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Launching learning



Marshmallow lift-off achieved at Homedale STEM night

First-grader Adil Yousef Zyadeh, 7, and his mother Nemah Zyadeh launch a marshmallow at the catapult station during last week's STEM Family Night at Homedale Elementary School. For more sights from the family night, see Page 8A

Marsing Disaster Auction

10:13 a.m., Saturday

Auction's doughnut tradition continues

Same table, new fryer in use this year

People attending Saturday's Marsing Disaster Auction will have to get there early to ensure a taste of a long-standing culinary tradition.

The doughnut booth dates back to the very first disaster auction in 1961. Sharon VanWassenhove and Shirley Gibbens are the current co-chairs of the doughnut committee, and Gibbens' mother Helen Floyd was the first to make doughnuts to sell at the event.

VanWassenhove has been volunteering at the booth for more than 35 years, and she took over as co-chair a couple of years ago when Ladonna Gibbens stepped down.

"It was originally done by the ladies over in the Riverside and Sunnyslope area," VanWassenhove said. "I used to live over in Sunnyslope, so I got volunteered

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BLM gets ready to jump-start Gateway West route analysis

After various delays, comment period could come in spring

After the Soda Fire halted progress, the Bureau of Land Management has restarted the Owyhee County siting process for Gateway West.

Board of County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi of Homedale said there is no change in the proposed routes for which BLM will gather input this spring.

New BLM Boise District manager Lara Douglas addressed the commissioners during a coordination meeting on Jan. 25

in Murphy.

"The maps that they showed are exactly what we've seen, and there are no variances from what we discussed on that," Aberasturi, the District 2 commissioner, said.

The map mailed to interested parties Tuesday as part of the BLM's latest newsletter, still shows the routes for Segment 8 and Segment 9 preferred by Idaho Power, Rocky Mountain Power and the Owyhee County Task Force and commissioners. But it also includes alternate routes that have concerned local private property owners and officials all along.

All routes will be considered in the federal agency's draft

— See BLM, page 14A

Homedale's \$90,000 water main an obligation 40 years in making

City agreed in 1972 to move pipe if bridge was ever replaced

It's going to cost the City of Homedale more than \$90,000 to fulfill a long-standing mandate regarding its water main under Succor Creek.

Council president Steve Atkins pointed out that the city was obligated to move the pipe on demand whenever the Idaho Transportation Department was

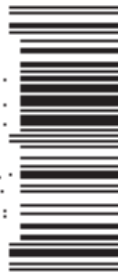
ready for bridge expansion on Idaho highway 19 west of town.

The mandate was part of a 1972 agreement that allowed the city to install the water line.

The city council awarded the construction bid to Warrington Construction of Ontario, Ore., on Thursday. The water line must be relocated before ITD begins bridge expansion and realignment in March.

Warrington had the lowest bid among three

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John Richard returns to county Farm Bureau presidency

John Richard is going back to work as the Owyhee County Farm Bureau president.

The Marsing-area resident, who had stepped away to concentrate on his health, was reinstated during last month's annual meeting at the University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing.

"The board and myself are very happy that John is feeling well enough to take over the reins again," county Farm Bureau vice-president Tim Lowry said. "We assured John that when he is not feeling up to par that we will help

him all we can.

"John is very conscientious and will continue the fine work as he did before."

Richard had succeeded Lowry in the presidency, and Lowry had returned to the post he had known for nearly a decade when Richard stepped away.

Lowry returns to the vice-president role, while Ted Blackstock of Marsing was elected secretary/treasurer.

Directors include Paul Nettleton of Murphy and Homedale residents Norm Mason and Travis Hyer.

Marsing resident Hayzen Corder was appointed Young Farmers and Ranchers chair, and Marsing's Mary Blackstock will continue in her role as Women's chair.

Lowry said some of the policies that originated with the Owyhee County Farm Bureau have been adopted at the national level by the American Farm Bureau.

"The Owyhee County Farm Bureau will continue to aggressively address the cutting-edge issues," Lowry wrote in an email. "I am proud of the role that the Owyhee County Farm Bureau has played in the development of policy for the Idaho Farm Bureau."

— JPB

Persistent DUI offender placed on state rider

A Grand View man arrested four times in two years for driving under the influence has been sent to state prison.

Steve Max Collett, 63, was placed on a rider during his Jan. 22 felony sentencing hearing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Collett was arrested for felony DUI on Nov. 18 when he was already on probation for a September 2014 DUI. Collett also was arrested for DUI twice in the span of five days in April 2014.

Collett faces two to five years in the state penitentiary if he doesn't successfully complete his rider program.

Grober will review the retained jurisdiction later, but it's unclear when. Retained jurisdiction can stretch for as long as a year from the sentencing date.

Grober dismissed a misdemeanor driving without privileges charge, suspended Collett's driver's license for two years and ordered the man to pay \$290.50 in court costs.

The judge also reinstated the possibility of a two- to five-year prison sentence for the September 2014 DUI.

The sentence would be served concurrently with the most recent conviction if Grober sees the need when the retained jurisdiction is reviewed.

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Another out-of-state motorist cited for pot

For the second time in as many weeks, an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy has made a marijuana possession arrest on a traffic stop.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 23-year-old Brady Pellham of Walla Walla, Wash., was cited for misdemeanor possession on Jan. 26.

Pellham was pulled over for speeding at milepost 19 on U.S. Highway 95 near Marsing shortly before midnight.

Bowman said about a half-ounce of marijuana was found in the vehicle, and a citation was issued. Pellham was also cited for speeding.

Pellham is scheduled for

arraignment before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober at 9 a.m. on Monday in Murphy.

Laundromat machines vandalized in Grand View

Bowman said investigators are looking for leads into a Jan. 26 incident in which the coin boxes at a Grand View laundromat were burglarized.

An unknown amount of coins was taken when the coin boxes on two washing machines and three dryers were pried open.

Anyone with information on the theft from the laundromat on Riverside Avenue should call OCSO dispatch at (208) 495-1154.

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Safe routes to Homedale schools cheaper than expected

Making the walk to school safer for Homedale Elementary and Middle School students apparently won't be as expensive as first thought.

During the Homedale Chamber of Commerce's Jan. 26 meeting, Chamber president Gavin Parker said that engineers have given him an estimate for his "Safe Routes to Schools" idea.

The total for both projects came in at \$433,250.

That figure includes everything from sidewalks to curbs, gutters, an asphalt pathway and \$20,000 for lighting.

The maximum cost was previously estimated at \$500,000 for each project, and Parker intended for the work to be done at separate times.

The plan is to seek grant money for the

work through the Idaho Transportation Department's Transportation Alternative Program. He said applications are due later this month.

"We're at the point now where we need to decide how we apply," Parker said. "Do we still make two separate applications, or do we fold this together as one?"

Discussion on the strategy will continue. He's asking for input on the plan from Chamber members, other businesses in the city, community members, and city officials.

"We are going to have another planning meeting soon, when schedules allow, so I will get out an email for anyone that wants to attend that," Parker said.

There is a 7.34 percent match on the grants, which means the community would

have to come up with \$31,800 if a grant of \$433,250 is awarded. The match is cash only; no in-kind work can be counted. Awarded grants will be for fiscal year 2018.

The most-preferred route to the middle school — regardless if egress off West Idaho Avenue is at 5th Street, 6th Street or 7th Street — would require a paved pathway along the edge of a field owned by Marion Vance.

Barbara Vance previously said her husband would be willing to donate a portion of his field west of 5th Street for the project.

The improved route to the elementary would be down North 3rd Street West with a sidewalk.

The quote does not give a breakdown on

funding for both routes, but Parker thinks there would be enough money to cover the elementary route.

"Again, it's rough, but the plan would include lighting allocated for (3rd Street) as well, especially at the intersections, because there's only a few Idaho Power lights at the intersections right now," Parker said. "So it would be lighting and sidewalk down 3rd, and then some sidewalk repair or upgrades, not necessarily all new sidewalks on (West) Washington along with lighting."

He also pointed out that this is only a preliminary estimate.

"Who knows? It's a moving target, but it was pretty encouraging even with some contingency and some overages. I'm pretty excited," Parker said.

— SC

Grant will add to security of Homedale's city vehicles

New HPD officer enters POST academy

The City of Homedale corporation yard soon could include vehicles from all departments.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced at Thursday's city council meeting that the Board of County Commissioners have agreed to the use of \$5,000 in Bureau of Homeland Security grant funding for a project that would reconfigure the fenced

parking lot behind City Hall.

Eidemiller said the commissioners made the decision at their Jan. 25 meeting in Murphy.

The \$5,000 will add 50 feet of fencing to expand the lot that now houses HPD vehicles. The automatic entry gate will be pivoted 45 degrees to face West Wyoming Avenue, too.

Eidemiller said the expansion will allow for the secure storage of public works vehicles.

"The county commissioners have always been very generous and very gracious in helping us, so if you see one of them be sure

to thank them," Eidemiller told the council.

Eidemiller also confirmed that HPD's newest officer, former Owyhee County Sheriff's jailer Shane Witt, has started his stint at the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training academy in Meridian. He will be in the academy until late March and then undergo field training in town until late spring, Eidemiller said.

Eidemiller confirmed that Officer Karl Kingston and canine Goose began school resource officer duties in the Homedale schools in early January. Sgt. Mike McFetridge has returned to

full-time patrol.

"We felt that we had a good working relationship with Mike, but we look forward to getting to know Karl and working with him," school superintendent Rob Sauer said.

Sauer said seeing Goose in the halls during Kingston's rounds would be positive.

"We're excited about that

element," Sauer said. "We think it's a really nice addition."

Sauer anticipates the canine to help with relations especially at the elementary school.

"It's a good thing for the kids to see the dog around, and it's a good thing for them to see our SRO and build a relationship at a young age," he said.

— JPB

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Polls picked GOP presidential primary

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners officially listed the polling places for the March 8 Republican presidential primary during its Jan. 25 meeting.

The polling places remain the same as they have been for recent elections:

- Absentee or mail ballot — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy
- North Homedale — Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- South Homedale — Magistrate court building (City Hall), 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
- North Marsing — Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W.

2nd St. N.

- South Marsing — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave.

- Wilson — Wilson Fire House, 10427 Johnston Lane
- Murphy — Owyhee County Courthouse

- Oreana — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road

- Grand View — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.

- Bruneau — American Legion Post 83, 32536 Belle Ave.

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

March 2 is the final day to ap-

ply for a mail-in absentee ballot, and in-person absentee ballots can be requested until 5 p.m., on March 4.

Only voters registered as Republicans can participate in Idaho's GOP primary elections.

Lawmakers approved moving up the presidential primary from May to March last year with the intent of improving Idaho's profile in the 2016 primary. Primary elections for county, state and congressional offices still will be held on May 17.

Idaho voters have until March 12 to change their political party affiliation, but a bill that has made it out of committee in the Idaho Legislature would move the deadline to the second Friday in February during even-numbered years.

According to the law, presidential candidates who wish to be on the primary ballot must pay a \$1,000 filing fee. At the time, Idaho's minority Democratic lawmakers opposed change in the election schedule because they said Idaho taxpayers were being asked to foot an estimated \$2 million bill for a closed election.

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Discovery Center coming to Homedale Public Library

Staff members from The Discovery Center of Idaho in Boise will come to the Homedale Public Library at 4:15 p.m., on Thursday for a special version of the Teens and Tweens program.

Library director Sharla Jensen said participants will do a hands-on activity with "Uberstix," which are "interlocking engineering building blocks used to make towers with different geometrically shaped foundations," Jensen wrote in an email.

The Teens and Tweens program is normally held at 4 p.m., on Fridays during the school year.

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

The library is also now offering ebooks through the Idaho Digital Consortium. The service

was launched on Monday.

Jensen wrote that 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.

The ebooks will be checked out for two weeks, and will then automatically disappear from the device.

There are also some movies and audiobooks available to check out through the ebook service called Overdrive.

Jensen said the library is able to provide the ebooks thanks to funding from a Walmart Community Grant through the Caldwell Walmart location.

To RSVP for the Discovery Center activity, or for more information on the ebook service, call the library at (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday.



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✓ Auction: Strong, sturdy table Harold Floyd built in service for 50 years

to work. It's just been an annual thing ever since."

A few of the other ladies who will be making the doughnuts Saturday include Betty and Sue Floyd, Sherry Dines, Gloria Watson, Audrey Hughes, Jessica Showalter and Trish Hammill.

Betty Floyd is married to Dennis Floyd, one of Helen's nephews. Sue Floyd is a daughter-in-law to Helen, married to Jerry Floyd.

It's unclear who is the longest-serving member of the committee. VanWassenhove said it either is herself, Gibbens, or Renita Ineck who couldn't commit to helping this year because of an illness in the family.

The doughnuts are \$5 per dozen, and VanWassenhove said they've made about 120 dozen at each of the past few auctions.

She advises people to be in line well before the auction starts at 10:13 a.m. to guarantee they will get their order before supplies run out.

"We'll have ladies down there before 8 o'clock this year," VanWassenhove said. "We get things up and cooking. We're one of the earlier ones down there just so we can stay ahead of the orders."

The doughnuts can be ordered plain, covered in sugar or cinnamon, or a mixture of sugar and cinnamon.

A few years ago, the committee had to impose a limit of two dozen doughnuts per person, and that limit is still the rule.

"They were just in such high demand. People were carrying them out of there by the dozens, and it just left too many people not getting to enjoy them," VanWassenhove said.

The committee purchased a new fryer this year because the one they used for decades just wore out.

"It was leaking, and it was time to reinvest in the booth," VanWassenhove said.

She added that the particular type of fryer they use sells for between \$1,500 to \$1,800, but the committee found a demonstration model for \$1,600. The disaster committee disbursement board covered most of the cost for the fryer, but Shirley Gibbens and her husband Dan donated a portion of the money.

Helen Floyd's husband Harold built a special table for the doughnut fryer before the inaugural auction 55 years ago. The table, which the doughnut ladies say is very sturdy and just the right height, is still in use today.

"When you put the shortening in these cookers, it's 33 pounds of shortening that goes into this new cooker," VanWassenhove

said. "Just putting that kind of weight and hot cooking oil on a standard table would maybe be a safety issue."

She added that she's never actually seen the table itself, because the doughnut committee already has it set up and covered when she arrives at the auction.

One thing that even longtime disaster auction participants might be surprised to learn is that the committee doesn't keep track of how much money the doughnuts raise.

"It all goes into the general fund, and we just turn over money all day long," VanWassenhove said. "Quite frankly I don't know that we've ever itemized it out."

However, considering that about 120 dozen doughnuts were sold last year at a cost of \$5 per dozen, the doughnut booth would have raised around \$600.

VanWassenhove also wants customers who are new to the auction to know that the fried goodies are best while still warm out of the fryer.

"People just look forward to them every year," VanWassenhove said. "It's a treat that they know they're going to get. There are so few places you can get a good home-cooked, fresh-off-the-cooker doughnut like that."

— SC



Beth McIntyre cooks up another batch of doughnuts in the fryer at last year's Marsing Disaster Auction.

"We get things up and cooking. We're one of the earlier ones down there just so we can stay ahead of the orders."

— Sharon VanWassenhove

✓ Homedale: Councilman questions rush to demolish church near library

contractors, telling the city the pipe could be moved for \$90,450. Andrew Kimmel, project engineer from Riedesel Engineering Inc., told the council that the bid was slightly higher than original estimates because it includes an additional 200 feet of pipe to extend the main past a retaining wall ITD plans to build on River Road.

Kimmel reported that Meridian-based Cascade Pipeline bid \$102,970 and Titan Tech from Boise submitted a bid of \$120,073.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said the city has enough money in its fiscal year 2016 appropriations to pay for the project without reopening the budget.

