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Retiring legal secretary Lynda Freund talks with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery inside the courthouse in Murphy.

Longtime prosecutor's secretary ready to hit the road

Travel, family time on Lynda Freund's retirement to-do list

Lynda Freund will end 20 years as a do-everything secretary in the county's prosecuting

attorney's office this month.

"Lynda, in her job, has been a babysitter, a sheepherder and a chauffeur," Owyhee County district court chief deputy clerk Trina Aman said.

In addition to being a top-notch legal secretary for six prosecutors, Freund apparently has spent

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Sundance Park lease renewal on tap tonight for Homedale council

Homedale Youth Sports Inc. seeks to renew its lease of Sundance Park during tonight's Homedale City Council meeting.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

In 2011, HYS Inc. paid \$5

to lease the park from March through September for youth baseball and softball as well as adult softball tournaments.

The council also is scheduled to accept the canvassed results from the Nov. 8 election in which Paul Fink won a sixth term as mayor,

Steve Atkins earned a spot on the council, and Councilman Aaron Tines won re-election.

Mike Parker of Bowen Parker Day CPAs will deliver the fiscal year 2011 audit.

Departmental reports also are scheduled to be heard tonight.

Complaint triggers another investigation into Owyhee sheriff

ISP, Ada County looking into possible altercation at Idaho 78 wreck

During an Oct. 25 traffic accident involving a silage truck, Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall along with at least one individual were involved in a possible altercation.

Following a subpoena for photographs taken by The Owyhee Avalanche at the crash scene, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery confirmed he turned over to outside authorities information

for an investigation involving Crandall.

The information will be given to the Idaho State Police along with the Ada County Prosecutor's Office, Emery said.

Emery said he was compiling

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Community-minded Sherry Colyer receives Farm Bureau award

Bruneau rancher named Woman of the Year

The Idaho Farm Bureau bestowed her with a rare honor, but Sherry Colyer isn't quite sure she's deserving.

The longtime Bruneau rancher recently received the Idaho Farm

Bureau Woman of the Year award for District IV.

"I'm very honored to receive the award, but at the same time I feel there are others who would be more deserving. I do what I do because I love it and it's our way of life," she said.

"I've always said we live the dream to get to do what we love

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"I've always said we live the dream to get to do what we love and wake up on a ranch with our children and do what every ranch wife loves to do."

— Sherry Colyer

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Homedale Senior Center coordinator honored

McAbee cited for role in center's evolution

A tenure dedicated to improvement has landed Shirley McAbee a prestigious honor.

The Homedale Senior Center coordinator has received the Elderly Opportunity Agency Inc. Excellence in Service Award for 2011.

"Shirley has demonstrated particularly in the last year but leading up to that just so many things she's been able to pull together to take the senior center to the next level," EOA Inc. executive director Krista Cole said.

McAbee was given what Cole calls the Coordinator of the Year Award during EOA's quarterly meeting in Emmett. There are 19 senior centers in Idaho on Aging Area III, which includes Owyhee, Canyon, Elmore, Adams, Boise, Gem, Payette, Valley and Washington counties.

McAbee said that the award came from a team effort even though her name goes on the perpetual plaque just a few slots away from 2009 recipient Alana Squires from the Marsing Senior Center.

"I'm really proud of my volunteers. It's not just me, it's all of us that's doing it," McAbee said.

"I really feel like this award here is for all of us. It's not just me."

McAbee, who's married to longtime Homedale resident Gene McAbee, started as coordinator in July 2004.

Since starting in her position, McAbee has overseen a growth in attendance for the senior center's congregate meals, which are served Tuesday through Thursday around 11:30 a.m.

"Wednesday lunch, we were proud if we got 10 or 12," she said of the beginning. "Now we're up to 30."

Attendance on Tuesday and Thursday has increased 67 percent to about 50 diners daily.

"It's not just an uptick in the numbers in people served there,"

Cole said. "But one of the things we're doing at all 19 of our senior centers is more multi-generational things ... and positioning them as a cornerstone of the communities, and she's done an amazing job at that."

With the increase in grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, EOA has emphasized making the centers accessible to more than just senior citizens, and Cole said McAbee has bought into the program whole-heartedly.

"At their Thanksgiving dinner, there were almost 140 people there — grandkids and cousins and uncles and grandparents and families and neighbors," Cole said. "It was Norman Rockwell. I was in tears. I just welled up."

"It was crazy how wonderful it was, and that's exactly what we're going for."

Cole said McAbee is a leader in the rebranding of senior centers.

"Our society has changed, and the need for a senior center has not gone away, but it is evolving," she said. "And Shirley has been super in demonstrating her understanding that the senior centers are more than old folks homes."

The award also recognizes McAbee's efforts to obtain grants to upgrade equipment and even the senior center structure itself.

In the past year, the Homedale center received a facelift through a grant from The Home Depot and a work day provided by volunteers from the home improvement chain's Nampa location.



The traveling trophy for the senior center coordinator of the year will hang outside Shirley McAbee's office until next fall.

Previously, she has obtained U.S. Ecology of Idaho grants to help with kitchen equipment. She said last week that the center is in need of a walk-in refrigerator, and she's willing to listen to anyone who can help out.

"The notoriety that she's been able to achieve through the positive press definitely will help out when we go to apply for grants and such," Cole said.

But it's more than promotion. It's listening to the needs of her community.

"She's connected with the participants and done so much outreach to bring new people in," Cole said. "She found out what

they want from a senior center along with her board of directors at the senior center."

McAbee still comes back to nourishing the community, though. The number of meals delivered by the Meals on Wheels staff to shut-ins on Monday, Wednesday and Friday has soared.

According to EOA, there were 4,500 meals delivered to homes in 2005. That has nearly doubled to an annual delivery of 8,000.

Between 2005 and 2008, the number of congregate meals served quintupled from 300 to 1,500.

"And it just keeps rising and rising and rising," Cole said.

— JPB

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ATV enforcement well-received and successful in first year

Program could expand next spring

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office off-highway vehicle program reached nearly 3,000 people in its first year of existence.

Sgt. Lynn Bowman, who helped coordinate the program, told the Board of County Commissioners that recreationists were overwhelmingly receptive to the new emphasis on OHV law enforcement.

