforcement and laying out the choices that may have to be made concerning “Run, Hide and Fight.”

“If time and weather allows, we will also do some basic range-type shooting drills — not that I encourage the shooting aspect of it,” Eccles said.

“A gun should always be the last-resort action. But if you have to use it, you do need to know how to use it properly and know how to deal with the ramifications if you choose to do so.

“Law enforcement is always the best choice, but with remote locations like Three Creek you have to know how to be self-sufficient until help arrives.”

— JPB

### ✓ **Colleague:** Community-minded man injured in New Year's Eve fall

for about the next three months I won't be able to do much.”

He went on to explain that he won't be wheelchair-bound after about three months, and he's already getting back on his feet.

The DeOsios didn't ask for help to put the wheelchair ramp together. The help came to them from Robinson.

“He started calling people up in this community because he grew up around here,” DeOsio said.

Robinson enlisted the help of Ineck, and Jason's four sons, Jordan, 4, Jonathan, 11, Justin, 13, and Joseph, 15, to build the ramp over two or three days. Ineck has been married to his wife Kelly for 18 years and started with Marsing Fire about 15 years ago.

All the materials to build the ramp were donated by Franklin Building Supply of Caldwell,

where DeOsio worked for 17 years.

His wife, Mary Lou, called the business, saying they would need a ramp, and a blueprint to build it.

“We asked them for a quote and a diagram, how to get this built,” DeOsio said. “Then later on that day they called back saying ‘Don't worry about anything. The blueprints are at your doorstep and the materials are there.’”

Robinson said they figured that building the ramp was simply something that needed to be done.

“To be quite honest with you, they're like a second family to me,” he said “In fact, I call Mary Lou mom.”

He gives Jason equal credit, if not more, for pitching in to build the ramp.

“He's more the construction guy,” Robinson said. “I've definitely been helping him, but as far as the construction knowledge and stuff, a lot of that came from Jason.”

Ineck also replaced part of the roof on DeOsio's porch when it was ripped off by a windstorm last month.

Robinson moved back to Marsing from Caldwell about 20 years ago and met DeOsio a short time later.

“I couldn't honestly tell you how we met. We've just been friends forever,” Robinson said.

Ineck also said DeOsio is a good friend, and he just wanted to help out.

“I've known him almost my entire life,” Ineck said. “He used to be my bus driver in elementary school.”

Sharon VanWassenhove of

Marsing was happy to see the volunteers lend a hand for DeOsio.

“They've done so much for our community, John and Mary Lou. They were very deserving of that help,” VanWassenhove said. “They give when they don't have to give. They still give.”

In addition to serving with the fire department, DeOsio was also on the Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission for 5½ years, the Marsing Chamber of Commerce for a few years, and was active in Marsing School District activities. He is living with diabetes, which Mary Lou said he manages by watching what he eats and exercising.

DeOsio thinks it's unbelievable how people pulled together to help him.

“It's wonderful. That's why we live here, that's why we put

all our support into this community,” he said.

Robinson said a good example of how DeOsio is always there to help people came up when they were talking about selling tickets for the Marsing Fire Department's crab feed.

“John's standing in the window of his house with his walker in his hand and his neck brace on, saying ‘Let the chief (Brion Showalter) know that I'll be there to cook the beans and serve the meal,’” Robinson recalled.

“He would never ask for help, but if he needs something, we're going to be there to help him.”

— SC

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## Obituaries

### Vonnie Harkins

Vonnie Harkins, 78, of Homedale, Idaho, died at home, surrounded by her children on Thursday, January 21, 2016 of cancer. She was born on November 17, 1937 in Spanish Fork, Utah, the daughter of Henry and Eleanor Corbett Kinser. She was married to Wade Harkins October 12, 1958 in Ely, Nevada. Mrs. Harkins moved to Homedale in 1979. She was active in the community as an Emergency Room Unit Clerk at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, ID for 18 years and a member of the Homedale Ambulance Service for fifteen years. She served as the Owyhee County Deputy Coroner for several years, a care-giver for Assisting Hands Home Care for two years and as a City Council Person from January 18, 2014 until her death.



Vonnie loved travel, whitewater rafting, history, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her three sons and three daughters, Lonnie Harkins of Lusby, Maryland,

Donnie Harkins, of Homedale, ID, Jack Harkins of Fairfield, WA, Rae Ann Kominsky, of Kemmerer, WY, Bonnie Harkins, of Caldwell, ID, Judy Harkins, of Worley, ID; 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Mr. Bliss Kinser, of Springville, UT and Mr. Harley (Sandy) Kinser of Salt Lake City, UT.

A Viewing was held for friends and family on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale. Memorial Services were held Monday, January 25, 2016 at 3:00 PM at Vonnie's place of worship, The Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 US-95 Wilder, Idaho. A public viewing began 1 hour prior to the service at 2:00 PM. Condolences may be left at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

### Linda Ann (Brown) Robinson

Linda Ann (Brown) Robinson was born on June 16, 1942 to Malinda and Jesse Brown in Ogden, Utah. She is a baby sister to Gordon (Jess) Brown. The family moved to Homedale, Idaho and at the age of three her father passed away from a farming accident. At the age of eight her mother passed away. Linda then lived with numerous family and friends until her graduation from Marsing High School in 1960. She then went to the University of Idaho for one year.

After returning to the valley she settled in Caldwell, Idaho and went to work for the Bank of Idaho, which later became First Interstate and Wells Fargo Bank. After 32 years of dedicated service to the bank, she retired. She then began a second career with D&B Supply that lasted for 13 years.



She is survived by her husband of 43 years, John Robinson. A son John, wife Jennifer and two grandchildren, Jordan and Ty. A daughter Kristi and husband Gary Lucas and granddaughter Brianna. A brother Jess (Gordon)

Brown of Hyrum, Utah and many nieces and nephews. Two "crazy-cousins" Leona and Lorna as well as numerous brothers- and sisters-in-laws and their families.

Linda was preceded in death by a son, James, her parents and grandparents and her sister-in-law Shirley.

The family would like to thank Horizon Hospice, specifically Todd Patrick and Rebecca Young.

Services were held Monday, January 25, 2016 at Canyon Springs Christian Church at 1 p.m. The address is 1445 Cornell St., Middleton, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to March of Dimes or The Susan G. Komen fund.

Rest in peace, Linda. You have fought a gallant fight and you are truly an inspiration to us all. We will miss you every day.

## Death notices

**DANIEL H. SKINNER**, 89, of Caldwell, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 at his daughter's home in Homedale. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 1 at the Jordan Valley Elementary School gymnasium. Interment followed at the Jordan Valley Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.dakanfuneralchapel.com](http://www.dakanfuneralchapel.com).

**LARRY SMITH**, 82, of Marsing, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa



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## School menus

### Homedale Elementary

Jan. 27: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar  
Jan. 28: Personal pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar  
Feb. 1: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, veggie & fruit bar  
Feb. 2: Chicken nuggets, mixed veggies, cookie, veggie & fruit bar  
Feb. 3: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar

### Homedale Middle

Jan. 27: Hamburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar  
Jan. 28: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 1: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 2: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 3: Chicken nuggets or corn dog, broccoli, fruit & salad bar, cheese crackers

### Homedale High

Jan. 27: Cheesy lasagna or BBQ pulled chicken sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit choice  
Jan. 28: Nachos or PB&J w/cheese stick, churro, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 1: Chicken taco or ham/cheese sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 2: Beef nuggets w/cheese stick & garlic mashed potatoes or pizza hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 3: Crispito or BBQ chicken & roll, steamed carrots, salad bar, fruit choice

### Marsing

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  
Feb. 1: Chicken nuggets, roll, fish sandwich, mixed veggie, salad bar & soup  
Feb. 2: Spicy chicken & rice, roll, super nacho, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup  
Feb. 3: Rib-b-que sandwich, macaroni & cheese, Italian breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup

### Bruneau-Grand View

Jan. 27: Chicken patty/bun, romaine salad, baby carrots, fruit  
Jan. 28: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit  
Jan. 29: BBQ pork on bun, sweet potato fries, black beans, fresh fruit  
Feb. 2: Mac attack, romaine salad, steamed broccoli, fruit  
Feb. 3: Orange chicken, stir fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit

## Senior menus

### Homedale Senior Center

*Salad Bar includes:*

*Lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, canned peaches, canned apricots, salad dressing*

*Milk served every day*

Jan. 27: Ham & beans, carrots, cornbread  
Jan. 28: Liver & onions, baked potato, broccoli, roll  
Feb. 2: Cheese ravioli w/meat sauce, string beans, roll  
Feb. 3: Hearty beef stew, roll  
Feb. 4: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, roll

### Marsing Senior Center

*Milk served with meal*

Jan. 27: Lasagna, fruit, garlic bread  
Jan. 28: Hamburger steak, potatoes, green beans, apricots  
Feb. 1: Open face pork sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots  
Feb. 2: Baked chicken breast, rice, Brussels sprouts  
Feb. 3: Tamale pie, beans, rice  
Feb. 4: Potato soup, ham wrap, rice salad

### Rimrock Senior Center

*Milk and juice served with meal*

Jan. 28: Macaroni & cheese w/bacon, stewed tomatoes, mixed fruit, cookie  
Feb. 2: Chili, crackers, celery/carrot sticks, fruit jello, cinnamon roll  
Feb. 4: Oven fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, glazed beets, watermelon cuke salad, Tweesie apple goodies

# Beef school a great resource for producers

The 2016 University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension winter beef school will be held Saturday, Feb. 13 at Oreana Community Hall beginning at 10 a.m. There is no cost for the school.

The beef school is a great opportunity to get updated training on information and skills pertinent to raising beef cattle.

Do you have any pastures that need improving? Are you looking to reseed pastures that burned or are in otherwise poor condition? I will be teaching on the subject of pasture renovation. We will discuss some of the essential considerations you should take before you get started. We'll take a look at seeding methods along with a discussion of advantages and disadvantages of each. Of course, we'll talk about one of the



Scott Jensen

## University of Idaho Extension

most frequently asked questions, "What kind of seed/grass should I plant?" The concluding discussion will focus on when we can graze the pasture again.

Can livestock grazing be used as a tool to reduce fire risk? That is a question that University of Idaho graduate student Chris Schachtschneider has been seeking to answer in his master's research. Chris spent the past two years working on research plots located in the Reynolds Creek watershed. Working in cooperation with landowners Theron Hook, Jerry Hoagland, and Brad Huff, Chris utilized cattle to graze the research plots to targeted levels of forage utilization. After two years of grazing treatments, the plots were burned by our Bureau of Land Management Boise District fire crews. Chris will be presenting the data collected on fire behavior (flame height, intensity, rate of spread) as the fire moved through the different plots.

The final speaker at the winter beef school will be Dr. Jim England from the University of Idaho Caine Veterinary Teaching Center. Dr. England will focus on handling calving difficulties. He will be using his famous iron cow and a real calf to demonstrate proper methods to get a calf out during abnormal presentations. Dr. England will also walk through the process of doing a necropsy on a dead calf. His presentation should provide some very useful, practical information for cow/calf producers.

A free tri-tip lunch sponsored by Western Stockman's, Merial, and others will be provided for those attending the winter beef school. The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will hold their winter meeting that afternoon following the beef school.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at [scottj@uidaho.edu](mailto:scottj@uidaho.edu). Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

# THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

## SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 24, Saturday, January 27, 1866

**SALE OF THE MINERAL LANDS** – Everything pertaining to the disposition of the mineral lands is of peculiar interest to Idaho. That an effort will be made to have them surveyed and sold, there is no doubt. We have before us a bill introduced in the U.S. Senate, by Senator Sherman, for the purpose. The bill must have been drawn prior to the assembling of Congress, as it was introduced on the second day of the session. This shows a deliberate purpose to effect the object. The right of Congress to do this is not questioned, but if done, will be ruinous to the interests the Government should foster. The main features of the bill are: To be sold at public auction after six months notice, said notice to give a full description of the location of the lands, the character and quality of the minerals, the nature of the deposit, &c., &c. Sales not to remain open over two weeks, and, with stated exceptions, sales made to highest bidder. Purchases made by combinations are made void. Only citizens, or those who have declared their intentions to become such, are allowed to purchase. After close of sales, lands unsold shall be sold at minimum price. During time of sale private treaties are prohibited. The purchase money to be paid is gold and silver. Lands to be surveyed in rectangular lots, and must be in one-eighth, one-sixteenth and one-thirty-second part of sections. May be still further divided but in the same manner. No party can purchase at private or public sale more than forty acres. Sec. 6 prohibits a party from entering "a second tract until he has shown to the satisfaction of the land officers and geologist that he has worked the mineral out of said lands, and that it will no longer pay for working;" and, also, must sell the tract," at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, which he proposes to abandon." There is much more of it equally ridiculous, senseless and injurious. It is impossible to conceive a more crazy act, and as General Sherman established his sanity, John Sherman must be the lunatic. The only merit the bill possesses is its plain absurdities and damaging policy for the Government, thus making it comparatively easy for the Pacific delegation to oppose it successfully.

That portion relating to the timber and salt lands is worse – if possible – than that relating to gold and silver. If men ever attempted "to kill the goose that lays the golden egg," this lunny Sherman is the Chief. Should this bill become a law, with its leading provisions, it will be the most detrimental ever enacted, both to Government and to individuals. It is wrong in conception, and especially so in construction. It is one of those self-condemning acts, and needs no special argument to oppose it with any man having the most limited knowledge of mining.

**RETURNED** – Hon. K. J. Worley and O. H. Purdy, Esq., have returned from the Capital after a forty days' Territorial service. They complain of being well pleased with Silver City life as compared to one in the Capital with the cares and burdens of legal labors. Jolly Dick (Miller) has returned, and his clients are elated. Glad to see all the boys around.

**WAR EAGLE** – The much celebrated discovery in the War Eagle Mountain has made much talk in the papers and the bar-rooms. We saw, the other day, a sample of the richest ore from the famous Poorman ledge. It is handsome, surely – *Humboldt Register*.

Couldn't admit it all at once. Wouldn't do to say War Eagle Mountain is in Idaho. So small an omission entitles the Register to "heap," credit. "Handsome, surely," and Register goes on to say that ore similar to it is found in this country. "Like Comstock" and "Sheba" have become obsolete similes. They suffer too much of barrenness compared to Poorman.

# 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

### Vision Church food distribution

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

### Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

### Adrian City Council meeting

7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

### AA meetings

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

## Friday

### Story Time

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

### Teens and Tweens program

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

## Saturday

### Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

## 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

### Adult book club

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

## Tuesday

### Blood pressure clinic

10 a.m., free, 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

### Senior center bridge

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

### Marsing P&Z meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1

### AA meetings

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

## Wednesday

### Military veterans coffee

9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

### 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



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Homedale Middle School students Téa Uranga (front left) and Gage Purdom (front right) debate one of the questions during the second round of the Academic Bowl at HMS last Wednesday afternoon.