Warrington was the contractor on the 2014 sewer line expansion across South Main Street prior to construction of the Mountain View Equipment dealership on U.S. Highway 95.

Council discusses building demo

Warrington might have an opportunity to make more money when its crew is in town.

Homedale Public Library board president Dawn Whitney

presented the council with estimates to demolish the old LDS church on property recently purchased by the board on West Owyhee Avenue.

Marsing-based Showalter Construction Co., said it could knock down the building and haul off the debris for \$2,770. That estimate includes a \$500 donation to the library.

River Valley Woodworks of Wilder filed an estimate of \$4,850 to do the work.

The demolition of the building would be the first step in what library board members hope becomes an expansion project, but previous councils discussed holding off on the expansion until a taxing district is in place.

With no concrete timetable for expansion, the council took no action and Atkins questioned the urgency of knocking down the church building at this time.

"Until we're ready to build, I don't see a big rush to spend some money on it," Atkins said.

Councilmen Aaron Tines and Jerry Anderson agreed that money might be saved if the demolition was built into a future construction contract.

Kimmel suggested reaching out to Warrington about performing demolition and removal when a crew is in town for the water pipe project. He said all the necessary excavation equipment would be on hand, and piggybacking with the bridge project could save mobilization costs, which Mayor Gheen Christoffersen feared would rise if fuel prices increase.

The library board will pay

for the demolition with funds accumulated through memorials and other donations. The board has about \$170,000 at its disposal and spent \$27,500 to buy the lot to the east of the library.

The next library board meeting is set for 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

UTV buy gets cheaper

City public works supervisor Bret Smith reported that the

planned purchase of two UTVs will cost the city \$500 less than original thought because of a cheaper cost for the warranty on the smaller 600cc model.

Smith also told the council that he is trying to get an estimate on the cost of repairing the deteriorating walls in the city swimming pool. The work could be done in the weeks leading up to the pool's 2016 opening this spring.

— JPB



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Death notices

STANLEY L. MOORE, 75, of Caldwell, who grew up in Wilder and attended school in Homedale, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016. A dinner in his honor will be held at 1p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Breath of Life Church, 711 Dearborn, Caldwell.

JAMES FLOYD NATALE, 81, of Marsing, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2016 at a Nampa hospital. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

TERRELL "TERRY" J. STEWART, 62, of Marsing, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at a local hospital. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Feb. 3: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
Feb. 4: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup, veggie & fruit bar
Feb. 8: Hamburger, french fries, veggie & fruit bar
Feb. 9: Pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie & fruit bar
Feb. 10: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

Feb. 3: Chicken nuggets or corn dog, broccoli, fruit & salad bar, cheese crackers
Feb. 4: Crispito or hot dog, potato chips, fruit & salad bar
Feb. 8: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar
Feb. 9: Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans, fruit & salad bar
Feb. 10: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

Feb. 3: Crispito or BBQ chicken & roll, steamed carrots, salad bar, fruit choice
Feb. 4: Chicken parmesan w/pasta or corn dog, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
Feb. 8: Pepperoni pizza ripper or roast beef sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
Feb. 9: Beef taco or burrito, salad bar, fruit choice
Feb. 10: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

Feb. 3: Rib-b-que sandwich, macaroni & cheese, Italian breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup
Feb. 4: Pepperoni ripper, chili cheese fries, roll, tossed salad, salad bar & soup
Feb. 8: Chicken fajita, chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup
Feb. 9: French dip sandwich, beef taco, rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar & soup
Feb. 10: Teriyaki chicken bowl, corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

Feb. 3: Orange chicken, stir fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit
Feb. 4: Nachos, chips & salsa, refried beans, fruit
Feb. 5: Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, fresh fruit
Feb. 9: Chicken & noodles, romaine salad, steamed carrots, fruit
Feb. 10: Chicken patty/bun, romaine salad, steamed broccoli, fruit



Husky PRIDE award Marsing High School wrestling team



Back row, from left: Assistant coach Brett Labit, sophomore Joseph Ineck, junior Oscar Gonzalez, sophomore Mason Hall, freshman Kaden Goins, sophomore Jesus Duran, assistant coach Dylan Cady, and head coach Jon Nelson. **Front row, from left:** Senior Andy Saenz, sophomore Jaden Kinney, junior Ben Gerthung, freshman Jesse Hay-Smith, and freshman Hayden Kish.

Nomination by John Lindley, Science teacher

"I would like to nominate the entire Marsing wrestling team for the Husky Pride Award this week. At the end of school last week, a staff member went to his vehicle and found that a screw was in his tire, which caused it to become totally flat. Before the teacher got the jack set underneath

the truck, one wrestler at practice noticed the problem and summoned the entire team to take care of the vehicle without any prompting from a coach or adult. Before you knew it, the truck was jacked up, the flat was off and the spare was on the truck."

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."

Homedale Sr. Center board votes to change meeting day

Iovino continues as president; center's February schedule set

The Homedale Senior Center board of directors holds its second meeting of the year Tuesday under a new schedule.

The board meetings were moved to the second Tuesday of the month because of a scheduling conflict for one of the members. The directors meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

The board used to gather on the second Wednesday of the month.

Board president Frank Iovino was re-elected to the position in December balloting. The rest of the board includes:

Vice-president — Joan Thomson

Treasurer — Carol Ebbers

Secretary — Mary Ensley

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. Congregate meals are served at noon each day of operation.

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

Other events scheduled for February include:

• **Saturday, Feb. 13** — The

monthly Saturday night dance is open to the public. Admission is \$5, and proceeds help in the operation of the senior center. Participants are asked to bring finger food to share as they dance and listen to live music.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 16** — Appointments are available for the monthly foot clinic, with slots starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$12. Call the senior center at 337-3020 to reserve a spot.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 16** — The free blood pressure clinic is by drop-in and begins at 10 a.m.

• **Saturday, Feb. 20** — Another fundraiser for the senior center, the monthly breakfast runs from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the senior center.

The cost for the all-you-can-eat meal is \$6 per plate.



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Another 4-H year is upon us

It's that time of year when Owyhee County youth are enrolling in 4-H and making plans for this year's 4-H projects. The Extension Office is receiving a lot of calls from parents new to the area or new to 4-H. I thought it might be worthwhile to review the enrollment age and process for Owyhee County 4-H.



Georgia Goodwin

The 4-H age is the age of the youth as of Jan. 1 each year. Cloverbuds are ages 5-7, and 4-H Youth are ages 8-18.

To find a 4-H club in your area, call or stop on by the Extension office in Marsing. We will visit about the projects your youth are interested in and provide you with

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contact information for a club accepting those projects. The club leader will provide you with the meeting time and location for their club.

Prior to March 1, you need to enroll in 4-H by simply going to our website at www.owyhee-county.net/extension. We will walk you through the process and provide you with a tip sheet for the enrollment program.

4-H dues are paid to your club. They include \$4 for Cloverbuds (ages 5-7), \$11 for 4-H Youth (8-18) or \$16 for 4-H youth taking horse projects.

Attend your club meetings. The leaders in your club will help coach and mentor the youth. They will help them complete an oral presentation and record books for their project. The club will participate in a community service

project. 4-H youth learn to give back to their community.

The Owyhee County Fair is held in Homedale. This year the fair is Aug. 8-13. Youth come from all over Owyhee County to participate in the fair. Each club has a display in the Armory. The record books are available for viewing and really show the growth and accomplishments the youth have achieved while working on their projects throughout the year.

The Extension Office will check in on you from time to time. We want to make sure we are providing your family with your 4-H needs and ensure you are having a great 4-H experience.

— Georgia Goodwin is the 4-H coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. She can be reached at (208) 896-4104, ggoodwin@uidaho.edu, or at the Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

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

Wilson Sagehens meeting

1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

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

NOCWMA meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee Conservation District office, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 101

Thursday

Foot clinic

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., free, appointments necessary, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

Foot clinic

9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

Teens and Tweens program

4:15 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

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

Saturday

Marsing Disaster Auction

10:13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com

Free lunches

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

Bruneau PTO Winter Wonderland

5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., carnival and nacho bar, Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2252

Sunday

Faith Riders winter ride

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Rafter S Indoor Arena, Allendale Road, Wilder. (208) 249-1595 or (208) 816-0714

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

Marsing Fire Department meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Tuesday

Foot clinic

9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Marsing Senior Center board meeting

12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

Senior center pinocle

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting

1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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RUMOR – We have it from respectable sources that a spirit of conciliation between the two Owyhee emporiums is being manifested. It has been widely suggested that owing to the great distance between the two cities each should have a resident Ambassador from the other. It is proposed to petition his Excellency, the Governor of I. T., to make the appointment as the Governor is certainly unprejudiced, he would doubtless make wise selections. We have heard the name of John C. Holgate, Esq., of Ruby, mentioned as a suitable man for the Silver mission. The Silverites would receive him warmly. Miles and Brown (not J. L.) are seeking the position. As the peace and dignity of the two emporiums are at stake, we hope the Governor will not decide hastily. The Silverites are urging Hughey McGraw for diplomatic honors. We've heard the Rubyites speak well of him. We are glad that matters are becoming more conciliatory, and that the goose is assuming a greater altitude.

OPEN – The road via Boonville to Reynolds' Creek had been open and teams passing over it for several days. Fourteen loaded sleighs came over on Monday, and during the week 25,000 lbs. of freight have been brought over. The road is splendid all the way to Boise City, and the large amount of goods in store there, for Owyhee merchants, may soon be expected. According to the old woman's saying that "bread is the stuff of life, but whisky is life itself." We are out of "life" just now, though there is flour enough to meet present wants.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad Bar: Lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, canned peaches, canned apricots, salad dressing
Milk served every day

Feb. 3: Hearty beef stew, roll

Feb. 4: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, roll

Feb. 9: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas & carrots, roll

Feb. 10: Hot dog on bun, pork & beans, carrot salad

Marsing Senior Center

Feb. 3: Tamale pie, beans, rice

Feb. 4: Potato soup, ham wrap, rice salad

Feb. 8: Pot pie chicken

Feb. 9: Baked ham, turkey, potatoes, dressing, broccoli

Feb. 10: Ham & beans, stewed tomatoes, applesauce

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served every day

Feb. 4: Oven fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, glazed beets, watermelon cuke salad, Tweesie apple goodies

Feb. 9: Biscuits & gravy, sausage patties, fruit & veggie platter, ice cream delight

Feb. 11: Beef Wellington, mushroom sauce, roll, glazed beets, broccoli salad, pears, surprise cake

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Station-to-station STEM



Above: Homedale Elementary School special education teacher Cate Iaderos discusses the concept of the crater station after kindergartener Elizabeth Parker, 5, dropped a marble into a tinfoil container filled with flour.

Left: Red Solo cups come crashing down after station manager Gage Purdom, a Homedale Middle School eighth-grader, measured the pyramid built by Dannie Miller with help from her 7-year-old son Mason, a second-grader.



Sadie Rayne, a 9-year-old fourth-grader, picks up a pencil with her hand creation as her mother, Elayne, and father, Bart, look on. Students had to use their "human hands" to place a number of items into a Ziploc bag, including a pencil, a paper clip and a cotton ball.



Erin Bullard and her 8-year-old son Cruz, a third-grader, work together to stack a pyramid using rubber and string to lift the cups.

Tree-bound kitty captivates

Social media, firefighters work to save the day

It wasn't magical, but Merlin the Cat made it home after four days in a Homedale tree.

The 2-year-old, cross-eyed Siamese-Ragdoll cross was the focus of a West Montana Avenue family and their neighbors and Facebook friends, two fire departments and a tree trimmer named Forest.

In the end, none of those people saved Merlin. He got home Thursday afternoon just as he had gotten up the tree — except in reverse.

It was a 50-foot flurry of fur and fear that proved the adage true. Cats do land on their feet.

To be fair, Merlin's bullet-like exodus from his lofty branch was triggered by an approaching firefighter.

Wilder volunteer Chad Christiansen more than halfway up the ladder atop the department's truck when Merlin decided plunging to Earth would be more desirable than being party to a cliché that started the whole fuss in the first place.

It wasn't graceful. Merlin appeared to take a dive off the backside of the branch, away from Christiansen, and one would be hard-pressed not to think of the cat tumbling down the truck taking bark and a beating along the way.

Then he materialized on the ground, none the worse for wear.

But before Merlin returned to the arms of ever-grateful Cher Pedraza, he spent four frigid, foodless nights petrified in a tree, taunted by table-turning crows and a smart-aleck squirrel that was all too happy to tease the feline with daring jaunts from branch to branch and tree to tree high above the pavement.

The squirrel acted as a menacing, mocking mentor, bolting down the tree trunk only to return with a smarmy "that's how it's done" cackle.

Merlin would have none of it. Even though — as his owner Pedraza surmised — he rocketed up the tree after getting out of the house and probably being tormented by a neighborhood dog, the scaredy-cat let his fears rule him and would not retrace his claw marks to Mother Earth.

Merlin ignored his owner's pleas — and food bribes — to come home. He showed a blatant contrarianism toward advice from Caldwell tree trimmer Forest Warren, who told Pedraza's young son that he had been climbing trees for half his life even though he's afraid of heights.

"If you let fear control your life, you'll never get anywhere you're going," the sage 23-year-



Merlin the Cat keeps close watch as Wilder firefighter Chad Christiansen closes in.

old owner of Wildland Arbor Care told the boy.

Alas, Warren had to abandon his rescue attempt last Wednesday because he didn't have the spiked boots necessary to climb the additional 20 feet or so to reach Merlin. It had taken a long time to sling rope between entwined branches and hoist himself up the tree. And he was losing daylight.

Pedraza broadcast Merlin's plight on Facebook last Wednesday, and, yes, someone called the Homedale Fire Department. Numerous times.

The Facebook brigade was how Warren learned about the situation, and he decided to make the trip late Wednesday afternoon.

Most everyone who responded to the Facebook chain — and two teenagers walking home from school Wednesday afternoon — wanted to know why the fire department hadn't come out.

Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uria did make a trip to survey the situation and determined that a ladder truck — a piece of apparatus that normally has no use in the low-slung town and, thus, is not among the equipment parked at the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall — would be the best bet.

On Thursday, Uria put a call into the Wilder district, which apparently owns two ladder trucks.

By about 1:30 p.m., Assistant Chief De Enrico, Capt. Christiansen and volunteer John Claiborne swung Wilder's truck into position under the tree.

Within an hour or so, Merlin was meowing in Pedraza's arms, she was thanking the firefighters profusely, and Christiansen was beginning his campaign to ward off a new slew of nicknames down at the fire hall.

As for Merlin, he immediately embraced the warmth of his owner's arms.

But, it's unclear if Pedraza's Wednesday night prophecy about the cat's post-aerial appetite came true.

"He's going to eat and eat and eat 'til he pukes, probably," she said.

— JPB



Marsing Middle School Science Bowl team: From left: Coach Petra Vawter, Advisor Deidra Little, Samuel Withers, AJ Ayuban, Kathryn Brown, Bastion Ackerman, Moses Brown, Caden Freeman and Hailey Christiansen.

MMS students start fast at Science Bowl

Marsing Middle School students competed for the first time Saturday in the regional finals of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Science Bowl.

MMS science teacher and Science Bowl team advisor Deidra Little wrote in an email that the team won two out of three matches during the morning competition inside the engineering building at Boise State University. The squad beat Syringa Middle School of Caldwell and Boise's Hillside Junior High School.

"After lunch, we ended up losing our next two matches against teams that ended up in the finals," Little wrote.

First place and a trip to the nationals in Washington D.C. went to Lincoln Middle School of Pullman, Wash.

Treasure Valley Math and Science Charter of Boise finished second, and West Junior High of Boise walked away with third.

