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Soda Fire skepticism spreads



Greybell Swine and Feed owner Alan Davis asks a question about reducing fuel loads to prevent wildfires during an open house Thursday in Marsing. The main topic was contracts regarding grazing closures and the resumption of grazing being issued to ranchers hit by the Soda Fire.

BLM to ranchers: Rest pasture or face suspension

Cattlemen concerned that livestock absence will build fuel loads

The Bureau of Land Management is asking ranchers who graze cattle on federal public land burned by the Soda Fire to sign agreements to keep their cows off the ground for at least two years.

If the ranchers don't sign a contract, the federal agency could force suspension of their grazing rights.

Although two years of pasture rest is typical after wildfires, new BLM language could prevent grazing in some areas for up to five years.

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Some worry agency's criteria will delay return to allotments for years

Looking through the prism of years of dealing with the Bureau of Land Management, county officials and ranchers alike are viewing Soda Fire rehabilitation policy cautiously.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners spoke with a few ranchers about proposed grazing closure agreements during a Feb. 16 meeting.

The emerging concept of a contract to keep ranchers off their allotments has raised the specter of a court battle. In an attempt to

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County GOP sets stage for intriguing primary season

Former PA to challenge Emery; women seek to unseat legislators

Republicans at the Owyhee County Lincoln Day luncheon sprinkled a good amount of nostalgia as they looked to the party's future.

In one regard, the past became

the present last Wednesday in Marsing.

Former two-term county prosecuting attorney Ed Yarbrough announced that he would challenge sitting second-term prosecutor Douglas D. Emery in the May 17 primary. Emery, who didn't attend the luncheon, confirmed that he plans to turn in nomination papers after the candidacy filing period begins Monday.

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Warrington Construction crewmembers work on connecting the new 12-inch water main to the Homedale municipal system near Succor Creek. Submitted photo

Homedale pipe project brings more interruptions

Relocation of a water main crucial to the City of Homedale system took a big step last Wednesday.

After a crew from Warrington Construction of Ontario, Ore., completed boring the pipe underground, some customers lost service temporarily as their lines were tied in to the new 12-inch main.

City public works supervisor Bret Smith said municipal water customers who live west of the Succor Creek bridge will experience interruption when the pipe is tied into the system on the west side of River Road. Water users are supposed to receive notification of the planned work

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School bond vote may get delayed

August election would give more time for input

Marsing schools superintendent Norm Stewart has asked trustees to push back the proposed bond election.

The election was slated for May 17, but during Thursday's board meeting, Stewart said data from a recent survey has convinced him that waiting until August might be a better idea.

Stewart gave his report a month before trustees were supposed to vote on a resolution to set the election date.

He said moving the election back would provide more opportunity to get community feedback on how patrons would like to see bond money used.

The delay would also give the district time to develop conceptual drawings for plans, which may include combining the high school and middle school popula-

tions into one facility and building a new gymnasium. The current middle school building might be used for expanded educational opportunities and office space, but nothing has been solidified, Stewart said previously.

Stewart also told trustees that the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency (COSSA) is revamping its administrative model.

COSSA numbers are up with 146 students enrolled in COSSA Academy alternative school and another 178 in the professional-technical programs.

Stewart said the consortium is accepting applications in hopes of hiring a person to fill a principal/PTE director position. He said that COSSA CEO Dr. Harold Nevill plans to reduce his working hours, too.

Stewart also warned trustees that COSSA's draft calendar for the 2016-17 school year calls for a five-day week even though most of the schools in the consortium have switched to a four-day model.

— JPB

Family, parents support coach's reinstatement at Marsing High

Marsing trustees criticized during standing-room-only meeting

Suspended Marsing High School girls' basketball coach Jaime Wood received a wave of support during a standing-room-only school board meeting Thursday.

What was billed as patron Jeff Wasson addressing trustees about the varsity basketball program became an audience with the board for 12 speakers.

"I understand as a parent, some other folks understand as a parent that we don't always agree with what our coach does or what he says to our kids," Wasson said. "But we think that the coach should have the say in what he does, and if we're not happy with what has happened we should go to the coach."

Wasson said a lot of children coming up through the youth ranks want to play for Wood, and other parents echoed that sentiment later in the testimony.

He also addressed the manner in which the situation was handled.

"Some of us feel that it was railroaded. ... I think it was an unfair and not a just way of going about things from the administration to actually the board members, too," he said.

Wasson said he came to the meeting after speaking with several people who wanted Wood reinstated for the 2016-17 season. He also brought a petition that he said had been signed by about 130 people.

All but one of the patrons who addressed the board supported Wood, who was suspended in mid-January and replaced with interim coach Jake Dugger. Dugger joined the program as an assistant when Wood was hired as head coach

three seasons ago.

The only patron to speak out against Wood was Anthony Glorfield, whose daughter Sheyanne led the Huskies in scoring as a junior during the 2015-16 season. Another patron wrote a letter supporting the school board's action.

"I wanted to voice my opinion of what happened to the basketball program. It looked like to me, in my opinion, that it was broken because there was a lot of favoritism put into it, and my daughter was actually singled out," Glorfield said before board chair Betty Ackerman reminded him that the trustees would not hear any specifics.

"I agree with what has happened to the program. I think it's better for both the girls and the school district."

People voicing support for Wood included a faculty member (agriculture instructor Mike Martin for whom Wood has substituted in the past), family members (brother-in-law and junior varsity coach Lamon Loucks and both Wood's mother, Jeannie Percifield, and mother-in-law, Lavada Loucks), parents of players and co-workers (Wasson and Perry Grant).

"It's disgusting to me that he's been treated this way," Lavada Loucks, a former school board member, said. "I think that the chain of command has been broken."

Martin said Wood was always positive when dealing with his teams in meetings and that if his grandchildren were in athletics he would want them to play for Wood.

Grant pointed out that Wood joins former football coach Brad Hill as the second coach to be relieved of his duties in the midst of a season during the 2015-16 school year.

"I think it was very unfair for the kids to do something like that, and I do ditto some of it that the process is probably what's broken here," Grant said.

Grant said he has taught his children to be involved and help and not to quit, and he wanted to see a similar attitude return to Marsing.

"That's what I want to see this Marsing School District do. I want to see the parents, I want to see the administration stand up and be there for the kids and be there for their employees," Grant said.

Ackerman said no further discussion of Wood's coaching future would be held after the testimony, which led off last week's meeting. Board clerk Debbie Holzhey told The Owyhee Avalanche on Friday that Wood was not the subject of routine open-meeting personnel moves later in the evening.

Typically, the board of trustees decides whether to renew coaching contracts in a meeting shortly after the end of a given athletic season.

No details about the events leading up to Wood's suspension have ever been released by the school district. The Huskies were 5-12 and had lost four games in a row and 10 of their past 12 when trustees suspended Wood for the remainder of the season.

Under Dugger, Marsing won six of its remaining nine games and came within a victory of qualifying for the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

— JPB

DUI charge in bridge crash

A 33-year-old Kuna woman has been charged with excessive driving under the influence after wrecking her car on the Walters Ferry Bridge.

Jenny Alexandra Steiger was arrested after 7 p.m. on Thursday after she crashed a 2010 Hyundai Elantra on the bridge that connects Idaho highway 45 in Canyon County to Idaho 78 in Owyhee County south of Melba.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Steiger failed field sobriety tests and that her blood-alcohol content was measured at .234, which is nearly three times the legal limit.

Bowman said there were two children in the vehicle with Steiger, but it's unclear if any other charges are pending against the woman.



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Homedale council meets Thursday

Five people interested in board vacancy

The Homedale City Council will could take action on a pay application for the Succor Creek water line project Thursday.

The council meets at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

No action is planned on the appointment of a fourth council member.

The application period closed Friday, and former councilmen Dave Downum and Tim Downing were among people to submit letters of interest. Former mayoral

candidate Samuel Page has expressed interest and resident Michael Aebischer also submitted a letter of interest.

An unidentified woman to whom Mayor Gheen Christoffersen alluded in the Feb. 10 council meeting is apparently a fifth candidate. Christoffersen is expected to make an appointment in the coming weeks.

In addition to business regarding the \$90,000 infrastructure project west of town, council members also will hear from a citizen who wants permission to live in a motor home in the 100 block of West Washington Avenue.

According to City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram, the citizen wants to move a motor

home to the property and move from the house into the RV. If the council signs off on the request, the citizen still will have to apply for a special use permit under the city's Planning and Zoning ordinance.

The council also could vote to surplus a 2002 Kawasaki Mule 3020 during Thursday's meeting. The Mule has been replaced by a newer model purchased earlier this year with a second, smaller UTV for the public works department.

An existing small UTV that the public works department has used for meter-reading remains on the city fleet, but Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller has asked about its use with code enforcement.

Canoy arrested on probation violation

A 37-year-old man convicted of vehicular manslaughter last year has been arrested for allegedly violating his parole.

Jacob Howard Canoy was arrested by Nampa Police on Feb. 16, according to Owyhee County dispatch logs.

A \$100,000 warrant was issued the same day Canoy was picked up. Information on the alleged violation wasn't immediately available.

Canoy was released from retained jurisdiction and placed

on probation in October. He originally had been sentenced to four to eight years in state prison as well as three to five years behind bars for felony injury to child.



Jacob Canoy

Canoy was at the wheel of a Chevrolet Blazer with his 21-year-old girlfriend Sara Bronson and his two children in the vehicle when it rolled on an off-road trail in the Reynolds Creek area in March 2014. Bronson was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene.

Angel Walk nominations sought

Organizers will accept suggestions for this year's Angel Walk honoree through Friday, March 11.

Nomination forms are available on the 5-kilometer fun run's blog (homedaleangelwalk.blogspot.com) or at the Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S.

Hwy. 95 in Canyon County. The forms can be mailed to P.O. Box 343, Homedale, ID 83628.

Each year, the Angel Walk and associated car show raises money to help a family with medical costs for a child with major health needs.

For more information, contact

Michelle Larzelier at (208) 941-4163 or Brianne Topmiller at (208) 249-5040.

The sixth annual Angel Walk benefit 5K will held at Bette Uda City Park on Saturday, May 7.

The classic car show will be held on the west end of Idaho Avenue.

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Parolee arrested on weapons charge

A 41-year-old man on parole for a drug offense is facing a felony weapons charge after his weekend arrest.

After a search of his residence on Upper Reynolds Creek Road, more charges could await Noe Martinez Jr., Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

With help from Third District Probation and Parole, a large contingent of OCSO deputies executed a search Friday morning, and the investigation turned up

methamphetamine, marijuana and weapons in the house and vehicles on the property, Bowman said.

Martinez wasn't home at the time of the search. He was later arrested at Dan's Ferry Service across the Snake River in Canyon County.

Martinez was wanted on a \$75,000 parole violation. He had been released from prison in March 2012 after serving less than a year of a two- to five-year sentence on a felony controlled substance conviction in Canyon County.

Martinez was arraigned Monday in Murphy where he had been lodged in Owyhee County Jail.

More charges are possible as the investigation continues.

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✓ Homedale: Public works chief expects work to be completed by end of February

this week, Smith said. Anyone with questions should call City Hall at 337-4641.

The new 12-inch high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe has been bored 13 feet below the creek bed at its deepest point. Smith said the depth is three feet deeper than what the state requires.

The pipe connects the city's water tower above the Briar Hills subdivision to the network of water pipes.

The Warrington crew drilled in progressively wider diameters when boring the new path for the pipe. The diameter progressed from six inches, double to 12, went to 14 and was completed at 18 inches before the HDPE pipe was pulled back through the bore.

During tie-in work, crews cut out a section of the existing main and tied in a mechanism with multiple valves. Smith said the new 12-inch gate valves, of which there will be three, will allow city crews to isolate areas of the water system for work without shutting off water to the entire town.



Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith stands next to one of the gated valves prior to its installation. The valves will allow workers to isolate repairs without shutting down the entire city water system.

The city has undergone the \$90,000 project at the behest of the Idaho Transportation Department. A project is set to begin next month to replace the 50-year-old bridge that carries Idaho highway 19 over Succor Creek. Smith said ITD should make a bid selection on the bridge replacement contractor on March 22.

12-inch pipe because of a right-of-way agreement then-city officials signed with ITD in late 1979. Under that agreement, the state agency reserved the right to — at any time — demand relocation of the utilities on either the Succor Creek bridge or the Snake River bridge that brings U.S. Highway 95 into Owyhee County.

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✓ Cattlemen: Public comments on recovery plan accepted until March 3

Many of the 50 people attending Thursday's open house on grazing closures and the resumption of grazing were concerned that a lengthy livestock absence would create an even greater fire hazard.

The open house served as the starting point for a two-week comment period on the agreements. Until March 3, people can provide input at BLM_ID_OwyheeOffice@blm.gov or by postal mail.

The BLM's Soda Fire rehabilitation rest period is set at two years, but also carries an ambiguous open-ended recovery component. The proposed agreements that will be specific to each permittee and each pasture also state that grazing will not resume "until the objectives are met."

Previously, grazing was only halted for two growing seasons without further requirements.

BLM Owyhee Field Office manager Michele Ryerson said the agency is not trying to be elusive by using the terminology of "until the objectives are met."

"It's not a matter of us trying to get out of a two-year timeframe," she said. "We want to improve the condition of rangeland health and ensure the longevity of that."

"The whole objective is to have a long-term, resilient landscape."

If a rancher doesn't sign off on the agreement, the agency would make a decision on formally suspending the grazing permit in question. A total of 41 BLM allotments are facing suspensions.



About 50 people showed up for Thursday's open house in Marsing on grazing closures and the resumption of grazing on BLM land scorched by the Soda Fire.

"Then the appeal process would come into place, and at some point and time if they want to dissolve the agreement, then it would also fall back to a decision," Ryerson said.

The grazing closure agreement states that exceptions or amendments to the agreement may be jointly agreed to by the signatories on a case-by-case basis.

Ryerson stated that similar agreements between the BLM and ranchers have worked well on lands damaged by wildfires in the Vale (Ore.) District. To her knowledge, the Owyhee Field Office has never before pursued such written agreements, but ranchers have always been subject to the two-year rangeland rest policy after fires.

There is no hard deadline for when ranchers have to decide whether or not to sign the agreement.

"We're trying to meet with all the permittees one-on-one and have a sit-down with them as soon as we can," Ryerson said.

During the open house, she tried to alleviate fears some ranchers have about not getting back to grazing for eight years or more.

"Five years is the max because that's when the emergency stabilization and rehab and re-treatments end," Ryerson said. "That would be at a pasture level, so re-treatments are not going to be at an allotment level, so the most they would be off would be five years."

BLM rangeland management specialist Peter Torma said the objectives are not aimed at being unattainable.

"There's no intention that these are unrealistic objectives," Torma said. "We're not trying to get cows back out in a hurry, but

we're also not trying to preclude them. We're trying to identify a path that we feel is actually going to keep us moving in the right direction, which is a resistant and resilient landscape."

Ryerson added that BLM range scientists are still developing the standards for monitoring the scorched lands.