## HMS wins Academic Bowl at home

Homedale Middle School students came out on top when the school hosted the latest round of the Academic Bowl last Wednesday.

After three rounds of competition, HMS had a score of 130, taking first place over six other schools. It was the third meet of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season and marked the Trojans' first victory.

Vale, Ore., came in second with 90 points, and Parma took third with 80 points. Fruitland was fourth claiming 70 points, Payette fell into fifth place with 50 points, and Weiser and McCall came in last with 40 points each.

HMS team members answered three questions correctly in the first round, two in Round 2, and eight in the third round.

One of the questions the team had the right response to in the first round was: "What is  $\frac{1}{2}$  divided by  $\frac{1}{4}$ ?" with the answer being two.

Team advisor Jan Silva, a fourth-grade teacher at Homedale Elementary, said one of the highlights for the team happened after the meet, regarding a question from Round 3, or the Speed Round.

Question number 31 was: "What are black-eyed-peas?"

### Academic Bowl sample questions

- 1) What is the name of the layer of air that is closest to us in the atmosphere?
- 2) How much dirt is in a hole that is 4 feet wide x 3 feet long x 2 feet deep?
- 3) What would you get if you add up the numbers 1-100 consecutively?
- 4) What is the state fish of Idaho?
- 5) What Olympic sport uses Hacks, Brooms, Stones, Guards, and Hammers and is played on a sheet of ice 45 to 46 meters in length?
- 6) How many grooves are there on the edge of a quarter?
- 7) On a regulation Idaho high school volleyball, there are how many panels?
- 8) Who is the author of the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow"?
- 9) What type of government does the U.S. have?
- 10) Prior to being elected president, for which state did Franklin D. Roosevelt serve as governor?

Answers: 1) Troposphere; 2) None, it is a hole; 3) 5,050; 4) Curthroat trout; 5) Curling; 6) 119; 7) 18; 8) Washington Irving; 9) Republic; 10) New York

Téa Uranga answered that Black Eyed Peas are a band, which was deemed incorrect. The judges had "beans" as being the right response.

"After the meet we challenged it," Silva wrote in an email. "The judge ruled that the Black Eyed Peas are indeed a band, and we got credit for it!"

HMS social studies and

language arts teacher Starla Bender read the questions during the competition.

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

The next meets for the Academic Bowl are Feb. 10 in Parma and March 9 in Payette.

— SC

## Marsing library now offering passes for Boise attraction

Patrons of the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing can now experience Boise's Discovery Center of Idaho free of charge.

Library director Janna Striebel began offering the passes shortly after the start of the year.

"I am so excited to start this program and to be the only library in Idaho that will have them," Striebel wrote on the library's Facebook page.

She has two family passes, and patrons can check them out for seven days at a time.

To use one of the passes, a patron will need a library card and be in good standing with library, meaning no unpaid fines.

It doesn't matter how many children are in a family that is using a pass, because the Discovery Center considers the definition of a family to be any group of people that lives in the same home.

Each of the passes are valued at \$1,200 and are valid through the end of the year. Striebel wrote a grant to a private family foundation and received \$5,000. She received another \$1,000 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation. Striebel has enough money left to purchase three more passes.

The Discovery Center sells one-year family memberships for \$70.

Striebel said the Discovery Center arrived at the \$1,200 figure after considering how many of the library's patrons might be using the passes.

The grants Striebel received can only be used for Discovery Center passes, so more passes might be obtained. The funds have to be spent this fiscal year.

Striebel explained that any additional passes might be purchased for her library, but the funds could also be used to buy passes for other libraries around the Treasure Valley. Striebel said she will consider buying more passes after April 1.

No other libraries have approached her to use the funds, and Striebel said she has not offered the passes to other libraries either.

She added that so far, each pass has only been checked out once.

"Patrons can also reserve a pass," Striebel wrote in an email. "They just call the library and get on the calendar for the day they would like to pick up the pass. We will only hold the pass for the day they reserve it and the day after."

The library's phone number is (208) 896-4690.

A little more than a year ago, the Discovery Center also wrote a grant application to provide some libraries with family passes, but the funding was denied.

"Everyone that we have told about the program is very excited," Striebel wrote. "I think the passes will be checked out quite a bit once the word gets out more."

— SC

## Three Creek pupils set to ski

Three Creek School will celebrate the end of the first semester with a ski trip Thursday.

Dena Pollock will take her students to Magic Mountain Ski Resort, which is east of Rogerson and about 18 miles from the Nevada-Utah border with Idaho.

Pollock said the students will get lessons then be able to enjoy the hill for the rest of the day. The Millers, who own the resort, pro-

vide reduced rates on equipment rental and lessons.

The Idaho Youth Shakespeare Festival will make an appearance at Three Creek School at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22. This will be the troupe's second appearance at the school, and the performance of "The Shakespeare Stealer" is open to the public, Pollock said.

"It is always a wonderful show," she said.

## Rimrock good grades winners named

Two highly active Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students have earned this quarter's academic achievement award from the school's National Honor Society chapter.

Sophomore Valeria Lino and junior Madi Burbank each received certificates and \$50 cash as winners of the quarterly drawing sponsored by the Grand View Lions club, Scott Bennett

**Right:** Rimrock High School sophomore Valeria Lino, left, and junior Madi Burbank has earned the National Honor Society chapter's quarterly Good Grades Make Good SenSe award and \$50 each. Submitted photo

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Each quarter, any Rimrock student who achieves a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher is eligible for the drawing.

Burbank plays volleyball, basketball and softball and has been an Elmore County Country Critters 4-H club member for eight years.

Lino, who is sophomore class president, plays varsity sports

in all three seasons. She holds membership in the school's chapters of the National Honor Society, Idaho Drug-Free Youth (IDFY) and Future Hispanic Leaders of America (FHLA).

"We recognize the dedication it takes to maintain high grades while keeping a busy year-round sports schedule," the program organizers wrote in a press release.

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681





# Student teacher learning at Homedale High, too

## U of I senior joins ag department

Homedale High School agricultural program may lack the size and resources Carly Gerwig is used to, but she doesn't see it as a disadvantage for the students.

"One of the things that has surprised me about this program is the amount of grants they've gotten to improve the facilities," the student teacher said, "and how independent the students are here when it comes to preparing materials for class."

The University of Idaho senior is in the final months of work toward an Agricultural Education degree. She chose Homedale for her classroom training because the community is close to Nampa, where she grew up, and the size of the program is a new experience.

She started her work under the tutelage of Homedale ag teacher Sue Poland on Jan. 4 and will remain on campus for the semester.

"I am thrilled to have a teaching candidate like Carly working with the Homedale ag program," Poland said. "She comes from a very active FFA program and is working very hard."

"She already has her horse judging team practicing for their state competition. She will be phased into teaching six of the seven periods, and I'm sure that the students will connect with her well."

Gerwig appreciates how Poland can help shape her classroom skills.

"She keeps me on my toes," Gerwig said of her mentor. "But she's definitely been helpful. In the mornings, she makes sure I'm ready for the day, and before we leave for the day, she makes sure I'm prepared for what's to come."

Dr. Jim Connors, head of the U of I Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, sees Gerwig's time in Homedale as an integral part of the process.

"Student teaching is a real capstone experience in the

undergraduate education process, and the local area agricultural science and technology instructor, Sue Poland, becomes a real extension of the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education," Connors said.

Dr. Kattlyn Wolf from the U of I will be Gerwig's on-site supervisor.

Gerwig graduated from Skyview High School where she took part in a larger ag program, but interestingly the Homedale ag projects are actually larger than what was undertaken in Nampa.

"I've definitely been learning a lot when we've gone out to visit students' projects," she said.

She notices the Homedale students show more eagerness when it comes to applying for opportunities such as scholarships and awards.

Gerwig has her eyes set on joining an ag education program in a large school district with several instructors — such as at the new Ridgevue High School in the Vallivue District — but she is savoring her student teaching experience.

"Here, the classes they have for students are different from where I'm from," she said. "I hope to get a background of different classes and apply that background when I get a job."

Gerwig will teach a variety of classes at HHS, including plant, soil, animal and environmental sciences, agribusiness, agricultural mechanization and leadership. She spent part of Thursday's lunch hour in a meeting with the Homedale FFA horse judging team in preparation for an April competition, and she will advise on other FFA activities such as conferences and the annual banquet.

Gerwig was born in San Diego and moved to Nampa with her family when she was 5. Even coming from a larger community, she said she has adjusted to Homedale.

"I have been really enjoying it here," Gerwig said. "The kids are very welcoming."

— JPB



Carly Gerwig



**Above:** Juniors Bailey Fry, left, and Lexy Conner, both 16, share a laugh with student teacher Carly Gerwig in horticulture science class at Homedale High School. **Below:** Gerwig, right, examines a tray of bean seeds held by Casandra Trapp as fellow 16-year-old junior Hanna Estes checks on trays of seeds placed for germination inside a propagating chamber inside the Homedale High School ag shop.



# Water, weeds, trich testing top Senate's ag agenda

## New species proposed for noxious list

by Taylor Nadauld  
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Agriculture and water remain hot-button issues this legislative session as Idaho legislators continue to update laws protecting land and research.

The House Agricultural Affairs Committee approved dockets that would reform Trichomoniasis

testing, bean planting rules, and add two new species to the Noxious Weed List among other business last week.

Scott R. Leibsle, Deputy State Veterinarian at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture in Boise, presented eight dockets to the committee last Wednesday, the most significant being a proposal to reform Trichomoniasis (Trich) testing in Idaho.

The rule would harmonize Trich testing regulations for all western states, as recommended by the Western States Livestock

Health Association.

It would affect rules governing importation of animals, changing the accepted age of virgin bulls imported to Idaho from 12 months to 18 months.

The rule would also change the validity of Trich tests from 30 days to 60 days. Acceptable tests would include culture or polymerase chain reaction (PCR), and it would remove a 48-hour sample submission deadline for testing.

Leibsle also proposed two new species be added to the Noxious

Weed List: Iberian starthistle and Purple starthistle.

In Fall 2014, the only known populations of the weeds were found in Twin Falls County. The director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) listed the plants on a temporary Early Rapid Response list. The new rule would make the listing permanent.

Assistant Majority Leader Sen. Chuck Winder (R-Boise) said water will also be an issue affecting agriculture in Eastern and South Central Idaho.

Winder said the Legislature will most likely deal with aquifer recharge rules and create a budget to build projects that inject water back into the aquifers.

The House Agricultural Affairs Committee will convene again on Monday.

— Taylor Nadauld and Nishant Mohan, 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.

# County students learn healthy food choices

The University of Idaho Extension Office is working to make area middle school students a little more knowledgeable about eating better and choosing drinks with less added sugar.

A local course developed by "Eat Smart Idaho" and "4-H Food Smart Families" started Monday at Marsing Middle School. The series of 10 classes will wrap up during the second week of February.

The same course concluded in Rebecca Alamilla's fifth-grade health class at Homedale Middle School on Thursday afternoon.

The program on basic nutrition information included how to read food facts labels, hand washing, and choosing healthy snacks and drinks. During each lesson, the students participated in hands-on activities to reinforce the information, and helped prepare, as well as taste, a healthy recipe.

Owyhee County U of I Extension Educator Surine Greenway, Eat Smart Idaho program coordinator Bridget Morrisroe-Aman, and Eat Smart Idaho nutrition advisor Nikki MacKinnon teach the classes locally. Classes were held in Marsing last year, and lessons have been part of the Homedale Farmers Market, too.

Morrisroe-Aman said an estimated 2,700 children will participate in the program this year at schools, community centers, migrant programs and other locations throughout the state.

About half of the outreach efforts focus on youth in Coeur d'Alene, Boise, Caldwell, Nampa, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls, but the program also targets students in rural areas such as Homedale and Marsing.

The goal is to reduce obesity among youth and adults. Information provided by Morrisroe-Aman stated that Idaho's adult obesity rate is now over 30 percent.

The Eat Smart Idaho and 4-H Food Smart Families



*Bridget Morrisroe-Aman, program coordinator for "Eat Smart Idaho" prepares for a lesson on healthy eating in Mrs. Alamilla's fifth-grade classroom at Homedale Middle School on Thursday. The local "Eat Smart Idaho" program is administered by the University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing.*

programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the University of Idaho and a \$150,000 grant from the National 4-H Council in partnership with the ConAgra Food Foundation.

— SC



*Catie Decker, 10, the daughter of George Decker and Jocele Skinner, squeezes limes during an "Eat Smart Idaho" class in Mrs. Alamilla's fifth grade classroom at Homedale Middle School Thursday afternoon.*

## BOCC chooses lease/purchase option for new backhoe

### Road District 1 machine will cost \$146,000

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has decided to go with a lease/purchase option to acquire a new backhoe for Road and Bridge District 1.

Commissioners signed off on the decision during their Jan. 19 meeting.

The agreement calls for a total expenditure of \$146,902 — including interest — for a Caterpillar 450 F through Western States

Equipment of Meridian. At the end of the two-year agreement, the county owns the machine.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell clarified that the deal isn't really a lease, but a purchase being financed.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said there were several options for the deal, including a three-year lease/purchase. However, he preferred a two-year agreement from Western States that would give the county \$14,000 in trade-in value for an old District 1 backhoe.

Hoagland said the dealership sweetened the deal since first be-

ing approached by the county.

"Earlier when they first talked about this it was \$12,000 (for the trade-in)," Hoagland said.

Road and Bridge District 1 supervisor Phil Rittenhouse also said he preferred the two-year deal with the trade-in.

Before the trade-in, the lease/purchase has a price tag of \$160,602. The county will make two payments of \$74,607 each over the next two years. There will be a balloon payment of \$1 after the second payment is made.

Hoagland pointed out that Rittenhouse does have the money available for the first payment in

his budget for this fiscal year.

Barkell said Rittenhouse currently has \$108,156 remaining in his heavy equipment capital expenditures budget for FY 2016.

Rittenhouse said the lease/purchase has a fixed interest rate of 3.2 percent. The interest over two years will be \$2,313.

Barkell added that the finance department at Western States will now send her the lease paperwork in order for commissioners to make a formal purchase.

Barkell did not know when the county might receive the backhoe.

Rittenhouse thinks the machine

should serve the county well to conduct road and bridge work.

"(With) this, if we're putting in a three-foot pipe, we can dig across the road in a hurry," Rittenhouse said. "We'll be able to handle it."

The machine has 144 horsepower and comes with three buckets. The arm is 21 feet, and has a dig depth of 17 feet.

Commissioners agreed to figure out at a later date whether to get insurance for the backhoe through Western States or the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, (ICRMP), the county's insurance provider.

— SC

## Marsing-Homedale Cemetery's cash crunch alleviated

The Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District board of directors will finally soon receive relief from a two-year temporary levy passed in May.

Now that the new year has begun, the district will start getting payments from the levy that will provide \$30,000 per year in 2016 and 2017.

The district's board of directors had their first meeting of the year on Jan. 6.