"Since it was a double elimination-type competition, they didn't give out places beyond third," Little wrote.

She added that the students seem excited to carry on their experience and compete again in next year's Science Bowl.

Little said students were selected for the team based on their work ethic and how well they perform in science and math.

"All kids selected to be on the team have to be willing to put in the extra time for science research and team meetings," Little wrote in an email.

She also said that MMS hasn't participated in the Science Bowl before because it takes time outside of regular school hours for herself and coach Petra Vawter to prepare. They decided to make the extra time this year.

"We thought it would be a great way to challenge kids and foster their mutual enthusiasm for science," Little wrote.

One team member is eighth-grader Caden Freeman, 14. The son of Kim and Justin Freeman has a general curiosity about science.

His favorite subject is biology "because I like the study of animals. I want to be an animal biologist. That's what I'd like to do."

Caden knew the team was facing an uphill battle going into the competition, but he tried to be optimistic.

"We're a little bit nervous, but we're pretty confident and we'd

really like to kind of give Marsing a good name," Freeman said two days before the competition.

The team started practicing shortly before Thanksgiving, but Caden didn't think the main goal was necessarily to win.

"I think it's for people to have fun and kind of test their knowledge, and have fun with science," he said.

He found studying for the bowl to be far more difficult than his normal science course work.

Moses Brown, the 14-year-old son of Keren and Aaron Brown, also participated Saturday.

Little asked the eighth-grader if he'd like to be on the team after he was the only student to get a high score on a test last fall.

Bowl questions at the bowl were from every field of science.

"From science history, to chemistry, all the way to astrophysics," Moses said. "Everything basically that you can think of."

He said he finds science to be "incredibly intriguing."

"I've always been curious, and it's good to see and learn how things actually work," he said.

Moses thinks his best subject is math, but he enjoys science more and pointed out that he didn't study for the bowl.

"I haven't actually picked up a book and tried to learn more the entire time," he said. "I learn more from the questions that are asked."

He was hoping for a big win on Saturday, and said it would have been incredible for an inaugural team to make it into the finals in Washington D.C.

Hailey Christiansen, 13, is one of two girls on the team. The daughter of Julie and Aaron Christiansen thinks Little asked her to be on the team because she is a straight-A student.

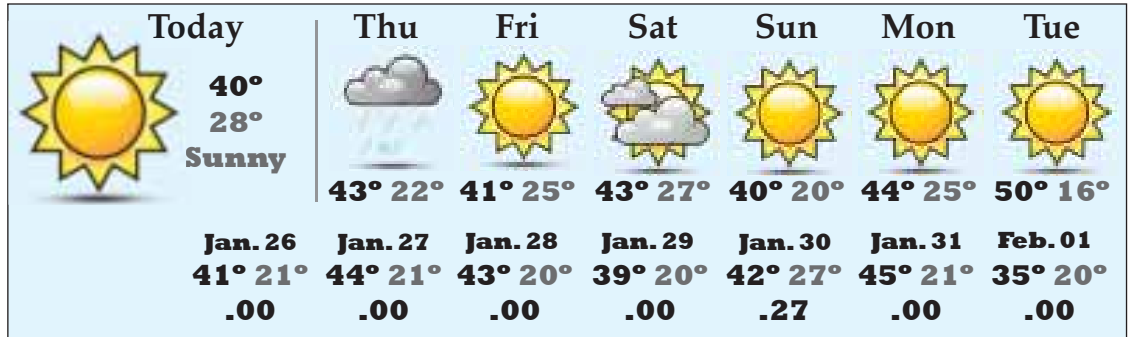
Hailey has been interested in science for a long time.

"My two favorite classes are science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)," she said. "I like doing the experiments and learning about different things."

Hailey added that what she's learned in the classroom helped her prepare for questions she faced in the bowl. Her parents also spent some time studying for the bowl with her at home.

"Sometimes I studied with my mom and dad," she said. "They'd ask me questions, and I answered them."

— SC



SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
01/26	5.0	20	8.6	34	15	24
01/27	5.0	20	8.6	43	16	28
01/28	5.0	20	8.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/29	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	17	31
01/30	5.6	24	9.4	35	13	26
01/31	5.6	n/a	9.4	27	2	18
02/01	5.6	22	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
01/26	8.3	n/a	10.6	38	28	31
01/27	8.3	n/a	10.5	43	25	31
01/28	8.3	n/a	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/29	n/a	n/a	n/a	45	27	34
01/30	9.0	n/a	11.0	29	21	25
01/31	9.0	n/a	11.0	28	16	20
02/01	8.8	n/a	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
01/26	11.0	35	19.0	42	25	32
01/27	10.9	35	19.0	45	31	36
01/28	10.9	35	19.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/29	n/a	n/a	n/a	46	25	35
01/30	12.5	41	20.9	29	19	24
01/31	12.6	41	21.0	29	13	19
02/01	12.7	40	21.0	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 14 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 772 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 11 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 98,060 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

STEM drone education landing at Marsing after-school program

Project will have strong ties to ag applications

The Marsing Droneology Project starts this week for about 70 third- through seventh-graders in the district's after-school program.

The course was made possible by a \$2,492 grant awarded last week by the Idaho STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Action Center. The organization handed out a total of \$48,175 to 23 Idaho schools.

Ken Price is the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) after-school program director for the Marsing School District. He wrote the grant application and said the program will use online curriculum designed by STEMfinity, Inc. of Boise, a nationally known STEM education company.

One of the project goals is to get students used to working with tools.

"Getting them in their hands, and getting them to do what they want them to do," Price said.

The students will use quadcopters, which are not technically drones because drones are pre-programmed to fly autonomously and quadcopters are operated by a person via remote control.

Price looks at quadcopters as essentially being toys that have a business application. He thinks that will work in his favor because one of the biggest challenges he faces is keeping after-

school students entertained while still teaching them something.

The project is also aimed at showing students how quadcopters can be used in agricultural operations.

Price has been talking with Dr. Duke Bulanon from Northwest Nazarene University, who has been using drone technology with farmers in Canyon County for the past two years.

"Flying drones or quadcopters over fields and taking videos and pictures of the fields to determine water distribution, crop damage due to insects, and other concerns that farmers have out here that they really can't tell from the ground level, and that's a real practical application," Price said.

In the program's culminating exercise, students will design a course through which they must navigate their quadcopter while taking photos at various points along the way. The students will have to calculate distances, design travel patterns, keep time and think about the limitations of the quadcopters.

"I like that idea because it's basically what Duke from NNU is doing in the field," Price said.

Price thinks the course will cover about a quarter of an acre, which would allow them to conduct the exercise in the gymnasium, in the case of high winds.

The after-school program earned the grant, in part, because Marsing is considered a high poverty area. The school district also has a high minority population.

"Those kids in that profile don't really get exposure to a lot

of STEM activities that kids in wealthier neighborhoods do, like in Boise," Price said.

"There are a lot of broken families out here and just not a lot of resources, so they are interested in targeting areas like Marsing and Homedale and Owyhee County."

The first couple of weeks of the program will involve the online Droneology course, focusing on how quadcopters and drones work, what their practical applications are, and basic safety for using quadcopters.

The after-school Droneology project will conclude on April 28. From now through May, the quadcopters will be available to Marsing third- through seventh-grade teachers during the day to plan STEM activities with their students.

The grant money paid for 10 quadcopters at \$177 each, totaling \$1,770. Price also used the funds to buy 20 replacement motors at \$3.25 each, which totaled \$65.

The grant paid for 50 of the \$13 licenses to use the Droneology online curriculum, totaling \$650. The district's CCLC fund paid for the other 20, which added up to \$260.

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Juniors — JJ Echave

Sophomores — Kirk Eiguren

Freshmen — Emilee Burch, Regann Skinner and Taylor Warn

Eighth-graders — Baylee Davis

Seventh-graders — Quinton Collins

**Honors
(3.74 to 3.25 GPA)**

Seniors — Wyatt Stanford

Juniors — Alisha Rogers, Zoey Warn and Garrett Youren

Sophomores — Bekkah Cline, Katelyn Deen and Garrett Easterday

Freshmen — Skyler Forsythe, Sam Green, Zeke Quintero, Wade Raine and Nicole Terry

Eighth-graders — Shaienne Keller and Kort Skinner

Seventh-graders — Tina Gammett and Kiana Quintero



Wilson Butte 4-H club's 2016 officers are, from left, president Tyler Roberts, vice-president Colton Brown, secretary Elizabeth Harmon, treasurer Taylor Fisher and sergeant of arms Jonathan Ineck. Submitted photo

4-H club sets pinochle fundraisers

The Wilson Butte 4-H club held its first 4-H meeting of the year and started planning their projects and activities for 2016.

The club welcomed new 4-H member Dawson Parkins.

New officers were elected, including president Tyler Roberts; vice-president Colton Brown; secretary Elizabeth

Harmon; treasurer Taylor Fisher; and sergeant of arms Jonathan Ineck.

Members discussed donating and assisting to the Melba and Marsing community auctions.

As a fundraiser the club is planning to hold pinochle tournaments. One will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 at

the Marsing Senior Center. The second takes place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27 at the Melba Senior Center. Both tournaments are open to the public, and it'll cost \$10 to enter. Prizes will be awarded to the top players.

Contact Mary at (208) 896-4512 for more information on the tournaments.

College of Southern Idaho fall Dean's List includes Owyheean

Four Owyhee County residents earned spots on the College of Southern Idaho Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester at the Twin Falls post-secondary school.

Candidates must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and take 12 or more credits.

Grand View — Ricardo Araujo

and Kyla Jewett
Marsing — Carey Dines and Crystal Mitchell

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Local irrigation officials to meet Tuesday

The men who govern the south end of the Owyhee Project irrigation system will convene Tuesday afternoon for their monthly meeting.

The South Board of Control's next series of meetings begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 S. 1st St. W. in Homedale. The Ridgeview

Irrigation District directors meet at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem directors at 1:15 p.m. and the South Board of Control at 1:30 p.m.

Typical items that come up at the meetings include a review of finances, paying bills, and a summary of any needed equipment repairs.

SBOC manager Clancy Flynn also usually gives the directors an updated water report.

By press time Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 14 percent full with 98,060 acre-feet of water.

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Foreign students study at Adrian High
Foreign exchange students attending Adrian High School for the 2015-16 school year include, from left, Jan Kietzman, Germany; Pau Roget, Spain; Dennis Dick, Germany; Oscar Podsuwan, Thailand; Alvaro Martinez, Spain; and Kris Ulrich, Germany. AHS Photography

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Donations sought, raffle tickets available for Bruneau auction

Raffle tickets are on sale and donations are being sought ahead of the annual Bruneau Boosters Community Auction and Dinner.

The event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., in Bruneau.

Auction and raffle proceeds will benefit various community events throughout the year.

To donate an item for the auction, call Judy McBride at (208) 845-2842. Donations will be collected at the Legion Hall from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19 and beginning at 10 a.m. the day of the auction.

A free chili and cornbread dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and homemade pie will be sold by the slice. Folks can peruse silent auction items and register bids during dinner.

The live auction starts at 7 p.m.

A Traeger pellet grill will be raffled the night of the auction. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10 and can be purchased from a Booster Club member or at the door the night of the auction. The grill raffle is made possible through a donation by Jace Prow of Mountain Home's A to Z Hardware and Aegis Renewables.



Some of the items that will be up for grabs on Feb. 13 during the 60th annual Grand View Lions Club Auction. Submitted photo

Bruneau PTO carnival set Saturday

Games and food will be available during Saturday's Bruneau Elementary PTO Winter Wonderland fundraiser.

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

Organizers still seek sponsors, volunteers and bakers. Call (208) 845-2252 to get involved.

The nacho bar dinner will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12, while children 4 and

younger eat for free. The menu includes the nacho bar, a drink and dessert.

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

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

Auction helps Lions help Grand View through many projects

The 60th annual Grand View Lions Auction on Saturday, Feb. 13, is a chance to help the club in its community project efforts.

The Lions Club is seeking donations for the live auction, which starts at 1 p.m. after a luncheon is served inside the 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.

Verla Robison, whose husband Paul Spang was president when the club's charter was signed in 1956, is the group's president.

Auction proceeds help the Lions Club promote its various community projects, including:

- Eyeglasses for children and adults who are in need, but can't afford them.
- Continuing work on the city's greenbelt.
- Tiling the drain ditch on the vacated Wood Street to add to the

Riverside Cemetery's footprint.

- Partial funding for the Good Grades Make Sense award program sponsored by the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School National Honor Society chapter
- The Lions Club Eye Bank
- Funding Little League basketball, soccer and baseball in Grand View and Bruneau
- Maintaining the Grand View Lions Club hall and Lions Park
- Sponsorship of the annual community Halloween pizza party

Entries now open as MRW chili cook-off returns

Organizers: Get reservations now

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue has issued an open call for chili cooks.

MRW's fifth annual Firehouse Chili Cook-off takes place on Saturday, March 26. It coincides with the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring bazaar at the historical museum complex in Murphy.

The categories have expanded for this year's chili contest, and organizers plan to include all entrants' recipes in a forthcoming MRW Fire and Rescue cookbook. Categories for this year's cook-off include:

- Chili (no bean)
- Texas red chili
- Chili Verde (green)

- Chili Blanco (white)
- Vegetarian chili
- Anything Goes Chili

There will be a People's Choice Award again this year, too.

The entry fee is \$15 for the first recipe and \$10 for each additional entry from the same team. The public can taste the chili entries beginning at 11:45 a.m. the day of the cook-off. A \$5 donation will be asked for the tasting.

For entry forms, rules and more information, contact info@mrwfire.org or (208) 495-2154.

Anyone who wants to be a cook-off judge or is interested in volunteering for the event can contact organizers through the email or phone number, too.

Cook-off entries will be accepted on the day of the event, but organizers warn that all good spots may be taken.

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Marsing Chamber adds VP post

A familiar face to the Marsing Chamber of Commerce is now part of the group's leadership.

During the Chamber's Jan. 14 meeting, Stan Beebe of Edward Jones was named vice-president.

Chamber president Luke Burbank said the Chamber has never had a vice-president during his tenure as president, and the idea behind creating the position was to have Beebe automatically become president when Burbank leaves his post.

Beebe is a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Nampa, but serves the Marsing area and was formerly a director on the Marsing Chamber.

During the meeting, Burbank was re-named as president. Burbank is manager of the US Bank

in Marsing.

The rest of the Marsing Chamber's executive board includes secretary Ellen Boatman and treasurer Mike Sprinkel. Boatman also works at the Marsing US Bank, and Sprinkel is co-owner of Cindy's Doodads, a women's boutique in Marsing that he runs with his wife Cindy.

Businesses around Marsing received Chamber membership drive solicitations last week.

The letters encouraged the businesses to either become Chamber members or to renew their membership. The Chamber sends out about 80 of the letters annually, and Chamber dues are \$50.

Marsing Chamber membership perks include the business name

being placed on publications and advertising throughout the year, Burbank wrote in the letter.

However, the Marsing Chamber of Commerce doesn't limit itself to solely promoting area businesses.

"The Chamber also contributes to the annual Art and Wine in the park, the spectacular fireworks show over the river on the 3rd of July, the Bazaar and Night Light Parade prior to Thanksgiving," Burbank wrote.

The 3rd of July celebration includes the Lions Club benefit barbecue and a country carnival at Island Park.

Anyone with questions about becoming a Chamber member can call Burbank at US Bank in Marsing at (208) 896-4114.

Missoula Children's Theatre returning to Marsing; auditions slated Feb. 15

The Marsing Music Boosters are sponsoring the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of Peter and Wendy this month.

The MCT team will hold an open audition at 6 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 15 in the Marsing school cafeteria.