"Once that plan is completed, the team is going to set up a demonstration day. It will be open to permittees or the interested public to come out and see the monitoring plan," Ryerson said. "It will be intensive on-the-ground monitoring."

During the open house, Greybell Swine and Feed owner Alan Davis asked if the agency will take measures to keep grasses down over the next few years to reduce the chances of another devastating fire.

Torma said the BLM is looking

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at ways to avoid having grasses grow too tall, but it is not clear if that will involve grazing in any areas.

Davis said reducing fuel loads should be a priority.

"It's critical, you're never going to stop a fire if it can get into a 20-year fuel load sitting down in the bottom of a draw," Davis said.

Dick Bronson of Payette is not a rancher but attended the open house out of curiosity.

He surmises that getting cattle back on the land will all depend on precipitation.

"Tell me what kind of weather we're going to have over the next two years," Bronson said. "But whether this current weather pattern continues I can't tell you. It's going to take water."

As people were leaving the open house, Reynolds Creek rancher Richard Brandau was one of several people talking about their concerns over how long grazing operations might be suspended.

"I don't like how it's open ended, sounds to me like they're trying to drag it out," Brandau said.

— SC

✓ Criteria: County commissioners listen to ranchers' contract concerns

protect their livelihood, ranchers could ask a federal judge to delay implementation of the BLM plans.

Range consultant Chad Gibson explained to the board that if a rancher is under a court-ordered delay, the BLM has no authority to do anything with the rancher's grazing permit. The permit is still under the jurisdiction of a court, so the BLM can't issue a closure decision.

Owyhee County rancher Elias Jaca currently has a stay on one of the allotments he grazes his cattle on.

"Our lawyer in this court case, we got a stay, he says not to sign this thing," Jaca said. "But then I've got another permit that I'm not in a court case. Half of it burned and half of it didn't."

Gibson is skeptical that the agency's plan will work.

He thinks a lot of the aerial seedings that have been done will fail and the objectives will not be met after two years. He then advised the ranchers at the meeting to not sign any agreement regarding keeping their cattle off the land.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly

Aberasturi agreed.

"Personally I wouldn't sign anything, but I don't trust them," Aberasturi said.

Marsing rancher Ted Blackstock doesn't understand why any agreement is needed in the first place.

"When Wildcat burned, we didn't sign any agreement, we took voluntary non-use, it was just between us and the BLM," Blackstock said. "There was no problem there."

Aberasturi said the Wildcat Fire happened in 2007 in an area above Poison Creek and Jump Creek.

Gibson said the agreements are simply too vague.

"In spite of the charts that show you getting back to graze in two years, or three years, it still says in here 'until the objectives are met,'" Gibson said.

Reynolds Creek rancher Tony Richards shared concerns about not getting back to grazing for years to come.

"We could be off anywhere from six to eight years on portions of our allotment," Richards said.

He added that he would sign

the agreement if it only referenced the two-year figure, but not the "until objectives are met" requirement.

Owyhee County natural resources director Jim Desmond said the verbiage about meeting objectives is the core of the problem with the agreement.

"They want to go more than two years, so they weasel-worded the agreement to get them to where they want to be," Desmond said.

He went on to say that documents from the agency have a history of being difficult to interpret.

"We said years ago, with RMPs (resource management plans) and things, that you've got to read every word in there like your worst enemy is going to be implementing it," Desmond said.

He also voiced concerns that the agency would consider Thursday's open house to be a coordination meeting, and that BLM staff might use the sign-in sheet as proof of participation by ranchers.

Gibson also found holes in the agreements in how the scorched

areas will be reviewed on a pasture-by-pasture basis.

"They don't explain how they're going to go in and monitor each range site under each seed treatment separately," Gibson said. "It sounds like they're going to just look for one that's not going to meet the objectives and that's going to be the end of it."

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards echoed the concerns that the agreements are overly broad.

"They're trying to bypass the site specific, individual agreement, and it has to be an individual agreement that works for that person, if it's even going to be talked about," Richards said.

Aberasturi described the documents as very open-ended contracts, which have a lot of problematic issues.

He also thinks the BLM should put some hard closures in place on some of the burned areas.

"Because we have people going out there off the trails, on the resources that are being damaged," Aberasturi said. "That's up to the BLM to do the hard closures on

that."

He added that the county is willing to help the ranchers in any way possible.

"We could say, you know, these things that (BLM officials) wrote in this don't help our permittees any, and we're here to support our permittees," Aberasturi said. "We want you guys to succeed. It's the livelihood of all of us."

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland believes the economic impact is the biggest thing the county needs to address.

"That's affecting us besides you," Hoagland said. "Now you've got to increase more money to go out and find pasture somewhere else. You can't survive in that, which means a loss to us."

In the meeting's final moments, Aberasturi stated that the bottom line is that the agency's tactics don't seem to make sense.

"I don't understand why the government seems so bent on destroying the livelihoods of people," Aberasturi said. "I don't understand, I really don't. They're cutting their own hand off — the hand that feeds them."

— SC

Death notice

KEVIN THOMAS PARKER, 54, of Marsing, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016, at a Nampa hospital of natural causes. Cremation: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 24: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 25: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 29: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 24: Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed veggies, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 25: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 29: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

- Feb. 24: Cheesy lasagna or BBQ pulled pork sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 25: Nachos or PB&J w/cheese stick, churro, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 29: Chicken taco or ham/cheese sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Feb. 24: Orange chicken & rice, ham/cheese sandwich, sun chips, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup
- Feb. 25: Chicken fried steak, oven roasted chicken, buttered corn, roll, salad bar & soup
- Feb. 29: Chicken nuggets, roll, fish sandwich, mixed vegetables, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 24: Lasagna, garden spinach salad, steamed carrots, fruit
- Feb. 25: Soft taco, black beans/salsa, corn, fruit
- Feb. 26: Hamburger/bun, romaine & tomato, sweet potato fries, fresh fruit

COSSA

- Feb. 24: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn
- Feb. 25: Chicken sandwich, tater tots, green beans, fruit
- Feb. 29: Soft taco, refried beans, fruit



Husky PRIDE award

Eduardo Zapata, freshman

Parents: Miguel and Herlinda Zapata

Math teacher Holly Hall's nomination: "Along with learning math in my class, Eduardo is also learning English. Even with the language barrier, he doesn't give up and continues to work even when things get difficult. His education is important to him, and he is focused during class time."

"He sets a great example of someone with a desire to learn and a good work ethic — two qualities that make him a Husky Pride winner."



The Husky PRIDE award is selected by Marsing High School staff or students and submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche each week. PRIDE stands for "Positive, Responsible, Integrity, Determination, Everyone/Everywhere."



Who belongs to these shoes is one of the big mysteries that will be solved in the Homedale High School Drama Club's latest production. Submitted photo

HHS actors present a melodrama and matinee

Performances planned Friday, Saturday

Surprises are in store when the Homedale High School Drama Club takes the stage this week.

The actors will present "The Clumsy Custard Horror Show," a full-length comedy written by William Gleason.

"I call this an all-time favorite because the cast, whoever they are, laughs and has a wonderful time as they prepare it, and we always have good reviews from the audience," club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said.

This is only the third time in nine years that a HHS troupe will present the play.

"This is a melodrama with the good kingdom and the bad kingdom and the princess that keeps getting kidnapped, so we have the usual heroes and bad guys who are really rather unusual," Thatcher said.

Tickets are available from club members or at the door the nights of the performance. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

The show premieres at 7 p.m. on Friday, and there will be a 1:30 p.m. matinee on Saturday.

Thatcher, Stacy Holton and Kelsey Thatcher are helping out this semester's cast with the play.

The second semester club members include: Jason Buenrostro, Jeffrey Carrillo, Shyanne Kelly, Jordan Stuart, Makayla Steinmetz, Matthew Thatcher, Ben Holloway, Sarah Jones, Emma McMichael, Patrick McMichael, Nallely Gonzalez, Julia Santiago, Kendra Thatcher, Ember Christiansen, Kendall Nash, Ashlyn Burright, Lindy Phariss, Kelsie Pigeon, Jacob Puckett, and Mauricia Villarreal.

Find out *What's happening* Read Calendar each week in the Avalanche

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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

- Feb. 24: Philly cheese & steak sandwich, California blend veggies
- Feb. 25: Baked fish, baked potato, spinach, roll

Marsing Senior Center

- Feb. 24: Beef goulash, potato, peas, roll
- Feb. 25: Malibu chicken, au gratin potatoes, beets

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served every day
Feb. 25: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, greens beans, toast, ambrosia salad, peanut butter cookie

Homedale Chamber reschedules meeting

The next Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, which was supposed to take place this week, was postponed seven days.

The meeting now will take place at noon Tuesday at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St.

W., Homedale.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce meetings are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Chamber president Gavin Parker did not give a specific reason for the postponement.



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Things to do during Spring Break

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office will host two camps during Spring Break — Babysitting 101 and sport fishing. The camps will be offered in both Marsing and Grand View. We do need a minimum of five youth enrolled to hold the camp in each of the locations. Scholarship forms are available on our website at owyheecounty.net/extension.



Georgia Goodwin

University of Idaho Extension

and making an emergency plan

- First aid and CPR (Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation)
- Games and activities for youth
- Babysitting as a business

The Marsing Babysitting 101 camp will be Monday, March 21 through Thursday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Owyhee County Extension Office.

The Grand View Babysitting 101 camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30 at a location that will be announced shortly. Lunch will be provided.

Sport fishing

The sport fishing camp is for all ages of youth. We do have some equipment available for use and will inquire when you enroll if you need equipment.

The cost of the camp is \$10, and John Starr recently contacted the Extension Office to sponsor 10 scholarships in the name of his

parents, Marsing High School graduates Purvis and Maripaul Starr.

Some highlights for the class are:

- How to tie fishing knots
- Proper casting techniques
- Tie a bobber and bottom fishing rigs
- How to properly handle and clean fish
- Introduction to bow fishing

The Marsing sport fishing camp will be held between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday, March 21 to Thursday, March 24 at Island Park.

The Grand View sport fishing camp will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 at C.J. Strike Reservoir. Lunch will be provided.

— 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.

Babysitting 101

The Babysitting 101 camp is designed for babysitting age-appropriate youth. It is an interactive camp and includes fun, hands-on, informational activities. The cost of the camp is \$10. Some highlights of the class are:

- Plan and prepare healthy snacks
- Handling emergency situations

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

Preschool Story Time

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

After-school program

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

Kid's Club

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

Christian Life Club

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

Thursday

Fit and fall exercise class

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

Vision Church food distribution

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Adrian City Council meeting

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

AA meetings

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

Friday

Homedale mobile food pantry

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

Story Time

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

Teens and Tweens program

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

Knights of Columbus fish fry

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell.

HHS Drama Club production

7 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Saturday

Free lunches

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

HHS Drama Club production

1:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Family movie night

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

Sunday

Young Life meeting

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

Tuesday

Blood pressure clinic

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

Fit and fall exercise class

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

Senior center bridge

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

After-school Story Time

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

Marsing P&Z meeting

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

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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IGNORANCE ABOUT THE WEST – The following from a Washington City (Jan. 2nd) correspondent of the Virginia, Nevada, “Enterprise,” is, in fact, first-rate and rich:

The ignorance which prevails here among all classes of people about the vast region of country lying west of the Rocky Mountains, even about California, is astonishing. They think that it is a vast, unsettled wild region, through which savages roamed at will, settled only in a few places by hardy pioneers, whose mode of life, habitations, etc., differ but little from those of the Indians. About mining especially their mind is a complete blank, they being unable to realize that silver and gold are not dug out of the earth in their natural state, and you might as well attempt to beat an idea into a millstone as to try to explain to them the state in which the precious metals are found and how they are extracted. An ex-General of some prominence asked me the other day, if Nevada was a State. There are some gentlemen connected with the War and Interior Departments, however, who have picked up a few scraps of information about that country by reading the “Wild Western Scenes,” “The Trapper’s Revenge,” “The Last of the Diggers,” and by copying the reports of Indian agents and army officers which have passed through their hands, and taking advantage of this general ignorance, they delight in parading their knowledge before the public, giving lengthy descriptions of the character of the country, its scenery, productions, etc.; also of the ferocious red men of the forest, the different tribes, their habits, etc.

He who, in addition to his reading, has traveled as far towards the setting sun as the Mississippi River has a right to speak of the great unexplored West from actual observation, and he who has penetrated to the middle of Kansas, is regarded as a prodigy – he has bearded the lion in his den, and while he tells about his party of ten or fifteen camping out ten miles from any human habitation, with nought but the blue canopy of heaven for a roof, and a wild wolf howling in the distance, his awe-stricken hearers instinctively look at the top of his head to see if he has been scalped.

The Interior Department fellows especially love to talk about the mining region and mineral resources (more now than ever, since the introduction by Senator Stewart of a bill establishing a Mining Bureau, the adoption of which will necessitate some lucrative appointments) and tell about the quantity of silver washed out in a “longtom,” or how in some places it is ground out upon the grist mill process into the brick shape, at the same time embellishing their accounts with scientific terms gathered from the annual report of the Department Geologist, or learned from some old Californian who returned in 1852.

HILL BEACHEY’S STAGE LINE – This gentleman, who has a friend in nearly every man who has ever been in Lewiston, I.T., except those of the “road agent” persuasion upon whom he has been instrumental in visiting condign and merited punishment, it will be remembered was misfortunate in attempting to establish a stage line between Star City, Nevada, and Ruby City, Owyhee, on account of the depredations of the Piute and Bannack Indians, who stole nearly all his stock and ran off the station keepers. We see by the Sacramento Union that Hill is again engaged in preparing a new outfit and will establish a tri-weekly line of stages between the above named places in the Spring. He has made proposals to the P.O. Department to carry the mails between the points. When this shall have been completed, and a more direct one established between Boise City and Virginia City, Montana, it will be the direct and cheapest line of travel between this country and California. We hope, not only for the convenience of the traveling community, but for the good fortune of the generous proprietor, that he may succeed, even beyond his own most sanguine expectations, and that the great tide of immigration, which has hitherto wended its sluggish course around by way of Salt Lake, struggled with the snows of Coeur d’Alene or floundered through the mud of Pen d’Oreille, may change its current, and glide smoothly and rapidly over this new route, passing, if at will, at the silver and diamond mines of Owyhee, and taking a passing glance at the great Comstock ledge, at the Washoe, ere it mounts to the summit of the Sierras, files around the shores of Tahoe, and finally spreads itself out over the Valley of the Sacramento. This route open and understood, and the C.S.N. Co. may well quake in their boots. – *Montana Radiator*.

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Top Republicans visit for Lincoln Day



Clockwise from above:

Republican Party state chair Steve Yates, left, talks about the Ronald Reagan campaign buttons that county GOP chair Shawn Dygert holds during the auction. Dave Bahem, far left, keeps track of who's buying what.

Dygert takes bids on a pocketknife donated by Sen. Mike Crapo, left.