Cemetery sexton Bruce Benson said thanks to the new source

of revenue, no fees were raised during the meeting, and prices will stay the same as last year.

Last year, directors voted to raise lot prices by \$25.

The increases for lots brought the cost to \$400 for in-district residents and \$500 for those outside of the district. Prices remained unchanged for the Pioneer Cemetery in Opaline at \$150 for residents and \$200 for non-residents. The Pioneer Cemetery is within the jurisdiction of the Marsing-Homedale district.

The new levy is costing a property owner \$10 annually per \$100,000 of taxable property value.

Last year, the directors also toyed with the idea of increasing overtime fees for the cemetery. However, no rate hike was ever approved. The current cost for graveside services for groups that stay past dusk on holidays and weekends is \$300. The fee is \$150 on weekdays.

During the Jan. 6 meeting, Jay Hall was reappointed chairman.

Other directors are Rick Sherrow and Valerie Dines.

"They have to re-hire me every year and they did that," Benson said.

The meeting quickly adjourned, Benson said, but not before one other piece of business near and dear to the sexton's heart.

"And we officially ordered our new lawnmower, and that was about the size of it," Benson said.

The quote they were given last year for the Grasshopper brand

lawnmower was \$15,228. The model that will soon be out for this year cost 1½ to 2 percent more than the 2015 model, Benson said.

Benson previously noted that the comparable John Deere model would have been \$26,000.

It is not clear exactly when Benson will receive the new lawnmower.

The sexton has gotten 10 years of use out of his current lawnmower.

— SC

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# Rimrock Sr. Center Valentine's fundraiser dinner approaches

## Game Night, Family Night ongoing in Grand View

One of the biggest Rimrock Senior Center fundraisers is on the horizon.

The center has juggled its schedule, and staff is getting ready for the annual Valentine's Dinner, which will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Center coordinator Sandi Burnett said about 120 people ate at last year's event, and folks can call the senior center at (208) 350-7359 to reserve their seats for this year's dinner.

The cost is \$18 per couple, \$10 for individuals and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Everyone is wel-

come, Burnett wrote in an email. The menu includes BBQ beef roast, baked potatoes, salads, vegetables and Valentine's desserts. Hot and cold tea, milk, punch and water will be available to drink.

Because the dinner is being held on the second Saturday of the month, the senior center's usual event in that slot on the calendar — Game Night — will be moved to the third Saturday (Feb. 20) only for February.

Game Night typically takes place on the second Saturday of the month and begins at 7 p.m. It will return to its regular schedule on March 12.

Game Night features card games and dominos.

Card games are played each Tuesday and Thursday.

The senior center also presents a family night on the fourth Saturday of each month. The center

is open to the public and the night includes a movie, potluck meal, popcorn and games. The activity starts at 6 p.m., and a February movie hasn't been selected yet.

Health screenings for seniors are available on the third Tuesday of each month. Appointments for the foot clinic are available between 9:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Exams cost \$15, and reservations can be made by calling the senior center.

Free blood pressure checks are offered beginning at 11 a.m. on the same day as the foot clinic.

The senior center also serves homemade lunches around noon each Tuesday and Thursday.

The Trinkets and Treasures thrift shop is open each day the senior center is open. The store is another fundraising effort for the senior center.

— JPB



# Husky PRIDE award

## Juan Morales, freshman

**Parents:** Maria and Juan Morales

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*The Husky PRIDE award is selected by Marsing High School staff or — in this week's case — a student and submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche each week. PRIDE stands for "Positive, Responsible, Integrity, Determination, Everyone/Everywhere."*



# Family finances class at Homedale library

A class at the Homedale Public Library will help folks keep better track of their money.

Surine Greenway, from the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, will teach "Financial Management for You!" starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the library. There is no fee to attend the class.

Director Sharla Jensen said Greenway will talk about controlling spending habits, tracking expenses, budgeting, and saving and preparing for emergencies.

Pre-registration for the class closes Monday.

People can sign up by calling the library at (208) 337-4228 or extension office at (208) 896-4104.

In other library news, staff

members from The Discovery Center of Idaho will come to the library at 4:15 p.m., on Friday for a special version of the Teens and Tweens program. Jensen said participants will do a hands-on activity with engineering blocks called "Uberstix."

The activity is free and open to anyone age 10 to 17. Jensen is asking that people RSVP because space is limited. The library will be open during the presentation.

Starting Monday the library will offer ebooks through the Idaho Digital Consortium.

Patrons can check the ebooks out on most wireless devices, but people using the service will have to download a special app and must have a valid library card.

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# Three Creek 4-H news

by Belle Brackett, reporter

At the Three Creek Community Center on Jan. 7 after school, the Sage Chics presented 4-H Leader Certificates in recognition of one year of service to 4-H as a volunteer leader, and Certificates of Achievement/Participation were presented to members and Cloverbuds for satisfactory completion of 4-H work.

Horsin' Around Camp is an overnight horseless horse camp that was held Jan. 23- 24 at the McGregor Center in Rupert.

Kimberly Brackett announced that the Twin Falls County Fair is Aug. 31 to Sept. 5. The fair is celebrating its centennial this year. The theme is "100 Years of Fun 1916-2016. Have all the fun you want ... we'll make more!"

We did the following projects: crochet, gardening, hunting, photography, bicycling, and Latino Cultural Arts.

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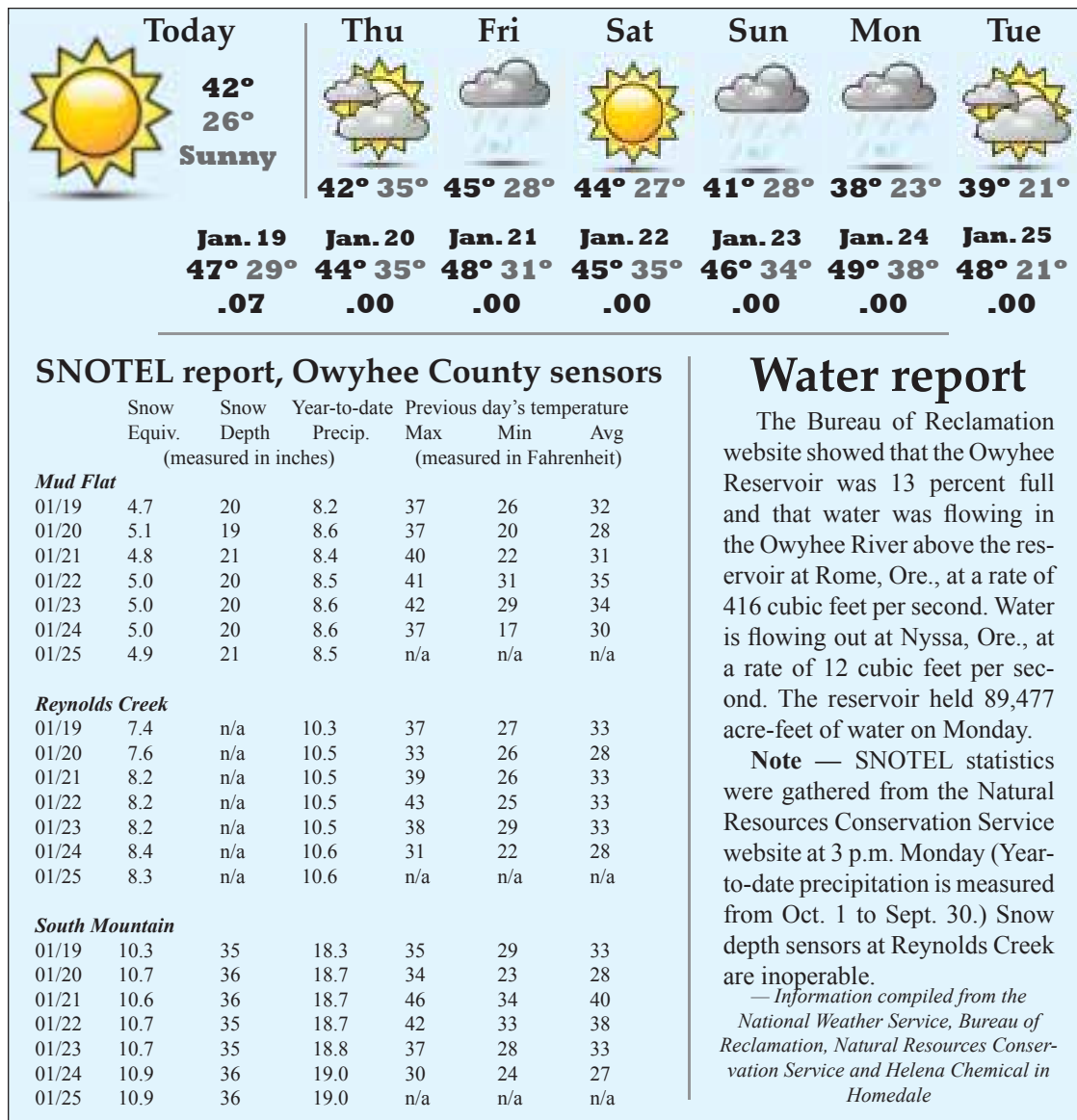
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## Emery elected to state PA board

Douglas D. Emery will serve as the District 3 representative on the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys' Association Board of Directors.

The two-term Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney won a contested election for the unpaid position last Wednesday. Votes were cast by his peers in county prosecuting attorneys' offices from around the state.

"As the Third District Representative of the IPAA Board, I will have an administrative vote in the IPAA policy and decision-making," Emery wrote in an email to local law enforcement officials that he shared with The Owyhee

Avalanche. "I look forward to continued positive interaction with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Homedale Police Department, members of law enforcement and other elected officials throughout the county."

Emery succeeds Canyon County's Bryan Taylor in the District 3 directorship. Taylor is currently association president.

A Homedale resident, Emery is up for re-election in the May 17 Republican primary.

The board of directors also include:

- District 1 — Barry McHugh,

Kootenai County (current IPAA vice-president)

- District 2 — Zachary Pall, Lewis County (current IPAA secretary)

- District 4 — Jan Bennetts, Ada County

- District 5 — Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County (current IPAA treasurer)

- District 6 — Vic Pearson, Franklin County

- District 7 — Cleve Colson, Bingham County

The IPAA's winter conference begins next Wednesday at the Grove Hotel in Boise and runs through Friday, Feb. 5.

## Mobster on the lam in Marsing pleads guilty to gun charge

The Boston mafia associate who hid in plain sight in Marsing for years has entered a guilty plea to a gun charge.

Enrico M. Ponzio, who lived under the assumed name Jay Shaw when he raised cattle in Marsing, entered his guilty plea to unlawful possession of firearms Monday afternoon in U.S. District Court in Boise.

According to the plea agreement, Ponzio admitted that on Feb. 8, 2011, he knowingly possessed 33 firearms after having been convicted of felony assault and battery on a public employee.

Sentencing is set for April 14 before Senior U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge.

The charge of unlawful possession of firearms is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and up to three years of supervised release.

Ponzio was arrested by the FBI and the U.S. Marshals in Marsing, Idaho, in February 2011, 16 years after he fled Boston.

After his arrest in Idaho, he was returned to Boston to face numerous charges. In November 2013, following a seven-week trial, Ponzio was found guilty of racketeering conspiracy, the 1989 attempted murder of Francis P. Salem Sr., and the 1994 attempted murder of Joseph Cirame.

The jury found Ponzio guilty of murder conspiracy in aid of racketeering, firearm possession in relation to murder conspiracy, conspiracy to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine, conspiracy to distribute more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana, conspiracy to use extortionate means to collect a debt, use of extortionate means to collect a debt, unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, money laundering conspiracy, money laundering, and attempted witness tampering.

U.S. District Court Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton sentenced Ponzio to 28 years in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release.

## Charged with 17 felonies, man placed on rider

A Homedale man facing 17 felonies, including burglary and drug possession, has been placed on a rider program after his sentencing Friday.

Alfredo Machuca Brambila was charged in connection with a string of burglaries in Homedale. Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan ordered the man into a retained jurisdiction program during a hearing in Murphy.

If Machuca Brambila successfully completes the program, he may avoid a prison sentence of three to six years. Ryan retained jurisdiction on the case for up to a year.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said Machuca Brambila could be placed in a CAPP Rider or tradition rider program and could be housed in Department of Correction facilities in Cottonwood, Orofino or South Boise/Kuna.

"Of significance to the court was the fact that Machuca Brambila had previously been sentenced on a burglary charge in Washington County, Idaho," Emery wrote in an email.

'03 burglary sentencing set  
A convicted burglar on the run

since skipping his sentencing hearing more than 10 years ago is scheduled to be sentenced on March 25.

Francisco Yanez-Orozco, who was picked up in San Diego County in California earlier this month, remains in Owyhee County Jail, Emery said.

Yanez-Orozco had been a fugitive since Feb. 13, 2004 when he entered a guilty plea to felony burglary in connection with a Marsing break-in.

### Man's probation revoked

Weston D. Allen, who was born in 1954, could serve up to seven years in state prison after violating his Owyhee County probation for a 2013 felony drug conviction.

Emery said Allen will serve his Owyhee County time concurrently with a sentence imposed after he was convicted of felony drug possession in Washington County in December. That conviction amounted to the violation of his Owyhee probation.

Ryan sentenced Allen to up to seven years in prison for the probation violation, which mirrors the length of the Washington County sentence.

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## Children pen Valentines to Marsing's seniors

Marsing Meals on Wheels participants will find something special in one of their deliveries next month.

The Marsing Senior Center is going to receive handmade Valentine's Day cards created by children across the country. The youth volunteers are involved with DoSomething.org, which teamed up with Meals on Wheels America for the third annual "Love Letters" campaign.

"These cards will lift the spirit of those who are homebound and unable to socialize with others on a regular basis," senior center director Alana Squires wrote in a press release. "Wish we could see their reactions as they open their cards."

While the Valentines program started in 2014, this is the first time the Marsing Senior Center has signed up to receive the cards.

Squires explained that she had never noticed the Valentine's Day program on the Meals on Wheels website.

Precisely when the seniors will

get the cards is unclear.

"I don't know that they gave us an exact date," Squires said during a phone call Thursday. "It'll be a timely thing I'm sure."

In addition to the cards for the homebound, she thinks DoSomething.org will also send some cards to decorate the senior center.

Nothing else is planned to celebrate Valentine's Day at the center, but one staff member said she thinks there may be something special in the works for lunch on Monday, Feb. 15.

The center's Meals on Wheels program currently serves between 25 and 30 people, Squires said.

Since 2014, nearly 1 million Valentine's Day cards have been distributed through Meals on Wheels America's network, which serves nearly 2.5 million homebound seniors each year.

Young people who sign up at [www.DoSomething.org/loveletters](http://www.DoSomething.org/loveletters) to make the cards are eligible to win a \$5,000 scholarship.

— SC

## Widows Breakfast moves to Homedale Sr. Center

The Homedale Senior Center has welcomed a new social gathering.