Part-time deputy Craig Mickelson as well as backcountry deputies Cpl. Jeff Wasson and Sgt. Gary Olsen carried out patrols.

"From what (Mickelson, Olsen and Wasson) have heard from the public, they have had very little negative response," Bowman said. "We treated this year as an instructional year. We just didn't hammer (recreationists) with citations."

Bowman said only 10 citations were issued during the program's run from March to October, and about 90 percent of those were for juveniles riding without helmets. Others were registration violations. There also were about 75 warnings issued, many of which dealt with trespass concerns.

Patrols were focused on the popular Owyhee Front recreational areas, such as Hemingway Butte, Rabbit Creek and Silver City. Bowman said there were some patrols in the Flint area, too.

"I only see 75 warnings for an eight-month period," Bowman said. "That's pretty good with the amount of contacts. That's just under three percent."

Reported ATV accidents also were down from previous years, he said.

"All I've ever heard is positive

on what the guys are doing out there," District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

Deputies also made one arrest for a drug violation during the program's inaugural season, Bowman said.

The Idaho Sheriff's Association and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation funded the program, initially with nearly \$24,000. The sheriff's association sent another \$6,000 to Owyhee County during the course of the year.

There's \$8,157.25 left in the program fund to start next year's program, Bowman said. He added that if a similar amount of revenue comes from the state for 2012, OCSO hopes to hire as many as two more part-time deputies.

Revenue is generated through a formula that takes into account the county's public land acreage as well as the number of recreationists who designate Owyhee County as their primary area of use on ATV registration forms.

The program is aimed at public education on safety while riding ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles and other off-highway vehicles. If funding allows, the program could be expanded to include snowmobiles next year.

More than \$21,700 was spent in 2011 on purchasing a new ATV and outfitting it and an existing ATV with equipment and survival gear as well as paying Mickelson's wages and buying fuel for a pickup and four-wheeler.

Two safety instructor courses were held to educate Bowman, Wasson, Sgt. Slade Heeb and other OCSO personnel in preparation for planned public safety courses next year. Bowman said the first ATV safety course open to the public could be held in April or May.

— JPB

Homedale Christmas musical performance features silent auction

A silent auction will accompany the Homedale schools annual Christmas concert Thursday.

The show will take place at 7 p.m. inside the Homedale Middle School gymnasium.

The program will feature the fifth-grade and sixth-grade bands, the combined middle school and high school band, the middle school choir, high school choir and select choir.

"They will be performing a variety of music including traditional, non-traditional, and one spoof," Homedale schools musical director Jessica Hanna

said.

"The more the merrier, so I hope the community will come support the groups and have a jolly time."

The silent auction will feature gift baskets, wreaths and a gingerbread house. Proceeds will help the music program cover costs for transportation and participation in spring festivals.

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Officials are still investigating the cause of an early-morning fire that consumed this house in the 500 block of West Oregon Avenue in Homedale.

Homedale home a total loss after early-morning blaze

A Homedale family lost their home following an early morning fire on Friday.

Homedale Assistant Fire Chief Tom Pegram said the fire department received the call around 12:30 a.m. on Friday. When the 10 firefighters arrived on scene, the home at 520 W. Oregon Ave. was "fully involved," he said.

"When we got there it was fully involved," Pegram said. "The back portion was going up. It was a defensive approach protecting the surrounding structures."

Officials said they aren't sure what caused the fire, and the family was out of town when the fire took place.

With the cold temperatures, Pegram said this serves as a reminder for people to be careful about leaving stoves and space heaters running when they aren't in their residence.



Tom Pegram, assistant chief for the Homedale Fire Department, warns that leaving stoves and heaters on when away from home can trigger fires in cold weather.

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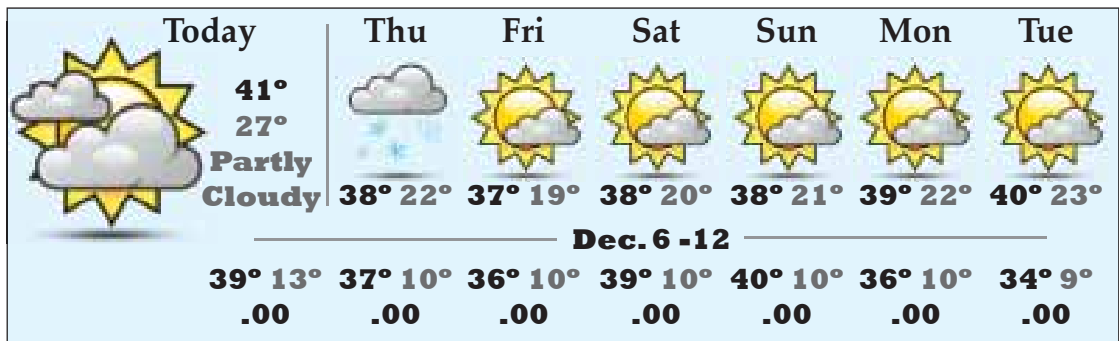
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✓ Secretary: Freund reflects on the rewarding job she has held since 1991

time watching one attorney’s lambs and children, driving another PA to his appointed rounds after he had lost his driver’s license, and also helping out current attorney Douglas D. Emery’s highly successful fitness program by driving him to a point where he could jog back to the courthouse in Murphy.

Come Dec. 23, though, she’s looking out for No. 1 — and her husband, children and grandchildren.

“A lady of leisure and finally at 65, do anything I want” is the plan, she said.

But that won’t include any duty as an oarsman for her husband, former sheriff’s chief deputy and county commissioner Dick Freund.

“My husband keeps telling everybody I want a fishing boat for my retirement, but I keep telling my kids, ‘That’s not true, kids,’” Lynda Freund said.

“Dick wants the fishing boat, and I think he wants me out rowing it while he fishes.”

Although she has been continuously employed in the PA’s office since January 1991, Lynda Freund’s career in the position actually started in 1986. She served as secretary to then-prosecutor Clayton Andersen for eight months before he resigned and commissioners awarded the position to future state Attorney General Lawrence Wasden on a contract basis. Wasden brought his own staff.