About 50 to 60 students will be cast, and the audition is open

to all students in local districts, grades K-12.

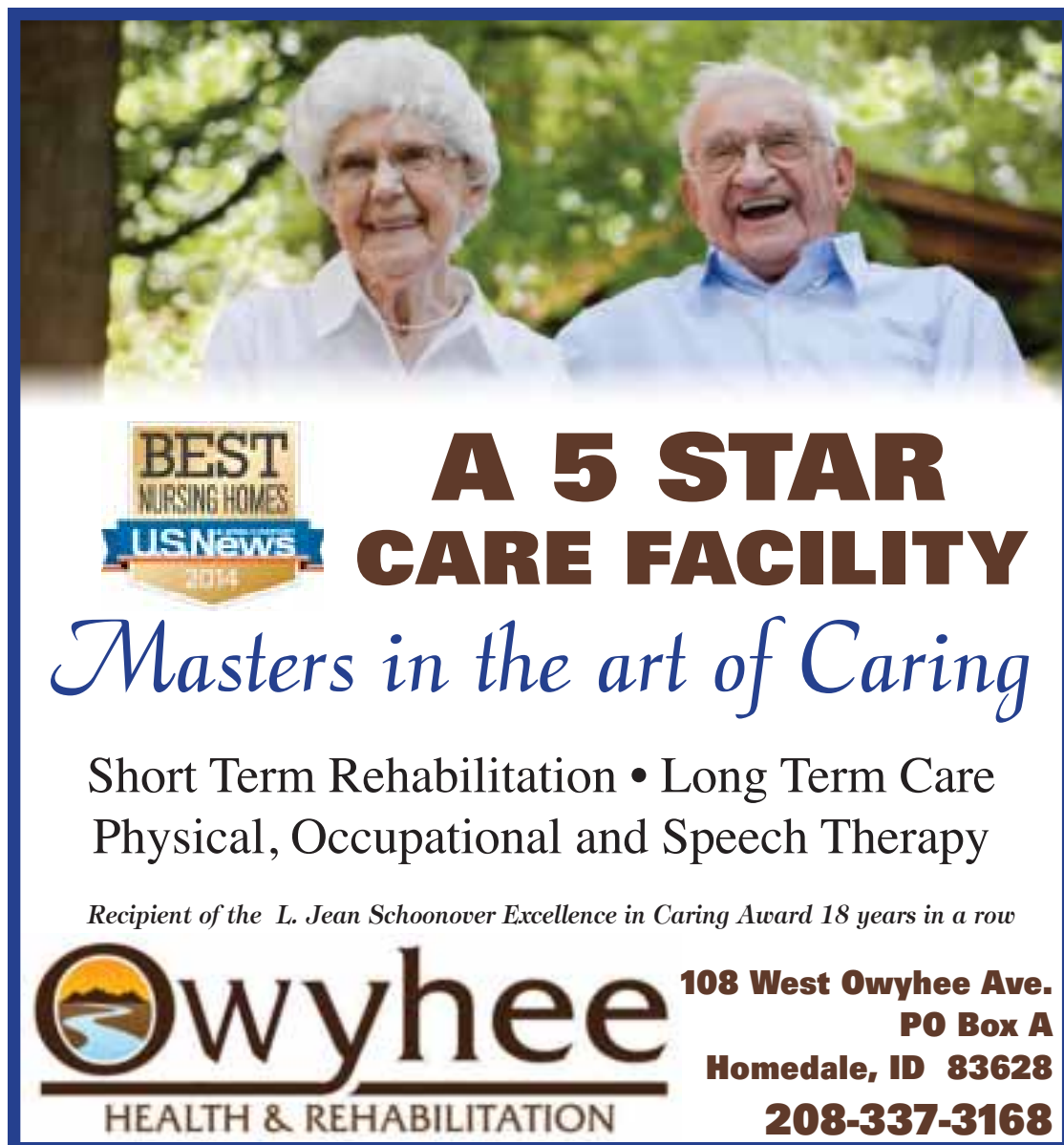
Rehearsals will be held throughout the week, and the public performance will be presented at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 20 in the cafeteria.

For more information on the local production, call Teri Belle at (208) 908-1699 or email funnilyizard@mac.com.

All MCT shows are original adaptations on classic children's stories and fairytales.

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Homedale Chamber seeks new members

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce is hoping to see some fresh new faces.

At the business organization's Jan. 26 luncheon at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Mayor Gheen Christoffersen recently expressed interest in making the Chamber more active.

The mayor would like to see more participation at monthly meetings by existing members and hopes some additional members will join the group.

"It's a great organization, but it really doesn't provide a footprint for what the actual business activity is in Homedale," Eidemiller said.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said being listed in the business directory on the Chamber's website is a good deal for what people pay in membership fees, because he thinks the site gets a lot of traffic.

Annual fees range from \$35 to \$60 depending on how many employees a business has.

"Membership has been fairly steady, stable numbers the last five or six years," Parker said. "Most folks, even if they aren't actively participating, they're showing their support through membership."

Owyhee Lanes Restaurant owner Vern Tunnell commented

that the Chamber also has a Facebook page, but said nobody ever submits information on upcoming events.

That started a discussion of possibly posting articles on the page when a new business opens in Homedale.

Tunnell also said he would buy lunch for a new Chamber member the first time he or she attends a meeting.

Eidemiller said City Hall might be able to help bring in new members for the Chamber. He thinks it would be a good idea to attach Chamber membership applications to business licenses at City Hall, so someone opening a new business would immediately know about the Chamber.

"If you staple (the Chamber application) to it, they have to make a concerted effort to tear it apart," Eidemiller said.

According to the business directory on the City of Homedale/Chamber website, the Chamber currently has 48 members.

Anyone with questions about becoming a Chamber member can call Parker at Bowen-Parker-Day accounting and financial advising at (208) 337-3271 or Chamber treasurer/secretary Sheila Mateson at Alforex Seeds at (208) 337-4693.

— SC

Conservation is focus of Malheur meeting

Malheur County agricultural producers will have a chance to weigh in on natural resource conservation policy during a meeting in Vale, Ore., next Wednesday.

The Malheur County Local Work Group will hold a public meeting from 9 a.m. to noon at the Malheur Educational Service District Office, 363 A St. West in Vale, Ore.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conser-

vation Service will gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Malheur County.

For more information, call Malheur County district conservationist Lynn Larsen at (541) 889-7637, ext. 103 or lynn.larsen@or.usda.gov.



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Marsing FFA'ers ready to share

Above: Marsing FFA chapter members Taylor Jerome and Sydney Barker work on a flower arrangement. **Below:** Lena Metcalf shows off her completed boutonniere. The school's Horticulture students went to work Thursday after Tammi MacKenzie from Rubble's Ramblin' Rose Flower Shop demonstrated how to make a boutonniere. Submitted photos



Senators divided on state education funding levels

Brackett sees importance of salary, discretionary funding increases

by Taylor Nadauld

For The Owyhee Avalanche

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter announced plans to make both K-12 and post-secondary education Idaho's top priorities this legislative session, calling for a 7.9 percent increase in public school funding, including more than \$38 million toward the teacher career ladder.

But many legislators are doubtful his goals will be met this year.

Dist. 28 Sen. Jim Guthrie (R-Inkom), a member of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Com-



Bert Brackett

mittee (JFAC), said the governor's education budget is "pretty aggressive," and said some legislators are wondering if it needs to be tempered a bit.

On Thursday, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sherri Ybarra, asked JFAC for a 7.5 percent increase in public education funding — slightly lower than the governor's proposal.

Guthrie said he would be glad to meet the governor's education budget recommendations, but said the Legislature has other programs it must budget for as well, including an extra 27th payroll period the state must pay its employees this year, as opposed to the typical 26 — an addition that happens every 11 years.

Guthrie said higher education institutions should be obligated to plan for that just like the state

has to.

"I think that higher ed is appreciative of the governor's recommendations, but, you know, they still ask for more," Guthrie said.

Dist. 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) was more hopeful for Otter's education budget proposal, though he said some line items might not be approved.

Brackett said the governor's proposal to fund the teacher career ladder will be important this session, as well as the proposal to increase discretionary funding for schools.

"I think we'll make a pretty good stab at it," Brackett said.

The comments came during "Education Week," a week dedicated to Idaho's public K-12 schools, colleges, and universities in the JFAC and the House and Senate Education Committees.

Boise State University particularly made its presence known on Jan. 26, as flags sporting the school's logo were staked outside the Capitol, and students gathered with presentations in the rotunda.

Otter officially declared the day "BSU Day."

BSU president Dr. Bob Kustra asked JFAC for more funding for the university. He cited the school's relatively high rate of distribution of bachelor degrees compared to the rest of Idaho's higher ed institutions.

"Let's put the money where the students are," Kustra said.

Representatives from Idaho State University, the University of Idaho, Lewis and Clark State College, and Idaho's community colleges — North Idaho College, College of Western Idaho, and College of Southern Idaho — also

met with JFAC and Education Committees in both chambers to present statistics and goals, and petition for more funding.

But some legislators were not totally sold.

"I think they do themselves a great disservice in front of that committee by not addressing their direct financial needs and fleshing out the governor's recommendations and explaining why they think they're a good idea rather than just saying they support them," Dist. 31 Sen. Steve Bair (R-Blackfoot) said.

Financial issues were not the only ones brought before the committee last week.

Hispanic student recruitment was a recurring theme as committee members questioned the racial diversity of Idaho university student bodies.

UI President Chuck Staben said the school is trying to diversify its student body to represent racial populations of the state, but said the Moscow institution has not yet reached that goal.

Overall, every college president commended the governor for his budget ideas, including a proposed tuition lock, and additional funding for Idaho's STEM programs, as well as scholarships and literacy programs.

— 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. This is the second year that the Avalanche and the McClure Center have collaborated on the project, which assists a handful of weekly newspapers around the state. Nadauld also is reporting for Idaho Public Radio.

Dist. 23 legislators named Ag All Stars

The Food Producers of Idaho organization has tabbed the District 23 legislative delegation as part of the 2015 Ag All Stars.

State Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) and Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home) were honored for their voting record on issues opposed or supported by the Food Producers of Idaho.

The Food Producers of Idaho represent more than 45 agriculture

commodity and farm organizations in Idaho and has issued the Ag All Star awards each of the past 15 legislative sessions.

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An Oregon State Police vehicle is parked near the spot where a Chevrolet Tahoe came to rest on its roof on U.S. Highway 95 about 40 miles from Jordan Valley. OSP photo

California woman perishes in wreck outside Jordan Valley

A one-car accident on an icy road about 40 miles west of Jordan Valley claimed the life of a California woman Saturday morning.

Oregon State Police and Jordan Valley Ambulance responded to the crash about at 7:43 a.m. on U.S. Highway 95 at mile marker 59.

According to OSP troopers, a Chevrolet Tahoe traveling southbound left the road when Jorge Gutierrez-Herrera, 36, of San Diego, Calif., lost control of the vehicle. The SUV crossed the northbound lane and came to rest on its top.

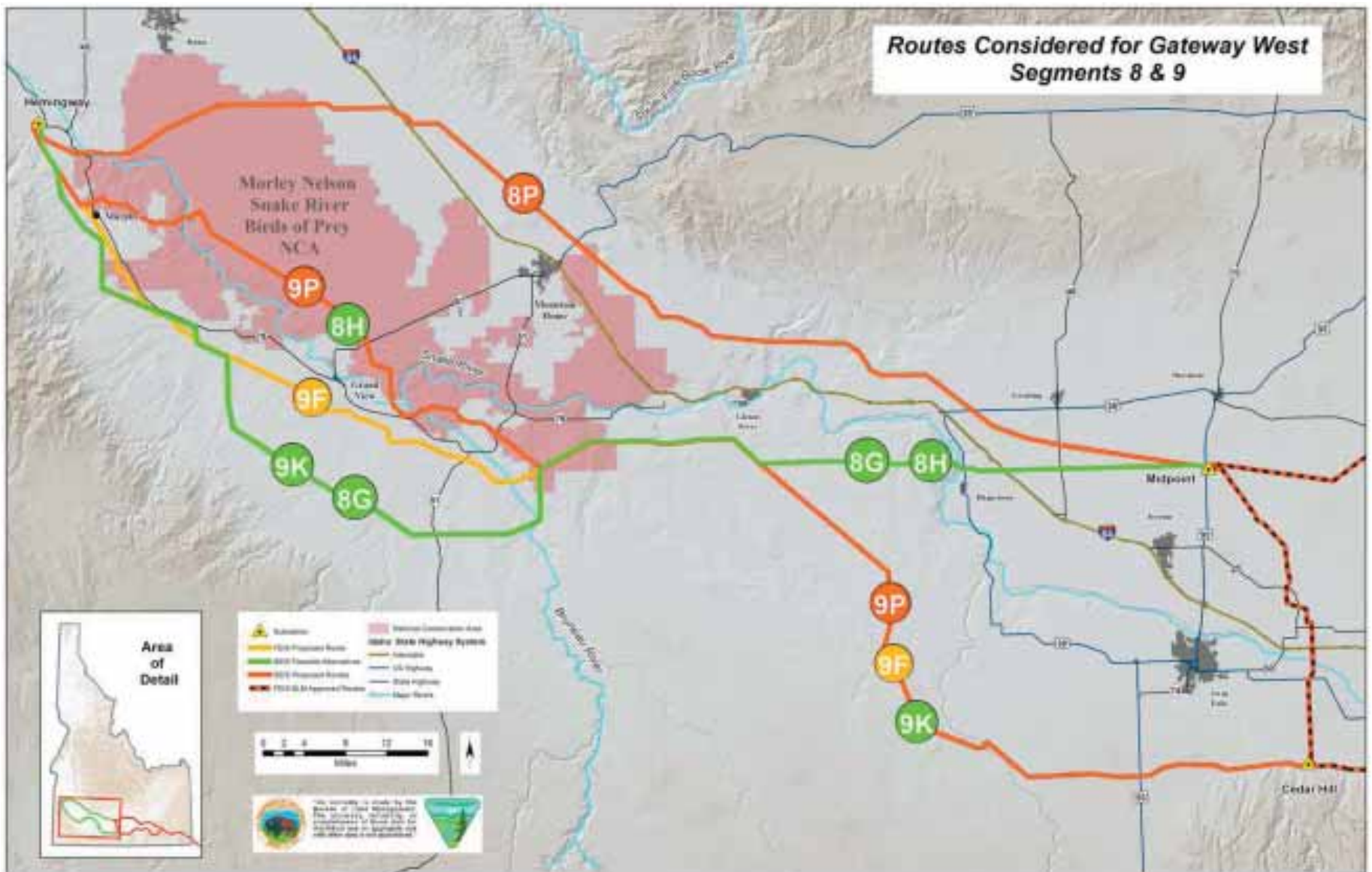
The rear passenger, 69-year-old Francisca Herrera of San Rafael, Calif., was ejected. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Jorge Gutierrez-Herrera was flown by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

The right front passenger, identified as 28-year-old Julian Gutierrez-Herrera of Merced, Calif., was transported via ground ambulance to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Investigators determined that the men were wearing safety belts, while Herrera was not restrained.

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Bureau of Land Management map

✓ BLM: Aberasturi says Boardman-to-Hemingway route has been altered

supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the two segments. The rest of the 500-kilovolt transmission line's proposed 1,100-mile route from Wyoming to the Hemingway Butte substation in Wilson already has gone through the EIS process. BLM delayed the EIS on the Owyhee County segments until after a subcommittee of the Boise District Resource Advisory Council held meetings to analyze the impacts.

BLM had planned to release the EIS for public comment in September, but the process was delayed first by lingering questions about impacts on historic trails and sage-grouse habitat and issues involving the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area then by the outbreak of the Soda Fire.