Rep. Raúl Labrador addresses the audience at Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

Robin Aberasturi, left, and Ernie Breuer, right, react after Jerry Hoagland outbids Aberasturi on an item.



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✓ Primary: County incumbents confirm they are seeking re-election

"I am in the process of gathering re-election signatures," Emery wrote in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche.

The filing period for all offices on the primary and general election ballots will end March 11.

Now a defense attorney living in Nampa, Yarbrough served as Owyhee County PA from 1997 to 2005. He didn't file for the 2004 election when Matthew Faulks ran. Now the Adams County prosecutor and the last man to hold the position before Emery, Faulks also attended last Wednesday's Republican shindig.

Yarbrough's emergence signals at least one contested county race in the GOP primary. Sheriff Perry Grant, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi and District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick also announced their plans to seek re-election last week. No primary challengers have come forward.

There also will be at least two contested primaries for District 23 legislative posts. Seat A Rep. Rich Wills of Glens Ferry and Seat B Rep. Pete Nielsen of Mountain Home attended the luncheon and came face-to-face with Hammett women who have announced



County prosecuting attorney candidate Ed Yarbrough introduces himself to the Lincoln Day luncheon crowd last Wednesday in Marsing.

their intentions to seek the party's nomination.

Megan Blanksma is campaigning against Nielsen, and Christy Zito will challenge Wills.

Precinct committee members also announced plans to run in May, including:

- Lavada Loucks, North Marsing
- Dave Bahem, South Homedale
- Robin Aberasturi, North Homedale
- Jerry Hoagland, Wilson

- Marie Hipwell, Grand View
- U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador and Lt. Gov. Brad Little were joined at the head table by state Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson and guest speaker Steve Yates, the GOP's state chairman.

Crapo devoted his short talk to his pledge to curb the latest gun control efforts and reiterated the fight President Obama has ahead of him to appoint a successor for late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

While acknowledging the president's constitutional duty to bring a nominee to the Senate, Crapo pointed out the climate in the Republican-held chamber.

"The Constitution also says that the U.S. Senate has the constitutional right and duty to give or withhold its consent," Crapo said. "This Senate will not confirm another Obama activist judge to the Supreme Court."

The senator told the group that the 2016 presidential election will decide the balance of the High Court.

"This issue puts a highlight focus on this election," Crapo said.

Labrador opened his remarks by pointing out that he shared an office with Yarbrough when the now-congressman was just starting his law practice.

Labrador focused on public lands issues, saying he didn't agree with the actions of the group that occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney County, Ore., but he did understand the frustration behind the move.

Little also stressed diligence in preserving resources on public

land.

"This is the time when you have an unfriendly administration, and you have to work hard," Little said.

The Emmett rancher drew a parallel between today's western political climate and the 1979 Sagebrush Rebellion that preceded the presidential election of Ronald Reagan.

Seemingly cementing the connection to Reagan, two buttons from his 1980s campaigns were auctioned at the end of the banquet.

Sounding much like a referee prior to a prizefight, Yates stressed integrity and honesty when dealing with ideological differences. He reflected on Scalia's scathing opinions to get his point across.

"Scalia skewered the thought, but he didn't skewer the person. He was honest in his dealings and respected the people he dealt with," Yates said. "He was the model of civil discourse. Argue vigorously but respect the person."

"You didn't hear him get up and say, 'You're a loser.'"

— JPB



Jason Miller keeps his out for bidders as auctioneer Kyle Colyer runs the show Saturday inside the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau. Submitted photo

Bruneau auction raises \$27K

Organizers of the annual Bruneau Boosters Auction say this year's event was a huge success.

More than \$27,000 was raised during Saturday's chili feed and live and silent auctions. However, that's \$5,000 less than was brought in last year.

Bruneau Booster Club president Judy McBride said more than 450 chili and cornbread dinners were served. People helping in the kitchen included Jesse Miller, Sue Boldman, Mike Miller and Sandy Black, who made all the cornbread.

"We are so grateful to everyone that helped," McBride said.

"Everyone that cooked, everyone that brought pies, and the Bruneau Canyon 4-H club and the Rimrock honor society kids for all their help. It just takes everyone."

Highlights from the live auction included the sale of Jerry Kencke's photographs of current Bruneau cowboys, Jim Hank's handmade rawhide reins, Lez Rahn's red velvet cake, Stacy Buckingham's bench made from an old Chevrolet tailgate and wood from the old Bruneau water tower.

Other items sold this year included local hay, tack, tools, can-

dy, cookies and cinnamon rolls, gift cards and gift baskets.

Guy Colyer won the Traeger grill/smoker donated by Jace Prow of Mountain Home's A to Z Lumber.

Proceeds from the auction benefit various community events and projects each year.

In the past, some of those major projects included construction of a picnic shelter in the community park, publication of the book "Bruneau and Beyond," improvements at the American Legion Post 83 and scholarships for graduating Rimrock High School seniors.

Deputy added to county's off-highway vehicle program

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has approved Sheriff Perry Grant's request to hire a new deputy for his off-highway vehicle program.

County commissioners signed off on the hiring of Greg Bishop during a Feb. 16 meeting. Bishop will be a part-time employee, working about 19 hours a week.

Grant stated in an email that Bishop does not replace another deputy, but is an addition to the OHV staff. He also anticipates possibly hiring another person to increase the patrols.

Grant said Bishop is a retired Nampa Police officer.

"He was my SWAT commander in Nampa, so I've known him for quite some time," Grant said.

He added that Bishop knows the Owyhee County landscape very well.

"The big thing that Bishop is going to be part of is, when we get an opportunity to reopen the

budget and use some of the funding that our office has received this summer, he's going to be mainly assigned to the burn," Grant said.

"We have deputies (mostly Kenny Hoagland) who have already been putting in extra patrols in that area," Grant added in the email. "It is important to our economy and livelihood as a county to assist in the process that will bring the resources in that area back as soon as possible. Bishop will be moved primarily into that role in the near future."

Grant will use \$30,000 he received from the Bureau of Land Management to reimburse the sheriff's office for manpower in assisting with the Soda Fire to enhance the county's OHV program. OCSO also received another \$7,000 for helping capture wild horses.

When the budget is reopened,

Grant intends to put the money directly into the OHV budget line.

"I don't see how it can't, but I want to make sure when I have a meeting with the OHV committee that they're OK, that they understand," Grant said.

He also stated that he probably should have started patrols in lands burned by the Soda Fire earlier this month because temperatures are rising, and more people are recreating in the area.

"I do like the idea (as I am sure most of the citizens will as well) in increasing county presence in this area as opposed to federal presence," Grant wrote.

The county also has a long-standing contract that pays \$13,500 for patrols in BLM areas. Grant was not sure when the contract began, but it was in place when he started his first stint with the county in 2001.

— SC

Wanted Nampa man arrested after getting stuck on BLM land

Damaged culvert closes Sands Basin Road

Reports of someone joyriding in an area burned by the Soda Fire resulted in a drug arrest last week.

Beau Faught, a 38-year-old Nampa resident, faces a string of charges after he was apprehended off Sage Road outside Homedale, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Deputies Chris Even and Terry McGrew found Faught and a companion after 5 p.m. on Dec. 16 after reports of a blue Chevrolet pickup stuck on Bureau of Land Management Land.

Bowman said the deputies found 0.6 grams of marijuana after they detected the odor of pot in the vehicle. The lawmen also discovered that Faught was wanted on a \$100,000 bench warrant tied to a felony drug

possession case in Nampa.

Faught was taken into custody on the warrant, and he was charged with a litany of misdemeanors, including drug possession, providing false information to an officer, obstruction and delay of a law enforcement officer, drug paraphernalia possession and driving without privileges.

Faught remained in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on Monday.

A woman riding in the pickup with Faught, 36-year-old Boise resident Allison Adams, was cited for misdemeanor possession of drugs and paraphernalia. She was not taken into custody, Bowman said.

Sands Basin Road closed

Bowman said that a part of Sands Basin Road past the Poison Creek Stage Stop on BLM ground has been closed.

The road is impassable because of a washed-out culvert, he said.

— JPB

Man gets prison time after admitting probation violation

A 23-year-old man who invaded Marsing High School trying to get away from law enforcement officials two years ago has been sentenced on a probation violation.

William Raymond Calvillo will spend three to five years in state prison.

He was transferred from Owyhee County Jail to Idaho Department of Correction custody earlier this month immediately after admitting to the felony probation violation before Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde in Murphy.

Calvillo originally was arrested on Jan. 30, 2014 after he led sheriff's deputies on a high-speed chase into Marsing, ditched his car behind the elementary school

and ran through an unlocked door and into the second floor of the high school.

The incident led to improved security measures in the school district, including new locks on the high school's exterior doors and a radio communications protocol between the district's three schools and the sheriff's office.

Calvillo originally was placed on probation and the three- to five-year prison sentence was suspended when he was sentenced in May 2014 to a string of charges, including felony eluding a law enforcement officer and misdemeanors for driving under the influence, property damage, driving without privileges and loitering on school grounds and impeding the educational process.

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Above: Olga Valero, El-Ada Community Action Partnership's Owyhee County coordinator, arranges canned goods in the Homedale office. **Right:** Maria Morales, left, and Marcos Preciado organize bread and other baked goods in preparation for a commodity distribution Feb. 16.

Benefits abound for Marsing family

Several fundraisers are being held to benefit a Marsing woman who lost two members of her family in a Feb. 5 car crash in the Sunnyslope area.

Stephanie Frazier, 28, and her daughter, Kierra, survived when Frazier's husband, 35-year-old Christopher, and their 2-year-old son, Talon, died at the scene of a two-vehicle crash at milepost 6 on Idaho highway 55 in Canyon County.

Anyone donating to a collection at Caldwell and Nampa Maverik stores will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win free admission to Monster Jam 2016. The monster truck show will be held Feb. 26-27 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

There will be 10 winners for third-row seats. The winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday.

Another effort to gather money for medical expenses has been set up at gofundme.com. So far it has raised nearly \$4,400.

Donations can also be made at any US Bank for the Stephanie Frazier fund.

Homedale concert benefits choir, food pantry

Homedale resident Rob Townsend will feel right at home Sunday during a musical benefit.

The retired Marsing business owner is one of a handful of local musicians who will perform at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale in an effort to raise money for a food pantry and a singing group.

"Under the Shadow of the Owyhees" will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W. Admission is \$2 and a canned good item.

Organizers will donate the canned goods to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership's Owyhee County food pantry. The money will help The College of Idaho choir pay for a tour of China.

"I'm really excited about it. I can't wait," El-Ada's Owyhee County coordinator, Olga Valero

said, adding that Sunday's donations will help bolster the food pantry.

Townsend is the current pianist at the Presbyterian church. He got his start at the keys studying under former church keyboardist Judy Phelps when he was a youngster, according to the event program, the tongue-in-cheek tone of which bills him as the "Floyd Cramer of Owyhee County." That refers to the late popular country and standards pianist who played with Elvis Presley, Chet Atkins and Patsy Cline.

Vocalist Carol Burroughs, an Adrian sheep farmer, also will perform Sunday along with:

- Perfect Fourth, which is a vocal quartet featuring Megan Croft (soprano), Abi Haas (alto), Jack Morrow (tenor) and Brandon Dobson (bass)

- Pianist Bob Law of

Wilder, a retired farmer who has accompanied theatrical productions in Caldwell and Nampa. He has performed the valley with musical partner Jim Sample, who will accompany him Sunday on drums.

- Vocalists Dominic Iaderosa of Parma and Bill Buckendorf of Caldwell. Buckendorf taught music for 28 years in the Caldwell School District. Fellow C of I graduate Iaderosa also entered the education field after singing in the college choir.

- Violinist Jennifer Surrusco of Boise

Valero and El-Ada service coordinator Nohemi Peña plan to tell the audience about the ways the organization helps people in the community.

Valero said El-Ada serves about 200 people during each of their commodity distributions, which are held every other month at the office, 15 W. Colorado Ave.

Last week, Homedale residents Bob and Ginny Galloway dropped off a truckload of items after shopping at Winco in Nampa and making their regular rounds to households in Wilder, Marsing and Homedale.

Valero said each needy household in the community can visit El-Ada to receive a food box once every 60 days. The food boxes are available at the office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

El-Ada's bi-monthly commodity distribution takes place at three locations in the county:

- Homedale, El-Ada office, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday every other month. The next date is April 19.

- Marsing, corner of Main and 3rd Street, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday every other month. The next date is April 20.

- Grand View, Rimrock Senior Center parking lot, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the second Thursday every other month. The next date is April 14.

Valero welcomes Sunday's concert as a way to educate the community that El-Ada is here to help.

"(El-Ada has) been here for over 25 years," Valero said. "I'm really shocked that there are still people out there that don't know we're here."

— JPB

Bruneau Legion sets oyster feed

The annual American Legion Post 83 fish and oyster feed is coming up in Bruneau.

The event is Post 83's largest fundraiser, generating money to support the Boys' State program and other community service endeavors.

The feed takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the American Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., in Bruneau.

The cost is \$14 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

Call Post 83 adjutant Bill McBride at (208) 845-2842 for more information.

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Homedale High School student Stephanie Moreno carries food from Bob Galloway's truck as part of her volunteer work at the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office. The service is part of Moreno's Senior Project, which also includes a collection drive through March 5 to gather personal hygiene items that will be used in El-Ada's commodity distributions.

HHS senior collecting hygiene items for El-Ada

Drop-off boxes to collect personal hygiene items have been set up at various locations in Homedale.

The donation spots are part of Stephanie Moreno's Senior Project at Homedale High School.

The 17-year-old Moreno spent part of Saturday placing donation boxes at Homedale Drug (5 N. Main St.), Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center (108 E. Owyhee Ave.) and the town's three public schools.

Another drop box was set up at the Parma Living Center.

Folks can donate personal hygiene items such as shampoo and conditioner, feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap

and shaving products at any of the locations through Saturday, March 5.

Moreno will donate the proceeds to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office. The items will be available for those in need through El-Ada's commodity stockpile at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Daughter of Maria Rodriguez and Rodolfo Moreno, Stephanie is volunteering at the El-Ada office as part of her social service Senior Project. She plans attend the pharmacy technician program at College of Western Idaho and start working in a local pharmacy after obtaining her certification.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv. (measured in inches)	Snow Depth (measured in inches)	Year-to-date Precip. (measured in inches)	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
				Max	Min	Avg
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02/17	5.2	14	9.8	47	36	41
02/18	5.3	14	9.8	40	32	36
02/19	5.3	15	10.0	45	24	35
02/20	5.3	14	10.0	42	28	32
02/21	5.2	14	10.0	44	26	36
02/22	5.3	14	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/16	7.4	n/a	12.0	51	41	45
02/17	6.7	n/a	12.0	50	35	43
02/18	6.4	n/a	11.9	44	30	35
02/19	6.3	n/a	11.9	45	29	36
02/20	5.8	n/a	12.1	37	27	30
02/21	5.5	n/a	12.1	44	27	35
02/22	5.1	n/a	12.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
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02/17	13.0	33	22.5	47	39	44
02/18	12.9	32	22.4	39	29	33
02/19	13.3	35	23.1	42	28	34
02/20	13.3	34	22.8	40	24	30
02/21	13.5	34	22.8	47	31	37
02/22	14.1	33	22.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 24 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 3,453 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 13 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 174,168 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

Deputies allegedly assaulted

A 30-year-old Grand View woman has been arrested after shoving sheriff's reserves responding to a domestic disturbance call.