Freund returned to the position when Paul Byers took office. She said of all the jobs she’s held, her



Lynda Freund accepts a plaque in appreciation of her years of service from Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland during a retirement dinner in Nampa on Friday.

corner of the justice system has “just clicked”.

“I know what to do next or what needs to be done,” she said. “You have to have a good common sense to do this job, and you’ve got to know the legal aspects of what’s the next step. That’s always come easy for me. It’s something I’ve understood.”

Emery said Freund’s experience and expertise has helped him in his job.

“An experienced legal secretary who is able to focus on matters at hand actually lifts part of the weight the prosecutor would otherwise have to bear himself, and her lengthy experience really as-

sists in that process,” he said.

Emery is the fifth consecutive county prosecutor for whom Freund has worked. After Byers came Lois Hart then Ed Yarborough and then Matthew Faulks.

“Lynda’s gone through so many prosecuting attorneys that they relied heavily on her knowledge,” County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said. “I think she’s really going to be missed because she always knows what’s going on. She’s good.”

Freund said the job has been rewarding both because of her role in helping bring justice to those who deserve it as well as playing a part in the rehabilitation of others

Gooding native joins PA

Shauna Sedamano began training Monday for the legal secretary job in the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

The Gooding native is certified as a paralegal, according to Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery’s testimony to the Board of County Commissioners when he

presented her pay authorization at a Dec. 5 meeting.

Sedamano worked in a private law firm in Aurora, Colo., before accepting the job in Murphy, Emery said.

She has been a paralegal and legal secretary for eight years and holds a bachelor’s degree.

who were on the wrong path.

“I think it’s the satisfaction knowing that you’re helping the justice system and helping to help some people and put others away so they don’t hurt anyone else again,” she said.

One of the memorable cases involved a woman who was incarcerated after struggles with drugs and a grand theft charge. The woman, who had done her time and was expecting her first child, ran into the Freunds at a restaurant and thanked both of them for helping her go straight.

“She paid the price and was back on the street and was doing really, really well,” Lynda said. “Dick and I were both amazed at how she changed her life.

“And that makes you feel good, especially when they come up to you and tell you ‘thank you’ for

all you did for them.”

Her co-worker, Aman, says the compassion comes naturally.

“She’s just a great person,” Aman said. “She’d do anything for anyone.”

Now, after decades of public service, Lynda Freund is ready to focus on her family, which is scattered from Murphy to California to Texas to Michigan.

“I’m planning to do all the things that I’ve been putting off for years — enjoy my grandchildren, visit my children, read, relax, take some trips,” she said.

“We’ve always wanted to go places, and since my kids live around the country, it’ll be fun to do that.”

As long as her husband doesn’t hook up a fishing boat to the rig.

— JPB

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Sheriff target of a new investigation after woman's complaint

AG, Homedale authorities to investigate different aspects of allegations

Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery said after receiving a letter with "serious allegations" against Sheriff Daryl Crandall, he has turned over another investigation to the state attorney general's office.

"These are pretty serious allegations," Emery said. "As a matter of ultimate fairness, an independent agency needed to investigate the allegations."

Emery said he received a letter with the allegations against Crandall on Nov. 25 and "within the hour" drafted a letter to the AG's office asking for an investigation.

The letter sent by 22-year-old Jewel Hance details events from November of last year through this August that she wrote were "not the actions of a professional."

After receiving the complaint from Hance, Emery responded to her with a

letter on Nov. 25 explaining he requested the AG's office to investigate "the issue of the actions of Sheriff Crandall and his administrative staff."

In his letter provided to The Owyhee Avalanche by the Hance family, Emery also requested that Homedale Prosecuting Attorney Russell Metcalf and the Homedale Police Department investigate a burglary that allegedly occurred at the home of Jewel and George Hance on River Road in Homedale in August 2010.

On Nov. 28, the Board of County Commissioners also sent a letter to Hance

at her mother's house in Twin Falls, explaining HPD would investigate the reported burglary. The letter signed by the three commissioners said the AG's office would investigate "the substance of the claims and other issues regarding Sheriff Crandall and members of his staff."

Both Jewel and George Hance have been incarcerated in the Owyhee County Jail.

"HPD has accepted a portion of the matter," Homedale Chief of Police Jeff Eidemiller said. "We will thoroughly investigate the claims."

— JLZ

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✓ Sheriff: Deputies separate Crandall and bystanders at scene of crash

information regarding an altercation that took place between Crandall and the co-workers of Robert Jordan.

Jordan was driving a silage truck when it rolled 16 miles south of Marsing on Idaho highway 78 near the end of October.

OCSO deputies Sgt. Lynn Bowman and then-Cpl. Jeff Wasson broke up the altercation after the co-workers were walking Jordan to a personal vehicle to take him to receive care for his injuries.

— JLZ



Emergency personnel, far left, react to the commotion as Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies move in to separate Sheriff Daryl Crandall and Robert Jordan's co-workers, who were trying to take the injured truck driver to a private vehicle.

✓ Colyer: Member of award-winning ranch highly involved in community

and wake up on a ranch with our children and do what every other ranch wife loves to do."

Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard said the only other Owyhee woman to win the award was Frances Field, who was the statewide Woman of the Year in 1998. Farm Bureau made the award a regional honor in the years since.

"It was an honor for us to be able to pick one out of our county this year," Richard said.

The award was handed out at the Farm Bureau's 72nd annual state convention, which was held Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Coeur d'Alene. Colyer wasn't there, though, because the family was showing 19 head of cattle – and winning awards – at the Western Nugget National Show and Sale in Reno, Nev., as part of their Colyer Herefords and Angus business.

Richard said Colyer received the award in the mail late last week, along with a tribute DVD that was

shown during the convention.

In the video, Colyer talked about the family business, which includes three generations for the Colyers, from her husband Guy's parents Ray and Bonnie to Guy and Sherry's children, Katie and Kyle and his wife.

"It's rewarding that not only we've been able to live our dream and what we've wanted to do, but that they're going to follow in our footsteps and be part of the operation as well," Colyer said in the video.

With three generations in the business and "a fourth in training" (Kyle's children), according to her award application, the family business is doing its part to advance the cause of agriculture and teach values.

Colyer and her family joined Farm Bureau in 1993 as the Bruneau hot spring snail Endangered Species Act listing process began.