The draft supplemental EIS is set for a springtime release, kicking off a 90-day public comment period. In this week's newsletter, BLM Idaho state director Tim Murphy said the agency won't be able to extend the comment period further. At least four public meetings will be scheduled, too.

The routes preferred by the utilities and endorsed by the county commissioners avoid private property by sending the segments through the NCA where a lower-voltage line already exists. However, conservationists and BLM officials in the national office have balked at the idea of the line through the NCA despite the existing power line and studies that show the lines aren't a threat to raptors living in the area.

Aberasturi expects renewed efforts to site the line south of

Murphy and Grand View, but the Soda Fire's aftermath may make that a hard sell to both environmentalists and Idaho Power because of sage-grouse habitat and the utility's wish to keep its investment out of the path of possible future fires.

"I'm sure there will be a push to put it out there on the southern route, and I don't know what the government's decision will be on that," Aberasturi said.

The commissioner suspects the BLM could try to put the line in between the southern route and the preferred path for Segment 9.

"Our concern is that if they try to go in between, that puts into play that route that went right through farmground," he said.

Litigation might result from the southern route, Aberasturi said, as environmentalists try to stop it.

But the county has a tool of its

own — its land use plan — to try to prevent the unwanted encroachment on private property, he said.

"If it goes into the southern ground, the county won't allow the (conditional use permit) for that, but if the (landowners) start saying yes (to easements), it'll be difficult to go against that," Aberasturi said.

Slight B2H route change

Aberasturi said the Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line, another Idaho Power project that is planned between Oregon and the substation in Wilson, has been altered.

Idaho Power wants to change the route slightly in the Poison Creek-Jump Creek area.

"The original agreement with everybody was that they were supposed to stay south of the Owyhee Heights canal because

there is very little farmground south of it," Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi said the shift from a required 1,500-foot-wide corridor to a 250-foot corridor has prompted the utility to straighten out a portion of the line, possibly to save on construction costs.

Three private landowners already had signed off on easements for the original layout, but Aberasturi said the change would affect three additional landowners.

Like with Gateway West, though, the county is prepared to invoke its land use plan if the additional property owners don't want the line.

"It's one of the very few controls left to the county that hasn't been usurped by the state," Aberasturi said of the ability to deny a CUP for utility right-of-way.

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New Homedale businesses open



Beauty salon, tattoo studio share West Idaho space

Sumr's Hair and Nails and Voodoo Tattoo are now open at 6 W. Idaho Ave. in Homedale. Both businesses opened Friday, Jan. 22. Voodoo Tattoo is owned by John Mitchell (above right) and his wife Melanie. The shop is currently open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, and noon to 10 p.m., Saturday and its phone number is (208) 440-9767. Sumr's Hair and Nails, owned by Sumr Badiola (above left giving Lisa Jorgensen a trim), is in a room separate from the tattoo studio and is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday by appointment. Sumr's Hair and Nails can be reached at (208) 577-7848.

INS takes custody of convicted burglar

A Marsing man convicted of burglary has been turned over to federal immigration officials.

Emiliano Nava Balderrama, 29, had spent 115 days in jail before his felony sentencing on Jan. 22.

Balderrama was transferred to Immigration and Naturalization Service custody last Wednesday after he served a five-day Owyhee County Jail sentence.

Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde suspended a state prison sentence of two to five years as well as 60 days of a six-month jail term.

Balderrama must pay \$800 in restitution and \$245.50 in court costs.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a petty theft charge.

Felony probationers arrested on violations

Two men wanted on probation violations have been arrested outside Owyhee County.

Clackamas County, Ore., sheriff's deputies arrested 44-year-old Michael Robinson of Oregon City on a no-bond warrant on Friday.

Robinson was wanted on a no-bond warrant stemming from his failure to pay restitution after a May 2014 felony conviction for drug possession.

A \$50,000 bench warrant was issued on Jan. 14 in Third District Court, but that was recalled on Jan. 26 and replaced with the no-bond warrant.

Robinson remained in custody in Clackamas County on a fugitive warrant Monday afternoon.

William Raymond Calvillo, 23, a transient, was arrested on an Owyhee County warrant Thursday in Ada County.

Local authorities sought Calvillo on a \$50,000 probation violation warrant after he resisted Nampa Police officers on New

Year's Day and then failed to appear for a court hearing on Jan. 25. Calvillo was sentenced after a guilty plea to driving without privileges, a misdemeanor, on Friday in Ada County.

The Owyhee County warrant was issued on Jan. 20 when it was determined Calvillo may have violated the conditions of probation he entered into following his conviction in 2014 on a charge of felony eluding.

Calvillo led OCSO personnel on a high-speed vehicle pursuit then entered Marsing High School through an unlocked door before being arrested.

Acting on an anonymous tip, Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies arrested 22-year-old Payton Herman on Saturday at a residence on Meininger Road in Marsing.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Herman was wanted on a misdemeanor warrant out of Cassia County.

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Flanked by her mother Sonia, left, and father Ramiro, Homedale High School senior Gardenia Machuca (seated, center) signs her letter of intent to play softball at Treasure Valley Community College. Looking on are, from left, TVCC player McKenzie Barrera, TVCC coach Gordy Ogawa, HHS coaches Larry Corta, Steve Nash and Cary Hoshaw, TVCC player and HHS grad Elise Shenk and TVCC assistant Rick Moeller.

Machuca makes TVCC her choice

Senior gives Chukars' softball team its fourth Trojan in two seasons

Gardenia Machuca wasn't sure about her softball future until two teammates signed to play in college.

Now, the former 3A Snake River Valley conference rookie of the year and MVP will join fellow Homedale High School teammates Makayla Aberasturi and Tristan Corta in Treasure Valley Community College's next recruiting class.

"I wasn't sure at the time if I wanted to keep playing, but seeing

them sign made me think maybe I do," Machuca said.

Chukars coach Gordy Ogawa is glad the 17-year-old senior decided to keep playing.

"There are a lot of good things being said about her," Ogawa said. "We felt she can come in with her power and help us swing the bats."

Machuca signed her letter of intent Thursday inside the

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Huskies boys win games in last seconds

Buzzer-beater snaps losing skid vs. NP; free throws edge North Star

The last-second bounces finally went the way of the Marsing High School boys' basketball team.

The Huskies scored points in the final seconds to win a pair of 2A Western Idaho Conference games last week.

Sam Galligan and Enrique Quebrado put in clutch performances down the stretch Friday in Eagle in Marsing's 47-45 victory over North Star Charter.

With his team trailing by a

point with 14 seconds remaining, Quebrado knocked down three of four free throws to push Marsing (6-12 overall, 5-4 in conference) to the win.

Last Wednesday, Dakota Hardy sank a three-pointer at the buzzer to push Marsing to a 50-49 breakout victory over visiting New Plymouth.

Hardy's shot capped a comeback that snapped the Huskies' four-game 2A

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Enrique Quebrado

Few speed bumps to Johnson's Sugar title

Homedale's state-ranked senior wrestlers keep winning

As the wrestling season enters its final month, Homedale High School's state-ranked athletes seem to be hitting their stride.

Nash Johnson (No. 1 among the state's Class 3A 145-pounders) and John Collett (No. 3 at 160) were both victorious last week.

Nash Johnson added to his school-record victories total and his trophy case Saturday when he won a championship at the John Berry Classic Sugar Invitational



Nash Johnson

at Sugar-Salem High School.

Johnson improved his 2015-16 record to 35-5 and stretched his career wins total to 139 when he pinned Firth's Colton Clemens with 24 seconds left in their title match in Sugar City.

The top-ranked Class 3A wrestler in the state passed his biggest challenge of the weekend when he conquered Class 2A No. 5 Ty

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Homedale's Carli Sawyer, left, and Kendall Nash pressure a Payette dribbler during Thursday's all-time lowest defensive performance. Tory Nash went over 1,000 points for her career, too.

District tournaments loom

Clutch victory can't keep Marsing off road

Marsing High School girls' basketball players did all they could to get a postseason home game Thursday.

It just wasn't enough.

The Huskies started the fourth quarter in a hole, but rallied to beat Melba, 49-45, on the road to close the 2A Western Idaho Conference season.

The win created a three-way tie for third place, but tiebreakers give McCall-Donnelly the No. 3 seed and will send fifth-seeded Marsing back to No. 4 Melba to start the 2A District III Tournament on Thursday. Tipoff is 7 p.m.

Freshman Alex Grant's 15 points and six steals powered Marsing's charge against Melba. Sheyanne Glorfield hit a couple three-point goals and five of eight free throws for the bulk of her 13 points.

Marsing (8-13 overall, 4-6 in conference) trailed Melba, 34-32, after three quarters in a seesaw game that saw the Huskies ahead, 24-21,

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Homedale girls one win from another trip to State

Two days after a game of milestones, Homedale High School's hopes for a top seed in the girls' basketball district tournament came to the end of the road.

Emmett blew out the visiting Trojans, 64-45, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference season finale that also decided the No. 1 berth in this week's 3A District III Tournament at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Emmett's victory ended a 10-game winning streak for Homedale (17-4 overall, 9-1 3A SRV) and also created a tie atop the standings. The Huskies have an identical overall record as the Trojans, too.

Although both teams earned first-round byes and won't play until Friday night, Emmett is at the top of the bracket because of point differential in the teams' head-to-head meetings this year. Homedale beat Emmett by 11 points, 60-49, on Jan. 14.

Homedale can guarantee its fourth consecutive trip to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tourna-

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✓ Machuca: Teammates' decision prompts slugger's

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HHS gymnasium foyer flanked by her parents Ramiro and Sonia and backed by her high school coaches and her future junior college coaches and two prospective TVCC teammates — McKenzie Barrera and Elise Shenk, who played with Machuca at Homedale.

"It was a huge factor because I know them already," Machuca said of the impact having Shenk as a sophomore and fellow freshmen Aberasturi and Corta on the TVCC roster with her.

"Just knowing they were going to be there made me feel more confident."

Confidence is not something Machuca should lack on the softball diamond, her high school coach said.

Larry Corta, who has had Machuca on two Class 3A state championship squads, said the Trojans' coaches lobbied hard to ensure that she would continue her athletic career.

"We were really pushing her to go, and she's at that level to play two years there and maybe go to

a Div. I school," Corta said.

Later, Corta said: "I think she could have played D-I right now."

Instead of jumping right to a four-year school, though, Machuca will stay close to home, study physical therapy and learn from Ogawa.

"Gordy will be happy with her," Corta said.

Ogawa and Corta both mentioned Machuca's athleticism. She has been a three-sport athlete at HHS, playing volleyball and exerting herself on the backboards for the girls' basketball team this year before shifting gears to go for a second consecutive state title when softball starts later this month.

Ogawa sees Machuca as an outfielder, but says that her athletic makeup and tools make her a good fit for a program that strives to find players who can serve more of a utility role.

"Especially with her ability to swing the bat, we'll have to find a place for her," Ogawa said.

— JPB

✓ Homedale: Emmett snatches top seed

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ment with a win in Friday's district semifinal.

Senior Tory Lane led all players Saturday with 24 points, putting her career total at 1,030 points, but Emmett was able to clamp down on the rest of Homedale's scorers.

The Huskies took control with 16 points in the third quarter, entering the final frame with a 40-30 advantage then out-gunning Homedale down the stretch.

Lillie Smith led three Emmett players in double figures, scoring 14 points.

Tristan Corta scored seven points for Homedale. Lane and fellow senior Elizabeth Vargas snagged eight rebounds each.

Thursday: Homedale 69, Payette 9 — The upperclassmen got their run, but the Trojans' reserves saw plenty of action on a record-setting Senior Night.

The Trojans' defense established a new all-time low point total for an opponent against 3A SRV cellardweller Payette on Thursday.

Lane topped 1,000 points in her career and crept closer to shattering her own single-season three-point goal record as Homedale posted its 10th consecutive victory.

But coach Joe Betancourt's bench players put on a stifling display during the second quarter.

The Trojans scored the game's first 17 points, ending the run when Lane put back Tristan Corta's missed free throw to break the 1,000-point barrier.

Corta led all scorers with 21 points, and Lane dropped in 15 to take her career total to 1,006. She also nailed three three-pointers,

3A District III Tournament

At TVCC, Ontario, Ore.

Thursday

No. 4 Parma (8-13) vs. No. 5 Fruitland (4-16), 6 p.m.
No. 3 Weiser (9-10) vs. No. 6 Payette (1-19), 7:30 p.m.

Friday

(Winners to 3A state tournament)

No. 1 Emmett (17-4) vs. Parma-Fruitland winner, 6 p.m.
No. 2 Homedale (17-4) vs. Weiser-Payette winner, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Friday's 6 p.m. loser vs. Parma-Fruitland loser, 6 p.m.
Friday's 7:30 p.m. loser vs. Weiser-Payette loser, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Third-place game, 6 p.m. (winner to state play-in game)
Championship, 7:30 p.m.

putting her one off the school record 47 she said as a junior.

The reserves started the second quarter for HHS with junior Carli Swallow putting in her three points and junior Ambyr VanWinkle tossing in six of her seven points as the Trojans' pressure defense helped build a 40-4 lead with 4 minutes, 20 seconds left in the half.

The nine points set a school record for fewest allowed in a single game, breaking the mark set by the 1998 Trojans in a 32-13 victory over Prairie in the opening round of the A-3 state tournament.

Payette didn't score in the third quarter, and Homedale widened its lead to 59-7. The Pirates managed just 18 shot attempts in 32 minutes with a 16 percent success rate (three makes). Senior Sophie McGrath led the way with four points, while senior Rosa Ceballos had a team-high five rebounds.

Corta and Lane started the game with a fiery display from beyond

the three-point line. Lane hit back-to-back treys during a stretch in which she scored eight consecutive points in the first quarter. She had 11 points in the period.

Corta connected on successive treys nearly 2½ minutes apart to score the final six points of the opening quarter. She hit two more three-pointers in the second half, and fellow senior Makayla Aberasturi put in another trey to give the Trojans eight for the evening.

Aberasturi scored seven points in the final home game of her career.

Homedale collected 27 steals with Corta leading the way with seven. Carlie Sawyer came off the bench for five thefts, and senior Madi Fisher had four.

Gardenia Machuca played her final home game, scoring four points and grabbing three steals.

Vargas also made her final appearance on the home floor, scoring two points, blocking a shot and grabbing a rebound and a steal.

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Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Josh Tolmie sr., boys' basketball
Tolmie averaged 12 points during a 1-1 week, including 14 points and eight rebounds in a loss to Emmett.



Tory Lane sr., girls' basketball
Lane topped 1,000 points for her career, averaging 19.5 points as the Trojans' split their final 3A SRV games.



Nash Johnson sr., wrestling
The 145-pounder ran his school-record career wins mark to 139 with a championship in the Sugar Invitational in Sugar City and a tough win against Weiser.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
3A District III Tournament
At TVCC, Ontario, Ore.
Friday, Feb. 5 vs. Weiser-Payette winner, 7:30 p.m.
If win Friday: Thursday, Feb. 11, championship game, 7:30 p.m.
If lose Friday: Tuesday, Feb. 9, consolation semifinal, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament
Wednesday, Feb. 3 in Weiser, championship game (if nec.), 7:30 p.m.

Frosh-soph
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament
Wednesday, Feb. 3 in Weiser, championship game (if nec.), 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Saturday, Feb. 6, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Payette (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Saturday, Feb. 6, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Saturday, Feb. 6, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Thursday, Feb. 4 at Emmett, 6:30 p.m.

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Marsing High School foreign exchange students Gaia Cascapera from Italy, left, and Tilde Vidman from Sweden, right, flank host mom Patty Russell during a Senior Night ceremony for the girls' basketball team on Jan. 26. Cascapera is a team statistician. Photo by Dan Pease

✓ Marsing: Back to Melba on Thursday

From Page 1B at halftime.