Latanya Begay allegedly tried to strike one of the two Owyhee County Sheriff's Level 1 deputies in the head, Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Deputies were responding to a Roosevelt Street residence in Grand View. No domestic assault charges were filed.

Begay is out of jail after being booked on two counts of misdemeanor assault on a law enforcement officer.

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City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith stands in a bucket with city maintenance worker Curtis Stansell (obscured) to repair a flagpole in front of City Hall on Thursday. City employee Jack Ulrich stands near the cab of the loader. Submitted photo

Mother Nature lowers U.S. flag

The City of Homedale public works crew was focused on flags Thursday.

Maintenance workers lowered the city's flags to half-staff in honor of late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, but Mother Nature gave supervisor Bret Smith and his crew another assignment earlier in the day.

High winds overnight whipped

the flags in front of City Hall on West Wyoming Avenue and finally wore out a coupling bolt on the pole holding the American flag. The nylon hoisting cord snapped, sending the American flag to the ground.

City employees noticed the problem when they arrived for work Thursday morning, Smith said.

The public works staff repaired the flagpole and raised a new American flag before lunch.

"We have five replacement flags," Smith said.

The old flag was boxed up and will be given to the American Legion for proper disposal, Smith said.

— JPB

RAC panel to examine BLM fuels breaks plan

Appointments made to Boise District RAC

A Bureau of Land Management's Boise District's Resource Advisory Council subcommittee resource will meet about the proposed Tri-State Fuels Breaks Project at 9 a.m., next Wednesday.

The meeting will be held at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise.

Subcommittee members will receive an overview of the fuels breaks project and the scientific literature behind the proposal.

This will be the first meeting of the subcommittee and the agenda includes discussion about the purpose of forming the panel, roles and responsibilities, future coordination with the Southeast Oregon RAC and anticipated outcomes.

The subcommittee will establish a timeline for future meet-

ings and will discuss the development of recommendations and other products for submittal to the BLM.

The 15-member RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for more than 4 million acres of federal public lands within 10 counties in southwest Idaho.

The BLM has also announced new appointments or reappointments to the Boise district resource advisory council.

Reappointed members include:

- Charles Lyons — federal grazing. Lyons is a Owyhee Cattlemen's Association member and a former Idaho Cattle Association president.

- Stacey Baczkowski — energy and mineral development

- Tina Reay — wild horse and burro

Bill Walsh, who has served in the past as a public at-large representative, was appointed again.

Three Creek students plan Leap Day events

Recent training could mean policy change

Monday is Leap Day, and Three Creek School students will celebrate the once-every-four-years event with games and fun.

"We will be playing leap frog and other leaping games," Three Creek teacher Dena Pollock said in her latest report. "Students are planning a potluck lunch and want to wear pajamas all day as well."

Pollock also announced that the school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has received a \$200 donation from the Ely family. The students decided to buy an air compressor to inflate sports balls. Money also will be used to purchase a live tortoise that will inhabit the classroom's

terrarium.

Pollock said 12 people took part in the active shooter training class presented by Patriot Defense on Feb. 6. The training included classroom time as well as live shooting in the nearby gravel pit.

"The weather was perfect," Pollock said. "Most importantly, it has opened up dialogue concerning improving school safety."

The active shooting training class also has uncovered the possibility of the school board changing the policy regarding weapons. Pollock said the school district's attorney is looking into the matter.

Todd Eccles from Patriot Defense will conduct an Idaho Enhanced Concealed Carry class at 8 a.m. Saturday. Pollock said the start time was rescheduled because of a large number of registrants.

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4-H deadline looms

Owyhee County youth interested in various 4-H programs only have until Monday to sign up for activities this year.

The goal of the county 4-H youth development program is to provide opportunities for young people to develop responsibility and leadership skills, improve their public speaking ability and gain self-confidence.

The 4-H age for children involved in the programs is their age as of Jan. 1.

- Cloverbud enrollment cost is \$4 for boys and girls ages 5 to 7
- The fee is \$11 for Junior 1 (ages 8 to 9), Junior 2 (ages 10 to 11), Intermediate (12 to 14) and

Senior (15 to 18)

- The fee is \$16 for the horse project in all divisions

Youth are asked to pay fees to their 4-H leader, who will review their club list and hand the money over to the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

Children and teens, along with leaders and advisors, enroll through www.idaho.4honline.com, and Owyhee County 4-H does not charge an enrollment fee for club leaders.

For more information on the county's 4-H programs, call the Extension Office at (208) 896-4104.

Wilson Butte 4-H hosts weekend pinochle

All card players are invited to attend the Wilson Butte 4-H club pinochle tournaments this weekend.

Games will be held Friday at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., and Saturday at the Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Road in Melba.

Both tournaments start at 7 p.m., and a \$10 donation is asked to play in each one. Snacks and drinks are included. Participants can enter both nights, and prizes will go to the highest scores.

For more information, call Mary Blackstock at (208) 896-4512.

Three Creek 4-H looking to fair time

by Belle Brackett
club reporter

On Thursday, Feb. 4, the Sage Chics 4-H club president Will Brackett reported that they have permission from Paula Brackett to use the Ferris wheel and any other stuff from the old Sage Chics 4-H club as decorations for the Twin Falls County Fair's centennial.

Lizbeth Arellano did her Latino Cultural Arts presentation.

We did these following projects: crochet, hunting, photography, bicycling, and baking. The hunters had to bring Nerf guns or Rebelle guns and/or crossbows, and practiced target shooting. They even set up a blind and a tent.

We had refreshments then the project meeting was adjourned.

In the next meeting, we will talk about fundraisers.

Seats still available for finance class at Homedale library

A class at the Homedale Public Library is aimed at helping people keep better track of their money.

Surine Greenway, from the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, will teach "Financially Stable" starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 in the library. There is no fee to attend the class.

An informational flyer about the class stated that Greenway will talk about how to save a

little more each month, and how to find resources to keep finances on track.

Folks are advised to register for the class as soon as possible, because space is limited.

People can sign up by calling the library at (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday. Registration is also available through the extension office by calling (208) 896-4104 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Adrian FFA officers and their advisor, Anna-Marie Chamberlain, accept a grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services senior appraiser Andrew Weldon. **From left:** Sentinel Mike Griffin, historian Laura Mazac, secretary Brooke Meyer, president Thayne Schulthies, AHS/FFA Glean Team foreman Hunter Phelps, Chamberlain and Weldon. Submitted photo

Grant gives Adrian FFA's gleaning project a lift

The Adrian FFA chapter's ongoing efforts to feed the community received a shot in the arm.

Northwest Farm Credit Services presented a \$2,500 Northwest FCS Rural Community Grant last week.

According to chapter advisor Anna-Marie Chamberlain, Adrian FFA will use the grant to buy a flatbed trailer to use with various projects, including the annual field gleaning work.

The chapter will use the trailer to haul gleaned produce from local farmers' fields during the fall

project. The produce is distributed through Oregon, Chamberlain said.

"We're also developing our FFA garden and orchard, and the grant will assist in purchasing fruit trees that will feed our students and local residents," she said.

The FFA garden and orchard work will take place this spring with produce going to the Adrian schools cafeteria. Any excess produce could be sold or donated to community members in need.

"We hugely appreciate the generosity of organizations like the Northwest Farm Credit

Service, and without their financial support, we wouldn't be able to build our program and the opportunities for our students, like we are," Chamberlain said.

The Northwest FCS grant program began in 2007 and has resulted in 464 grants and nearly \$950,000 in assistance. Sixty-two grants totaling more than \$134,000 were awarded in 2015.

The next rural grant application deadline is June 1. Visit www.northwestfcs.com/Stewardship/Rural-Communities for more information and an application.

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Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 junior warden George Decker, right, and fellow Mason Blake Titus deliver eight bicycles to be displayed in the Homedale Elementary School library for the remainder of the year.

Masons' Bikes for Books grows

HES readers compete for one of eight bicycles

The prize pool for Homedale Elementary School's annual Bikes for Books contest has doubled thanks to a grant.

George Decker and Blake Titus of Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 delivered eight bicycles of varying sizes to the school earlier this month.

Students who earn Accelerated Reading points until May will get one entry in the drawing for every 10 points they earn. Each book in the AR program carries a

different value depending on how challenging the material is.

Eight winners will be named during the school's year-end assembly in May.

Previously, the Mason donated four bicycles each year. Two went to first- and second-graders (one boy and one girl) and two went to third- and fourth-graders (a boy and a girl).

Decker, who is Junior Warden at the Homedale lodge, said the number of bikes doubled this year after an Idaho Freemasons Foundation grant was secured.

"It's a foundation that gives money to programs within the state of Idaho for the betterment of children," Decker said.

He said the lodge spent \$500 and received another \$500 through the matching grant, and that helped double the number of bikes donated. Some of the money purchased a bicycle helmet for each winner.

There are five 20-inch bicycles, a 24-inch bicycle and two 26-inch bicycles.

The bicycle delivery signaled the start of the Silver City Lodge's community projects for 2016.

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, the Masons will present their semi-annual Scholarship Breakfast at the lodge, 19 W. Idaho Ave.

— JPB

Farmers market sees positive feedback

Using data from a season-end survey sent to vendors last year, the Homedale Farmers Market has made some changes for its 2016 season.

Market manager Denise Dixon announced the survey results and changes for 2016 last week.

The main season will run June 2 to Aug. 25 (13 markets). There will also be four fall markets and four holiday markets.

The surveyors were unanimous in saying they liked the change in the market day and time. Last year's market was held on Thursday afternoons. Prior to the 2015 season, it was held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

However, respondents also said there wasn't enough vendors last year, and not enough fresh fruit was available.

About 90 percent felt that the booth fee and percentage fees were justified, but one said the \$60 full-season fee is higher than other markets in the area.

No one wants to change the location and layout of the summer market, adding that Bette Uda City Park was a good central location.

Roughly 80 percent said they

liked locating the fall and holiday markets in the old high school gymnasium. One negative comment was that some vendors and customers had difficulty getting into the building because of the stairs. Someone else said it was a good location because it is near the entrance into town.

Most people thought there was an adequate amount of advertising for the markets. However, some respondents said the market's yellow banner was hard to read from the highway. They also suggested more posts on Facebook and more advertising in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Other suggestions included more decorations for the holiday markets and turning up the thermostat in the gym.

The survey also asked what aspects of the market would people volunteer their time for.

- 60 percent said youth nutrition program
- 40 percent would help set up and take down the market
- 60 percent said they would assist with special projects
- 60 percent said they would volunteer to decorate

2016 market dates and fees

- Summer market — 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., June 2-Aug. 25, Bette Uda City Park. Summer Youth Nutrition Classes — Times TBD
- Fall Market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 10-Sept. 17, City Park
- Fall Market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 8 and Oct. 15, location TBD
- Holiday Market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, location yet to be determined

Vendor fees:

- \$60 for full season, including fall and holiday markets
- \$30 for either half of the season
- \$10 for a one-time vendor

There is no fee for non-profit vendors, but they will have to pay five percent of gross sales at the end each market date just as for-profit vendors are required to do.

There will only be two non-profit spaces available at each market, but more non-profits may be allowed with a board vote, manager Denise Dixon said.

Homedale Farmers Market lands youth program grant

The Homedale Farmers Market finally will be able to launch its youth-oriented program.

Manager Denise Dixon has learned that the market was awarded a grant of \$2,040 from the Blue Cross Foundation of Idaho to help get a youth program off the ground.

The money is aimed at allowing Dixon to start her "Sprouts" program. She envisioned launching the program directed at teaching children to grow their own food before — and she even produced flyers to promote the idea — for the 2015 season, but plans never came to fruition.

Dixon received a separate grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service in October for \$54,450, but that was less than what she asked for. The \$2,040 was the amount that the USDA didn't provide.

"They wouldn't cover the part of the program so kids could pur-

chase the fruits and vegetables from our market," Dixon said.

The Sprouts program would provide children with tokens for \$2 a week. The new grant will be used to reimburse vendors who sell fruits and vegetables to children using the tokens.

"It's putting more money in our vendors' pockets, plus it's helping the nutrition program," Dixon said.

Dixon thought she had a good chance at receiving the Blue Cross grant because the foundation's mission this year is fighting childhood obesity.

Foundation coordinator Courtney Frost, who had heard about the market, contacted Dixon.

"She encouraged me to apply, so I did," Dixon said. "She asked me how much I was applying for, and I told her my situation with the USDA, and so they approved the entire amount that I requested."

She added that the foundation

told her the check is already in the mail.

Dixon hopes to have about 25 children in the Sprouts program over the next two years, and the children will participate in 12 markets this summer, and 12 markets in the summer of 2017.

"The reason being is because when they go back to school, they won't show up," Dixon said.

Dixon is asking interested vendors for this season to commit to setting up a table. She said some vendors who suggested they would participate in 2015 never followed through and didn't reserve a space.

Vendor fees benefit Homedale school groups, and any school organization that is not sports-related can request funds from the market, Dixon said.

"The art department (received help). We funded the drama club this year," Dixon said. "We funded the band this year, and we funded the elementary library for

the (Accelerated Reading) program."

The top readers are entered into a drawing each month for a chance to win T-shirts that were purchased with a grant from the Farmers Market.

Dixon is always looking for fresh faces to sell produce at the market.

"(The market needs) new vendors for fruits and vegetables, because that's where we're lacking," Dixon said.

She is asking produce vendors to commit to being at the markets at least 80 percent of the time this year. Dixon has sent letters of commitment to the vendors and asks that they be signed and returned by May 1.

She plans to speak soon with managers of three or four orchards in the area, with the idea being to have the companies rotate taking out a booth at the market.

"I want to talk to Garrett's, Williamson, and Symms, and maybe

one more, and see if I can't get them to take three weeks and commit to me for three weeks," Dixon said. "Then we will market that, and really push that orchard. That's my goal."

Dixon also recently received a third grant for \$750 to match dollars spent at the market through the food stamp SNAP/EBT program.

The matching money was made available through the partnership between the Idaho Farmers Market Association and the Fair Food Network. The funding was provided by the Community Action Partnership Association and the food processing company Cargill.

This will be the fourth year of the market. Visit www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com for a vendor application, or contact Dixon at ddixon222@msn.com or (208) 840-0440 for more information.