"We're ongoing Farm Bureau

members and very much believe in their cause and what they are able to do to help farmers and ranchers on a day-to-day basis," she said. "We believe in the program and the organization, and believe it's very much important for everyone to be part of an organization like that to have strength in numbers to be represented in the legislature and with the federal government."

Colyer did her part and lent her voice to the fight against the listing of the snail. She testified before a U.S. House of Representatives committee in 1996.

As to be expected, Colyer deflects any illumination of her role in the movement.

"Whenever we first started and came together as a community and had to do something, Farm Bureau was the first one that stepped up to the plate and said, 'We'll help.' Not only financially but with their staff in Boise helping with getting the word out.

"Everybody has ongoing chores

and activities to keep up, so Farm Bureau is very important."

Colyer is busy in her community beyond the family business and the ESA issue.

She also works in herd record-keeping at TLK Dairy in Mountain Home, and has served 32 years with the Bruneau Quick Response Unit as an emergency medical technician. She has been president of the Bruneau Booster Club and was instrumental in raising funds for the legal fight against the Bruneau hot springs snail listing. She was a Bruneau-Grand View School District trustee from 1988 to 1997 and also sat on the Owyhee County 911 Committee that helped with securing a grant to buy a new system this year.

Colyer continues to serve on the Southwest panel of the Idaho Community Foundation (since 2008) and the Western States Hereford Association board of directors (since 2010).

— JPB

Colyer cattle come up big at Reno show

Colyer Herefords and Angus brought home several awards from the Western Nugget National Show and Sale earlier this month in Reno, Nev.

The Bruneau-based producers own the champion bull and reserve champion heifer from the show, which wrapped up on Dec. 3.

Colyer also was named premier breeder of the show for Polled Herefords and horned Herefords as well as premier exhibitor for Polled Herefords.

The company shipped 19 head to the contest.

The next show for Colyer is the National Western Stock Show, which is held Jan. 7-22 in Denver.



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Marsing Middle School student council representatives McKenna Hall, left, Shelby Dines, Edwin Gonzalez, Angie Draper, Katy Smit, Mariah Reynolds and Sydney Barker pose with their warm clothes drive boxes in the school.

MMS looking for donations of warm clothes

The student council at Marsing Middle School is currently looking for donations of warm clothing to donate to the Salvation Army in Caldwell. Middle school counselor John DeWitt said the students are seeking, jackets, pants, hats, gloves and socks that are gently used or new. He said used items should be cleaned before being dropped off to “speed up” the distribution process for the Salvation Army.

Those who wish to donate are encouraged to drop off items at the middle school by Thursday. For more information, call the school at (208) 896-4111, ext. 390.

VanDerhoff Legion post presents free Christmas dinner

George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 will hold its annual Community Christmas Dinner on Friday. Everyone is welcome to come to the free dinner, which includes all the fixings. Post Commander Robert Keaveny said the annual dinner is presented by “the veterans to the community which they serve.” The meal will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (or until the food is gone) at the Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

Santa Claus also will be on hand to visit with the children. He’ll give out small gifts and candy.

Owyhee native earns computer degree

Bryce Collett received a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from Boise’s Stevens-Henager College on Friday. The 2008 graduate of Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School was in the top 10 percent of his class at the college. The Owyhee County native is the son of Chris and Brian Collett and lives and works on the family ranch in Oreana.

Death notices

AMOS ANDERSON, 52, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 of natural causes at a hospital in Caldwell. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

JAMES M. TRUESDELL, 75, of Wilder, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 of natural causes at home. A celebration of his life was held Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Interment followed at Wilder Cemetery.

Senior menus

Rimrock Senior Center
Dec. 15: Baked potato bar w/chili, cheese, bran muffin, broccoli, jello w/fruit
Dec. 20: Pizza, green beans, fruit salad, peanut butter cookies

Homedale Senior Center
Dec. 14: Ham & beans, mixed vegetables, corn bread
Dec. 15: Chinese beef & broccoli w/noodles
Dec. 20: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread
Dec. 21: Hearty beef stew, bread

Marsing Senior Center
Dec. 14: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, cauliflower w/cheese sauce, cole slaw, roll, fruit cobbler
Dec. 15: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, succotash, carrot salad, bran muffin, cobbler cake
Dec. 19: Breakfast to order: biscuits & gravy, eggs, fruit
Dec. 20: Beef stroganoff, pasta, broccoli, carrots, salad, fruit, roll, raspberry, jello cake
Dec. 21: Hot dogs, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, peaches, pumpkin bars

School menus

Homedale Elementary
Dec. 14: Chicken patty or rib-b-que sandwich, fries, fruit, pudding, milk
Dec. 15: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit salad, hot roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Dec. 16: Cheese pizza or PBJ, salad, fruit, cookie, milk
Dec. 19: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit, pudding, milk
Dec. 20: Nachos or baked potato, fruit, cinnamon bread, fruit snack, milk
Dec. 21: Hamburger or oven fried chicken, baked beans, fruit, cookie, milk

Homedale Middle
Dec. 14: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, animal crackers, milk
Dec. 15: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, jello/fruit, hot roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Dec. 16: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk
Dec. 19: Hamburger or hot dog, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk
Dec. 20: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice, broccoli, fruit, fortune cookie, milk
Dec. 21: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk

Homedale High
Dec. 14: Enchilada or pizza hot pocket, mixed veggies, fruit & salad bar, milk
Dec. 15: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, jello fruited salad, roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Dec. 16: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, salad, fruit bar, milk
Dec. 19: Pepperoni pizza or Philly steak/cheese hot pocket, chef salad, fruit bar, strawberry shortcake, milk
Dec. 20: Beef nuggets or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk
Dec. 21: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk

Marsing
Dec. 14: Tator tot casserole, grilled chicken sandwich, mixed veggies, soup & salad bar, rice krispie treats
Dec. 15: Pepperoni pizza, salad w/ranch, egg rolls, rice, soup & salad bar, cookie
Dec. 16: Turkey gravy & potatoes, corn, chocolate cake
Dec. 19-30: No school.

Bruneau
Dec. 14: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, roll, pumpkin dessert
Dec. 15: Nachos, tossed salad, fruit, bread stick
Dec. 16: Corn dogs, tots, fresh veggie, fresh fruit, cookie
Dec. 20-30: No school.