The monthly Widows Breakfast, which moved to the senior center recently, is held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Coordinator Shirley McAbee said about 12 to 13 women who have lost their husbands visit the senior center at 224 W. Idaho Ave., each month. The group formerly met at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

"We just come up with a simple menu for them," McAbee said, adding that Joan Thomson opens the kitchen for the breakfast. "So far, it works out pretty good."

The next breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, the senior center will play host to the first of two blood pressure clinics in February. There is no charge.

The Ladies Coffee Group continues to meet at 9 a.m. each Wednesday at the senior center.

The senior center board of directors has changed the day of its monthly meeting. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month after originally gath-

ering on the second Wednesday. The next meeting is at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, and the proceedings are open to the public.

The board consists of president Frank Iovino, who was re-elected in December, vice-president Joan Thomson, treasurer Carol Ebbers, secretary Mary Ensley and directors Cindy Cegnar, Sandra Ledford, Lynn Linford and Eunice Tucker.

The senior center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. The thrift store is open whenever the center is in operation.

For more information on the senior center activities and services, call 337-3020.

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## Homedale FFA seniors sell floral arrangements again

The Homedale FFA Floral Shop is open for its second year of business.

The shop is selling carnations, roses and balloons in floral arrangements and wraps.

Delivery is available Monday through Thursday. The shop receives fresh flowers each Monday, so customers are asked to give three days' notice to ensure the right flowers can be ordered.

Three Homedale High School seniors — Madison Fisher, Justine Rose and Elizabeth Vargas — are operating the business this year, and they're creating the arrangements inside the shop located at the HHS ag shop.

The girls will deliver Monday through Sunday (Feb. 8-14) during Valentine's Day week only.

Order forms are available at the ag shop as well as other businesses around town.

Orders also can be placed through email at [spoland@homedaleschools.org](mailto:spoland@homedaleschools.org) or by calling the shop at 337-4613, ext. 273



From left: Seniors Elizabeth Vargas, Madison Fisher and Justine Rose work on items that will be sold through the Homedale High School FFA floral shop this season. Submitted photo

### Floral shop prices

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## Sheriff's office works with BLM to protect Soda Fire rehab areas

### Feds warn mandatory closures possible

The Bureau of Land Management has reiterated its intention to turn voluntary restrictions on public land in Owyhee County into mandated closures if necessary to aid Soda Fire rehabilitation efforts.

Recreationists are urged to avoid the burn area during the winter and spring, and to avoid the area while stabilization and rehabilitation efforts — such as aerial seeding — are under way.

Rehabilitation began in late September, weeks after the Soda Fire charred nearly 400 square miles of rangeland in Owyhee County and part of eastern Oregon.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant told The Owyhee Avalanche that there have been some instances in which recreationists are now using dozer lines built in August to battle the wildfire as trails through public lands, and the BLM is trying to avoid that inappropriate use.

"We are and will continue to monitor the burned areas, as well as all other off-highway recreational areas in Owyhee County," Grant said. "We want to help ensure the vegetation is brought back as soon as humanly possible."

The sheriff said county ordinance will be enforced when it is found people have left established trails.

Grant said OCSO representatives gather at least monthly for "intel meetings" at which the Soda Fire is discussed. Other agencies usually involved in the meetings are the Homedale Police Department, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the BLM, Malheur County Sheriff's Office and Idaho State Police.

Grant said county Backcountry supervisor Sgt. Kenny Hoagland is in charge of monitoring, staffing and coordinating assistance for the Soda Fire patrol project.

The release said sheriff's deputies as well as personnel from the BLM and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes will continue to patrol and monitor the burned areas this winter for natural resource damage caused by off-highway vehicles before making a determination on the need for additional restrictions.

The BLM warns that continued inappropriate use may result in closure of certain areas for one

to four years while rehabilitation work is completed and the area recovers.

"Fall rains as well as recent freeze and thaw events, in the burn area, have increased the possibility of damage to roads, particularly where recent road maintenance has occurred," Soda Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation lead Michele McDaniel said in a BLM press release.

"While we haven't officially closed any of the areas surrounding the Soda Fire burn area, human health and safety as well as resource damage is still a concern, and we are encouraging the public to avoid the burn area in Owyhee County throughout the winter and spring months."

The BLM Owyhee Field Office's Wilson Creek Recreation Area is a focal point of the rehabilitation effort. The BLM has restricted access to the upper parking lot because of nearby helicopter maneuvers.

The agency asks the public to park in the lower lots.

The BLM also reports that motorized recreationalists are using closed rehabilitated fire suppression routes despite signage. Resource damage has occurred with the creation of new routes by people traveling cross-country. Cross-country travel is prohibited throughout Owyhee County.

In its release, the agency said recreation and motorized use in the burn area may delay aerial seeding work, damage recovering vegetation and negatively impact newly seeded areas designed to promote soil stability.

Recreationists desiring to use the area during the voluntary closure are requested to limit use to the identified designated and existing routes, and to avoid dozer lines, which are not trails.

"At this point it's up to the users to keep this area open," Owyhee Field Office recreation planner Ryan Homan said. "A closure is definitely not something we want to see for this widely popular area. There is a huge, ongoing public investment to ensure recovery of the burned areas and rehabilitated fire suppression lines.

"If you're going to continue to use the trails, know the rules of the area you are traveling, read the signage, avoid riding on muddy roads and trails, and always stay on the trail. We ask users for help. Let other riders know where to ride and where not to ride and let us know if you see misconduct."

— JPB



### BLM assists in checking out vehicle for HPD

Bureau of Land Management Law Enforcement Ranger Keith Whitworth and his K9 unit Argo were called in by Homedale Police Officer Casey McGrew to check for illegal drugs in a vehicle on the first block of West Owyhee on Friday afternoon. No drugs were found, but the driver of the Cadillac Escalade was cited for driving without privileges and failure to provide proof of insurance.



## Homedale to be featured in foundation's annual report

A walking challenge that Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen participated in last fall will help bring some new attention to the city.

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation will feature Homedale in its annual report for 2015.

Foundation programs coordinator Courtney Frost is currently writing several small articles about the Homedale Farmers Market and the Mayor's School Walking Challenge.

"I think Homedale is, on so many levels, just a cool story," Frost said. "I'm such an advocate of Homedale now."

The report will be released in February or March, and people will be able to read it online at [www.bcidahofoundation.org](http://www.bcidahofoundation.org).

The Mayor's School Walking Challenge sponsored by the Blue Cross foundation has been held in other towns in previous

years. It was expanded to include Homedale in 2015 thanks to the help of two new partners, the St. Luke's Health Foundation and the Idaho Dairy Council.

Frost came to Homedale several times around October when the walking challenge was taking place, but had never been to the town before.

"I saw how incredible it was to have people from the police department walking with the students, the mayor walking with the students, all the teachers involved in tracking the laps. It was incredible," Frost said.

Homedale Elementary School had the highest average steps per student in their competition group and won \$2,000. The money was split evenly, \$1,000 to purchase physical education equipment and \$1,000 for improvements in the school's lunchroom.

Christoffersen finished third

overall in the mayoral portion of the challenge, and he earned \$1,000 for the city's parks system.

Most of the Blue Cross foundation's efforts are part of the High Five Children's Health Collaborative, which as the name suggests, focuses on children's health.

"We do that in two ways, being physically active, and eating nutritious foods," Frost said.

She added that the foundation has been focusing on rural areas for several years.

"When we collaborate with others, and expand, and have more bodies, we're able to get the message out to communities," Frost said. "We really want to create healthy communities throughout Idaho, so we were excited to make a change there in Homedale."

— SC



### No injuries when semi, passenger van collide

Homedale Fire Department volunteer firefighters assess the scene Monday morning on U.S. Highway 95 south of Garnet Road in Canyon County after a semi and a passenger van crashed. No injuries were reported.

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## Judge OKs Fritzler's work release

A judge has modified the sentence of a woman convicted of felony embezzlement.

Angela Fritzler will be allowed to serve her 30-day sentence in the Ada County Jail's work release program, Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan decided at a Friday hearing.

Fritzler's attorney had asked the court to modify her sentence so she could keep her job at a Meridian business.

Fritzler has been ordered to

serve the 30 days in jail and pay nearly \$19,000 in restitution after her conviction of misusing financial accounts tied to a Wilson agricultural business.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said Fritzler must report to Ada County Jail in Boise by Feb. 26. Under work release, Fritzler will be able to leave jail at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays, but must return each night. She also will be behind bars during the weekends and

holidays.

Additionally, Fritzler must pay all work release fees to Ada County.

Emery pointed out that although Fritzler remains free until her reporting date, she still must follow the terms of her felony probation.

"Her conduct and compliance with the directives of the Court is subject to review by her assigned probation officer now," Emery wrote in an email. — JPB

## Wildland firefighting class slated

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) is partnering with Treasure Valley Community College to teach a wildland firefighting course.

The classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., on Feb. 6, 7, 13 and 14 in the COSSA Academy at 109 Penny Lane, Wilder. The fee for the class is \$250 per person.

A minimum of 10 people must sign up for the classes to be held.

Field exercises during the classes will require participants to

bring their own boots and gloves.

The course will certify participants in S-130/S-190, I-100, and L-180 firefighting requirements.

In wildland fire suppression, S-130/S-190 refers to the basic wildland fire training course required of all firefighters before they can start work on firelines.

The I-100 introduction course provides instruction in the primary factors affecting the start and spread of wildfire and recognition of potentially hazardous situa-

tions.

L-180 human factors will include the following topics: situation awareness, basic communication responsibilities, attitude and stress barriers, decision-making processes, and teamwork principles.

Participants may be 17 when they take the class, but must be 18 in order to fight fires.

For information or to register, call Kristie Dorsey at COSSA, (208) 482-6074 ext. 249.



### Dashboards short sparks Homedale fire

Homedale Police Officer Karl Kingston responds to a car fire at a home on West Montana last Wednesday afternoon. There was no damage to the home but the 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass was a total loss. No one was injured and the vehicle's owner said one of the city's volunteer firefighters told him the blaze was caused by an electrical malfunction in the dashboard on the passenger's side.

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HHS girls close to wrapping up top seed

# Avalanche Sports

Jordan Valley boys a game out of first

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Fruitland's Jesus Rodriguez appears to be looking for help from the referee as Homedale's Nash Johnson zeroes in on the pinfall in the latter stages of their 145-pound bout last Wednesday on the Trojans' mat.

## Johnson sets HHS wins record

State No. 1 now sits at 134 wins

It was a rare win on a losing night in Oregon for his wrestling team, but Nash Johnson made Homedale High School history.

The senior routed Vale, Ore.'s Joshua Anderson, 15-2, for a major decision that put 145-pounder at the top of the Trojans' all-time victories list on Jan. 19. He remains the top-ranked Class 3A wrestler in his weight class in Idaho.

Johnson's 130<sup>th</sup> career win broke a stalemate with former four-time state champion Jeremy Ensley.

Homedale lost its second dual

### The 100 club

Nash Johnson	134
Jeremy Ensley	129
Tyler Christoffersen	119
Adam Duryee	117
Justin Ensley	110
Bryan Martinat	107
Ryan Nash	105
Ron Hooker	102

meet of the season, though, as the Vikings took advantage of four forfeits in a 60-22 non-conference victory.

By the end of the week, Johnson had run his four-year victory total to 134 after a second-place finish in the Padilla Invitational in Parma.

Other points scored Jan. 19 against Vale included:

- Another senior, John Collett, pinned Chikote Buckway in 4 minutes, 54 seconds for a HHS victory at 170 pounds. Collett is rated sixth in the 3A state rankings.

- Jorge Vega pinned Claribel Munoz in 3:43 at 106 pounds for Homedale's other victory.

- The Trojans got six points at 160 pounds with a forfeit. Robert Nix was in the rotation.

**Thursday: Baker/Powder Valley (Ore.) 45, Homedale 27** — Collett edged Dylan Feldmeier, 3-2, for the Trojans' only victory on the mat in a non-conference

— See *Record*, back page

## Glorfield torches JV for 32; Marsing wins barn burner

Caywood hits five of Mustangs' nine three-pointers

Sheyanne Glorfield scored seemingly at will last Wednesday, pouring in a career-high 32 points in Marsing High School shootout victory.

Glorfield added 10 defensive rebounds for a double-double in the Huskies' 72-61 non-conference win over Jordan Valley.

Both teams lit up the MHS gymnasium in the first quarter with the Mustangs emerging with a 22-18 advantage after eight minutes, but Marsing took control with a

24-7 run in the second quarter and led by as many as 19 points.

Jordan Valley's Morgan Caywood fired in a pair of three-point goals in the first quarter and finished with five for the game as part of her team-high 19 points. Zoey Warn scored six first-quarter points and finished with eight, while Taylor Warn added eight and Alisha Rogers drilled three treys as part of her 11 points.

The Mustangs converted nine shots from the three-point line.

Glorfield was 5-for-9 from the three-point line and connected on three of four free throws while playing all but 30 seconds.

— See *Marsing*, page 2B



Marsing's Emma Heitz goes in for a layup in last Wednesday's non-conference victory over visiting Jordan Valley. Heitz scored six points and had two steals. Photo by Dan Pease

## Homedale-to-TVCC softball pipeline still flows

Aberasturi, Corta follow Shenk to attractive program

Although softball was a priority, Makayla Aberasturi and Tristan Corta were looking for a community more than a team when thinking about college.

That's what makes the Homedale High School seniors' selection of Treasure Valley Community College as the next stop in their playing career such a literal and fitting move.

"It's close to home and when I went to watch their softball games this summer, it was nice to be at a place where everybody treated everybody right," Corta said. "It was more like a community."

Chukars coach Gordy Ogawa was as much a draw for both girls as the community feel of the campus and the softball team.

"When I went there, Gordy was amazing and all the players are so nice," Aberasturi said.

The presence of former Trojans teammate Elise Shenk created a lot of camaraderie, too.

"She just said that everybody is super-nice and the community is awesome and when you walked down the campus everybody was so nice," Corta said.

Corta and Aberasturi have been varsity players from the moment they stepped on the HHS campus. Aberasturi will start her fourth varsity season in a few weeks, while the only holding Corta back from that distinction is a lost sophomore year in 2013 because

— See *Softball*, page 3B



Makayla Aberasturi and Tristan Corta, center, sign their letters of intent with family, coaches and future teammates looking on. Seated, from left: Wendy Aberasturi, holding Tayten, Makayla, Tristan and Margery Corta. Standing, from left: Treasure Valley Community College softball coach Gordy Ogawa, TVCC player Kenzie Barrera, Amaia Aberasturi, Danny Aberasturi, HHS head coach Larry Corta and assistants Steve Nash and Cary Hoshaw and TVCC player Jordynne Ketchum.

# Sports

## Homedale girls home in on district tourney's top seed

### Trojans win ninth straight

Joe Betancourt was concerned about playing Weiser, but it turns out the Homedale High School girls' basketball coach had little to worry about.