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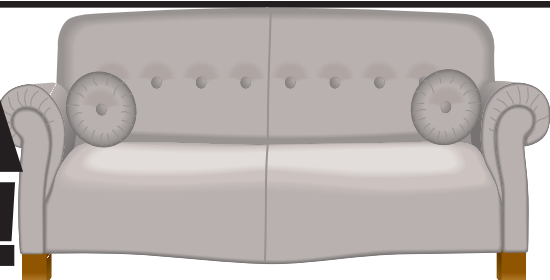
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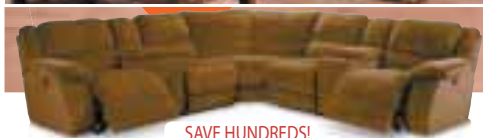


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State tourney awaits a dozen locals



Opening matches

The state wrestling tournaments will be contested Friday and Saturday inside Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello. Get more information on the district tournaments on **Page 3B**.

Homedale 3A tournament

106 — Jorge Vega (9-28), fr., vs. Sway Cook (33-8), fr., Snake River

120 — Anthony Beckman (13-14), so., vs. Slade Peyman (30-15), so., Buhl

126 — Caleb Meligan (26-13), jr., vs. Jace Hunt (5-7), sr., Kellogg

145 — Nash Johnson (44-5), sr., vs. Ben Hale (32-19), jr., Teton

160 — John Collett (28-2), sr., vs. Preston Stoddard (20-11), sr., Filer

182 — Julian Hartmann (18-15), jr., vs. Tate Grover (36-4), sr., American Falls

Marsing

2A tournament

126 — Jesse Hay Smith (13-30), fr., vs. Tyler Criddle (35-7), jr., Ririe

138 — Joseph Ineck (20-25), so., vs. Ty Eliason (32-16), jr., West Jefferson

152 — Oscar Gonzalez (20-11), jr., vs. Jesse Clearwater (24-6), jr., Oakley

160 — Jaden Kinney (12-13), so., vs. Trenton Thompson (21-6), jr., North Gem

220 — Mason Hall (35-8), so., vs. Brandon Stump (13-12), fr., Orofino

285 — Ben Gerthung (3-29), jr., vs. Keiran Owens (37-6), jr., Clearwater Valley



Above: Homedale senior John Collett takes control of the 160-pound 3A District III title match against Fruitland's Cameron Russell on Saturday in Parma. Photo by Machele Randall *Below:* Marsing sophomore Mason Hall, right, battles Kameron Nay of McCall-Donnelly before winning the 220-pound championship at the 2A District III tournament in Marsing on Saturday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Adrian girls get revenge, 1A Oregon playoffs bye

Antelopes edge Crane for district championship

The third time against Crane High School was the charm for Adrian's girls' basketball team.

The Antelopes beat the Mustangs for the first time in three meetings this season Saturday, earning a first-round bye in the 1A Oregon state playoffs. Adrian plays a home game Friday against an opening-round survivor with the winner moving on to the state tournament, which takes place March 3-5 in Baker City, Ore.

Adrian built enough equity in the middle of Saturday's 1A District 8 Tournament championship game to secure a 30-26 win over Crane.

The Mustangs (22-3 overall) had beaten the Antelopes in the teams' other meetings this season, including a 34-31 victory on Feb. 12 that secured the top seed in the district tournament.

"It was a very hard-fought game," Adrian coach Gene Mills said of Saturday's title game. "We got down early, and the girls had to battle back.

"I thought that our defensive effort was outstanding, especially

— See *Adrian*, page 12B

Top 3A teams terminate Trojans

State tournament stay ends after two games again

Drawing against two of the toughest teams in the state, Homedale High School had a short stay in the 3A girls' basketball state tournament.

For the second consecutive season, coach Joe Betancourt's club went 0-2 in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout.

The season ended Friday when Kimberly held off the Trojans, 55-46, at Middleton High School.

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Area athletes placed on all-conference teams, page 2B



Homedale coach Joe Betancourt looks on as senior Makayla Aberasturi gets fouled during the Trojans' opening loss to Timberlake.

Sports

Trojans frosh-soph racks up title with fourth-quarter rallies

A pair of comebacks and some big scoring efforts lifted Homedale High School to the frosh-soph boys' basketball championship.

Carlos Ibarra nailed the game-winning three-pointer with 35 seconds left in the Trojans' 66-63 win over top-seeded Weiser in Friday's 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament final.

Homedale (16-4 overall) erased a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter in Fruitland to top the Wolverines, who came into the game unbeaten.

Ibarra scored 16 of his team-high 23 points in the second quarter. He was 5-for-7 from three-point territory.

Scott Matlock chimed in with a double-double of 14 points

and 12 rebounds, while Clayton Wolfe notched 10 points and seven boards.

Warren DeMark had eight points to go along with four assists and three steals. Kaden Henry scored seven points and snagged eight rebounds for coach Craig DeMark's squad.

The rest of the team included Chris Contreras, Ricky Soto, Josue Vargas, Ismael Garcia and Drew Deal.

Semifinals: Homedale 85, Fruitland 79 — Matlock canned the go-ahead trey with 40 seconds to go as the Trojans rallied from a five-point deficit in the final three minutes.

Matlock dominated with 29 points.

Parma drops shots, downs HHS in boys' district tourney opener

A cold front met hot conditions last Wednesday in Homedale High School's loss in the boys' basketball district tournament.

Parma hit 60 percent of its shots at Treasure Valley Community College in a 70-49 blowout of the Trojans in the first round of the 3A District III Tournament.

Homedale shot just 32.7 percent from the floor (18-for-55) and was unable to overcome Parma's accurate shooting and ability to corral errant shots.

"It was a bad time to play the worst game of the year," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "Bottom line was they made shots and we did not."

Homedale (12-10 after the district opener) played to extend its season Tuesday after deadline against Fruitland. Parma knocked off No. 2 seed Weiser, 64-59, on Saturday to reach the district championship game against Emmett and earn a spot in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Connor Carter and Chase Martell canned two three-point goals each. Carter led the Trojans with 13 points, and Martell chipped in eight.

Carter had seven of Homedale's 22 rebounds.

Homedale missed 37 shots but was able to collect just nine offensive rebounds. The Trojans committed 15 rebounds.

Senior guard Lawsen Matteson had the best shooting night among HHS players. He was 4-for-6



Homedale's Mason Kincheloe fights through a foul as he drives to the basket Feb. 16 against Parma in Ontario, Ore.

and finished with nine points. He also had three rebounds and two assists.

Garrett Carter, another senior, led Homedale's defensive effort with four steals, while Josh Tolmie

grabbed three. Mason Kincheloe scored six points and notched four assists, while Benny Schamber had four points, four rebounds and three assists.

Girls' basketball postseason honors

Homedale

All-3A Snake River Valley conference

First team — Tory Lane, sr.

Honorable mention — Tristan Corta, sr.; Makayla Aberasturi, sr.; and Gardenia Machuca, sr.

Marsing

All-2A Western Idaho Conference

First team — Sheyanne Glorfield, jr.

Honorable mention — Mackenzie Farrens, jr.; and Alex Grant, fr.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week

The Play — Johnson and Collett earned district championships and state tournament berths Saturday in Parma. Johnson set the Homedale single-season victories record and collected the 145-pound title. Collett bumped his 2015-16 record to 28-2 with the 160-pound crown.



Nash Johnson, sr.
— 145 pounds



John Collett, sr.
— 160 pounds

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Season complete, final record 18-7

Wrestling

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Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Boys' Basketball

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Sports

Homedale, Marsing send six apiece to Pocatello

Trojans: Collett, Johnson capture crowns

Saturday was a record-breaking and championship day for the Homedale High School wrestling team.

Six Trojans secured trips to the 3A state tournament, and seniors John Collett and Nash Johnson captured district titles in Parma.

In a championship match featuring 2015 state placers wrestling in higher weight divisions as seniors, Johnson out-manuevered Weiser's Shane Loughran, 8-3, at 145 pounds for the district championship and his 150th career victory. The two athletes won bronze medals at last year's state tournament — Johnson at 138 and Loughran at 132.

Another senior, Collett (28-2) beat Fruitland's Cameron Russell with a technical fall in the 160-pound title bout.

Johnson (44-5) is seeded No. 1 for the 3A state tournament.

Homedale was fourth in the team standings, and Weiser won the district crown.

Other Homedale wrestlers who will begin state tournament competition Friday at Holt Arena in Pocatello include:

- Jorge Vega (9-28), who pinned Fruitland's Harley Eich in 54 seconds to finish third at 106 pounds.
- Anthony Beckman (13-14), who captured the bronze medal at 120 pounds with a 6-3 decision over Weiser's Orin Winegar.
- Jaeger Rose (17-16) made it into the state tournament at 126 pounds after finishing fifth and getting the nod over the third-place 126-pounder from District V.
- Caleb Meligan (26-13) will represent HHS at 126 pounds after finishing fourth Saturday.
- Julian Hartmann (18-15), a senior exchange student from Switzerland, continued his impressive season at 182 pounds with a fourth-place showing.

The top four district-placers in each weight class move on to the state tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday on the Idaho State University campus. Fifth-place wrestlers could advance to the season's final competition if their district performances hold up against comparisons to third-place finishers in the District V

tournament.

Rose made his case when he pinned Reynaldo Rodriguez of Fruitland midway through the second round of their fifth-place match.

Rose fell into the fifth-place match when teammate Meligan pinned him in 37 seconds in the consolation semifinals to reach the third-place match.

Rose had two other victories by pinfall. The state's top-ranked 3A wrestler in his weight class, Johnson broke Jeremy Ensley's single-season school record for victories with his 50-second pin of Parma's Colton Gentry in Saturday's semifinals.

Collett grabbed pins in his preliminaries, reaching the 160-pound championship match when he stopped Weiser's Nick Gluch at the 1-minute, 45-second mark of their semifinal.

Beckman won three matches Saturday, including a pin of Fruitland's Chance Hayball in the consolation semifinal to set up his third-place match victory. Beckman edged Payette's Rojelio Morado, 4-2, in the quarterfinals.

Meligan started his tournament with a dominant 16-0 technical fall victory against Weiser's Issac Lopez.

Hartmann pinned Fruitland's Hunter Gopp in the quarterfinals and kept his tournament hopes alive with a pin of Weiser's Ryan Leverenz in the consolation semifinals.

Other placers included three athletes who finished sixth in their respective weight classes:

- Pedro Vasquez (15-12 at 132) pinned Chandler Mitchell of Parma in the consolation semifinals to keep his tournament going. He lost to Emmett's Wyatt Bailey twice, including in the fifth-place match.
- Tanner Miller (11-13 at 145) beat Emmett's Korben Fitzgerald, 8-2, to reach the fifth-place match where Weiser's Marco Delgadillo prevailed with a major decision.
- Wyatt Dorsey (13-19 at 285) pinned Antonio Godina of Parma in 44 seconds to keep his day going. He fell to Parma's Brian Jackson in the fifth-place match.

Huskies: Hall, Gonzalez strike gold at home

Four of Marsing High School's six 2A state tournament-qualifying wrestlers competed for championships at home Saturday.

Sophomore Mason Hall (220 pounds) and junior Oscar Gonzalez (152) used pinfalls to win their respective titles in the 1A/2A District III Tournament inside the Huskies' gymnasium.

Jaden Kinney, a 160-pounder, and 285-pounder Ben Gerthung also wrestled for district championships.

Third-place wrestlers Jesse Hay Smith (126) and Joseph Ineck (138) will join their four teammates in the 2A state tournament Friday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Hall (35-8) remains the third-ranked 220-pounder among the state's Class 2A wrestlers, according to www.theidahowrestler.com. He's the No. 2 seed in the state tournament bracket.

But for the second time in less than a month, Hall beat McCall-Donnelly's Kamron Nay, who is listed as the No. 2 wrestler in the weight class statewide.

Hall pinned Nay (17-7) in 2 minutes, 48 seconds for the 220 title Saturday. Hall's other victory was a 34-second pin over Melba's Skylar Erickson in the semifinals.

Gonzalez (20-11) pinned Tye Nasker of New Plymouth in 3:21 to win the 152-pound championship. The 152-pound bracket was lightly populated; Gonzalez had byes in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

Kinney (12-13) beat Melba's Brayden Dunn with a pin in 1:17 to reach the 160-pound championship match. New Plymouth's Hanson Brudevold, the sixth-ranked wrestler statewide in the weight class, won the district title with a pin at 1:33.

Gerthung's only match Saturday was for the heavyweight championship against New Plymouth's Wes Harris, who took just 29 seconds to pin his opponent. Gerthung.

Hay Smith (13-30) rallied from a loss in the semifinals to edge New Plymouth's



Marsing's Oscar Gonzalez tries to drive New Plymouth's Tye Nasker to the mat during their 152-pound title match Saturday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Dean Johnson, 8-5, in the third-place match at 126. Hay Smith began his tournament by pinning the Pilgrims' Henry Kipper in 47 seconds. Jake Svedin of Melba pinned Hay Smith in 1:39 in the semifinals.

Ineck's day started with a semifinal loss to McCall-Donnelly's Jed Lowen, who pulled off a technical fall victory. Ineck won third place with byes in the consolation semifinals and the third-place match.

Senior Andy Saenz (8-28 at 145) and Jesus Duran (9-29 at 170) just missed trips to the state tournament on the Idaho State University campus after losses in third-place matches.

Saenz pinned teammate Kaden Goins in a consolation semifinal before losing the third-place match to Melba's Levi Martin in a while 16-12 decision.

Duran fell into the consolation bracket after Melba's Jose Vargas wrapped up a pin in 5:20 in the semifinals. Scott Carr of McCall-Donnelly beat Duran, 9-1, in the third-place match.

Goins finished fifth in the 145 bracket, getting a bye in the fifth-place match after losing to Saenz in the consolation semifinals.

Hayden Kish finished fifth at 132 pounds.

✓ Trojans: Senior-laden squad can't gain traction against top-flight teams

From Page 1B

Homedale (18-7) ended the season with three consecutive losses stretching to the 3A District III championship game against Weiser on Feb. 11.

The final three games of the season, played without record-setting leading scorer Tory Lane and junior post Ambyr VanWinkle, saw the Trojans produce its two lowest offensive totals of the season.

Friday: Kimberly 55, Homedale 46 — The Trojans ended the game on a 14-5 spurt, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Bulldogs' largest lead of the contest.

Kimberly won for the 23rd time in 24 games. The District IV champions had their perfect season halted Thursday with a 48-35 loss to Teton.

Homedale finished the first quarter with a 14-13 advantage

(the team's only lead of the game), but the Bulldogs raced to a halftime advantage with a 16-7 run.

Senior Tristan Corta converted 11 of 12 free-throw tries for the bulk of her game-high 15 points to lead the Trojans. She was just 2-for-21 from the floor as Homedale shot 20.8 percent (11-for-53) for the game.

Gardenia Machuca and Makayla Aberasturi, who were also playing their final games for coach Joe Betancourt, scored 13 and five points, respectively. Both girls fired in three-point goals.

Machuca had seven rebounds, while Corta grabbed six and another senior, Elizabeth Vargas, brought down five.