COSSA
Dec. 14: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, peaches
Dec. 15: Taco salad, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, pears
Dec. 16: Pizza, salad, fresh veggies, pineapple
Dec. 19-30: No school.


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Today

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

Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Homedale Senior Center board meeting
1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Advent Soup Suppers
6 p.m. with services to follow, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

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

OCHS membership meeting
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Thursday

Senior center lunch
11:35 a.m., Homedale Elementary School fourth-graders sing, 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 Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting
5:30 p.m., weigh-in; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Bruneau-Grand View School Board meeting
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School music room, 39678 State Hwy 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2253

Homedale schools Christmas concert
7 p.m., concert and silent auction, Homedale Middle School gymnasium, 3437 Johnstone Road. Homedale

Friday

Community Christmas dinner
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., free, George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

Sunday

Marsing Gun Club Christmas shoot
10 a.m., \$3 shoots, meat or cash prizes, Marsing Gun Club, off Idaho highway 78 2.9 miles south of Marsing. (208) 989-7367

Christmas pageant
11 a.m., The Mouse’s Tale, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 899-5049

Monday

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

Knit and crochet session
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2213

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8 a.m., \$10, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Senior center lunch
11:35 a.m., Homedale Elementary School third-graders sing, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada commodity distribution
1 p.m., El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

Homedale Library Tween and Teen program
6 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Advent Soup Suppers
6 p.m. with services to follow, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View

OCHS board of directors meeting
7 p.m., Helen Nettleton Library, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Eastern Owyhee CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Firehouse

Thursday, Dec. 22

Senior center Christmas dinner and party
11:30 a.m., bring \$1 gift to share and children’s gifts, 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 Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting
5:30 p.m., weigh-in; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Bruneau Valley Library District meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Sunday, Dec. 25

Christmas service and brunch
11 a.m., worship, noon, brunch, First Presbyterian Church, 620 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 899-5049

Monday, Dec. 26

Knit and crochet session
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2213

Tuesday, Dec. 27

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

Homedale Library Tween and Teen program
6 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.



Bet You Didn’t Know General Lee certainly wasn’t a Union man

Robert E. Lee was offered the job of commanding the Union army before he accepted the post with the Confederacy.

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Noel Coward wrote the play ... “Private Lives” in two weeks.

George Armstrong Custer was made a general (brevet) at 23 years of age.

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— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com.*

Geriatrics was not a word until 1951.

Marsing Gun Club wraps year with Christmas shoot Sunday

Turkeys and hams or small cash prizes are on the line Sunday for the Marsing Gun Club’s Christmas Shoot.

Fun shoots and Custers will be held beginning at 10 a.m. at the gun club range, which is located off Idaho highway 78.

The contest is open to members and non-members, and shoots cost \$3 each for either.

Prizes are turkeys or hams or \$8 cash awards.

The kitchen also will be open.

The gun club’s 2012 season starts on Jan. 15 and will include twice-monthly shoots in January, February, March and April and a May 6 shoot. Club membership is \$25 per person or \$50 for a family. Prices per shoot are \$3.50 for members or \$4 for non-members.

To get to the gun club, take Idaho 78 2.9 miles southbound from Marsing, turn right at the gun club sign and travel a quarter-mile up the road.

For more information, call 989-7367.

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Owyhee County Church Directory

Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W. Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion, Vier - Oracion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henrioulle, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 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	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
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	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	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
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2011 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Feb.12 - March 12 - April 9 - May 14 - June 11 - July 9 - Aug. 13 Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 10 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

Marsing residents seriously injured in Canyon crash

Two Marsing residents were seriously injured Thursday in an automobile accident in Canyon County.

According to Idaho State Police, Marsing residents Salvador Bernabe-Mendoza, 70, and his passenger Audelia Aguilar-Bernabe, 68, were injured along with two occupants of a second vehicle during a crash that occurred around 7 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 20/26 and Farmway Road north of Caldwell.

ISP reported that Bernabe-Mendoza was driving a white GMC Safari van southbound on Farmway when he failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with a tan Chevrolet pickup 35-year-old Ulises Valencia of Caldwell was driving westbound on U.S. 20/26.

The two Marsing residents and Valencia and his passenger, Nathan Valencia, a minor, were transported via ground ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with serious injuries.

Authorities believe none of the occupants were wearing seatbelts.

RehabAuthority looks to help local family during holiday

Employees at the Homedale RehabAuthority location are seeking assistance in helping a needy family this holiday season.

Each year, RehabAuthority sponsors a family by rounding up presents for the children. The Homedale clinic decided to help a local family, according to administrator Maleta Henry.

Items for the family can be dropped off at the Homedale clinic, 134 E. Idaho Ave., until Thursday.

There are four children in the family, and each has a list of needs:

- **3-year-old boy** — Pants and shirts, 4T; any kind of toys, but he is particularly fond of Toy Story
- **5-year-old boy** — Pants and shirts, 5T; any kind of toys, but he loves Spiderman
- **7-year-old boy** — Pants, 8 Husky, and shirts, 14/16 large; favorite toys deal with cars or wrestling, especially John Cena
- **13-year-old boy** — Large shirts and anything a 13-year-old boy would want.

Henry said that donations of items are welcome, but the clinic also will accept financial donations to meet the goals to help its adopted family.

For more information, call Henry at (208) 337-3254.

Homedale’s Presbyterian church announces its Christmas happenings

The First Presbyterian Church of Homedale plans to mark the holiday season with several events in the next two weeks.

On Saturday, organizers will take a group of children to see the musical version of A Christmas Carol. The Music Theatre of Idaho is performing the show at the Nampa Civic Center. The group will leave the church, 320 W. 6th St., at 12:30 p.m. Call Marianne Paul at 899-5049 for ticket availability.

The church will present “The Mouse’s Tale” as its Christmas pageant at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The presentation tells the story of Christmas from the point of view of the animals in the stable on Christmas night.

The Christmas celebration continues on Sunday, Dec. 25 with the church inviting anyone seeking a family holiday experience to attend a special worship service followed by a community brunch.

Worship is at 11 a.m. followed by the brunch at noon.

“We welcome any who would like to share companionship on this special day,” church organizers write in a press release.