The Trojans remained unbeaten in 3A Snake River Valley conference play Friday, defeating the host Wolverines, 46-32, for their ninth consecutive victory. Homedale (16-3 overall, 8-0 in conference) finally cracked the Class 3A state rankings last week, moving into the No. 5 spot.

Homedale blew the game open by holding Weiser (8-9, 4-4) to a free throw in the third quarter. The Wolverines managed just two field goals in the final 16 minutes, shooting nine percent (2-for-22).

Seniors Makayla Aberasturi and Tory Lane scored 12 points apiece to lead the Trojans, who clung to a 26-22 halftime lead but led by as many as 22 points later in the game.

Emily Gluch led Weiser with 10 points, but the Wolverines shot just 18 percent (9-for-48) from the floor for the game.

Homedale maintained a one-game lead in the conference standings over Emmett with two games left. The Trojans can clinch a tie for the top seed in the 3A District III Tournament with a Senior Night victory Thursday against winless Payette.

Senior Gardenia Machuca pulled down a team-high six rebounds, but Homedale lost the battle on the glass, 41-22.

**Jan. 19: Homedale 52, Parma 51** — Lane topped her career-high scoring total from just five days earlier, but her three-pointer midway through the fourth quarter was the most important shot of the night.

The senior, who would pour in 28 points, tied the game and put an end to Parma's second-half surge.

"After that our defense tightened up and we got back up by three with very little time left," Betancourt said.

Homedale owned a 10-point halftime lead and survived the home team's 33-point second half to hold on to its one-game lead in the 3A SRV.



Tory Lane takes a jump shot against Weiser in a home game earlier this month.

"We knew that Parma would still come out and really compete," Betancourt said. "They shot the ball better in the second half and we went a little flat."

Lane fired in five of her team's nine three-pointers and went 5-for-6 from the foul line to exceed the 27 points she scored in a Jan. 14 victory over Emmett. She also snagged six rebounds.

The game was crisply played as both teams combined for just 13 turnovers.

Madison Jackson scored 17 points and corralled seven rebounds for the Panthers, who shot just 15-for-57 (26 percent), including 8-for-35 (22.9 percent) from inside the three-point line.

Tristan Corta drained three treys and scored 11 points despite four fouls for Homedale. The Trojans were 9-for-25 (36 percent) from behind the arc.

## Marsing girls stifle Nampa Christian

### Huskies at No. 5 in district hunt

A big third quarter allowed Marsing High School to squeeze past Nampa Christian in girls' basketball Friday.

Sheyanne Glorfield and Elsa Margarito hit two three-point goals as the visiting Huskies posted a 38-31 2A Western Idaho Conference victory.

Marsing (6-12 overall, 3-5 in conference) entered the final week before the 2A District III Tournament having won two consecutive games after halting a four-game losing streak. Entering Tuesday's game against conference-leading Cole Valley Christian, the Huskies had a firm hold on the No. 5 district seed and trailed McCall-Donnelly and Melba by a half-game in

the race for a No. 3 seed, which would mean a home opener in the postseason.

The Huskies ended a 17-17 halftime deadline with a 17-4 spurt through the third quarter against the Trojans. Marsing limited Nampa Christian (4-12, 0-8) to 42 field-goal attempts, but still had to hold off the Trojans' fourth-quarter surge. Nampa Christian's run over the final minutes chipped into at 13-point deficit, which represented Marsing's largest lead of the game.

Glorfield paced Marsing in scoring again with 13 points. She also had eight rebounds. Margarito tossed in 10 points and pulled down four rebounds.

Mackenzie Farrens led the team with nine rebounds and six steals. She also scored six points.

Alli Byron led Nampa Christian with nine points.

## ✓ Marsing: Farrens gets 12

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She finished with 12 rebounds and led three players in double figures for Marsing. Four of her three-pointers came in Marsing's 40-point first half.

Mackenzie Farrens was 6-for-11 from the floor for 12 points, and Alex Grant was 4-for-8 for 10 points. She also dished nine assists and had four steals. Gabriela Rodriguez grabbed eight rebounds, and LeAnn Garcia

added six boards.

Marsing converted 56 percent of its second-half field-goal (13-for-23) and shot 53 percent for the game with a season-high 30 field goals on 56 tries.

The Huskies also scored 18 points off turnovers, while Jordan Valley converted 24 of 61 shots (39.3 percent).

The Mustangs scored a bunch of their points on three-pointers, draining nine.

# Homedale Trojans

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**Connor Carter sr., boys' basketball**  
Carter averaged 23 points in two victories, including a career-high 28 points in Thursday's 64-60 win over Weiser.



**Tory Lane sr., girls' basketball**  
Lane set her career high with 28 points in a 52-51 win over Parma on Jan. 19. She averaged 20 points in two wins.



**Nash Johnson sr., wrestling**  
The 145-pounder set the school's all-time career victories record at 134 and counting. He finished second in his weight class Saturday at the Padilla Invitational in Parma.

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Saturday, Jan. 30 at Emmett, 12:30 p.m.  
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament  
Monday Feb. 1 through Wednesday, Feb. 3 in Weiser

Frosh-soph  
Thursday, Jan. 28, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 30 at Emmett, 11 a.m.  
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Monday Feb. 1 through Wednesday, Feb. 3 in Weiser

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Varsity  
Friday, Jan. 29, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Friday, Jan. 29, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Parma, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph  
Friday, Jan. 29, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

### Wrestling

Thursday, Jan. 28 at Weiser, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 30 at Sugar-Salem Tournament, Sugar City, TBA

# Sports

## JV girls hang on to third place in HDL

Jordan Valley High School rumbled through a pair of opponents to keep Adrian in sight with a big girls' basketball showdown looming.

**Saturday: Jordan Valley 63, Prairie City 44** – Zoey Warn capped a prolific week with 17 points and eight rebounds while missing just three of 11 field-goal attempts. The Mustangs stayed one game behind second-place Adrian in the 1A High Desert League standings.

Adrian entertains Jordan Valley on Tuesday, but the Mustangs have two home games – Burnt River on Friday and Harper/Huntington on Saturday – before the important contest.

Morgan Caywood led the Mustangs (12-6 overall, 4-2 in league), scoring 18 points in the 1A HDL victory. She also had six rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Jordan Valley survived a

high-scoring first quarter, posting 20 points while forging a 14-point halftime advantage.

Regann Skinner notched 12 points with five rebounds and three steals.

**Friday: Jordan Valley 53, Burnt River 16**—Zoey Warn sank half her 12 field-goal attempts and nearly matched the host Bulls' production with 13 points.

The Mustangs opened the game on a 16-2 run and built a 24-point halftime. Jordan Valley iced the game with a 12-2 start to the second half.

Skinner scored 10 points for the Mustangs.

Jordan Valley spread around the rebounding responsibilities.

Warn and Emilee Burch had five boards apiece, while Taylor Warn and Caywood snagged four each.

Alisha Rogers led Jordan Valley with five steals.

## Adrian girls remain a game out of first

Adrian High School used dominant defense to stay one game behind the league leader in girls' basketball Thursday.

The Antelopes forced Harper/Huntington into 50 turnovers during a 62-20 1A High Desert League blowout in Huntington.

Adrian (12-4 overall, 5-1 in league) is one game behind league-leading Crane, and the Antelopes hold a one-game edge for second place over Jordan Valley heading into a stretch

that includes a 6 p.m. Tuesday tipoff on the Mustangs' floor.

Adrian doesn't play Crane until a Feb. 12 road game to end the regular season.

In Friday's easy victory, Selina Villarreal recorded nine of Adrian's 34 steals, and the Antelopes limited the LocoNets to 27 shots.

"The girls played well in all facets of the game," Mills said. "We passed the ball well, shot well, defended well up and down the court."

Carlee Morton led all scorers with 12 points, and Villarreal chipped 11.

Anna Hutchings contributed nine points and six steals. Morgan Bayes and Gracie Morton scored eight points apiece. Bayes led the team with eight rebounds, and she added five steals.

Adrian bolted to a 19-4 lead after eight minutes and owned a 29-6 advantage at halftime.

Haylee Lunt scored six points to lead Harper/Huntington.

## Adrian boys poised for HDL move

### Narrow win keeps Antelopes two games back

Balanced scoring Thursday night helped Adrian High School stay within striking distance of the league leaders in boys' basketball.

Adrian edged Harper/Huntington, 33-27, to stay two games behind a three-way logjam for the 1A High Desert League lead with a big week looming.

Monument/Dayville, Jordan Valley and Crane share the league lead with 5-1 records, and there are five games left in the season.

The Antelopes (7-9 overall, 3-3 in league) visit Monument/Dayville on Saturday, and Adrian and Jordan Valley meet on the Mustangs' floor at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Six of eight players posted points in Adrian's win in Huntington.

"It's good to get the win," Shira said. "It wasn't really as smooth as we would like, but we worked hard throughout the game."

Mike Griffin scored nine points with seven rebounds for Adrian.

Kenny Purnell and Pau Roget chipped in seven points apiece with Purnell snagging five rebounds and Roget getting four steals.

The game was deadlocked, 17-17, at halftime, and Adrian moved ahead with an 11-7 third quarter.

Dennis Dick grabbed eight of his 10 rebounds on the defensive backboards as Adrian held a 16-7 edge.

The LocoNets' Gregory Chandler led all scorers with 11 points.

## Prep accolades of TVCC signees

### Makayla Aberasturi

**2015** — Played in all 32 games of the Trojans' 30-2 championship season. ... First-team All-3A SRV. ... Hit .438 with a 1.226 OPS (both fourth-best on team) ... Hit five homers, laced two triples and clubbed 10 doubles to amass a .714 slugging percentage ... 53 RBI was second-highest on the team, and she scored 40 runs. ... Posted a .976 fielding percentage at first base with four errors in 170 chances.

**2014** — Played in all 29 games of the Trojans' state runner-up campaign. ... First-team All-3A SRV. ... Hit .364 with a .494 slugging percentage, a 1.004 OPS and a .510 on-base percentage. ... Homered and collected five doubles. ... scored 31 runs and notched 19 RBI. ...

Notched a .980 fielding percentage (second on team) with three errors in 147 chances.

**2013** — Played in all 29 games of the Trojans' state championship season, batting .389 with a .996 OPS. ... First-team All-3A SRV. ... Had 11 doubles and two triples to build a .547 slugging percentage. ... Scored 34 runs and drove in 22. ... Fielded at a .963 clip while playing first base.

### Tristan Corta

**2015** — Played in all 32 games while hitting .413 with a .511 on-base percentage, a .560 slugging percentage and a 1.071 OPS. ... First-team All-3A SRV. ... Had seven

doubles and three home runs. ... Scored 51 runs and knocked in 25. ... Splitting time between third base and the pitching circle, notched a .941 fielding percentage. ... Pitched in 14 games (12 as a starter) and went 11-2 with a 1.58 ERA and 1.37 WHIP while striking out 51 in 66 2/3 innings.

**2014** — In 29 games, hit .354 with a .406 slugging percentage and an .837 OPS. ... First-team All-3A SRV. ... 35 runs scored, 17 RBI. ... Made 15 pitching appearances (seven starts) and went 6-2 with 28 strikeouts and a 3.79 earned-run average and a 1.42 WHIP.

**2013** — Missed season after knee injury during basketball season.

## ✓ Softball: Coaches share mutual admiration for each other's successes

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of a knee injury. Playing under the tutelage of Corta's father, Larry, they have been in the program for two 3A state championships (2013 and 2015), and will be looking for the program's sixth title this year.

The girls have played for the state championship in each of their three seasons at HHS. The squad lost the 2014 championship final to Filer in Nampa.

"They've been the pillars of our program. They've worked their butts off," Tristan's dad, Larry Corta, said. "They're who the girls look up to. They play hard, and they are kind of mentors for the younger girls."

The 18-year-old Corta will pitch and play third base during her senior season after playing shortstop and second base in previous years. Her mom is Margery Corta.

Aberasturi, 17, has been a first baseman throughout her prep career. She will play some shortstop as a senior. Her

parents are Danny and Wendy Aberasturi.

Aberasturi was a freshman and played with her sister, Hailee, when the Trojans won their first state championship with Larry Corta at the helm.

"Tristan and Makayla are good students, good softball players," TVCC coach Gordy Ogawa said. "They come from a program that Larry and his staff do an excellent job over there of teaching those kids how to play softball."

"We know what we're getting when we get a couple of those kids from Homedale. We're getting pretty good kids. They're very respectful and know how to win. We can't be more happier than signing."

With her father standing as longtime coach for the town's high school team, Tristan Corta has grown up with softball as well. Her sister, Taryn, was a key component in previous state tournament teams.

The Trojans' success has been a boon for Ogawa, whom the

girls compliment for his sense of humor and caring demeanor that goes beyond being a softball coach.

With Corta and Aberasturi, Ogawa will have brought four Trojans to Ontario in the past three years.

"They're just outstanding kids," Ogawa said of the Homedale players who have joined the Chukars. "You don't have to teach them how to win or be respectful or to go to class. They know all that when they get here."

"Basically all they have to do is come and learn our system."

Ogawa's system has been a successful one in the Northwest Athletic Conference for most of his six-year tenure. The team has been competitive in the conference was one win away from playing for the conference tournament championship in 2014.

During the Larry Corta coaching era, at least six players have moved on to college programs, but TVCC has benefitted the most by far.

"Gordy probably put it the

best: The girls know how to win, and he likes that in them," Corta said of TVCC-HHS pipeline. "It's a smaller atmosphere like Homedale. The girls are going to see playing time as freshmen. If you go to a bigger school, you're going to sit for a couple years."

Corta appreciates what Ogawa does for the Chukars players and program, too.

"He's just a good guy," the veteran HHS coach said. "He's just a down-to-earth coach. He's a no BS guy. He just tells it like it is. He fills his end of the deal, and we fulfill ours."

"He reminds me a lot of (retired softball coach) Joe Gastanaga over at Fruitland. I get along with him great. (Ogawa) trusts me on what I say about the girls, and I trust him."

Tristan Corta and Aberasturi also compete on the girls' basketball team, but athletic burnout isn't an issue.

"After school, we have hitting for a half-hour or an hour then after that it's cheer and basketball

practice," Aberasturi said. "(The hitting practice) is a way to clear my mind."

Corta, who previously had to rehabilitate a knee injury, admits that diving into softball and basketball head-first can be a strain sometimes, but signing a letter of intent Jan. 18 alongside Aberasturi made the hard work all worth it.

"It does get tough at times. Sometimes you just don't want to do it, but you know if you do it, it'll pay off in the long run," Corta said.

Both girls will study for Associate degrees in business at TVCC.

Corta plans to move on to cosmetology school after her sophomore year with an eye toward catching on with a beauty shop either in Homedale or Nampa.

Aberasturi wants to study veterinary science either at the University of Idaho or Lewis-Clark State College. She said she's open to continuing collegiate softball after TVCC if the opportunity arises.