Ashlie Watts drained three three-pointers and led Kimberly with 12 points, while Lexy Phillips kicked in 11 points. Teammates

Mary Boyer and Jessi Schmitz scored eight points each.

Kayla Hayes grabbed five offensive rebounds, and the Bulldogs dominated second-chance scoring, 16-5.

Thursday: Timberlake 58, Homedale 18 — The top-ranked White Tigers from Spirit Lake used a physical brand of stifling defense and a deep bench to bury the Trojans in the opening round.

The District 1 champions, who ended the season on a 23-game winning streak and the 3A state title after a season-opening loss, chiseled the ice off a slow-starting game when Allison Kirby dropped a pair of free throws for the contest's first points 2½ minutes in.

The White Tigers missed their first five field-goal attempts, and the Trojans didn't get their first

successful shot from the field until Corte ended nearly seven minutes of futility with a three-point goal with 1 minute, 7 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Corta nailed one of two free throws with 39.8 seconds left, and Homedale trailed, 13-4, heading into the second quarter.

Using a suffocating press, Timberlake forced several turnovers and began cashing in. Homedale committed 32 turnovers in 32 minutes, and the White Tigers scored 26 points off those miscues.

Homedale didn't make a field goal in the final nine minutes of the first half, and the White Tigers owned a 28-point lead at the break (35-7) after ending the second period on a 14-0 run.

Homedale was 1-for-14 from the field in the first half and missed all 10 field-goal attempts

from inside the three-point line. The Trojans shot just 14 percent (6-for-41) for the game.

Timberlake stayed fresh with wholesale substitutions five players at a time, and the short-handed Trojans were visibly exhausted throughout the second quarter.

Corta finished with eight points, while junior varsity call-up Faith Jacobson chipped in three points during the Trojans' 11-point second half. JV promotions Kendall Nash and Josie Hall hit second-half field goals, and Machuca connected on a pair of free throws about three minutes into the second quarter.

One of Timberlake's ball-hawking guards, Allison Kirby had five steals, 10 points and six rebounds. Jacquelyn Mallett and Shelby Starr scored eight points apiece.

Looking back...

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Academic decathlon team places 2nd; to go to state

Homedale High's Academic Decathlon team qualified for statewide competition in Boise in March after placing 2nd among competing A-3 and A-4 schools at the regional Academic Decathlon held at Centennial High in Meridian last Saturday.

Gooding came in 1st with 31,588 points. Homedale compiled 26,320 points for 2nd. Valley (Hazelton), the school that ran by the Trojans in the state football championships last fall, was 3rd with 26,247 points among smaller participating schools.

"Out of all schools (A-1 through A-4 size), we took 3rd in the super quiz," Head AD Coach Frank Craig said Monday. "We lost to McCall-Donnelly last time because of the super quiz. We have five goose eggs at the (last) invitational. But this time, every single team member without exception scored at least 200 points. I was really pleased with that."

In addition, Craig said, "out of nine math awards, we took six. We swept the math category."

The top overall decathletes for Homedale were Elise Eidemiller with 5,037 points, David Uberuaga with 4,899 and Mike Itano with 4,468.

Among individual award winners at the event, Joe Rotter, just recruited to the team a month ago, took 3rd in fine arts and 2nd in language arts. "He's really taking off," Craig said. Uberuaga, who scored 2nd in math and 2nd in essay, compiled 900 out of a possible 1,000 in the latter category for "a real good score," according to the coach.

Other individual award winners included: Itano, 3rd in economics; Jennifer Ethington, 1st in economics and 3rd in math; Jeff Edmiston, 1st in science and 2nd in math; Melissa Griffith, 3rd in science; Eidemiller, 3rd in math and 1st in interview; Han Park, 1st in math; and Kerrie Willis, 1st in math.

Others on the team include Barry Malmberg, P.J. Mansidor and Angie Grant, although Grant was absent from the regional. Team members compete in AD events in one of three classifications, scholastic, varsity or honors, depending on their grade point average.

246,168 ac. ft. of water in Owyhee

Gem and Ridgeview Irrigation District farmers concerned about an adequate supply of irrigation water this year may find the following update of interest.

As of this Monday, Feb. 25th, there were 246,168 acre-feet of water stored in Owyhee Reservoir, according to Joyce Cuddeback of the South Board of Control office in Homedale. By comparison, a year ago on Feb 26th, 437,361 acre-feet were recorded in storage in the reservoir, she reported.

Karen Bass heads Owyhee CowBelles organization

Karen Bass of Reynolds Creek was installed as president of the Owyhee County CowBelles at a Valentine's luncheon and winter meeting held at the Sandbar Restaurant here recently, with 17 people in attendance.

Others installed as officers of the organization were Marilyn Black of Bruneau, Vice President; Pat Earll of Wilson Community, Secretary; Celia Tindall of Bruneau, Treasurer; Bonnie Kershner of Jordan Valley, Historian and Pinky Cossel of rural Marsing, Parliamentarian.

Outgoing President Jerry Coleman of Melba presided at the session, which included discussions of upcoming events, including the Idaho State Cook-Off in Boise on May 4, to be held at the new convention center there. Owyhee CowBelles assist the Idaho State CattleWomen in conducting the annual beef promotion.

Eric Davis named to BLM group

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan has appointed Eric Davis of Bruneau to serve as the District Advisory Council member of the Bureau of Land Management, according to U.S. Senator Steve Symms.

Davis is one of the 14 Idahoans named to the BLM's Advisory Council and will be one of three representing the Boise District.

50 years ago

February 24, 1966

Club discusses need for more room at library

Need for more room at the Homedale library was discussed Friday afternoon when the Homedale Improvement Club met at the home of Mrs. Nelle Zillig. Eleven members were present and Dorothy Aldrich was a guest. President Marion Hutchins presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rowen recently donated 50 good books. Books may be obtained from the state library but the place is so crowded there is no room for proper display. A new set of encyclopedias and several new books have been purchased by the club.

In an effort to learn sentiment of the community about a new building, or enlargement of the present, city officials and representatives of clubs of Homedale and surrounding communities will be invited to attend the next meeting to be held March 18 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Mina Selders. Dale Perkins, State Field Librarian, will speak and show pictures of Idaho libraries of today.

A history of the club was read by Mrs. Grace Colley. The club was organized in October 1914 and was known as the Homedale School and Home Circle; object to raise the standard of home life and better the community.

Gets contract for Marsing sewage lagoon

Contract for construction of the sewage treatment lagoon was awarded to the A and J Construction Co. of Homedale at a Marsing City Council meeting Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The successful bid was for \$53,737.91. A lower bid by Yarna Associates of Spokane had to be rejected because of irregularities, City Clerk Faye Neel reported. Award of the contract is subject to approval of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's office at Denver.

Bids on the bonds will be opened at the next regular city council meeting on March 2.

Appointments of council members to head city departments were announced by Mayor Dave Haken. They are Ray Herman, water system and pumps; Hugh Howard, irrigation; Ralph Kurtz, sewers and garbage; Kenneth Bittick, finances; Mayor Haken, police.

Homedale boys win state wrestling championships

The two boys from Homedale High, who took the wrestling championship in district, came back from the state tournament in Blackfoot, as champions in their weight class.

Dick Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Watson, won his first match by a decision in overtime, scoring 3-2. He also won his second match by a decision of 7-1.

He won his 3rd match by a 6-3 decision, making him state champ in the 136 lb. class.

Steve Higgins, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Higgins, won his first match by pinning his opponent in less than a minute. He won a decision in his 2nd match in overtime, scoring 2-0.

In his 3rd match he scored a 2-1 decision, making him state champ in the 106 lb. class.

Homedale rolls to 67-45 win over Huskies Friday

Homedale gained a tie with Marsing for third place in the Snake River Valley B southern division Friday night, defeating the Huskies 67-45 at Marsing.

Jerry DeGroat scored 19 and Ken Kushlan had 14 to pace the Homedale attack. Marlin Tullis was high for Marsing with 10 Points.

Homedale - DeGroat 19, Kushlan 14, Hays 15, Morris 7, Townsend 4, R. Kushlan 6, DeVore 2. Marsing - Haken 8, Tullis 10, Brunel 2, T. Watson 9, Larsen 2, D. Watson 6, Salove 4, Cossel 4.

Homedale Locals

Mrs. Kenny Tucker and daughters Christy and Kathy, of Eugene, Ore., returned home Saturday morning, after spending two weeks visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Uranga, Sr., and other friends and relatives in Homedale.

140 years ago

February 26, 1876

THE ORIGINAL Declaration of Independence, now safely stored away among the archives of the Patent Office at Washington, will be forwarded to Philadelphia early in the month of May. A safe combining marvelous solidity and strength is being fitted up for the proper care and keeping of the document which will be guarded as though the country would go to the dogs if anything should happen to it.

A VIRGINIAN who signed himself a "Rebel of '65 and a Patriot of '76," on learning that the public debt of this country amounted to \$2,544,426,981.23, wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury and generously enclosed the sum of 23 cents, thus giving the Secretary an opportunity to wipe out at least two figures in the amount. He suggested that a few other gentlemen might be willing to tackle the remaining figures, inasmuch as he had opened the ball by setting this liberal example. If the perhaps noble representative of the F. F. V.'s had remitted 225 times as big an amount as he did, it might have had a better effect, as he would only then have taxed himself just the amount every inhabitant of this country, male and female, would have to pay if all were equally taxed to wipe out the national debt.

THERE IS a desperado in jail at Pioche who goes by the name of "Idaho Bill." Out of respect of our young and growing Territory we suggest that Bill's first name be dispensed with. We don't want any bad characters to sail under false colors by being christened after the "Gem of the Mountains." The name is intended for good people only.

THE EMPIRE - If not the largest, this is one of the most promising mines on War Eagle Mountain. About five months ago operations in the mine were suddenly discontinued and just at a time when a marvelously rich strike was made which left no doubt whatever of the magnificent character of the prospects. For nearly four months the Superintendent, Mr. Carter, has been in San Francisco endeavoring to get the company to put up a paltry few hundred dollars to pay off the indebtedness and resume operations. He has not yet succeeded in the effort. It is little short of an outrage that such splendid mining property as this should be allowed to remain idle. What we state in regard to its prospects is no exaggeration, as experienced miners can testify who have examined the Empire for themselves. There might have been, with a small force of men and judicious operations, bullion to the value of from \$25,000 to \$50,000 taken out of the mine during the past three months. For the want of a paltry sum not worth mentioning the company allow their property to remain unproductive and drift into ruin. Such negligence cannot be too strongly condemned.

ABOUT FIFTY tons of Leviathan rock are lying at the Leonard mill, and the quantity is being added to at the rate of about 7 tons per day. The rock slides down the hill from the mine towards the gulch at a very lively rate whence it is conveyed to the mill. The quality of the rock is first-class and has been greatly improving of late. The Leviathan bids fair to become a magnificent bonanza.

APPOINTMENT - M. A. Baldwin has been appointed Superintendent of the War Eagle mine. We are pleased to learn that it is intended to put the affairs of the mine on a business footing without delay, and that the requisite means will be forthcoming for that purpose. It was only on such conditions that Mr. Baldwin consented to accept the management, and the fact of his having done so is a guarantee of a change for the better. A display of the same kind of vim and energy that has brought the Golden Chariot up to its present prosperous status will not be without similarly good effects upon the prospects of the War Eagle. The right man is in the right place. Steps will soon be taken to have the water removed from the mine.

Sports

Middle school title games in town today



The 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball championship games will be played at Homedale Middle School today. The seventh-grade title game starts at 5 p.m., and the eighth-graders will play 10 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

Homedale's teams opened the tourneys earlier this week.

Above: Eighth-grader Nelson Lomeli splits the Fruitland defense for a layup.

Right: Seventh-grader Uriel Neri brings the ball up the floor against Weiser.

Photos by David Hamm



Huskies push NP to OT in opener



Junior Nick Lankow soars to the rim in Marsing's narrow loss to New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

Just call them the cardiac kids.

Marsing High School's players cemented that new nickname with a two-point overtime loss in the opening round of the 2A District III boys' basketball tournament last Wednesday.

The fourth-seeded Huskies fell, 47-45, to No. 5 New Plymouth on the Huskies' floor.

"We had the last shot in OT and came up short," MHS coach Tim Little said. "It was a hard-fought battle."

The teams finished regulation tied, 43-43, and the Pilgrims grinded out a spot in the district semifinals in the low-scoring extra period.

Marsing lost its fourth consecutive game and wound up on the short end of a two-point margin for the second time in three outings. The Huskies beat New Plymouth, 50-49, on Dakota Hardy's last-second shot on Jan. 27.

Cody Fernley led all scorers with 17 points for New Plymouth (6-15), and Riley Harris added 16.

Freshman Miguel Quebrado led the Huskies (6-16) with 12 points, while teammate Rodrigo Acuña, a senior, chipped in 11 points and four rebounds.

Junior Nick Lankow was the driving force on the backboards again with 10 rebounds for Marsing.

New Plymouth lost to top-seeded Melba, 63-49, on Saturday at Vallivue High School. The Mustangs qualified for the 2A state tournament, while New Plymouth fell into the losers' bracket and played Tuesday night after deadline.

Marsing played for its season at home Tuesday after against North Star Charter, which lost to No. 2 seed Nampa Christian, 55-44, on Saturday.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

The Play — Hall and Gonzalez secured return trips to the 2A state tournament with district championships Saturday in their home gym. Hall won the 220-pound title by pinning McCall-Donnelly's Kameron Nay. Gonzalez captured the crown at 152 with a pinfall against Tye Nasker of New Plymouth.



Oscar Gonzalez, jr.
— 152 pounds



Mason Hall, so.
— 220 pounds

Boys' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament

If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 25 vs. New Plymouth-Cole Valley Christian winner, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 6 p.m.

If lost Tuesday: Season complete

With wins Tuesday and Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2A state tournament play-in game, Mtn. Home, 3 p.m.

Wrestling
2A state tournament
Holt Arena, Pocatello
Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Season complete



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Go Huskies!

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Dog emotions

It is my observation that dogs feel certain basic emotions like affection, fear, confusion or joy. I'm not sure they're capable of feeling sadness or jealousy or if they can get their feelings hurt. But I believe a dog can get embarrassed! Take the Sunbeam clippers to a long-haired dog and see if he doesn't slink off behind the barn.

We bought a few acres out in the country but rented in town 'til we built our house. Boller, my good cowdog and companion, stayed in the backyard but LIVED to go out to the place!

He would know when I was fixin' to leave. He'd wait by the front door vibratin' like a bow string! I'd tease him a little, then say, "Go git in the pickup!" I'd open the door and he'd streak across the grass, across the driveway and catapult up into the back of the pickup!

One winter morning I was preparing to drive out and split some wood. Boller was tuned up and tickin' like a two-dollar watch! I peeked out the door when I released him. We'd had an ice storm. The trees hung heavy with icicles and the concrete driveway was like a mirror. Boller shot across the frozen grass, reached the driveway, set his hind legs to spring skyward, hit the ice and slid like a statue of a dog praying, flat into the side of the pickup!