The church is located across the street from Homedale Elementary School. Call Paul for more information on any of the events.

Read all about it
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Arock set to begin construction on new gym, community center

School awarded \$175K in grants to upgrade antiquated facilities

The W.W. Jones Elementary School in Arock, Ore., has nine students, but those students are about to see a legacy of commitment fulfilled with the construction of a new 5,500-square-foot gymnasium and community center.

Vicki McConnell, the school's principal and executive director of the building project, said the project has taken nearly two decades of planning, community dinners and setting aside money into a building fund for the project to become a reality.

"The board started setting aside money here and there since the late '80s," McConnell said. "In the past couple of years, we have been pushing to get a new building built. When we got word about the grants coming through, the dream became reality."

Earlier this month, The Ford Family Foundation awarded the school \$150,000 to be used toward the construction of the multi-purpose building. Following on the heels, the Oregon Community Foundation gave the school \$25,000.

"This is huge for us," McConnell said. "We have been playing volleyball and basketball games in the Grange Hall that was built in the '30s. The ceiling is low and it is slowly crumbling at the foundation."

McConnell said the community has raised nearly \$17,000 through local fundraisers such as prime rib dinners, plant sales and community events.

"That money is big," McConnell said. "With the amount of people here, most everyone in the community has given money. This is huge, and we have had a lot of support."

The kindergarten through eighth-grade school started prepping the ground at the site of the school at the end of November. McConnell said the students were excited when they saw the sewer lines being dropped off.

"There are no bathrooms, other than an outhouse at the Grange," McConnell said. "The students were thrilled to see the work starting. The new building will have a good-size



Tom Davis works to clear weeds and brush from the construction site of the new gymnasium and community center in Arock, Ore. Submitted photos

kitchen as well as a working restroom."

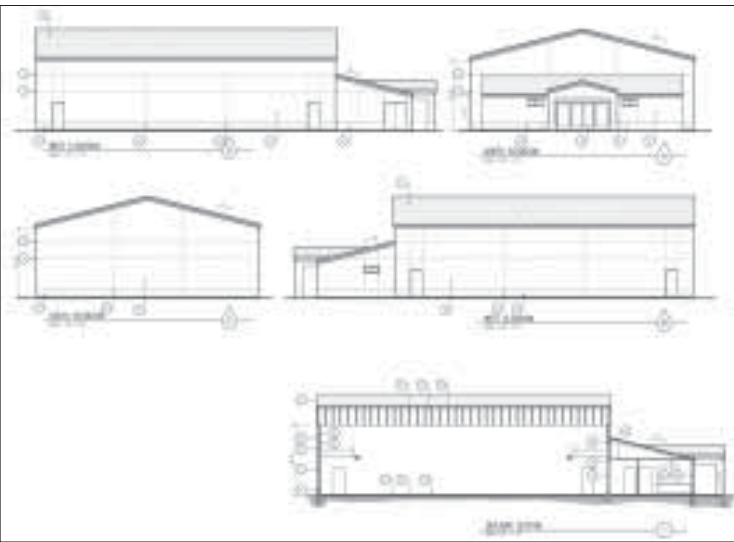
The new facility will allow the school to accommodate basketball and volleyball games along with host graduation ceremonies, she said.

One of the biggest benefits of the new building McConnell said, is giving the community a place to hold events and weddings.

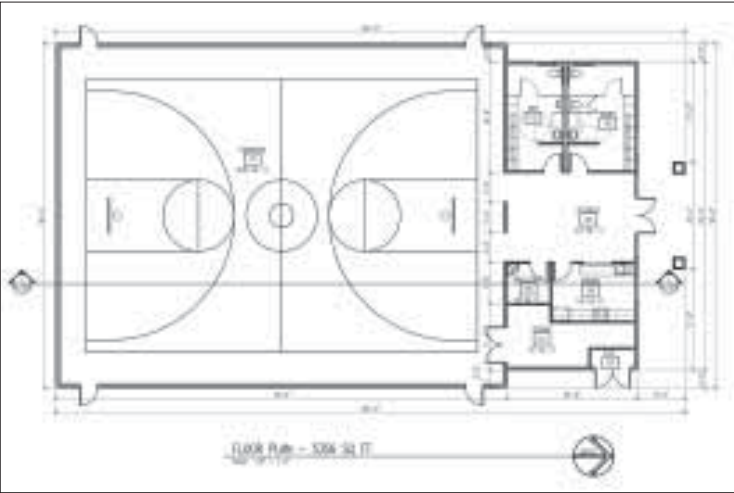
"Nobody foresaw we could get grant money for it, and it was on the back burner for a while," McConnell said. "Now we are finally there with these grants. We do have enough money to get going. We have a few grants hanging out there which will help no matter what we get."

The school's building fund has accumulated \$361,000 over the years. McConnell said they would use "up to" that amount to offset the nearly \$550,000 building.

"We don't want to use all of the money in the building fund," McConnell said. "We have that money in there, which will get us started, but are hoping that a few more grants that we put in for will help conserve the fund for future projects."



The exterior design for the new gymnasium and community center in Arock.



The floor plan of the gym that features a bathroom and locker room along with a kitchen for concessions and community events.



The Grange Hall where Arock currently holds athletic events and community parties. The building was built in the 1930s.

— J.L.Z.

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Longtime Owyhee 4-H leader sews up spot in Idaho hall of fame

Maurine Johnson added as fourth inductee from the county

After serving Owyhee County youth for a little over two decades, Maurine Johnson was inducted into the Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame last month.

Johnson, a Greenleaf resident, leads two sewing-based 4-H groups in the county.

The Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame was created in 2002 when nationally the organization celebrated its centennial anniversary.

Of the inaugural class, there were three individuals who have contributed to the 4-H programs in Owyhee County. Every three

years, a new group of individuals is added to the ranks.

"When National had their 100-year anniversary, we inducted 100 people," Johnson said. "We inducted 14 in 2005, a few more in 2008 and nine people this year."

Johnson marks only the fourth person associated with Owyhee clubs to be inducted into the hall of fame.

"It really is humbling," Johnson said. "I'm sure there were other people who were deserving, and I think it is very special to be among those on the list."