— JPB

# Sports

## Gonzalez makes strong return for Marsing wrestling squad

### Hall pins state No. 2; Huskies pick up wins in McCall-Donnelly Duals

Oscar Gonzalez signaled his comeback from a rib injury by winning three of his four matches in Saturday's McCall-Donnelly Duals.

"He is the most dedicated, hardest-working kid in the practice room," Marsing High School wrestling coach Jon Nelson said. "He's up every morning to lift weights at 6 and stays after practice to get in extra technique practice."

Considered the team captain by his teammates, Gonzalez lives up to the expectations off the mat, too, Nelson said. He carries a 3.5 grade-point average and is active in the school's Natural Helpers program.

On Saturday, Gonzalez helped himself during a grueling day in Valley County.

The Huskies had five dual meets and Gonzalez wrestled two extra matches during the tournament.

In the extra matches, Gonzalez pinned New Plymouth's Tyler Anderson in 22 seconds. He also got Ty Dominguez of Clearwater Valley at the first-round buzzer.

Marsing won two of its five duals, including beating fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference team McCall-Donnelly.

**Marsing 42, McCall-Donnelly**

**22** — Mason Hall, who is ranked fifth among 220-pound Class 2A wrestlers statewide, pinned Kameron Nay in 1:44, and the Huskies built the victory around forfeits the rest of the way. Marsing collected 36 points on six forfeits.

**Marsing 36, Potlatch 18** — Jesse Hay Smith (126), Jesus Duran (170) and Joseph Ineck (138) pinned their opponents to establish the point differential.

All three Marsing pins came in the first round with Duran dispatching Layton Paul in 18 seconds and Ineck needing only 40 seconds against Tanner Schmidt. Hay Smith pinned Cassie Andres in 1:07.

**Grangeville 36, Marsing 28** — Gonzalez did his part with a 17-9 major decision against Tristen Bledsoe as Hall put in another chapter into what is becoming a rivalry with Shaydn Wassmuth.

Wassmuth pinned Hall at 220 in one of the dual's pivotal matches.

Andy Saenz got points for the Huskies at 145 when he pinned Bryden Brannan in 32 seconds.

**Melba 48, Marsing 33** — Hall pulled off an upset, pinning state No. 2 Mitchell Olsen in 27 seconds as the Huskies hung tough with the fellow 2A WIC Mustangs.

Saenz pinned Levi Martin in 65

seconds in the 145-pound bout, and Duran decisioned Jose Vargas, 9-4, at 170.

Levi Nanney had the quickest victory of the dual, pinning Melba 132-pounder Clint Svedin in 20 seconds.

**Clearwater Valley 42, Marsing 21** — Hall pinned Trae Dominguez in 62 seconds for one of the Huskies' three victories on the mat.

Ineck edged Hunter Bubar, 10-7, and Nanney pinned Skyler Olsen in 3:57.

**Other victories** — Hall needed just 27 seconds to pin Melba's Skylar Erickson in an extra match. Jaden Kinney (160) was quicker when he pinned New Plymouth's Kade Asman in 15 seconds.

Jesse Hay Smith stopped Garden Valley 126-pounder Bryce Edwards just eight seconds before the end of the first round in their matchup.

Nanney also notched a first-round victory when he pinned Clearwater Valley's Pablo Aguilar in 1:07.

**Last Wednesday: Payette 60, Marsing 30** — Kinney pinned Isaac Morado in 36 seconds at 160 pounds for the Huskies' only on-mat victory in a non-conference dual meet.

It was one of only four matches contests in the varsity meet. All other points were earned by forfeit.

## HHS boys get rolling behind Connor Carter

### Trojans get first 3A SRV victories

Homedale High School has won seven of 10 boys' basketball road games this season, and Connor Carter drove the bus last week.

Carter averaged 23 points per game last week, including a career-high 28 in Thursday's thrilling 64-60 win over Weiser as the Trojans evened their 3A Snake River Valley conference record.

Homedale (10-5 overall, 2-2 in conference at week's end) played 3A SRV leader Emmett at home Tuesday after deadline. The Trojans trailed Emmett by two games and second-place Fruitland by one after Saturday's 63-59 win over Payette.

**Saturday: Homedale 63, Payette 59** — The Trojans won their third consecutive game behind Carter's 18 points.

Homedale was in command most of the way, leading by 13 at the end of the third quarter before the Pirates' Johnny Herrera canned five three-point goals to highlight his 23-point night.

**Thursday: Homedale 64, Weiser 60** — Homedale sealed a big win on the Wolverines' floor with clutch foul shooting and rebounding down the stretch.

Fueled by what HHS coach Casey Grove called Carter's "career night" of 28 points and 14 rebounds, the Trojans opened the game with sharp execution to take build a 24-point halftime lead.

"I knew going into the second half," Grove said. "There was no way Weiser was going to shoot as poorly as they did in the first half. They have too many good shooters on their team."

The coach admits he was surprised when the Wolverines fired in six three-point goals as part of a 28-point opening to the second half that cut Homedale's lead to nine points heading into the final eight minutes.

A perfect 9-for-9 from the foul line, Carter was also hot from three-point land, knocking down three of four chances as part of his 8-for-12 (67 percent) field-goal shooting. He split his rebounds evenly between the offensive and defensive glass.

Twin brother Garrett Carter went 3-for-5 from the stripe and hit half of his field-goal attempts for 14 points.

Fellow senior Benny Chamber scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds and a team-high three steals.

"Garrett and Benny also had a productive night, especially in the first half," Grove said.

Weiser put four players in double figures, including 15 points from Bridger Bumgarner and 14 from JaCobi Beasley. Rounding out the Wolverines double-digit scoring were Alberto Sanchez with 13 and Tony Lopez with 11.

It was Lopez's three-point shooting that ended Homedale's 2014-15 season in the 3A District III Tournament.

## Freshman breaks out for JV boys

### Mustangs tied atop league

Zeke Quintero lit up the Jordan Valley High School gymnasium Saturday as the home team maintained its piece of the boys' basketball league lead.

The freshman connected on three three-point goals and notched 17 points in the Mustangs' 71-58 1A High Desert League win over Prairie City.

With Quintero scoring 13 points in the second quarter, Jordan Valley (12-4 overall, 5-1 in 1A HDL) built on a 24-point first period en route to its third straight win.

Jordan Valley is in a three-way tie at the top with Crane and Monument/Dayville. The Mustangs meet the Tigers in Dayville, Ore., on Friday, Feb. 5, and close the season at home against Crane

on Saturday, Feb. 13.

"The boys had a great first half," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said. "Prairie started shooting, and it got tight, but the boys held them off."

Jordan Valley came out firing in the first quarter, knocking down half of the eight three-point goals the Mustangs would log in the game. Wyatt Stanford had two of the treys as part of his 12-point night. JJ Echave was 4-for-6 from the foul line and had a three-pointer en route to 15 points. Stanford and Echave grabbed nine rebounds each.

Jett Warn rounded out the double-figure scoring with 10 points.

Darren Wilson had four of Prairie City's six three-pointers in the fourth quarter for the bulk of his 21 points. Teammate Garrett Hitz scored 19 of his game-high 24

points after the intermission.

**Friday: Jordan Valley 75, Burnt River 28** — Fillmore was able to empty his bench in a lopsided victory over the winless Bulls in Unity, Ore.

Wyatt Stanford didn't play in the second half and still led all scorers with 15 points. He also snagged nine rebounds.

Kirk Eiguren got significant playing time and broke through with eight points and nine rebounds.

Kasen Skinner carried the Mustangs in the fourth quarter, nailing a pair of three-pointers and scoring all 10 of his points.

Echave scored 11 points in the first eight minutes and hit a bucket in the third quarter for his 13 points.

Burnt River's Tyler Belveal canned four three-pointers for his team-high 12 points.

## Rimrock girls build winning streak with districts looming

Rimrock High School started a girls' basketball winning streak with two conference victories.

The Raiders (9-7 overall) stretched the streak to three games with a 52-28 1A Western Idaho Conference blowout of Victory Charter on Friday in Bruneau.

Coach Bobby Jean Colyer's squad has two conference games left before the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament. The team played Greenleaf Friends Academy after deadline Tuesday.

**Jan. 19: Rimrock 46, Riverstone International 21** — The Raiders opened the game on a 14-3 run and was never threatened by the host Otters in Boise.

Annie Mills converted six of seven free throws and led all scorers with 16 points. She also snagged eight rebounds.

SaKota Hall had 12 rebounds, including nine on Riverstone's

glass. Bailie Jewett scored five points and dished five assists.

Valeria Lino chipped in 12 points and collected seven rebounds.

Laurel Coleman and Anna Frizzell scored six points each for Riverstone.

**Jan. 15: Rimrock 49, Ambrose 34** — The Raiders pulled away with a 19-5 third-quarter spurt and ended a two-game losing streak on their home court in Bruneau.

Hall scored all 14 of her points from the field and led Rimrock with seven rebounds.

Annie Mills scored all but four of her game-high 16 points during the pivotal third quarter. She and Kyla Mills logged six rebounds apiece. CC Swaney led the defense with five steals.

Emmy Tryoer hit a pair of first-half three-pointers and led Ambrose with eight points.

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# Sports

## Huskies' defense, league position strengthen

### Big boys' 2A WIC game looms

Their coach's philosophy is starting to sink in, and the Marsing High School boys' basketball team applied the concepts to end a three-game losing streak Saturday.

"We controlled the tempo and played very disciplined on both ends of the floor," Huskies coach Tim Little said. "The boys are understanding how to control the game, work for our shot and limit opponents' opportunities."

Little said his plays had "another great defensive game" to make a long road trip pay off with Saturday's 47-38 2A Western Idaho Conference win over McCall-Donnelly.

Freshman Enrique Quebrado scored a co-game-high 17 points, and junior Nick Lankow was strong on the backboards again. McCall's Tanner Borgeson also scored 17 points.

"Nick controlled the glass with 13 rebounds and is averaging right at 8 rebounds a game," Little said.

Eight of Lankow's rebounds came on the Vandals' end of the floor where the under-sized Huskies grabbed nearly three times as many boards as the home team.

"McCall only had six offensive rebounds the entire game, and they definitely had a size advantage against our starting five," Little said.

Marsing (4-12 overall, 3-4 in



Marsing's Sam Galligan concentrates on a layup in Thursday's home loss to Melba. Photo by Dan Pease

conference) moved into a fourth-place tie with New Plymouth a half-game behind Cole Valley Christian and McCall-Donnelly

for consideration for the No. 3 seed in next month's 2A District III Tournament. The Pilgrims visit the Huskies' gym tonight.

"Hopefully we can revenge the loss vs. NP on Wednesday to place ourselves in good position for a decent seed come tourney time," Little said.

**Thursday: Melba 49, Marsing 26** — Dakota Hardy's injury depleted the Huskies' roster and contributed to the Mustangs' second-half charge.

Hardy left the game near the close of the second quarter, which ended with Melba clinging to a 13-12 advantage.

"We had a great first half defensively," Little said.

The Mustangs outscored Marsing, 18-9, in the first eight minutes after the intermission and took control of the conference game.

"With a lack of depth, exhaustion set in and Melba took advantage with pressure defense on the perimeter, (double-teaming) our guards consistently, which led to some easy transition baskets for Melba," Little said.

Melba ended the game on an 18-5 run. Held to a basket in the first 16 minutes, Nick Fitts erupted for the balance of his game-high 23 points in the second half. He had two three-pointers in the third quarter and went 5-for-6 from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Rodrigo Acuña scored nine points, and Quebrado hit a three-pointer as part of his seven points for Marsing. Sam Galligan, with four points in the first quarter, was the only other Huskies player to score more than two points.

**Jan. 19: Vale, Ore., 41, Marsing 37** — The Huskies

streak of holding opponents under 40 points ended at three straight games by the slimmest of margins in a non-conference loss at home.

Marsing's shooters were cold (19 percent from the floor and 6-for-18 from the free-throw line), but the Huskies held a 23-22 halftime edge and trailed by only two points, 31-29, heading into the final quarter.

"We shot the ball poorly, but again our defense helped keep us in the game and gave us an opportunity to have chances at the end," Little said.

The Vikings' Brock Mattos scored half of his co-game-high 12 points in the fourth quarter. Teammate Cody Towers also tossed in 12, while Josh Buckholtz dropped in seven for the bulk of the visitors' scoring.

Marsing may have had a cold shooting night, but the scoring came from several players. Acuña led the way with seven points and three steals, but he didn't score in the fourth quarter. Jose Muñoz and Dakota Hardy also scored six points each, but only Muñoz managed to score in the second half. Hardy hit a pair of three-point goals for his points.

Quebrado, who had been scoring in double figures consistently, hit a three-pointer in the fourth quarter for his only field goal. He was 2-for-7 from the free-throw line to cap a five-point night.

Tre Ponce and Lankow scored four points each. Lankow led the Huskies with 11 rebounds.

## MARSING HUSKIES Athletes of the Week



**Oscar Gonzalez, Jr., wrestling**

Returning from a rib injury, Gonzalez won three of four matches Saturday, including a major decision in the Huskies' 36-28 dual-meet win over Grangeville in McCall.



**Sheyanne Glorfield, Jr., girls' basketball**

Glorfield had one of the biggest scoring nights in school history, scoring 32 in a non-conference win over Jordan Valley. She averaged 22.5 points and 9 rebounds in the Huskies' two victories.



**Rodrigo Acuña, Sr., boys' basketball**

Acuña had a consistent week, averaging 8 points per game as the Huskies went 1-2. He also had four assists in Saturday's win over McCall-Donnelly.

### Girls' basketball

**Varsity**  
Thursday, Jan. 28 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.  
**Junior varsity**  
Thursday, Jan. 28 at Melba, 6 p.m.  
2A Western Idaho Conference Tournament  
(If one of top four teams)  
Monday, Jan. 30, and Tuesday, Feb. 1  
Time and place TBA

### Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 29 at 1A-2A Western Idaho Conference pod tournament, New Plymouth, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 30 at RD Brown Invitational, New Plymouth, 8 a.m.

### Boys' basketball

**Varsity**  
Wednesday, Jan. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 29 at North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.  
**Junior varsity A**  
Wednesday, Jan. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 29 at North Star Charter, 6 p.m.  
**Junior varsity B**  
Wednesday, Jan. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 29 at North Star Charter, 4:30 p.m.

# Go Huskies!



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense Gerald Two Bears and Billy Strike

Gerald Two bears was the foreman of the tribal branding crew.

Lots of Indians who were cowboys came to do what they could do.

Billy Strike was good at roping and his medicine was strong,

And he roped 'em automatic 'til misfortune came along!

He roped a good-size heifer calf, but he roped her 'round the neck.

She ran behind his horse's butt and put 'em both in check!

The rope slid underneath his tail which spooked the pony some,

So, of course, he went to pitching! 'Cause the nylon chafed his bum!