The Huskies dominated the rebounding battle on Melba's end of the floor as the Mustangs shot 27.8 percent (15-for-54) from the field. Mackenzie Farrens had seven of her team-high 13 rebounds on Melba's glass, and LeAnn Garcia collected all but one of her nine boards on the opponent's end of the floor. Marsing held a 23-10 edge on Melba's backboards.

Elsa Margarito hit a pair of three-point goals as part of her eight points for Marsing.

Emma Clark scored 12 points for Melba (6-14, 4-6), while Rylie Beus and Callie Young collected seven rebounds each.

Jan. 26: Cole Valley Christian 61, Marsing 38 — The conference champion and top-seeded team in the district tournament built a 17-point halftime lead on the Huskies' floor and never looked back.

Holly Golenor scored 19 points as the Chargers remained unbeaten in 2A WIC play and won for the 18th time in 19 games this season.

Marsing was handcuffed by a 6-for-24 (25 percent) shooting performance in the first half, while Cole Valley maintained its edge by knocking down 14 of 26 field-goal attempts (53 percent) after halftime.

The Huskies' leading scorer on the season, Glorfield connected on just one of 10 shots and was held to a single basket.

Farrens led Marsing with 14 points and eight rebounds, while Grant chimed in with eight points and her team's only three-point goal.

In apparently her third game of the season, Ashley Loucks played



Mackenzie Farrens puts up a shot against defensive resistance from Cole Valley Christian. Photo by Dan Pease

1 minutes, 35 seconds — her longest stint thus far — missing a pair of free throws. Loucks has been

sidelined while recovering from injuries suffered in a car crash days before the season started.

✓ Huskies: Hardy halts Marsing's four-game losing streak against Pilgrims

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WIC losing streak against the Pilgrims.

Friday: Marsing 47, North Star Charter 45 — Quebrado put Marsing ahead when he hit two free throws after getting fouled on a drive with 10 seconds left. He hit another free throw after his team forced a turnover with four seconds left.

North Star's 30-foot jump shot at the buzzer was off the mark.

"Sam Galligan had a huge fourth quarter with his four points and two rebounds during that quarter," MHS coach Tim Little said, "while both Dakota and Rodrigo (Acuña) hit important shots to help keep us in the game."

Galligan wound up with five rebounds.

Quebrado tossed in four three-point goals for a career-high 23 points. Hardy added six points, Acuña and Jose Muñoz had five apiece. Nick Lankow led the team with seven rebounds.

Jon Berger led North Star Charter with 15 points, while teammate Kyle Gardner added 10.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 50, New Plymouth 49 — The Huskies' first win over the Pilgrims since Jan. 21, 2014 gave Marsing an advantage over New Plymouth in the race for a district tournament home game.

Marsing trailed, 49-47, when the Pilgrims committed a turnover with 12.7 seconds remaining, giving the Huskies possession 60 feet from their basket.

Little pulled a play from the recesses of Marsing's practices, running a set that the team has worked on since Day 1 this season.

"Rodrigo comes off a ball screen, is double-teamed and hits Dakota on the wing for the game-winning 3," Little said.

Hardy's trey sent the crowd into a court-rushing frenzy and gave Marsing its first victory over the Pilgrims since a 50-44 triumph during Little's first year as boys' coach.



Dakota Hardy unleashes his game-winning shot as time runs out against New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

Marsing was down by four points with 20 seconds left when Lankow tipped in Acuña's missed lay-in to ignite the charge, and Marsing's press defense caused the Pilgrims' pivotal turnover.

The comeback avenged New Plymouth's own come-from-behind home victory, 51-50, last season.

Hardy scored a game-high 14 points and led three Huskies in double figures. Lankow came through with a double-double of 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Quebrado notched 10 points.

Acuña registered five of his six rebounds on the defensive glass, and Marsing held a dominant 22-4 edge on New Plymouth's backboards.

Cody Fernley scored 13 points to lead the Pilgrims, while Marsing limited Riley Harris to 12 points.

2A District III Girls Tournament

Thursday at 7 p.m.

No. 5 Marsing (8-13) at No. 4 Melba (6-14)
No. 6 Nampa Christian (4-13) at No. 3 McCall-Donnelly (12-8)

Saturday

(At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)

No. 1 Cole Valley Christian (19-1) vs. Marsing-Melba winner, 6 p.m.
No. 2 New Plymouth (16-4) vs. Nampa Christian-McCall winner, 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday

(At high seed, 7 p.m.)

Marsing-Melba loser vs. Saturday's 7:45 p.m. loser
Nampa Christian-McCall loser vs. Saturday 6 p.m. loser

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Sports

Mustangs boys keep their piece of 1A HDL lead

The Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team ended the week still in a deadlock for first place, but looking at an opportunity.

The Mustangs (14-4 overall, 7-1 in league) entered Tuesday's rivalry game against Adrian with a share of the 1A High Desert League lead, but with a showdown with co-leader Monument/Dayville looming Thursday on the road.

Jordan Valley rolled in a pair of home games last weekend to run its winning streak to five games.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 62, Harper/Huntington 30 — Wyatt Stanford drained four three-point goals and led all scorers with 22 points as the Mustangs won for the 11th time in 12 outings. JJ Echave led Jordan Valley with 14 rebounds.

Jett Warn scored 10 of his

18 points in the first half as the Mustangs built a 20-point lead at the break.

The LocoNets' Greg Chandler (nine points) and Bernardo DeSantiago (eight points) were held scoreless in the first half.

Friday: Jordan Valley 78, Burnt River 19 — Coach Clint Fillmore was able to get a lot of playing time for reserves as TJ Davis and Johnny Baker were

among four Mustangs to score 10 points each.

A sophomore, Davis was perfect on four foul shots, while the senior Baker scored six points in the fourth quarter.

Stanford connected on a pair of treys as part of his 10 points, and Echave scored 10 points during the Mustangs' 28-4 first-quarter start.

Warn canned two three-pointers

for the bulk of his eight points, while Kasen Skinner and Garrett Youren put in seven points apiece.

Rounding out the balanced scoring were Zeke Quintero and Chase Fillmore with six points each and Wade Stanford with four points.

Burnt River (0-12, 0-10), which trailed by 42 points at the end of three quarters, was led by Jannis Weinkopf's eight points.

Freshman scorer leads Jordan Valley girls in easy wins

During a weekend where nearly every one of her girls' basketball teammates scored, Regann Skinner emerged for Jordan Valley High School.

The freshman averaged 12.5 points per game as the Mustangs romped past Harper/Huntington and Burnt River in a pair of 1A High Desert League home victories.

Jordan Valley trailed Adrian by a half-game Tuesday night when the rivals met

after deadline on the Antelopes' floor with second place on the line.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 59, Harper/Huntington 33 — Skinner had six offensive rebounds and seven total to go with 12 points in an easy win over the LocoNets.

Jordan Valley burst out of the gate to a 21-3 lead after eight minutes.

Alisha Rogers led the Mustangs with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Taylor Warn and Zoey Warn scored nine points each, and Taylor had six steals and took five of her seven rebounds off the Harper/Huntington glass.

Skinner and Rogers notched five steals each.

Friday: Jordan Valley 51, Burnt River 17 — Skinner threw in 13 points, and the Mustangs put the game away with a 17-1 start to the second half.

Jordan Valley had a 16-point halftime lead behind another balanced attack.

Morgan Caywood and Rogers scored nine points each with Caywood adding eight rebounds (seven on the Bulls' end of the floor). Rogers had five steals.

Emilee Burch and Taylor Warn snagged seven rebounds each, and Nicole Terry chimed in with eight points and four boards. Warn notched a team-high six steals.

Adrian's Furtado wrestles to title at Bank of E. Oregon

Two Adrian High School wrestlers reached the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational finals Saturday in Heppner, Ore.

Marcus Furtado pinned Heppner/Ione's Trevor Chamberlin in 4 minutes, 27 seconds in the 106-pound division championship match.

Luke Campbell pinned his way into the 152-pound final but lost by technical fall, 16-0, to Joseph, Ore.'s Raymond Seal.

Adrian also had a couple of fifth-place finishers as Kris Ulrich (113) and Bryson Shira (160) won their respective final matches.

Eduardo Munoz was sixth at 132 pounds, losing the fifth-place match. Austin Brockamp of Wallowa posted a pin in 1:24.

Furtado's march to the 106-pound title included a 38-second pin of Hermiston's Augustas Blackhurst in the quarterfinals. He reached the championship match win a pin of Bonanza's Joshua Fellows.

Campbell had pins in the quarterfinal and semifinal. He

dispatched Irrigon's Alex Walls in 3:56 in the quarterfinals and punched his ticket to the championship round with a pin of Bonanza's Devin Johnson 31 seconds into the final round.

Ulrich pinned Zachary MacPherson of Mac-Hi in 1:14 of their fifth-place match.

Shira rallied in the consolation bracket, notching three straight wins to capture fifth place at 160.

He won by sudden victory over Irrigon's Branden Combes to keep his tournament going then pinned Brianna Crowe from Bonanza in 55 seconds to reach the fifth-place match.

Shira's 12-1 major decision over Grant Union's James Mabe wrapped up a fifth-place medal.

Munoz got two victories during the tournament. He pinned Riverside's Christian Reyes-Rosales at 3:28 of their opening-round match. He reached the fifth-place match with a pin in 1:24 against Heppner/Ione's Zach Bredfield.



Adrian High introduces Tip-Off Court

Adrian High School held coronation for its Tip-Off Court last week. The couples, from left, are Kaden Binford and Gracie Morton (freshmen representatives); Pau Roget and Haylee Richardson (junior reps); Prince Hunter Phelps and Princess Miriah Richardson; King Reagan Shira and Queen Laura Mazac; Prince Peter Ramos and Princess KrissAnn Nelson; Alvaro Martinez Urena and Sundee Speelmon (sophomore reps). AHS Photography

Adrian remains just out of first

Boys fade against league leaders

Adrian High School's girls' basketball team ruled the second half Saturday to win its sixth consecutive game.

Anna Hutchings and Selina Villarreal put in nine points apiece in the Antelopes' 44-34 1A High Desert League victory after a four-hour road trip to play Monument/Dayville.

The win helped Adrian (13-4 overall, 6-1 in 1A HDL) stay a game behind league-leading Crane before Tuesday's home game against Jordan Valley.

The Antelopes and Tigers were deadlocked, 21-21, at halftime, but Adrian blew open a two-point

game with a 12-4 run over the final eight minutes.

Villarreal dished eight assists and had five steals, both team highs, and Hutchings led with six rebounds. Morgan Bayes chipped in seven points.

Monument/Dayville's Danielle Rhoda missed on just one of her five field-goal attempts and led all scorers with 11 points.

Boys: Monument/Dayville 57, Adrian 40 — The league-leading Tigers pulled away by grabbing clutch offensive rebounds forcing turnovers Saturday at home.

The Antelopes (7-10, 3-4 before Tuesday's rivalry game against Jordan Valley) led for most of the first quarter, but Monument/Dayville used second-chance scoring to fuel a 22-6 run to a 31-

15 halftime lead.

The Tigers forced 35 turnovers, scoring 27 points off the miscues. They also had 12 second-chance points.

Adrian played with Monument/Dayville for most of the game outside the pivotal second quarter.

Dennis Dick posted a double-double for the Antelopes with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Teammates Alvaro Martinez Urena and Mike Griffin scored 10 points each.

Four Monument/Dayville scorers hit double figures, including Hayden Schafer, who had a game-high 15 points. Tanner Moodenbaugh notched a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Dakota Emerson chipped in 12 points.



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Sports

Hall hanging tough with state's other top-ranked wrestlers

Marsing drops three duals in New Plymouth

Marsing High School's Mason Hall continued to carve his niche Friday.

The sophomore, who is ranked No. 3 in the state's Class 2A 220-pound wrestlers, took down another high-caliber opponent during the 1A-2A Western Idaho Conference Duals in New Plymouth.

Hall battled second-ranked Kameron Nay of McCall-Donnelly deep into the third round before pulling out a pin with 28 seconds remaining in their match. The Vandals beat the Huskies, 44-30.

Nay was the second top-three wrestler that Hall has dispatched in six days. He pinned then-No. 2 Mitchell Olsen from Melba in 27 seconds during the Jan. 23 McCall-Donnelly Duals. During that outing, Hall pinned Nay in 1 minute, 44 seconds.

Chances are Hall will inch up the www.theidahowrestler.com statewide rankings after his latest demolition of Nay, but he's still chasing Grangeville's Shadyn Wassmuth.

The two wrestlers are 1-1 in head-to-head meetings in January.

Wassmuth beat Hall in McCall, but the Marsing wrestler pinned the state's top-ranked 2A 220-pounder a week before in the

Magic Valley Classic.

McCall-Donnelly 44, Marsing 30 — Joseph Ineck (138), Jesus Duran (160) and Seth Black (170) got pins to back up Hall's performance.

Black caught Scott Carr with one second left in the first round of their bout, while Ineck needed just 39 seconds to put Liam Brahs on his back.

Duran pinned Tater Bentz in 3:30.

Melba 52, Marsing 30 — Hall got Olsen again, pinning the former state-ranked wrestler in 1:34.

Andy Saenz, a senior wrestling for the first time at MHS, pinned Melba 145-pounder Levi Martin six seconds before the end of the second round.

Black pinned Jose Vargas in 5:23, and Jesse Hay Smith pinned Clint Svedin in 2:13 at 132.

New Plymouth 60, Marsing 24 — Ineck and Saenz pulled off victories in the waning seconds of their opening rounds as Marsing posted all four wins by pinfall.

Ineck pinned Anthony King in 1:59, and Saenz dispatched Tyler Smith at 1:55 mark.

Oscar Gonzalez pinned Tye Nasker at 3:10 in their 152-pound match, and Hall needed just 45 seconds to beat Diego Nuñez.

Kaden Goins, a 152-pounder, ended his exhibition match against Tyler Anderson in 31 seconds.

Saturday: RD Brown Invitational — Hall didn't appear in www.trackwrestling.com

results for the tournament in New Plymouth, but plenty of his teammates saw action.

Gonzalez (152) and Hayden Kish (126) won their opening matches, while Black (160) and Hay Smith (126) picked up consolation victories.

Goins and Ineck (both at 138) and 160-pound Duran also stepped on the mat for coach Jon Nelson.

Kish pinned New Plymouth's Henry Kipper in 1:36, but fell into the consolation bracket with a pinfall loss to Nyssa, Ore.'s Ryan Vineyard in the quarterfinals.

Gonzalez collected an 11-4 decision over Prairie's Jayce Huling before losing by pinfall to Eagle's Brennan Ray in the quarterfinals.

Black rallied in the consolation bracket with a first-round fall (1:37) against Colton Burr of Weiser.

Hay Smith got Kipper 10 seconds into the second round of their consolation match.

Horseshoe Bend ends Rimrock girls' streak

The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team's five-game winning streak came to an end on the final night of the regular season.

Horseshoe Bend halted the Raiders' winning ways with a 34-28 victory in Bruneau in the 1A Western Idaho Conference season finale for both teams.

The 1A, Div. I District III girls' basketball tournament is next on the agenda for Rimrock (11-8 overall).

Last Wednesday: Rimrock 51, Glens Ferry 42 — Three Raiders reached double-figure scoring in a non-conference road game.

Annie Mills put in a team-high 16 points, and CC Swaney and SaKota Hall scored 12 points each. Hall also led the way with seven rebounds and was co-leader in assists with Mills as both dished three.

Valeria Lino led the team's

defense with five steals.

Bailie Jewett canned a three-pointer during the pivotal second quarter and finished with seven points. Rimrock inched ahead at halftime after both teams played to a 12-12 tie in the first quarter.