The 32-year — 22 as a leader, 10 as a youth member — veteran oversees the Owyhee Stitch and Stir and Owyhee County Stitchers 4-H clubs in Owyhee County. Between the two groups, the members are primarily from Homedale and Marsing, Johnson said.

"It is all for the kids. It is a very rewarding experience to teach these kids what you know. The kids really do want to know what you have to offer," Johnson said. "It's the self esteem that you build and the leadership skills that you bring to them. They will use that forever."

Debbie Lowber from the University of Idaho Canyon



Maurine Johnson, left, accepts her certificate from 4-H Youth Development Director Arlinda Nauman. Photo by Teri Argo Photography

County Extension office nominated Johnson for this year's inductee class.

"Maurine is an extremely dedicated volunteer with the youth in mind," Lowber said. "She always makes the kids feel like she 'was my leader' and gave attention to each kid individually. She doesn't know the word 'No', she just gives and gives and gives. She has given of her time and resources to teach life skills to youth, and we are seeing that through her past 4-Hers' accomplishments."

In addition to being a 4-H leader, Johnson spent 13 years as the sewing superintendent for the Owyhee County Fair, Lowber said.

"She not only served at the county level, but also at the District II leaders association as treasurer for 11 years," Lowber said. "Maurine has also served at

the state level as well. She served and represented leaders from the entire state of Idaho with two terms as president, two times as co-chair of the state leaders forum, 4-H newsletter editor for the Idaho State 4-H Leader Association."

In her tenure as a leader, Johnson said she is starting to see some of her previous club members' return with their own kids and enrolling them in one of her two groups.

"They come in waves. I have probably done four or five groups over the years," Johnson said. "I would say around 50 kids have gone through the two clubs. I have one of my kids who is now a leader in another county. It is rewarding to see that carrying on and to know that the 4-H program makes a difference in the lives of young people."

— JLZ

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2002 Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees

Mary Jesenko

Nominated by Owyhee County — Lifelong resident of Owyhee County and leader of the "Saints of the Skillet" 4-H Club for 25 years, 1952-77. She taught many young girls how to cook and sew — a number of them entered their projects in the state fair over the years.

Susi Larrocea-Phillips

Nominated by Owyhee County — 4-H member and leader. She was a leader for the Shoo-Fly 4-H Club in Homedale for 10 years before moving to Star, Idaho. She was the first leader to organize a Cloverbud club in Owyhee County, which is still flourishing. She continues to be active in Owyhee County 4-H by judging the demonstration contests and other events.

Mary Lee Wood

Nominated by states 4-H agents — Extension Agent in Owyhee County, State Clothing Specialist, District and State 4-H Specialist, 1964-1999. She was involved in a number of areas, but was mostly known for her work with volunteers and leadership. She served on several national curriculum committees, including the Train the Trainer curriculum for middle management, and the Pacific Northwest Foods Projects. She helped organize the Idaho Association of Extension 4-H Agents (IAE4-HA) in Idaho and served as president. She received the first National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) Distinguished Service Award in Idaho in 1979, and received her 25 Years of Service Award in 1989. She was also active on the 4-H Endowment Board.

— Information compiled from the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development. For a full list of inductees from around the state of Idaho, visit www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h.

Three Creek School Board moves forward

Third trustee to be appointed; administrative question up next

The Three Creek School Board will return to full strength during tonight's meeting inside the schoolhouse in southeastern Owyhee County.

Acting chair Gus Brackett confirmed last week that the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners appointed Summer Camp Ranch resident Gail Purcell as the Zone 2 trustee.

Purcell and Brackett are expected to appoint Art Small as the Zone 1 trustee after the trustees' meeting convenes at 7 p.m. A new board chair will be elected, too.

Purcell replaces Harlan Mink, who died unexpectedly on Nov. 10, hours after chairing a board meeting at which Zone 1 Gloria Alleman resigned.

"She had been volunteering at the school as a teacher's assistant," Brackett said, "but the board opened it as a paid position, and she had to resign to take that position."

Alleman stepped down because a trustee cannot be a paid employee of the school district.

Small, who lives in Murphy Hot Springs, will serve until 2015. Purcell will complete Mink's term in 2013, and Brackett, a Cherry Creek resident, is up for election in 2013.

Mink was chairman and *de facto* district superintendent, which he did purely on a volunteer basis, Brackett said. As superintendent, Mink oversaw plant and facilities

issues and compliance with state Department of Education regulations.

"This is what has been so difficult on us because of Harlan's passing," Brackett said. "First of all, he was our friend and he spent 30 years helping in the community and everybody knows him and respects him."

Brackett said it's not clear how the school trustees will move forward in regards to the superintendent role.

"We don't have the budget to hire a superintendent," he said. "I don't know exactly where the new board is going to want to look or how we'll fill that position."

Brackett suggested options could include a part-time position, which the district could afford, or looking to a consultant to help with the school administration.

"We're going to have to act quickly, though," Brackett said. "There's a lot of stuff that the state has been very understanding (on), but it still had to get done."

The initial challenge of filling the school board positions was the biggest issue on the board's plate, Brackett said.

"There were 72 people in the district at the last Census, and that includes children," he said. "It's a struggle to find people who want to be on the board."

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

— JPB

Watkins youth bowlers earn scholarships

Young bowlers earned more than \$900 in scholarships during the third annual Jim Watkins Memorial Tournament.

The Homedale youth bowling tournament was held at Owyhee Lanes on Dec. 3.

Anyone interested in joining a Homedale United States Bowling Congress-sanctioned youth league can visit Owyhee Lanes at 18 N. 1st St. W., at 9:45 a.m. on Saturdays or call Tami Radford at 899-9190.

Linda Watkins, Jim's widow, presented awards after the Dec. 3 tournament:

Junior singles — 1. Angelina Ryals; 2. Matthew Harkins; 3.

Lizzy Hergesheimer

Senior singles — 1. Caleb Oviedo; 2. Hannah Radford; 3. Isabelle Fogg

Doubles — 1. Jo McGee and Katelynn Bernal; 2. Conlin Herrick and Aidan Fogg; 3. Marshall Smith and Caleb Oviedo

Best game

Senior boys — Herrick

Senior girls — Radford

Junior boys — Harkins

Junior girls — Bernal

Best overall

Senior boys — Oviedo

Senior girls — Radford

Junior boys — Harkins

Junior girls — Hergesheimer

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Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The people of this country were saddened when our most respected and well-liked citizen, Harlan Mink, was found dead in his home at the Three Creek road yard on Nov. 10, 2011.