Now like I said, that Billy's tough and wouldn't quit his dally,

The rope was holding him down tight! Made every peak and valley!

His horse was snorting up the dirt like he was sweepin' mines

And kickin' himself sideways like a spring when it unwinds!

Billy blew his left-hand stirrup, so he leaned against the tide

But his saddle got some cockeyed, slippin' off the other side.

His dally peeled off the horn! His anchor chain had broke!

Billy flew like Humpty Dumpty and came down and broke his yolk!

Gerald Two Bears ran to Billy, who lay still upon the ground.

He said, "Billy, are you alright?" Billy never made a sound.

He listened for his breathing, but he lay so awfully still

He said, "Billy, can you hear me?" Then with superhuman will

Billy's eyelid raised, his eyeball turned and swiveled toward the source

Gerald leaned up close and whispered, "Billy, can I have your horse?"

— 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.

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington Fight to stop federal Waters of the U.S. rule drags on



The states, not the federal government, have always had primary jurisdiction over the allocation, management and use of water. This management must remain with the states not seized by federal bureaucrats thousands of miles away and disconnected from the issues on the ground. The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed legislation, previously passed by the U.S. Senate with my support, that would block the Administration's harmful attempt to exert jurisdiction over virtually all of our water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) "Waters of the United States" Rule sets a dangerous precedent, subverts state water sovereignty and jeopardizes private property rights by significantly expanding federal authority — allowing the EPA to regulate nearly every stream, ditch, pond and puddle on state and local lands, as well as private property. The courts have repeatedly rebuked similar efforts to hand authority over virtually all of our nation's waters over to the federal government. Additionally, I have helped block past legislation in the U.S. Senate to exert federal control over non-navigable waters.

Without congressionally authorized authority, the

Administration has been side-stepping Congress and the American people to seize control of our water. Congress reiterated its opposition to the Administration ignoring the will of Congress and the American people by passing S.J.Res. 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the "Waters of the United States" Rule. The House of Representatives' recent passage of the resolution by a vote of 253-166 follows the Senate's November passage of the resolution by a vote of 53-44.

The Congressional Review Act provides Congress with specified procedures to overturn federal rules put forward by the Administration, and S.J.Res. 22 utilizes this authority. To block the rule from taking effect, both the Senate and the House must pass the joint resolution, and the resolution must be signed by the President, or Congress must override a presidential veto. The President should have demonstrated that he is listening to Congress and the American people by signing the resolution and discontinuing the rule, but instead he chose to veto the resolution. Therefore, work continues to stop the rule.

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Bryan Searle — Idaho Farm Bureau

## Voice of Idaho ag Collaboration could cool federal refuge confrontation



The ongoing conflict associated with the takeover of a federal wildlife refuge in Oregon is a misguided effort. However, it has brought to the surface many of the frustrations felt in western states over majority ownership and federal control of the land within our borders.

Instigating an armed conflict with the federal government isn't going to solve the challenges we face in the rural West. But the takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has brought problems associated with federal control of western states into the national discourse. It has provided an opportunity to discuss those problems and seek out solutions that are viable.

Many westerners are fed up with the heavy hand of the federal government. Some counties struggle to provide basic services because they can't tax land owned by the federal government. Things that most Americans take for granted, like fire and police protection, schools, Internet access, roads and other infrastructure are lacking in many rural counties.

Jobs and commerce that could come from access to renewable resources are in decline or are no longer available. Public lands in the West are largely either being mismanaged because of federal bureaucracy, or unmanaged because of court challenges and other legal entanglement instigated by environmental groups.

All these scenarios create a dearth of hope and lead to rural depopulation, one of the most alarming and overlooked trends in Idaho and other western states. People who have established their livelihoods here are being driven out, and young people cannot envision enough opportunity to make them want to stay.

Violence is not a solution, and we hope the situation in Oregon doesn't escalate. Many voices are calling on the federal government to bust down the doors and put people in jail. It's fair to question the strategy put in play by these vigilantes, but it's also important to understand that they

wouldn't have acted out if they weren't desperately trying to perpetuate their way of life. They have no more patience, and federal land managers and politicians need to better understand the situation they have helped create.

Somehow lost in all the media coverage is the tragic case of the Hammond family. The Hammonds are cattle ranchers whose land borders the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. They started a backfire in 2006, on private land that later burned 127 acres of public land. They started the fire to protect their property from a lightning-caused wildfire. The strategy worked to stop the wildfire, but they were later charged and prosecuted as terrorists. The fire burned 127 acres of public land.

Initially, the vigilante group showed up in Harney County, Ore., to support the Hammonds' cause. The Hammond family has since denounced the occupation of the bird refuge.

So where to go from here?

We believe that compromise and collaboration are the way forward. If common sense was the only criteria, the land within our state should be turned back to state ownership — the same as it was with every other state that lies east of Colorado. According to studies underwritten by the Idaho Legislature, it's not legally possible or fiscally responsible for Idaho to take over all of the federal land within its borders. It's also evident that public opinion does not support this option.

However, taking back some of the land from the federal government is reasonable. We believe options still exist that can free up natural resources and save our rural way of life. Our task is to uncover those options, flesh them out and move them into the national discourse. Statesmanship is a much better option than armed conflict.

— Bryan Searle is Idaho Farm Bureau Federation president. His column is provided as a courtesy of the federation.

# Commentary

## Financial management

### Adjust federal withholding to keep income in your pocket

**Dear Dave,**

My wife and I recently followed your plan and became debt-free, and we're committed to never going back there again. Currently, I work for the state, but I've been feeling God's calling to the ministry. We'll get an income tax refund of about \$4,500 this year, and we've both agreed to put that money toward my first semester of seminary training. Does this, along with saving money as we go, sound like a good way to pay for this?

— Bradley

**Dear Bradley,**

I love the move to get out of debt, and the fact that you and your wife are determined never to go back there. If you truly feel that you're being called by God to be a pastor or some other form of ministerial work — and you're both in agreement on how to make it happen — I think that's great,

too. Just remember your promise to stay away from debt in making it happen.

But I did hear one problem you need to fix. You should stop having so much income tax withheld from your paychecks. That \$4,500 you mentioned is the result of one or both of you overpaying your taxes. For the future, make sure to adjust your withholdings \$375 a month. It's always better to have the cash you earn in your pocket rather than parking it with the IRS interest-free every year.

Best of luck in your new career, Bradley!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**

What kinds of insurance should I avoid?

— Rhonda

**Dear Rhonda,**

Well, in the life insurance



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world, you should buy only term life insurance. Avoid any kind of insurance that has a savings program built into it — things like whole life, universal life and variable life. Another thing to avoid is return of premium. This is where an insurance company

charges you extra, but gives all your premium money back if you don't use the policy. It sounds good, but if you'd just invest the extra you pay for that stuff, you'd get all your premiums back, and more, whether you used the insurance or not!

I also don't recommend gimmick insurances, like double indemnity for accidental death. Think about it. You're not double-dead if you die by accident; you're just dead. Your family needs the same amount of money whether you die by accident or heart attack. If you have a family, I suggest 10 to 12 times your annual income in a good, level term policy. Also, stay away from cancer insurance policies. Your regular health insurance policy should include cancer coverage. If it doesn't, you've got a crummy policy and you need to get a better one right away.

So, for the coverage you *do* need, we're looking at level term life insurance, good health insurance, long-term disability and homeowners and/or renters insurance. Throw in auto coverage and, once you hit age 60, long-term care insurance and you're pretty much set!

— 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.

## Americans for Limited Government

### Ag issues put presidential premium on farm votes in 2016

by Rick Manning

The nation's political eyes are on Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina for the beginning of the 2016 presidential selection process with the rural South and Texas following hot on their heels. It is obvious that agriculture issues play a heavy role in the presidential nominating process, but these issues also are important come November.

Toss up states like Ohio, North Carolina, Florida and Minnesota have significant farm interests, which can be the difference between being a Wikipedia footnote and living at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., for four years.

And a plethora of issues — ranging from labor to environmental policy to tax policy — are on the table that demonstrate the chasm between rural concerns and the current Administration.

On the labor front, farmers remember Labor Department attempts to apply child labor laws to family farms, effectively prohibiting farm kids from doing what generations of farm kids have done before them, work on the family farm. With the proposed Obama Labor regulation putting 4-H and FFA projects in jeopardy, the Daily Caller quoted Cherokee County Farm Bureau president Jeff Clark as decrying the since-dropped rule saying, "What would be more of a blow," he said, "is not teaching our kids the values of working on a farm."

While this misguided attempt at destroying the family farm through Wage and Hour regulations was stopped, it serves as a grim reminder that our nation's agricultural way

of life is one Administration's regulatory scheme away from being destroyed.

On the environmental front, candidates are missing the boat if they are not hitting Obama regulations that impact everything from grazing lands and forestry to insect control to controlling every stream and puddle on the land through the EPA.

Simply focusing upon the EPA's Waters of the United States regulatory effort and reminding rural America that their property, which in many cases has been in their family for generations, is at risk of being overrun by EPA bureaucrats overseeing every use of water and the land around it. WOTUS is so bad that the American Farm Bureau Federation has called it, "the biggest federal land grab — in terms of power over land use — that we've seen to date."

Another existential threat to the family farm's survival as we know it, is the restoration of the death tax at a 50 percent rate. The death tax guarantees that the generational transfer of farm land becomes more and more problematic as land-rich, cash-poor farming families are forced to either sell land or borrow to raise cash to pay Uncle Sam. Any candidate discussing their tax plans needs to include the permanent elimination of the death tax to end the taxman's grip on the property deeds of farm families.

While there are many other regulatory and legislative assaults on the farming community, one of the traditional conservative bugaboos that gives the agriculture community pause is the persistent call to end farm supports, a

position that is the right one philosophically but challenging politically. It is a battle that conservatives have lost for 50 years, not because it isn't right, but instead because it is a tactically stupid frontal assault on the very constituencies who provide the GOP's majority in Congress.

Rep. Ted Yoho (R-Fla.) has come up with a smarter way to build a message about ending farm subsidies (in this case sugar) and actually accomplish the mission. Called the zero for zero approach, Yoho would have Congress end sugar subsidies, but only once other nations that subsidize sugar much more aggressively end their programs. Allowing U.S. trade negotiators to go into meetings with a new seriousness because Congress has already acted, gives them a strong hand in bringing nations like India and Brazil to a timetable for ending their price supports. It's a positive approach to help restore free market forces into the agriculture industry.

Agriculture matters, and whoever wins the GOP nomination will need to dominate in the rural agriculture areas in key electoral states in order to win their electoral votes. Now it is up to the Republican presidential field to lay down a smart, competitive agriculture policy that allows America's most important industry to thrive as we move ahead into the uncharted waters post-Obama, so they can lay the groundwork to mobilize these constituencies like never before.

— Rick Manning is president of Americans for Limited Government.

### ✓ Fight: Congress attempts to impose citizens' will regarding water rule

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Passage of the joint resolution of disapproval also follows movement of legislation with similar goals in both chambers of Congress. For example, last May, the House passed legislation requiring the Administration to withdraw the rule. As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I supported the committee's passage of similar legislation. Fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch and I are co-sponsors of S. 1140, the Federal Water Quality

Protection Act, that would prevent implementation of the final "Waters of the United States" Rule and direct the EPA and Corps to redo the final rule. Any new rule must adhere to the principles that waters of the U.S. are limited to truly navigable waters.

I will continue to use every opportunity to permanently block this harmful rule, and I encourage all those interested in this federal overreach to stay engaged on this EPA overreach. Clean water remains a necessity, but EPA's

jurisdictional grab of our waterways violates its statutory authority and congressional intent and must be stopped.

— Republican Mike Crapo, Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate, 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. He is scheduled to attend the Owyhee County Republicans' Lincoln Day luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., in Marsing.

We welcome letters to the editor. [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com)

# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

January 30, 1991

### Priest fills in at St Hubert's

A changing of the leadership guard took place over the weekend at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Homedale as parishioners welcomed a new priest and bid a temporary farewell to their priest for the past three and a half years.

The Rev. Father Henry Carmona has been assigned by the Diocese of Boise to fill in for the Rev. Father Jesus Camacho, who is taking a sabbatical to work towards his master's degree in theology at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. Father Camacho expects to return here a week before Christmas to resume his pastoral duties.

Father Carmona is a native of Cali, Colombia, South America. He recently returned from a visit there after having served as priest at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Nampa on a prior assignment. He said Friday that the schedule of masses at the church will remain unchanged during Father Camacho's absence. The priest stationed here serves Roman Catholics in the Marsing and Wilder communities as well as the Homedale area.

### Homedale Elementary School earns computer

Students at Homedale Elementary School collected \$179,243 in sales receipts from local merchants by Jan. 18, according to HES Principal Herb Fritzley, far above the amount needed to earn the school a new computer from participants in the Homedale Chamber of Commerce's recent "shop local" sales promotion.

In a report to the Chamber, Fritzley said the top four students in collecting the receipts were: Omar Garcia, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, \$21,784; R. J. Cain, kindergartener, \$14,264; Karla Salisbury, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, \$9,403 and Steven Baker, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, \$5,046.

The top class at the grade school in bringing in sales receipts was the third grade class of Teri Uria. Her students gathered receipts totaling \$60,662, Fritzley said.

### County assessor visits Legislature

As part of an effort to increase his awareness of the activities of the Idaho Legislature, Owyhee County Assessor Larry Bachman took time out Thursday to make a visit to the Statehouse.

"I don't get to get away very often to meet the (Owyhee County) representatives," after a conversation with Owyhee County legislator Frances Field, R-Grand View, and Leanna Lasuen, D-Mountain Home, another District 12 lawmaker.

Bachman said his main objective for the trip was to update his knowledge.

"If you don't come over and see what the state's doing, you're going to fall behind," he said.

### Trojans to face NP

The Homedale boys' basketball team travels to New Plymouth Friday night after pulverizing Parma 85-59 on Jan. 22, losing a 72-71 squeaker to McCall in overtime on Jan. 25 and clashing with Fruitland here last night. The Trojans were 7-7 overall and 3-3 in WIC headed into yesterday's game, with results posted too late to report.

"We're playing for a higher seed right now," according to Varsity Coach Bobby Young, as local hoopsters stand three games away from the start of the district tournament on Feb. 12.

Young was philosophical when asked about the questionable officiating that reportedly upset some local fans who watched McCall's Joel Strickler wipe out Homedale's one-point lead and send the game into overtime. "You gotta live with it," he said. Strickler had run the length of the court with eight seconds to go, but his shot was blocked by Brad Dines. One referee called for a jump, but then the officials "changed their minds" and gave two free throws to Strickler, who promptly made one of them, according to a local fan, Vee Davenport, to end the regulation game at 66-66.

Dines was high point with 18.

## 50 years ago

January 27, 1966

### Approximately 1,700 attend International Smorgasbord

Approximately 1,700 people from Homedale and neighboring towns attended the 6<sup>th</sup> annual International Smorgasbord, sponsored by the Homedale PTA, Saturday afternoon, according to general chairman Mrs. Max Orr. Co-chairman was Mrs. Ralph Lineberger.