Jan. 26: Rimrock 47, Greenleaf Friends Academy 20 — Annie Mills exploded for 24 of her season-high 27 points after halftime, and her double-double was the highlight as the Raiders rolled to a conference victory in Bruneau.

Mills scored 13 points in the third quarter to help Rimrock's 17-7 run to a 15-point lead. Mills also pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds.

Hall had 10 rebounds and six points, while the pair pulled off seven steals each.

Faith Ihli led the Grizzlies with 12 points and 17 rebounds, and Sky Lujan had six points and three steals.

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MARSING HUSKIES Athletes of the Week



Mason Hall, so., wrestling

Hall had three pins, including an upset of McCall-Donnelly's Kameron Nay, in Friday's 1A-2A WIC Duals in New Plymouth.



Alex Grant, so., girls' basketball

Grant averaged 11.5 points and 4.5 steals, including 15 points and six steals in a big 49-45 win over Melba.



Dakota Hardy, jr., boys' basketball

Hardy averaged 10 points in two clutch victories, but no basket was bigger than his buzzer-beating three-pointer to down New Plymouth, 50-49.

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Girls' basketball Varsity

2A District III Tournament

Thursday, Feb. 4 at Melba, 7 p.m.

If win Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 6

vs. Cole Valley Christian, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 6 p.m.

If lose Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 9, opponent, time and place TBA

Junior varsity Season complete

Wrestling

Friday, Feb. 5 at Weiser Invitational, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6 at Weiser Invitational, TBA

Boys' basketball Varsity

Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Nampa Christian (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Neat and tidy calving

This is the time of year when cow people don't get much sleep. If you boiled "raisin' cattle" down to its bare bones, the whole business revolves around gettin' a live calf on the ground.

Folks outside the wonderful world of calvin' season probably have some peculiar ideas about what happens. Maybe they think a heifer calves like a chicken lays eggs: nice and clean, no muss, no fuss. Others might picture a sterile operating room with attendants gathered around in masks and rubber gloves saying things like "Push!" and "Nurse, wipe my brow and clamp the cord!"

Maybe they see it as a neat, tidy procedure done in antiseptic surroundings, not unlike the manufacturing of venison sausage.

Neat is not the word I think of when assisting at a calving. But instead, insulated coveralls come to mind. As well as mud boots, chapped hands, rope burns, slippery chains, wet knees, sweating at 10 degrees above zero and midnight. In fact, calving involves a whole lot more than simply inserting a coin, punching a button and watching a can of Diet Coke be born with a thunk!

There's that business-like confidence that guides you when you check the heifer pen before turning in. You see one that's still trying. You can't leave her in that condition all night, so you get 'er up and slog her into the trap or calvin' shed. While you're gatherin' up the O.B. chains and pullin' off your jacket, a wave of nervous worry washes over you and settles into your gut.

Anticipation builds as you reach in for your first feel around. Hope surges when you make the initial pull on the calf. If luck is on your side, an enormous sense of relief follows. If not, that sinkin' feelin' soaks in right down to your bones.

It's then that you do what your calling in life has prepared you for. It's done with all the experience, skill, compassion and dogged determination that you possess. The buck stops on your shoulders. It's up to you and her to get the job done.

Finally, the calf comes. He plops down on the straw, wet and sleek as a porpoise. You tickle his nose, he snorts and shakes his head. You rub him down. You watch him struggle to three legs, fall, and then try again.

You pick up your stuff and back outta the pen leavin' mama and baby alone. You stand there a minute. You hear her talk to him. She's lickin' his face.

The wind is cold on your back. Snowflakes melt on your cheek. In the presence of this miracle, you don't notice.

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Letter to the editor

Western states' equal footing must be restored

I wish to respond to the Idaho Farm Bureau article by Bryan Searle in the Jan. 27, 2016 edition of the *Avalanche* ("Collaboration could cool federal refuge confrontation") regarding the conflict in Harney County, Ore., and Mr. Searle's question "So where do we go from here?"

Mr. Searle's answer was "We believe that compromise and collaboration are the way forward." I absolutely agree that the occupation of the refuge was wrong, but compromise and collaboration are not the answer to the issues that exist due to the "heavy hand of the federal government." The abuse of power, taking of rights, mismanagement, crippling of local economies, and keeping the western states in a perpetual second-class status compared to the rest of the states must be resisted — not compromised and collaborated with. The only compromise that can be acceptable is compromise that moves toward restoring rights and honoring the obligation the federal government has to the western states in their enabling acts that they be "... admitted into the union on an equal footing with the original states in all respects whatever; ..."

Mr. Searle asserted that it is not "legally possible or fiscally responsible" for Idaho to receive what was

Letters to the editor

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promised. I would point to the following resources for more information on the legal and financial issues:

• **Utah Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands – Legal Analysis**

It explores several legal arguments for States taking

— See *Letter*, Page 7B

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington From taxes to rural funding, 114th Congress has much to do



The start of this year is the beginning of the second half of the 114th Congress. This is a good time to reestablish legislative and federal policy priorities for the year ahead. Improving our nation's economic well-being remains my first priority, as addressing our fiscal crisis is paramount. I will continue to use every opportunity to make progress on this and other efforts of importance to Idahoans.

As a member of the Senate Budget Committee, I will work with my colleagues to build on last year's passage of the first budget resolution conference report in years. We must follow a balanced budget that stops the unsustainable growth of our national debt, which now exceeds \$18.8 trillion, and contains strong budget controls to curb the explosive level of federal spending.

Simplifying our overly complex and anti-competitive tax code remains an essential part of the economic reform our nation needs. This requires dramatically simplifying our tax code, eliminating complexity, broadening the base and significantly lowering rates for all Americans. We must build on the pro-growth provisions included in last year's tax extender legislation, which made important policies, including the research and development (R&D) tax credit, permanent. Comprehensive, long-term reform of the tax code would provide needed certainty to businesses and families, rather than the continued uncertainty of extending these policies for a year or two at a time.

As mandatory programs comprise the majority of federal spending, debt solutions must also address automatic federal spending. Most importantly, we must improve the solvency of entitlement programs — Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — to ensure that they are sustainable for current and future recipients. As the third ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees taxes, Social Security and certain health care programs (Medicare and Medicaid), among others, I will continue to press for progress.

Additionally, crushed under an ever-increasing regulatory burden, community banks and credit unions are disappearing from America's financial landscape. My focus as the second-most senior Republican on the Senate Banking Committee is to work with my colleagues

to create a regulatory environment in which traditional lending can thrive in all communities, with an emphasis on personalized services that meet the needs of local residents and businesses. In addition, I will work to protect taxpayers, stop taxpayer-funded bailouts, push back on regulatory agencies' collection of big data on private financial accounts, and end the Department of Justice's Operation Choke Point.

Serving on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee also provides opportunities to make progress on issues from stopping the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's aggressive overreach into the lives of Idahoans to ensuring that rural areas are fairly considered for infrastructure funding. I welcome the opportunity to promote sensible and effective environmental policies that do not jeopardize the economy and small businesses. I will also continue to advance locally driven collaboration as a best means of addressing many of our environment and public lands issues.

There are many more critical issues: reducing regulatory overreach; expanding market opportunities for U.S. businesses; Secure Rural Schools reauthorization; border security and immigration reform; renewable energy promotion, including advancing the Idaho National Lab's nuclear energy research as a reliable, safe, clean and efficient part of a diverse national energy portfolio; Endangered Species Act improvements; addressing wildlife species concerns; fire management; water, timber and mining complexities; confirmation of a new federal district court judge for Idaho; 2nd Amendment rights; domestic violence prevention; addressing veterans' needs; education improvements; and many more. I will continue to advocate for Idahoans' priorities in the Senate.

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

Commentary

Financial management

W2 adjustment means more money throughout year

Dear Dave,

Do you recommend having people keep their W2 numbers as close to their tax return numbers as possible, even if they might have to pay at the end of the year or have more taken out? Every year I get a big tax return. But after listening to you I began to think that if I did a better job of planning I would have more money throughout the year.

— Charlie

Dear Charlie,

I like your thinking, and you're absolutely right. That's exactly what I recommend people do when it comes to their income taxes. Of course, you don't want to have to pay out a big chunk of cash. But a little number-crunching and planning ahead of time can help you avoid those kinds of situations.

You really don't want a big refund, and here's why. If you get

a fat tax refund every year, all it means is you've loaned money to the government interest-free for the entire year. Then, at the end of the year they gave it back to you. Some people seem to think Santa Claus has shown up when this happens, and that's completely wrong. You've had too much taken out of your check every payday during the previous year, and then you got it back.

Try to adjust your W2 so that you are hitting within \$100 or so at the end of the year. Then you'll have more of your own money in your own pocket throughout the entire year!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband was laid off a month ago from a job making \$80,000 a year. We have no debt except our house payment. We owe about \$82,000 on it, but it's valued at approximately \$300,000.



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We've also got an emergency fund of \$30,000, and I work part-time making about \$2,000 a month while he collects unemployment and looks for another job. Do you think we should sell our home? We've also got a boat that's worth about \$18,000 we could sell.

— Sheila

Dear Sheila,

The first thing I want you to do is take a step back and breathe. Yes, you guys just hit a big bump in the road. But the good news is you're in pretty good shape financially to handle things for a while.

At this point, I'd strongly recommend selling the boat over selling the house. Boats are a lot easier to replace than nice homes, and the process isn't nearly as traumatic on the family.

You can also dip into your emergency fund a little bit, but for the next little while you need to make sure you're living on a really tight, bare-bones budget.

I'd love to see you not have to touch the emergency fund, because he's gone out and found at least a part-time position while he's searching for something in his field. I know that's tough to do once you've gotten used to

making \$80,000, but there are jobs out there that will help you guys get through this.

As long as he's being diligent in seeking a new job, and you're budgeting and watching what you spend together, I think for now you should keep the house. God bless you both!

— 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.

Brightening Idaho's water outlook

Idaho Water Board works to conserve state's precious supplies

by Roger Chase

The Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Idaho Water Resource Board continue to move forward to protect, enhance and stabilize Idaho's water resources. Our water is among our greatest treasure; we must protect both its quality and its quantity for future generations of Idahoans.

With guidance and support from Governor Otter and the Idaho Legislature, great progress is being made to ensure that we can meet existing and future water needs. These efforts start with every person, home, industry, city, farm or any other water user finding ways to use less.

We also must find ways to do a better job reusing our water. These can be projects that cities develop to reuse wastewater, industries reusing "process water," and agriculture finding creative ways to reuse their water.

One of the Water Resource Board's great concerns is depletion of Idaho's water resources — particularly our aquifers. Most of our cities and employers, and of our ag industry stakeholders, tap into groundwater aquifers to meet their needs. But many of our aquifers are dropping.

That's why the Water Resource Board has drafted a statewide sustainability policy. The Board will conduct public meetings throughout Idaho in the coming year to gather suggestions on incorporating its findings into our Comprehensive State Water Plan. Sustainability of our



precious water resources is critical to our future.

Idaho is the No. 3 user of water per capita in the United States, behind Texas and California. The agriculture industry is by far the largest water user in the state. Ag also is Idaho's largest industry, with \$7.9 billion in cash receipts in 2015. Idaho's farms and producers not only help feed America, but also the world. The ag industry continues to be more efficient with its water use every year. But like all of us, farmers and ranchers also understand that we must do better.

The Idaho Water Resource Board's top priority is to "stop the drop" in our aquifers and stabilize them. The largest effort toward achieving that goal right now involves stabilizing the critically overused Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. First we must increase sustainable spring flows for fish hatcheries in the Hagerman area. This is being done by purchasing some fish hatcheries, recharging the aquifer to increase flows returning to the springs, replacing some groundwater pumping projects with surface water, and finding ways to reduce and responsibly redistribute water use.

The second part of this effort is a historic agreement between the groundwater users and surface water users. The groundwater users agreed to reduce their pumping by 240,000 acre-feet of water a year and lease additional water to offset shortfalls that might be caused by drawing too much from the aquifer.

Surface water users have agreed they will not make "water calls" on the groundwater pumpers if the terms of the agreement are met. If a water call is made, it would force users with newer or "junior" water rights to stop pumping.

The third part of this effort focuses on building and improving aquifer recharge sites capable of recharging an average of 250,000 acre-feet of water a year. To manage costs and utilize areas where recharge already occurs, most of the recharge water is delivered through existing canals to sites known as "spreading basins" located near the canals. Water for recharge comes primarily from Snake River flows in the fall and winter and during high flows in the spring.

A concerted effort also is under way to monitor the results of recharge on groundwater levels and water quality. The recharge sites are being monitored to ensure the aquifer's pristine water supplies are protected. Over time, recharge efforts should stabilize and sustain the aquifer and enable us to meet existing water demands.

It is important to note that these recharge efforts are not intended to provide a way to bring new farmland into production on the Snake River Plain. That era is over.

The agreements we have reached to stabilize and sustain our water supplies are historic. They may be among the most important water decisions ever made in Idaho. We recognize that our water resources are finite. We have done many great things with our water, but we must do better. Let us keep it clean, use it wisely, and treasure it forever.

— Roger Chase is the chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board. Chase wrote this opinion piece before Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter announced on Jan. 25 that he asked budget writers to request additional funding for Fiscal Year 2017. The total transfer to the Second Aquifer Planning, Management and Implementation Fund would be \$16.5 million.

✓ Letter: Several reports outlines continuing struggle on public lands

From Page 6B

over management of the public lands, including a review of relevant case law and historical practice. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2015/pdf/00005590.pdf>

• **American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) report: Federally Managed Lands in the West**

This document highlights the problems with current federal management and reviews the successful "devolution" of public lands from Canada's national

government to the western territories. <http://www.alec.org/publication/2015federallands/>

• **Property and Environment Research Center (PERC) report: Divided Lands – State vs Federal Management in the West**

Provides an economic analysis of the difference in management of public lands between state and federal management. <http://www.perc.org/articles/divided-lands-state-vs-federal-management-west>

I am convinced that the legal arguments for transferring the federal lands are sound, that it would financially benefit Idaho, and that it is necessary to protect the citizens and local communities of Idaho from federal agency overreach. Besides that, it is Idaho Farm Bureau policy to transfer the federal land to the state.

Tim Lowry
Jordan Valley

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 6, 1991

Sevy, Benson honored

Clyde Sevy of rural Marsing was recognized as Conservation Farmer of the Year in the Owyhee Soil Conservation District at the annual dinner meeting of the OSCD at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center on Jan. 23.

Alvin Benson of Wilson community outside Melba, a former Owyhee County State Representative, was honored for his longtime work in the field of soil conservation. Benson was presented with a jacket by Dean Brandon of Homedale, on behalf of the OSCD.

Tom Benson, vice chairman of the OSCD's board of directors, gave a report on district activities during 1990. Earl Fox of rural Marsing reported on a recent Soil Conservation Service meeting at Sun Valley, where he represented Owyhee County and the OSCD. There was also a report given on the Jump Creek water quality project with which the local district is involved, according to Ray Mansidor, president of the OSCD board of directors.

Wendell Hyer of rural Homedale offered the invocation at the dinner, which was attended by over 50 people. Special guests included Lee Brooks, area conservationist with the U.S. SCS in Boise, representatives of the Canyon County SCD, Mari Bridges of Ontario, former district conservationist and Dave Brown, current district conservationist. Brown presented a slide show, "A Day in Idaho," assisted by Melissa Jayo of Marsing.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Sevys, including Clyde, Ralph, Ken, Henry and Jerry, as well as Julie and Jennifer Sevy. Several prizes were awarded in drawings.