He didn't know what happened. He glanced over his shoulder, saw me watching, and walked, red-faced, around the back of the pickup.

Bill said Booker was one of the dumber dogs they'd ever had on the ranch. He didn't have much cowdog in him, so, other than entertainment, he wasn't much use. To his credit, he did make an effort, but it was usually a disaster. Booker grew up to the sound of regular outbursts, curses and colorful epithets directed his way!

One hunting season, Bill and a friend winged a buck. They drove the truck as close to the brush as possible then went looking. Ever hopeful, Bill said, "Booker, find the deer!" Well, to everyone's amazement, big ol' slobberin' Booker found it!

Bill heaped praise on him ... "Good dog! Good dog!"

Booker was so pleased; he was beside himself! He grinned a big ol' loopy grin and was overcome with this unaccustomed acclaim! In his exuberance, he raced for the pickup, made an Olympic leap, cleared the entire bed, hooked his hind paw on the far side, and nose-dived into the dirt!

They found him up the road about a half a mile ... acting like nothing happened!

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

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 17 primary election until noon on Friday, May 6.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Fax to (208) 337-4867
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

Wayne Hoffman, president



Idaho Freedom Foundation State senators pass on chance to examine food stamp fraud

It's disturbing: Idaho lawmakers have blocked discussion, yes discussion, of a proposal to cut down on food stamp fraud. Members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee rejected consideration of a proposal to possibly add identification photos to Idaho food stamp cards, investigate requests for new food stamp cards by recipients who lose an unusual number of them, and crosscheck food stamp recipients with the names of lottery winners.

The proposal comes from the Foundation for Government Accountability. The FGA, a national group, is educating lawmakers in several states about how to cut down on welfare fraud and successfully assist low-income people on a path to prosperity.

The FGA proposal was modest. The organization's draft legislation allowed food stamp recipients to decide if they wanted their photos on their government-issued debit cards. Evidence shows that photo identification, along with lottery crosschecks and the review of excessive "lost card" replacements, helps reduce the fraud and abuse we all know exists in the food stamp program.

But, the committee wouldn't have anything of it; the measure failed to win the support to even be introduced for a full-hearing discussion. Committee Chairman Lee Heider (R-Twin Falls) couldn't explain his vote against the proposal when I asked him about it in a Statehouse hallway.

Republican Patti Anne Lodge (R-Huston) criticized the proposal because retailers wouldn't be able to single-out food stamp users to prove their identification.

"Anyone can still use the card," Lodge said before the vote. Her comments closely followed Otter administration talking points given to committee members ahead of the introduction hearing. Former state Sen. Joyce Broadword, now a Department of Health and Welfare employee, distributed a one-page email that outlined the agency's objections. The email contended the agency is already doing a fantastic job chasing food stamp fraud, making additional legislation unnecessary.

Boise Democrat Maryanne Jordan sided with Lodge. Jordan said the photo-addition effort was not worth the cost, which was forecast at \$1-2 per participating food stamp recipient. The plan could have used existing Idaho Transportation Department photos.

"I find this very troubling and without a lot of data to back it up," Jordan said. Dan Schmidt (D-Moscow) joined her, Lodge and Heider in opposition to the bill. Boise Republican Fred Martin initially passed on supporting or opposing the measure's introduction then cast a belated vote against after its doom was obvious. Republicans Marv Hagedorn of Meridian, Sheryl Nuxoll of Grangeville,

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Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington End the cycle of irresponsible federal deficit-building

As our national debt now exceeds \$19 trillion and as Congress prepares to establish budget frameworks for the coming year, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has issued projections that require us to take notice of the ever-growing pit of debt our nation is amassing. We must get real and make the changes necessary to stop the growth of the national debt that seriously weakens our country.

CBO's projections speak to the magnitude of the problem.

- CBO estimates that the annual deficit for 2016 will be \$544 billion, \$105 billion higher than last year. This means that in one year alone, our country is expected to spend more than half of \$1 trillion more than it has.

- Federal spending is projected to rise overall by 6 percent this year to 21.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP).

- Interest spending on the debt will rise by 13 percent this year. Interest payments on the debt will rise from \$223 billion last year to \$830 billion in 2026.

- CBO projects that the number of people 65 and older in the U.S. will rise by 37 percent between now and 2026. This will likely put additional strain on the solvency of entitlement programs — Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — that comprise the majority of federal spending.

- Gross federal debt is expected to rise by about \$10 trillion, from approximately \$19 trillion to \$29.3 trillion in 2026.

- This escalation of debt will occur despite the CBO projections that the federal government will take 4 percent more in revenue this year, amounting to 18.3 percent of GDP, which is well above the 50-year historic average of 17.4 percent of GDP. This further illustrates that the problem is not worsening because of not enough tax

revenue. It grows despite record revenue, further proving the real driver of the problem is far too much federal spending.

Unfortunately, the President seems unwilling to recognize the enormity of the problem. Instead, the Administration is pursuing a budget that continues to push for more growth in government and more unrestrained spending. The President's budget would increase federal spending by \$1.24 trillion over the next 10 years, and would raise taxes by \$4.51 trillion. We cannot spend our way into prosperity with borrowed money. 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. The federal government must follow a balanced budget that stops the unsustainable growth of our national debt.

We must end this cycle of irresponsibility now. We must make changes that enable our country to grow and reduce this catastrophic level of debt. We must fix our broken, overly burdensome and complex tax code by simplifying it and lowering rates for all individuals, families and businesses. We must reduce federal spending and enact strong budget controls that prevent Congress and the President from spending beyond our means. We must stabilize our entitlement programs to maintain promises to protect current recipients, while strengthening the systems to guarantee solvency for future recipients.

We must get real and confront this challenge head-on, as ignoring it only enables it to worsen.

— 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.

Commentary

Financial management

Find a part-time job that reconciles with personal ethics

Dear Dave,

I work an extra job part-time for a retail store chain while I'm getting out of debt. I like my job, except for having to pitch the store's credit card to customers. Like you, I believe debt is a bad thing. Still, my bosses are putting more and more pressure on me to sell the cards. It's been bothering me a lot lately, and I was wondering if you have any advice for my ethical dilemma?

— **Evette**

Dear Evette,

If you've been in the business for very long, I guess you've discovered that most retail stores make more money on credit than the sale of merchandise. In my mind, you've got two types of integrity that are pulling at you. Your personal integrity wants you to do a good job for yourself and your employer, but it's also telling you that credit cards are bad products. That makes you feel like

you've signed up to sell something that you don't believe in.

You wouldn't want someone working for you who wouldn't follow your instructions, and I wouldn't want someone working for me who doesn't believe in what they've been hired to do. For the sake of your own integrity, I would suggest that you find another part-time job. If you feel this strongly about the issue, sooner or later it will start to affect your performance and attitude — both at work and at home.

Hang on long enough to land another job before you quit. Then, be professional when you turn in your notice. Despite what lots of people say these days, there are plenty of part-time jobs out there!

— **Dave**

Dear Dave,

I have two small duplexes in Idaho that I rent for \$400 a month,



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each on one-year leases. The rent is about \$50 to \$75 below similar units in the area. The tenants in all four places are great, so how do you know when — or if — you should raise the rent? If you raise the rent, how do you keep good relationships with your tenants?

— **Teresa**

Dear Teresa,

My advice with rental properties is to raise the rent a little bit each year. You want to be fair and affordable for your tenants, but you don't want them thinking the rate is locked in forever. As a business owner, if you don't have small, manageable increases on a regular basis, you'll look up in four or five years and realize you're losing money because your rent is way below market value.

Then, if you implement a big rate hike out of nowhere your tenants will have a fit. After that, you could be looking at empty properties.

When it comes time to renew the leases, try explaining to them that you've looked around in the market and other very comparable units are going for \$450 or more, but that you appreciate them and what good tenants they are. Then, propose signing the new lease at

\$410 or \$420. Don't raise it to full market value. In most cases, this kind of approach will keep both parties happy.

As a landlord, you'll be able to retain quality tenants and make more money. As a renter, you'll have the comfort of knowing your rent isn't going to suddenly jump sky-high. It's a win-win!

— **Dave**

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

Americans for Limited Government

Grassley: 'Defer to American people' on SCOTUS balance

by Robert Romano

"Given the huge divide in the country, and the fact that this President, above all others, has made no bones about his goal to use the courts to circumvent Congress and push through his own agenda, it only makes sense that we defer to the American people who will elect a new president to select the next Supreme Court Justice."

That was Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) on Feb. 13 telling the American people in no uncertain terms that his committee would not allow any Supreme Court nominee by President Obama to the Senate floor to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

In other words, whoever Obama might nominate to replace Scalia is all but dead on arrival.

Grassley might not even have a hearing on the nominee. When asked about the possibility of a hearing, Grassley told reporters on Feb. 16, "I would wait until the nominee is made before I would make any decision. In other words, take it a step at a time."

"But," Grassley added, "I think you need to know that I have made a statement, and a lot of other Republicans have made a statement that this is a very serious position to fill and it should be... debated during the campaign and filled by either Hillary Clinton, Senator [Bernie] Sanders or whoever's nominated by the Republicans and make this important decision a very important part of the election coming up."

Got it? The outcome of the election will determine who gets to pick the next Supreme Court Justice. No ambiguity.

For those opposed to filling the Scalia seat prior to the next president being sworn in, Grassley's is actually a very positive statement.

Grassley went on to cite a July 2007 statement by Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) that then-President George W. Bush should not be allowed to appoint any more Supreme Court spots during the remainder of his term except during "extraordinary circumstances."

As Grassley said, "I think that since [Schumer] thought that the balance on the Supreme Court was so important that particular year that we're very consistent with [the] philosophy that he expressed."

As it turns out, Bush never went on to appoint any new Justices after Schumer's July 2007 statement simply because the opportunity never presented itself. But, Grassley told reporters, the principle still stands.

"It is a very important position because Senator Schumer talked about balance and we had balance: 4 conservatives, 4 liberals and 1 moderate, and maintaining that balance for the Supreme Court is just as important now as it was in 2007."

So, who would Obama appoint? When asked if he would appoint a moderate Justice by Reuters reporter Jeff Mason at a Feb. 16 press conference, President Obama laughed and gave an emphatic, "No."

Well, since Scalia was a conservative, and Obama is indicating he will appoint a liberal, allowing that nominee to be confirmed by the Senate necessarily would mean changing the balance of the nation's highest court.

Without question.

Post-Scalia, there would be a liberal majority on the court, with only three conservatives and one moderate.

Grassley is right.

Of course Obama would like to fill that slot. But the Senate is under no obligation to rubber stamp that nominee with so much at stake.

So why not leave it up to the American people? Do voters like the balance of the court of the past several years, or would they rather have a more liberal court in the future? 2016 could very well be a referendum on that and other issues.

But only if Senate Republicans hold the line. First and foremost, that will be determined by Chuck Grassley. If he keeps his embargo on whomever Obama nominates, and the Senate does not fall into recess, Obama can appeal to the American people all he wants, but the nomination will be dead before a hearing even happens.

Yes, elections have consequences. And Republicans actually won the Senate majority in 2014. It is something Grassley will need to remember this year as the pressure is ratcheted up on him and his Senate colleagues to rubber stamp Obama's pick for the court.

This is Chuck Grassley's moment. The one that will define his time in the Senate. If he stands his ground to stop the Obama Supreme Court nominee, it could change the course of not only the nation but of history itself.

— *Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.*

✓ Fraud: Idaho Legislature won't consider what other states have started

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and Mark Harris of Soda Springs voted to introduce the measure.

Other states aren't so bashful about attacking the problem of excessive and fraudulent food stamp use. In 2014, Maine implemented a photo ID program for food stamp participants. Today, more than 36,000 Maine residents have their pictures on government-issued food stamp cards. Rhode Island is another state that is

considering what Idaho won't.

The reduction of food stamp fraud is undeniably popular with voters of all political and ideological persuasions. Taxpayers are frustrated by the obvious abuse of the program; everyone has their own anecdote of how they've seen the program misused: a food stamp recipient driving a fancy car, or using the benefits to buy junk food, cigarettes and alcohol. People who believe in the program's value have expressed frustration at aid not reaching the truly

needy because of waste or outright fraud. That Heider, Lodge, Jordan, Schmidt and Martin were unwilling to even consider taking a little more time to discuss the problem, as well as possible simple solutions, is equally frustrating.

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

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE 2016 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN OWYHEE COUNTY

The Owyhee County Republican Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday March 8th 2016 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following precinct polling places:

Precinct 01 North Homedale – Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Avenue Homedale

Precinct 02 South Homedale – Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Avenue Homedale

Precinct 03 North Marsing – Marsing Community Center 126 2nd Ave. N. Marsing

Precinct 04 South Marsing – Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave. Marsing

Precinct 05 Pleasant Valley – Mail Ballot

Precinct 06 Wilson – Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson

Precinct 07 Murphy – Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy

Precinct 08 Oreana – Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Precinct 09 Grandview – Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave Grandview

Precinct 10 Bruneau – American Legion Building 32536 Belle Ave. Bruneau

Precinct 11 Riddle – Mail Ballot

Precinct 12 Three Creek – Mail Ballot

Precinct 13 Absentee – Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy

2/24/16

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On March 16, 2016 beginning at 10:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by S. George Hyer seeking to establish a single-family residence on a 1.8-acre parcel of land, parcel number RP01N03W073800A. The property is in an agricultural zone, located off Wright Lane near Melba, Idaho. The subject property is located in the NWSWNW ¼ of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.

2/24/16

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho on the 9th day of March, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to consider whether to adopt Resolution No. 132 thereby establishing reasonable fees to offset certain administrative costs.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Written comments accepted at City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho, until 5:00 p.m. on the 9th day of March, 2016.

Any person with a disability

may request a reasonable accommodation to make it easier to use City facilities or programs, or request that the City provide information in a different way. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Marsing City Clerk, Janice Bicandi, telephone: 208-896-4122, two (2) days prior to the meeting.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2016.
2/24;3/2/16

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho on the 9th day of March, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to consider whether to repeal Ordinance No. A82 A thereby disbanding the planning and zoning commission and repealing the corresponding ordinance provisions detailing the respective duties of the Commission and of the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Written comments accepted at City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho, until 5:00 p.m. on the 9th day of March, 2016.

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Dated this 19th day of February, 2016.
2/24;3/2/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2016-0837 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY ELLEN LOOTENS, Deceased Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho 83606.

DATED this 11 day of February, 2016.