Featured at the smorgasbord was a display of equipment purchased for the Homedale schools from proceeds of previous smorgasbords. Proceeds this year will be used to buy instructional aids for the schools.

Among tables set up were the European table specializing in Italian spaghetti and tables offering Japanese and Hawaiian foods, the American table, the Teen table, a salad bar and the dessert table were also attractions.

Helping serve at the salad bar with co-chairmen Mrs. Donna Eachus and Mrs. George Murray were the Mmes. Betty Combs, Elona Christoffersen, Hazel Croshaw, Pauline Harward, Ellen Dexter, Virginia Hennis, Beth Page, Margaret King, Sandra Fritzley, Mary Davidson, Connie Hyer, Lois Jackson, Wanda Ferguson and Delores Cook.

Mrs. Marvina Parkins and Mrs. Ramona Aberasturi assisted at the teen table with co-chairmen, Mrs. Tony Jereb and Mrs. Mona Bradley.

Serving at the European table with co-chairmen Mrs. Ralph Lineberger and Mrs. Alvin Woodburn were the Mmes. William Friedrichsmeier, Felisa Isaguirre, Joyce Blackman and Fannie Mrak.

Helping at the Hawaiian table were Margaret George, Lydia Duncan, Phyllis Sayers, Erma Jean Zatica, Donna Tolmie, Jean Anderson, Mary Jo Pottenger, Josie Johnson and Peggy Jackson, with co-chairmen Mrs. Vivian Lillie and Mrs. Elsie Funk.

Co-chairmen of the Japanese table were Mrs. Frank Tanikuni and Mrs. Mary Yamamoto. Chairmen of the American table were Mrs. Forrest Henson and Mrs. Chuck Yost. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chadez were chairmen of the beverage table, and Mrs. Marion Vance and Mrs. Harold Johnson were chairmen of the dessert table.

In charge of publicity were Mrs. Bette Uda, Mrs. Sayers and Mrs. Parkins.

Mrs. Orr said the PTA would like to thank all those who helped work in the kitchen and at the food booths and all those who helped make this year's smorgasbord such a success.

### Chroniclings

First water skiers of the year in the Snake River were Jim and Jerry Smith. The boys wanted to go skiing Sunday, their father, Clint Smith, said, so he obliged them by driving the boat but didn't want to chance the cold water. They only got wet to the knees, but Smith said that he thought that was wet enough. Passersby were greatly surprised, he said.

Roy Ganow, foreman for the South Board of Control, is driving around in a sporty new Ranchero. . .

### Attends 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Approximately 140 guests attended the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary open house of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Adams, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23, at their home.

Attending were friends and relatives from Boise, Jordan Valley, Ore., Wilder, Murphy, Caldwell, Nampa and Homedale.

Their three daughters, Mrs. Alene Downing, Mrs. Pat Davis and Mrs. Marilyn Burke were in charge of serving refreshments. Mrs. Carmen Roeser of Caldwell was in charge of the guest book.

### Homedale Locals

Attending the JAACL Bazaar in Caldwell Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bergeson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mayes and son Gregory, Wilder, Mrs. Medora Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Byington and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barlow of Marsing.

## 140 years ago

January 29, 1876

SOUTH MOUNTAIN NEWS – South Mountain, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1876 *Editor Idaho Avalanche:*

Dow Vincent arrived yesterday at 2 o'clock with passengers and freight from Silver City. Kara Mills arrived at 5 o'clock with the United States mail and one passenger from Trout Creek. Frank Brainard and Hon Clegg also arrived in the afternoon, each with a sleigh, from Jordan Valley.

The town wears an unusually lively appearance, there being seven sleighs to leave this morning.

The arrivals yesterday sum up as follows; From Silver – James Judge, wife and child, Cornelius Sprowls and H. B. Bell; from Vincent's Ranch – Dow Vincent and W. A. Sifers; from Jordan Valley – Thomas Willson, Frank Brainard and John Clegg.

Departures this morning will be A. V. Bradley, wife and daughter, Frank Brainard, John Clegg, Jacob Derry, George Jackson, Thomas Willson, Perry Sprowls and Wesley Grover, for Jordan Valley; perhaps W. H. Dewey, Peter Donnelly and Doctor Norton, for Silver City; Dow Vincent and W. A. Sifers, for Vincent's Ranch.

Reports received yesterday concerning South Mountain affairs are somewhat encouraging.

Dow Vincent continues to invest in property here. He has bought from Samuel Strong the old Frank Hunt saloon building and is negotiating for other property this trip. I guess Dow knows which side of his bread is buttered.

Our spelling school has chosen an editor and will commence the publication of a weekly paper, issuing the first number next Saturday evening.

A MYSTERY – Nicholas Maher, a Miner, supposed to be lost in the terrible storm of Tuesday night – Not been heard from since leaving the Silver Cord Boarding House Tuesday evening – The dangers attending the movements of persons who have occasion to travel in the mountains and gulches during such weather as we have had for the past two days are rather serious to contemplate. Very often the space of a few hours will make roads and trails impassable, and the unfortunate traveler, if alone, may perish while attempting to make headway through the storm. This is the fate that is now supposed to have befallen Nicholas Maher, a man about twenty-six years old who had been working at the Silver Cord mine for several months up to a recent date. Mr. Maher had only returned a few days ago from a trip down the valley, where he had spent several weeks. He stopped at the Miners' Hotel on Monday night and on Tuesday morning walked up to the Silver Cord mine, spending the day at Mrs. Ward's boarding house. He was a great favorite with the children here, having formerly lived at the house for about a year. When night came on, Mr. and Mrs. Ward prevailed upon him to remain there, and he suggested that he could sleep in one of the outbuildings where he was accustomed to lodge during the summer. This was objected to by Mrs. Ward, who said that she could improvise a bed for him in the house alongside the stove where he could be warm and comfortable. He acceded to this and it was understood that he was to pass the night at the house. Between 6 and 7 o'clock he got up, put on his hat and went out without making any remark to any one present. They supposed that he would return in a few minutes. One of the boys saw him pass by the dump near the works, and as he did not return to the house as expected, Mr. Ward went out and called him several times by name, and got no answer. This is the last that has been seen or heard of the unfortunate man. Mrs. Ward, supposing that he might have started for Silver, did not follow him, and the family were much surprised, that he seemed to be reconciled to remaining there all night. Next Morning, and all the next day and this forenoon, Mr. Ward has been scouring the country from Fairview to Silver City expecting to get some trace of the missing man, but he has learned nothing of his whereabouts and is now convinced that Maher probably started down the Silver Cord Gulch and perished in the storm while on his way to town.



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FEBRUARY 22, 2016 AT 10:00AM TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF JACKS CREEK ROAD AS A HIGHWAY OR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SHOULD OCCUR as provided by Idaho Code §40-203.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing testimony and taking evidence in the proposed road abandonment and vacation request filed by J.R. Simplot Company. The hearing will take place on February 22, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho.

**GENERAL LOCATION:** Jacks Creek Road traverses through portions of the south half of Section 21, portions of the west half of Section 28, and running on the shared section line of the SE¼SE¼ of Section 29 and the SW¼SW¼ of 28 terminating at Davis Road, all in Township 6 South, Range 5 East, of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is identified as Jacks Creek Road.

**AT SAID HEARING**, all interested parties will have an opportunity to be heard in relation to all matters pertaining to the proposed road abandonment and vacation. Written comments may be sent to the Owyhee County Clerk at PO Box 128, Murphy, ID, 83650; all comments must be received by 5:00 PM on February 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the Owyhee County Clerk 208-495-2421.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above-noticed meeting should contact the Owyhee County Clerk at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

/s/Joe Merrick Chairman  
Owyhee County Board of Commissioners

Published: January 13, 27, & February 10, 2016.

**NOTICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER VACANCY**

Pursuant to I.C. 31-1409, the Marsing Rural Fire Protection District has a vacancy for a Fire Commissioner in Subdistrict #2. Any person wishing to be considered for appointment to this position must submit in writing said interest. Letters of interest may be mailed to Marsing Rural Fire, P.O. Box 299, Marsing, Idaho 83639 before the next scheduled regular Board Meeting which will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall located at 303 Main St.

Robert D. Carter, Secretary-Treasurer, MRFD  
1/27/16

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On May 17, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock AM of said day, at Pioneer Title Company, 610 South Kimball Avenue, Caldwell, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ATTORNEY AT LAW, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the

**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

Dated this 13th day of January, 2016

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Connie Chadez, Treasurer

1/20,27;2/3,10/16

following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

**LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1 OF VANCE ADDITION, PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.**

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **305 S. 5th St. W., Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Tomas Jimenez Neri, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., acting solely as nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded April 4, 2006, as Instrument No. 255821, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-6 Home Equity Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, recorded July 16, 2009, as Instrument No. 268693, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY

WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$629.57 for the months of June 2015 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$78,486.08 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.375% from May 1, 2015, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2016.

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box

50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. 208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO.: CV-2015-0737  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE STATE  
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR  
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estates of: ROBERT HENRY LEE JR., aka ROBERT H. LEE, and DOLORES JANE LEE, aka DOLORES J. LEE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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

DATED This 16th day of January, 2016.

/s/ Randall Lee Randall Lee, Personal Representative c/o Richard A. Cummings 960 South

Broadway Avenue, Suite 315 P.O. Box 1545 Boise, Idaho 83701 Telephone: (208) 367-0722  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV-2016-0819  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN  
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GORDON E. STANFORD, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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

Dated this 6 day of January, 2016.

Winston Gammett c/o Ronald P. Rainey, P.O. Box 26, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-0026  
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# Owyhee County Church Directory

<p><b>Homedale Calvary Homedale</b> Pastor Rich Wright 24 West Idaho Ave  Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday (208) 880-4033</p>	<p><b>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</b> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</b>  For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>	<p><b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p><b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron &amp; Martha Hwy 19 &amp; 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>
<p><b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458  Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children &amp; Youth Ministries 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday CLC: 4:00 pm  www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</b> 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p><b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</b> 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p><b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake &amp; Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
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# Sports

## Champion Collett leads Trojans' three Padilla medalists

Three wrestlers earned medals to cap a week that tested the Homedale High School team's mettle.

One of two seniors to reach championship finals at the Padilla Invitational, John Collett won the 160-pound title Saturday at the Parma tournament.

Another upperclassman, Nash Johnson padded his school victories record before bowing to Caldwell's Adrian Adame in the 145-pound championship match.

Keifer Cooper claimed fourth place at 170 pounds.

Collett's march to his second tournament championship of the season included two hard-fought victories. He beat Caldwell's Irving Capuchino, 10-7, for the title after reaching the final with a tight 4-2 decision over Nyssa, Ore.'s Joshua Bongiorno. Collett began his tournament with a 1-minute, 47-second pinfall against fellow 3A Snake River Valley conference wrestler Kevin Bravo from Weiser.

Johnson lost a 9-5 decision to Adame in the title match at 145. Adame's path to the championship included a victory over Homedale's Tanner Miller in the quarterfinals.

Johnson won three matches in the tournament, beginning with a third-round pin of Emmett's Korben Fitzgerald (4:58) in the quarterfinals. He beat American Falls' Luis Cervantez, 7-3, in the semis.

Miller pinned Kevin Bara from Echo, Ore., in the first round to reach the quarterfinals at 145.

After a first-round bye at 170, Cooper pinned Vale, Ore.'s Josh Arritola to reach the semifinals. Fruitland's Jonathan Fagen sent Cooper into the consolation bracket with a pin in 2:34.

Cooper rallied with a 4-2 sudden victory in overtime against Skyview's Tyler Duff, but American Falls' Dallen Adkins got a pin in 91 seconds to claim third place.

Picking up other victories in Parma were:

- **126** — Jaeger Rose pinned Skyview's Levi Bailey (3:23) in the consolation bracket's first round.

- **126** — Caleb Meligan needed just 20 seconds to pin Parma's Jordyn Jenkins in the opening round then rallied in the consolation bracket with a pin of Gooding's Robert Hernandez (2:13) and a 12-6 decision over La Grande, Ore.'s Corey Isaacson.

- **132** — Jacob Furlott pinned La Grande's Skylar Jones (2:13) in the consolation bracket.

- **152** — Shane Keller staved off elimination with a 7-3 win over Nyssa's Adam Van Meter in a consolation match.

- **182** — Julian Hartmann received an injury default victory over Echo's Jason Fitzpatrick to reach the semifinals before American Falls wrestler Tate Grover sent the Swiss exchange student into the consolation bracket.



Homedale senior John Collett throws Fruitland's Cameron Russell shortly before ending their 160-pound match with a pinfall at the 1-minute, 10-second mark last Wednesday. Collett closed the week with a championship in Parma.



Homedale junior Caleb Meligan, bottom, wraps a leg around the chest of Fruitland's Reynaldo Rodriguez, whom he pinned about midway through the second round of their 126-pound match last Wednesday.

## ✓ Record: Trojans battle tough vs. top-ranked Fruitland on Senior Night

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dual meet on the road.

**Last Wednesday: Fruitland 69, Homedale 18** — The Trojans were trounced for the second consecutive night, this time on Senior Night in a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet against the state's top Class 3A program.

Homedale gave away 18 points on three forfeited matches, and only seniors Collett and Johnson and junior Caleb Meligan (rated No. 3 statewide among Class 3A wrestlers at 126) came away with victories.

Julian Hartmann, the Swiss exchange student competing in wrestling for the

### Ranked wrestlers

How local athletes stack up in the latest TheIdahoWrestler.com state rankings:

#### Homedale in Class 3A

**Nash Johnson** — No. 1 at 145

**Caleb Meligan** — No. 3 at 126

**John Collett** — No. 6 at 160

#### Marsing in Class 2A

**Mason Hall** — No. 5 at 220

first time, was the third senior honored during the team's final home meet of the

season. Hartmann proved a tough out for Fruitland's 182-pounder Canaan Bourcy, who posted a 7-0 decision in the only match to go the distance.

Meligan got Homedale's first points of the match when he put an end to a grinding match against Reynaldo Rodriguez. With the score tied, 2-2, Meligan rallied to pin Rodriguez with at the 3:05 mark.

Johnson's 131<sup>st</sup> career victory went from a rout to a pinfall when he put Jesus Rodriguez on his back with 28 seconds left in the match. Johnson notched several near-falls and built an 11-1 lead after two periods.

Collett closed the varsity meet when he pinned Cameron Russell 70 seconds into their 160-pound match.

The Trojans put up a fight against Fruitland with three matches lasting into the third round before the Grizzlies picked up pinfalls.

Homedale's dual-meet record slipped to 9-3 with last week's losses.

The Trojans were in non-conference action in Middleton on Tuesday after deadline. They have road duals against Weiser (Thursday), Emmett (Feb. 4) and Payette (Feb. 11) remaining on the 3A SRV schedule.