Trustees consider recommendations

At a Jan. 25 session, Homedale School Board trustees accepted most but not all improvements or changes that had been recommended by an education team during a state-required 10-year evaluation of the Homedale School District last year.

One big ticket cost item "put on hold," according to Trustee Ron Geertson, was a new agricultural technology building with a greenhouse. "My guess is it would take an appropriation of \$500,000 to immediately implement that, and we don't have that kind of money," he said.

But many other recommendations were accepted for gradual implementation as funds become available, Geertson or other school officials noted. Superintendent of Schools Ed Marshall said work on elementary playground improvements has "high priority," and will take place this summer. The landscaping work is expected to include the addition of fencing, grass and lawn sprinkling system. HES Principal Herb Fritzley called the removal of asphalt from under the existing playground equipment there "a must."

Marshall said privacy dividers will probably be added this summer in boys restrooms at the secondary level, among more immediate improvements planned. Certain recommended fire alarm safety work at HHS-HJHS is projected this summer.

Another recommendation that will be implemented in the next school year is the addition of a fulltime elementary school counselor. Trustee Frank Haylett explained, "We've been looking at that over the last several years."

BPA students do well at district competition

Mrs. Olens took 16 of her Business Professionals of America students to district competition in Boise at Boise State University. Schools from Boise, Capital, Meridian, Borah, Centennial, Kuna, Melba, Rimrock, and Marsing participated in the meet. BPA is designed to enhance business and office skills.

Darleen Owens took first place in the Computer Data Specialist category followed by teammate Sandy Nielson who took second.

In the computer Data Assistance competition Alayna Malmberg placed 3rd. Amy Percifield took first place in the extemporaneous verbal speech competition.

50 years ago

February 3, 1966

Homedale Jaycees' hosts Bosses' Night

Marion Vance, Bestway manager in Homedale, was presented a set of cuff links by Ed McNelis, president of the Homedale Jaycees after being chosen "Boss of the Year." Frank Stimpson, Nampa, state Jaycee vice president, was speaker at the Homedale Jaycees' Bosses' Night held Thursday evening, Jan. 27, at the Tango. Russell Hibbs, Jaycees secretary, also a Bestway employee, attended the event, and George Mendiola M.C.'d the affair. Ed Manning was presented with the "Exhausted Rooster honorary award." Three Homedale men, Mayor Les Carter, Kenneth Downing and Everett Colley, were honored. Jaycees and their bosses attended.

Charles DeGeus is named 'Outstanding Farmer'

Charles DeGeus, Central Cove farmer, was named "Outstanding Farmer of 1965" at the 5th annual Community Development banquet Saturday night at the Washington school.

Glen Lillie was 1st runner-up and Tony Larrocea 2nd runner-up. Others considered were Paul Akichika, Ted Chadez, Fred Demshar, Jim Hinton, Keith Stansell and Lynn Taggart. Arthur Van Slyke headed the selection committee.

Darrel Reisch was master of ceremonies, and Orland Mayer, Director of Industrial Relations for the Idaho Power Co., was speaker. Mayer filled in for Chief Justice Joseph McFadden, scheduled speaker, who was laid low by illness.

Outgoing President Jim Duncan briefly outlined projects carried on by the Chamber during the year before turning over the gavel to Homer Anderson, incoming president. Rev. Charles Whaley gave the invocation.

Mac Parkins was vocalist for a combo composed of Judy Phelps, piano, Marvin Brown, guitar, and Clint Smith, steel guitar.

Fannie Mrak to head U and I Garden Club

Mrs. Fannie Mrak was elected president of the U and I Garden Club at the meeting held Friday afternoon at Mrs. Warren Stimmel's.

Mrs. Mildred Sweep was elected vice president and Mrs. Virginia Cook re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Roll call was answered by each one naming her favorite flower. Mrs. Amy Adams is the retiring president. Mrs. Chris Wilhite was a guest. Mrs. Ruth Wells was co-hostess.

Mrs. Ina Stoy will be hostess on Feb 25 when the club meets at her home in Central Cove.

Marsing hands Trojans 3rd loss in four starts

Marsing lifted its SRV-B record to 2-2 Saturday night by turning back the Homedale Trojans, 65-54.

The Huskies handed the Trojans their third loss in four starts with Marlin Tullis netting 22 points and Terry Watson chipping in 19.

Ken Kushlan was high for the Trojans with 18 and Jerry DeGroat added 13.

Marsing ran the score to 32-22 at the half after a 12-all tie at the end of the first period.

Marsing - Tullis 22, Watson 19, D. Watson 9, Salove 5, Cossel 2, Haken 8. Homedale - DeGroat 13, K. Kushlan 18, Hays 10, Woodburn 10, R. Kushlan 3.

Homedale Locals

Glenn Lillie returned home Monday from Torrington, Wyo., where he visited his father, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufo Isaguirre, Homedale, entertained Maria Dolores Varela of Argentina at a Basque dinner Wednesday evening in their home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren and son Roy.

Mrs. Gordon Nine and daughter of Walla Walla, Wash., and her mother, Mrs. John Knight were callers Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Edna Gilbert, of the Fargo community.

140 years ago

February 5, 1876

THE RECENT battle on the Yellow Stone River where Sitting Bull and his red-skin warriors attacked a party of nine white men resulted in the killing of several Indians and ponies. The men were surrounded by the red devils, who cut off all communication with Fort Pease. They have not yet been heard from and the supposition is that they have all been slaughtered. The Indians are highly excited and determined to massacre the garrison of the fort. Troops have been sent to their assistance, but unless they arrive soon, the probability is that everything will be in the hands of the Indians.

IT IS rather a humiliating spectacle just now exhibited in Washington to see the Senate of a nation comprising forty-three millions of people frittering away much valuable time and money in discussing the merits and demerits of a treaty with Hawaii, a little speck of a kingdom away out in the Pacific where there are scarcely fifty thousand people.

MURDERER ARRESTED - Sheriff Hays received a dispatch yesterday from the Sheriff of Elko County at Elko, Nevada, stating that he had arrested M. C. Hughes, one of the criminals supposed to have been connected with the assassination of B. De Lord at South Mountain about seven weeks ago. Mr. H. had been in communication with parties in that direction for some time past, concerning the whereabouts of the men who were supposed to have committed the murder, having received intimations that they had probably gone towards Cornucopia. A Justice of the Peace at that place was written to who had heard of persons being there answering the description of the murderers but they had left before he received the letter. The officers at Elko were directed to be on the lookout for them, when the suspected men turned up there, and it seems that one of them has been arrested and there is a good prospect of getting the other. It is believed that these are the men who committed the murder. When they got as far as Duck Creek, the horse which they got at O'Keefe's became disabled and could not carry them any further. They arrived there on the 23d January. It is to be hoped that Hughes's accomplice, Dunford, has been arrested by this time, and if the guilt of the pair can be established, of which there now seems no doubt, it is to be hoped that both will adorn the gallows with as little delay as the ends of justice will admit of. Governor Curtis has been notified of the arrest and will forward to-morrow a requisition from Boise City to the Governor of Nevada, with a view to having the murderer brought here for confinement.

WAGONTOWN MINES - The annually favorable developments attending the recent operations in these mines have created a great interest in them both at home and abroad. Experts who have visited the mines pronounce them marvelously rich, and the reports which have gone abroad justify the belief that ample capital will soon be forthcoming to work these mines. Already negotiations are pending with certain parties with a view to organizing and getting the mines in shape for active work at an early date.

IN SELECTING your purchases at a butcher's shop, if looking for ox meat it should, if good, have a fine grain or fiber, the flesh or meat be of a bright red color and firm, the fat white and distributed throughout the lean; it would not be yellow or semi-fluid. Veal is dry if fresh. It should be close-grained. If the meat is moist or flabby it is stale. Mutton should be of a clear, deep pink tint; firm and with a liberal supply of fat. Fine wether mutton may be recognized by the presence of a small mass of fat on the upper part of the leg. It is more nutritious than ordinary mutton, and the darker its tint the finer its flavor. Pork should be of a pale deep pink tint, and the fat very firm.

FUNNY MEN marry young because the girls say "We want a humorous man." Then things are not so funny.

Public notices

STATE OF IDAHO NOTICE OF SALE OIL AND GAS LEASES

CASSIA, OWYHEE, and TWIN FALLS COUNTIES
February 17, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Idaho, pursuant to IDAPA 20.03.16, will offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction State oil and gas leases in Cassia, Owyhee, and Twin Falls counties on February 17, 2016.

The lease tract list and additional information concerning the lease auction will be available: online on January 15, 2016 at: <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/oil-gas/leasing/index.html>; or by writing the Idaho Department of Lands, 300 N. 6th Street, Suite 103, Boise, Idaho 83702; or by calling Dave Schwarz at (208) 334-0260. 2/3,10/16

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 1/27;2/3,10/16

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

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

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 1/27;2/3,10/16

reflect how it is used. Water right 2-10318 is appurtenant to 291.0 acres of land located in Township 06S, Range 05E, Section 2 in Owyhee County. For additional information concerning the property location, contact IDWR State Office at (208) 287-4800, or search under <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code §42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the proposed application must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, State Office, 322 E Front St., PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0098 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 02/22/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. Gary Spackman, Director 2/3,10/16

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO AVOID FORFEITURE

A CLAY ATKINS AND JACOBA S ATKINS, PO BOX 276, BRUNEAU ID 83604, have filed an Extension of Time to Avoid Forfeiture for water right 2-10318, with a priority date of 9/3/1964 from the Snake River a tributary of the Columbia River in the amount of 5.55 cfs and 1455.0 af for 291.0 acres. Water right 2-10318 was partially decreed on June 15, 2009. The extension is requested to avoid loss of the water right due to non-use and will eventually be part of a transfer to more accurately

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 51-13111

JANCOOK, THOMAS COOK, PO BOX 588, BRUNEAU, ID 83604. Point of Diversion NWSE S24T06SR05EOWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER. Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.16 CFS Total Diversion: 0.16 CFS. Date Filed: 5/7/2015. Place of Use: DOMESTIC T06S R05E

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 CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO
 Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report
 For 3 Month Period - Quarter Ending 12/31/2015
 As required by Idaho Code 50-1011

1ST Quarter FY 2016	2016 Budget	Actual Expense	% of Budget Expenses	Actual Revenue	% of Budget Revenue
GENERAL CITY	\$72,676	\$8,671	12%	\$15,407	21%
ROADS & STREETS	\$44,092	\$5,512	13%	\$7,913	18%
PARK	\$7,050	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
SEWER	\$186,513	\$34,636	19%	\$26,162	14%
WATER	\$304,485	\$40,236	13%	\$42,529	14%
TOTAL	\$614,816	\$89,055	14%	\$92,011	15%

The General Public is invited to inspect all support documents for the above financial statement at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho, during regular business hours.
 Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk
 01/28/2016

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 Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735

Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 2/22/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
 GARY SPACKMAN, Director
 2/3,10/16

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Owyhee County Church Directory

<p>Homedale Calvary Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 24 West Idaho Ave Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday (208) 880-4033</p>	<p>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>	<p>Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>
<p>Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm</p>	<p>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 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>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henrioulle, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p>St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon • Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2016 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 - Mar. 19 - Apr. 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 16 BBQ - Aug. 27 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

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Sports

Hot from line, Homedale boys bounce Fruitland

Front-running Emmett ends Trojans' streak

Benny Schamber took advantage of open looks all game long, putting together a career night to lead Homedale High School past its boys' basketball rival Friday.

With Fruitland's defense focused elsewhere, the senior poured in 26 points in the Trojans' thrilling 59-55 3A Snake River Valley conference home victory.

"It was nice to see him step up," HHS coach Casey Grove said of the 6-foot-3 forward. "Fruitland did a great job of not allowing Connor (Carter) to hurt them, and by doing so that opened up Benny all night."

Homedale (11-6 overall, 3-3 in conference) rallied in the fourth quarter to win for the fourth time in five outings.

"I was really pleased with our execution at the end of the game and our ability to make free throws when it counts," Grove said.

Led by Schamber's perfection on six foul shots, the Trojans were 16-for-20 from the free-throw line. Chase Martell was 6-for-8 on the way to 11 points, while Josh Tolmie scored all 10 of his points from the field while leading the team with three steals.

The Trojans had a hard time coping with the Grizzlies' inside game in the first half, but committed a season-low four turnovers during the game. Fruitland harassed Carter throughout the contest, holding him to four points on 1-for-10 field-goal shooting.

Fruitland (8-9, 3-3) senior post player Dexter Hershey had several blocked shots and key defensive rebounds in the first half. He led the Grizzlies with 20 points. Tyler Eiguren, who used to attend Homedale schools, chipped in 18 for Fruitland.

Schamber managed seven rebounds, while Carter led the Trojans with eight rebounds. Senior Lawsen Matteson led the generous Homedale offense with six assists. Carter, Martell and Garrett Carter dished four assists each.

Fruitland and Homedale are tied for third in the conference,



Fruitland's defenders made things tough for Trojans top scorer Connor Carter on Friday, but other Homedale players stepped up in the victory.

one game behind Weiser (14-3, 4-2). The Trojans play host to Weiser at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday with a piece of second place on the line. The game was switched from Friday to accommodate the HHS girls' 3A District III Tournament opener in Ontario, Ore.

Jan. 26: Emmett 54, Homedale 49 — This time the Trojans' hot-handed opponents were able to complete the comeback.

Getting the final kick in a closely contested game, the

visiting Huskies took advantage of late turnovers to grab a two-point lead late in a fourth quarter in which Emmett hit four of their 12 three-pointers.

Grove said Homedale stuck to its game plan, but the Huskies added to their unbeaten start the conference season with DJ Crump hitting six three-point goals and scoring 20 points despite Homedale's defensive efforts.

"I feel that was one of the best games of the year we have



Senior Benny Schamber takes aim during his perfect 6-for-6 outing from the foul line during Friday's narrow victory over Fruitland at home.

played," Grove said. "Emmett is just really good and we are excited to play them again at their place. We hope they cannot shoot as well as they did (last week)."

Emmett's comeback ended the Trojans' three-game winning streak (including two straight in 3A SRV play).

Josh Tolmie scored 14 points and snagged a team-high eight rebounds. Fellow HHS senior Connor Carter scored 17 points and dropped three of his team's

four treys. He also had seven defensive rebounds and six assists.

"Connor Carter and Josh Tolmie had great games on both ends of the floor," Grove said.

Chase Martell dished five assists to go with five defensive rebounds, and Benny Schamber notched six points and six boards.

Emmett's Cole Elliot fired in five three-pointers for 15 points as the Huskies were 12-for-32 (37.5 percent) from behind the arc.

✓ Title: Collett gets win in Weiser; younger wrestlers take exhibitions

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Eliason of West Jefferson, 4-2, in the semifinals.

Johnson also pinned Bonneville's Nick Cameron at 3:15 in the quarterfinals and started his tournament Friday with a pin of Idaho Falls' Josh

Luna about midway through the second round.

Johnson was the only Trojans wrestler listed on the Sugar Invitational results posted to www.trackwrestling.com.

Thursday: Weiser 75, Homedale 9 — With fifth-ranked

126-pounder Caleb Meligan missing from the lineup, Johnson and Collett were the only Trojans to win in a road 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet.

In what could be a preview for the 3A District III championship later this month, Johnson defeated

third-ranked Shane Loughran, 7-3, for Homedale's first points.

Collett took down Nick Gluch at the 1:22 mark of their 160-pound match for Homedale's other victory.

Three HHS wrestlers collected victories in exhibition matches.

Jaeger Rose posted an 11-2 major decision against Wolverines' 126-pounder Issac Lopez.

Jordan Packer, a 132-pounder, pinned Quinn Strong in 2:56.

Tanner Miller, wrestling at 145, needed 90 seconds to put Trae Gluch's shoulders to the mat.

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