Helen Nicolosi, Personal Representative
2/17,24;3/2/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2016-0843

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Idaho Code section 15-3-801 that, in connection with the foregoing case number in the Owyhee County District Court, SCOTT WILLIAMS has been appointed Personal Representative of the probate estate of JOSEPH SWINDELL, deceased. 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 attorney at number 101 Eagle Glen Lane, Eagle, Idaho 83616 (telephone no. 208-939-2600), and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 16th day of February, 2016.
Barry Peters, Attorney at Law
2/24;3/2,9/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the hour of 10:30AM, of said day, on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Tract 1:

A portion of the South One-Half, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, from which the center of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, bears

South 01°55'38" East, 2,547.15 feet; thence

South 0°18'00" West 90.00 feet along the Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 32°58'00" East 11.92 feet along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

North 89°57'44" West 50.54 feet along a line parallel with and 100.00 feet Southerly from (measured at right angles) the Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence

North 24°45'55" West 236.65 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 24°45'55" West 10.49 feet to a point; thence

North 60°33'13" East 74.50 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway, said point being

South 33°18'36" East 135.75 feet from the Southeasterly right-of-way of 1st Street South; thence

South 33°18'36" East 49.25 feet along said Southwesterly right-of-way of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 86°44'03" West 87.67 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Excepting all mineral and mineral rights as reference in Deed recorded June 18, 1992 as Instrument No. 208169 official records, and in Deed recorded June 1, 1998 as Instrument No. 225034 official records of Owyhee County.

Tract 2:

A portion of the South One-Half, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian,

and a portion of the North One-Half Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING from which the center of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian bears

South 01°55'38" East 2,547.15 feet; thence

South 0°18'00" West 90.00 feet along the Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 32°58'00" East 11.92 feet along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

North 89°57'44" West 50.54 feet along a line parallel with and 100.00 feet Southerly from (measured at right angles) the Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence

North 24°45'55" West 236.65 feet to a point; thence

North 86°44'03" East 87.67 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway, said point being

South 33°18'36" East 185.00 feet from the Southeasterly right-of-way line of 1st Street South; thence

South 33°18'36" East 102.53 feet along said Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 0°18'00" West 34.22 feet along said Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Excepting all mineral and mineral rights as reference in Deed recorded June 18, 1992 as Instrument No. 208169 official records, and in Deed recorded June 1, 1998 as Instrument No. 225034 official records of Owyhee County.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 117 Bruneau Highway, Marsing, ID 83639, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE EXACT LOCATION OF SAID

PROPERTY, PLEASE CONTACT ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP. AT 208-947-1553.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Paul B. Silvis and Heather A. Silvis, husband and wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mark D. Perison an unmarried man as Successor Beneficiary, recorded July 11, 2012 as Instrument No. 278089, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$70,692.28 together with interest thereon at the rate of 11% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated June 29, 2012. Payments are in default for the months of November 2015 through and including January 2016 in the amount of \$244.34 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of February 9, 2016 is \$23,401.98 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon. In addition to the above, there is also due any impound fees, late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$23,401.98, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: February 5, 2016

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer,
Phone: 208-947-1553. File No.:
300320 / Customer Ref No. Silvis/
Perison

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016, AT THE HOUR OF 11:00 o'clock A.M., local time, of said day, at the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, Jonathon D. Hallin, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, together with fixtures, of the following described real property in Owyhee County, Idaho:

This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15 of Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence

South 00°04'05" West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on R.O.S. Instrument No. 165969 on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

South 89°54'51" East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 439.88 feet; thence leaving said North boundary and bearing South 24°27'45" West a distance of 165.26 feet; thence

South 56°24'01" East a distance of 141.72 feet; thence

South 00°03'35" West a distance of 211.27 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Parcel 5; thence

North 89°54'51" West along said South boundary a distance of 787.33 feet to the Southwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence traversing the West boundary of said Parcel 5 as follows:

North 10°57'29" West a distance of 254.02 feet;

North 51°42'29" West a distance of 226.70 feet;

North 20°13'29" West a distance of 53.82 feet to the Northwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence

South 89°55'08" East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 542.88 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with a 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement described as follows:

A 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement being a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, the centerline of which is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence

South 00°04'05" West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on Record of Survey Instrument No. 165969, on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

South 89°54'51" East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 1265.77 feet to a point on the centerline of the Old Bruneau Highway; thence

South 08°13'59" West along said centerline a distance of 223.80 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving

said centerline and traversing a curve to the left having a radius of 95.84 feet, a central angle of 37°25'19", an arc length of 62.60 feet and a long chord which bears South 61°19'15" West a distance of 61.49 feet; thence

South 42° 35' 57" West a distance of 66.89 feet; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 150.26 feet, a central angle of 62° 19' 14", an arc length of 163.44 feet and a long chord which bears South 73° 45' 34" West a distance of 155.50 feet; thence

North 75°04'49" West a distance of 185.28 feet; thence North 84°44'08" West a distance of 318.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 6900 Wild Game Lane, Marsing, Idaho 83639.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust described as follows:

A Deed of Trust to secure an indebtedness of \$232,987.00, and any other amounts as therein provided, payable under the terms, conditions, provisions and stipulations thereof:

Dated: May 8, 2009

Grantor: Joseph Hill and Loretta Hill, husband and wife

Trustee: Title One

Beneficiary: Mountain West Bank

Recorded: May 14, 2009

Instrument No.: 268175

Re-recorded: June 19, 2009

Instrument No.: 268467

THE GRANTORS NAMED HEREIN ARE LISTED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 OF THE IDAHO CODE. No representation is made whether or not they are currently responsible for the obligation listed herein.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is in default for failure of the obligors to pay the monthly payments for September, October, November and December 2015, and January 1, 2016. As of January 11, 2016, the outstanding principal balance owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust was \$203,174.45, plus accrued interest and late charges in the amount of \$5,935.90. Additional interest accrues at the rate of 4.980% per annum or \$26.92806 per day. Grantors must also pay outstanding taxes, interest, penalties, late charges, service charges, appraisal fees, title policy fees, and any other disbursements, costs, fees or expenses incurred or paid by the Beneficiary and/or Trustee associated with this Notice of Default and/or foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust, Promissory Note, or by Idaho law. JONATHON D. HALLIN, Attorney at Law, is successor trustee of said Deed of Trust.

DATED this 1st day of February, 2016.

JONATHON HALLIN, Trustee, 601 E. Front Ave., Suite 502, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 (208) 667-0517

2/10,17,24;3/2/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the

lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1 OF BIG SKY ESTATES NO. 1, PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED OCTOBER 26, 1978 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 156593 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 600 E. Selway Dr., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by FRED CUELLAR JR. and BELINDA CUELLAR, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST SECURITY BANK, N.A., recorded May 15, 2000, as Instrument No. 232341, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on May 15, 2000, as Instrument No. 232342, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated May 12, 2000, in the amount of \$678.00 each, for the months of June through December, 2015, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 7.25% per annum from May 1, 2015.

DATED This 22nd day of January, 2016

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

2/17,24;3/2,9/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 036088-ID Parcel No.: RPA0010052011AA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On 6/14/2016 at 11:00

AM (recognized local time), in the LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1 OF BIG SKY ESTATES NO. 1, PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED OCTOBER 26, 1978 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 156593 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 600 E. Selway Dr., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JULIE A SCOTT, MARRIED, SOLE AND SEPARATE, as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE CO., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MORTGAGE COMPANY OF IDAHO LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 7/15/2009, recorded 7/17/2009, as Instrument No. 268715, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 7/1/2015 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 2/1/2016 is \$42,547.35 including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total

amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (866)931-0036 DATED: 2/1/2016 SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP

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CASTLEFORD JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #417 NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

NOTICE IF HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Castleford Joint School District No. 417, adopted on December 15, 2015, a Supplemental Levy Election will be held on March 8, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of authorizing a levy in the amount of up to \$350,000.00 per year for the period of two years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, each of the polling places includes parking spaces, path of travel, entrances, exits and voting areas accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Said election will be held at the following polling places:

Owyhee County Voters Election Day voting: The American Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave, Bruneau

Absentee voting: Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy

Sample Ballot Enclosed
February 24, 2016

As the home county for Castleford Joint School District, I am required to do the Notice of Election for both Twin Falls County and Owyhee County. This notice is intended for eligible voters who reside in Owyhee County and in Castleford Joint School District Boundaries.

Currently, there are no registered voters in this area, but using census data we determined that there could be potential voters in this area. Voters can register and vote absentee at the Owyhee County Courthouse until March 4, 2016 or request a ballot by mail until March 2, 2016. Voters can also register and vote on Election Day, March 8, 2016, at the American Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave, Bruneau.

For more information, please contact Angie Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk at 495-2421 or Kristina Glascock, Twin Falls County Clerk, at 736-4004.

Sincerely, Valerie Varadi - Twin Falls County Elections Director

2/24/16



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Owyhee County Church Directory

<p>Fellowship Calvary Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 20 West Idaho Ave Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm (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 Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop 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 <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 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@cloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
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Sports

JV boys look to rebound from loss

State: Mustangs host Triad tonight

Jordan Valley High School couldn't repeat as district champion, but the Mustangs still have a home game for the state playoffs tonight.

Jordan Valley (19-5) plays host to Triad (18-10) from District 5 at 6 p.m. today. The Mustangs will have to win two games to qualify for the 1A Oregon state tournament, which will be held March 3-5 in Baker City, Ore. Second-round playoff games will be played Saturday on district champions' home floors.

The Mustangs fell short in their bid for a second consecutive 1A District 8 championship with a

52-46 loss to top-seeded Monument/Dayville on Saturday in John Day, Ore.

"Monument/Dayville came out shooting," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said. "We played a great game, but they just kept hitting big shots and a lot of ours wouldn't fall.

"But the boys played hard it was a great game."

Dakota Emerson drained half of the Tigers' eight three-point goals. He scored 10 of his game-high 22 points during Monument/Dayville's 17-point opening to the second half.

The Mustangs trailed, 39-28, when JJ Echave caught fire in the fourth quarter. He scored 10 of his 18 points in the fourth, but Jordan Valley couldn't close the gap.

Echave wrapped up the district tournament with a double-double after snagging 14 rebounds.

Wyatt Stanford scored 12 of his 13 points in the second half, but only five Jordan Valley players would find the scoring column.

Friday: Jordan Valley 47, Prairie City 35 — Clinging to a 22-21 advantage, Jordan Valley held the Panthers to just a Dorran Wilson field goal during a 19-2 spurt to blow open the game.

Echave scored seven points and Stanford added five in the decisive quarter.

Stanford notched four three-point goals on the way to a team-high 18 points. Echave added 15 points and Jett Warn had eight.

Wilson led all players with 20 points.



Adrian's Morgan Bayes drives against Jordan Valley's Taylor Warn during Friday's semifinal in John Day, Ore. Photo by Bob Radford

Adrian boys end season with win

German exchange student Dennis Dick's perfect shooting night pushed Adrian High School to the 1A District 8 Tournament consolation championship.

The Antelopes roared to a big lead then held on for 54-45 victory late Friday night against Harper/Huntington.

"The boys finished with a solid effort," Adrian first-year coach Nolan Shira said.

"We rebounded from a tough loss the day before and came out

on fire in the first quarter. A great group of boys to work with."

Less than 24 hours after enduring a 48-41 opening-round loss to Prairie City, the Antelopes (9-15 overall) erupted with a 26-6 run to start their losers' bracket game against Harper/Huntington (3-17).

Adrian's 20-point lead came in handy as the LocoNets mounted a comeback with a 22-7 spurt in the fourth quarter.

Dick connected every one of his

11 field-goal attempts (including going 4-for-4 from the three-point line) and he was 2-for-2 at the charity stripe for a co-game-high 20 points.

Roberto Ramirez came off the bench with eight points for Adrian, while teammates Mike Griffin, Kenny Purnell and Ryker Murrey — all starters — scores six points apiece.

Another exchange student, Pau Roget, dished four assists and grabbed five rebounds.

Jordan Valley girls roll to third

Morgan Caywood erupted for 20 points Saturday, pushing Jordan Valley High School into the girls' basketball state playoffs.

Caywood was perfect on six trips to the free-throw line during the a 68-39 win over Monument/Dayville in the third-place game of the 1A District 8 Tournament.

Jordan Valley (18-9) played Powder Valley on the road Tuesday in the first round of the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

The Mustangs collected the district sportsmanship award as well as the third-place hardware.

Taylor Warn was 8-for-9 from the free-throw line for the majority of her 10 points.

Jordan Valley converted 17 of 21 foul shots and fired in nine three-point goals.

Caywood hit four treys, while Jaci Larsen and Alisha Rogers had two each en route to eight points apiece. Ally Reynolds also tossed

in a three-pointer.

Zoey Warn and Emilee Burch grabbed six rebounds each.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 57, Harper/Huntington 15 — Regann Skinner scored 12 points, and Rogers and Taylor Warn added nine each.

Burch scored eight points, and Nicole Terry added seven.

Taylor Warn led the team with six steals, while Skinner and Rogers had five steals apiece.

Adrian girls' title run starts with win over JV

Adrian High School put it all together Friday to beat an archrival and reached the girls' basketball district championship game.

A 48-33 semifinals victory over Jordan Valley was the first step in the Antelopes' run to the 1A District 8 championship at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

"This was by far our most complete game of the year," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "The girls put together a solid effort, and I was very proud of them."

Adrian beat Crane, 30-26, on Saturday for the district championship and an opening-round bye in the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

The Antelopes dominated all facets of the game against Jordan Valley, which went on to finish third and earn the tournament's sportsmanship award.

Led by Carlee Morton's 14 points off the bench, Adrian reserves outscored their Mustangs

counterparts, 21-2. Adrian scored 10 points off turnovers.

Adrian went on a 23-15 run through the second and third quarters to take control.

Four players — Morton, Morgan Bayes, Anna Hutchings and Erin Nielson — collected six rebounds each as Adrian ruled on the glass, too. Morton also had four steals.

Bayes scored nine points, and Selina Villarreal added eight. Hutchings had seven.

Reagann Skinner had 10 points and seven rebounds for the Mustangs, while teammates Zoey Warn and Morgan Caywood scored seven points each.

Taylor Warn notched six points and four rebounds for Jordan Valley, which held a slim lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Mustangs rallied to rout Monument/Dayville, 68-39, on Saturday to earn the district's third seed into the state playoffs.

✓ Adrian: Antelopes stand one win from state tourney

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in the second half. We also hit some crucial free throws at the end to hold on."

Adrian (19-5) connected on seven of 12 free throws, including crucial shots down the stretch to hold off Crane.

Carlee Morton converted four of seven foul shots and drained her team's only three-point goal to lead all scorers with nine points. Selina Villarreal chipped in eight points, while Anna Hutchings and Morgan Bayes grabbed five rebounds each. Bayes also recorded four steals and four assists.

Crane led, 9-3, after the first eight minutes. Adrian rallied

to outscore the Mustangs, 22-11, over the second and third quarters.

Bryanna Dunn led Crane with seven points.

Adrian reached the district championship game with a 48-33 victory over archrival Jordan Valley in a Friday semifinal. Morton came off the bench to registered 14 points and six rebounds to lead the Antelopes.

Adrian won for the 12th time in the past 13 games.

The Antelopes play host to a second-round state playoffs game on Friday. A win sends the team to the state tournament, which begins next Wednesday in Baker City.



The Adrian High School girls' basketball team gets a first-round bye in the 1A Oregon state playoffs after its district championship Saturday. Photo by AHS Yearbook