He was born Jan. 8, 1956 in Twin Falls, the son of Harlan and Elsie (Jaynes) Mink. He was raised and educated in Twin Falls. Shortly after graduation, he went to Rogerson and worked on ranches and then went to House Creek ranch where he stayed with the Swan Land and Livestock outfit for more than 20 years. During the time he worked there, he lived alone on a little ranch near Deadwood Creek. One time after a heavy snow storm, Libby Swan was worried and called saying Harlan was up there in snow to his waist.

Another time she said that in the winter he let everything grow (whiskers and hair). Swans sold out to Aslets and then Harlan moved to the road yard at Cherry Creek and spent the last 10 years or so as our road foreman. He not only took good care of the roads, he took good care of all of us people. He also served on the school board. The Bureau of Land Management men used to call him the mayor of Three Creek. He was preceded in death by his father Harlan Mink Sr. and sister, Nola. He is survived by his mother Elsie of Twin Falls and two brothers — Wayne with wife Zouri and children Zauhna, Brandon, Zachary, Ethan and Julia of Albany, Ore.; and Olin with wife Jana and children Tyler and BreAnn of Buhl. A large crowd attended the memorial held at Rosenau

Funeral Home in Twin Falls on Nov. 17, 2011.

Especially missing Harlan will be his coworker Bob Taylor and teacher Marylin Boss.

J.R. and Kelsie Robinson and three children spent several days last week in Meeker, Colo., to attend the funeral of Kelsie's grandmother.

Gus Brackett was in Bruneau at the Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique selling his book "Badger Thurston and the Cattle Drive."

My latest fun excursion was going with Phil and Wilma Homan to the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Park and Visitors Center in Hagerman. Phil gave a presentation of Kittie Wilkins and the Wild Bunch. For the past 10 days they have been in Elko, Winnemucca and Carson City looking up history.

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Two bullets, no shooter

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge looks at the driver's-side door of a hunter's pickup that was struck by bullets Friday south of Homedale.

Gunshots hit truck near Johnstone Road outside of Homedale

A Meridian man was startled when two bullets ripped into the driver's-side door of his pickup Friday on public land south of Homedale.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy David Green and Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge investigated after Ron Shoen reported two bullets had struck near the top of the door on his GMC truck Friday.

Shoen heard the bullets impact his vehicle as he sat on the tailgate cleaning birds after he got done hunting past the tipping station on Johnstone Road.

Law enforcement officials from Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management assisted Green and McFetridge in searching the area for the potential shooter.

Raffle winners announced



Wilder residents sweep senior center prizes

Wilder residents Gerald Trunnell, left, and Nancy Ruckle stand with the quilt and afghan that they won during the Homedale Senior Center's Holiday Bazaar raffle earlier this month.

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Eagle project puts new shine on pioneer cemetery in Reynolds

The Reynolds Cemetery has a fresh look, thanks to the efforts of a Nampa Boy Scout.

Christian Fowler, a 17-year-old senior at Liberty Charter High School, recently organized a cleanup and the construction of a flagpole as his Eagle Scout project.

"It was pretty out of shape," Fowler said of the cemetery. "It needed some work."

So through donations from his church and a local Realtor and volunteer hours over two weeks from a group of people, the pioneer cemetery on Reynolds Creek Road was weeded and the flagpole erected.

The work took place on Nov. 12 and Nov. 19. He is awaiting the Court of Honor to receive his Eagle Scout badge.

Fowler said the plight of the cemetery was called to his attention after his mom and dad returned from an Owyhee Mountains campout.

"They were exploring stuff and saw the cemetery," he said. "They came back and suggested it to me (as his Eagle project)."

In addition to the cleanup, Fowler also installed a small box that holds handouts on the history of the cemetery and the Reynolds community. Utilizing a list originally found on the Internet, Fowler also created a roll call of the people who are buried there. Fowler's dad, Matthew, said that the project added about 20 percent of the names on the current list.



Volunteers put the new flagpole in place outside the Reynolds Cemetery, capping Liberty Charter High School senior Christian Fowler's Eagle Scout project. The information box in which Fowler placed copies of a history of the Reynolds community can be seen on right side of the cemetery's gated entrance. Submitted photo

Homedale library to obtain more reading material with grant

An Idaho Community Foundation grant will help Homedale Public Library bolster its book-buying power.

Library director Margaret Fujishin said the \$1,000 grant from the ICF's Walter & Leona Dufresne Fund will be used to buy nonfiction and fiction titles for all ages.

The library was the only Owyhee County entity to receive assistance in the ICF's latest dispersal of nearly \$134,000 in southwest and central Idaho. The ICF grants were announced Nov. 28.

The grant comes as the library continues to cope with lower funding for book purchases. In her grant application to ICF, Fujishin reported that the book budget was slashed from \$3,500 in fiscal year 2010 to \$2,000 to FY 2012.

"Homedale is a lower income area compared to many other areas of Idaho," Fujishin wrote in her application. "Homedale residents have always turned to the public library as a source for education, entertainment, and access to the Internet."

Fujishin said the ICF grant will help keep the library's resources up-to-date "with the newly published materials our patrons routinely expect."

She said that the project for which the grant is earmarked with help local students by providing newer nonfiction learning materials. She added that parents who homeschool their children "rely heavily" on the library for the educational materials.

"Children who use the public library are more successful in school," Fujishin wrote in her grant application. "Improving the children's portion of our collection improves the quality of our children's education as well as providing safe and worthwhile activities for children."

HMS wraps two years of basketball perfection

Eighth-grade girls collect SRV title with 23rd straight win

A group of Homedale Middle School athletes wrapped up an impressive two-year run Thursday with another championship.

Tori Lane scored 30 points as the Trojans' eighth-grade girls' basketball team pounded Weiser, 55-40, in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship game in Fruitland.

The win capped a run of 23 consecutive victories and two conference championships over the past two seasons. Scott Michaelson coached the A team this season after Nick Schamber coached the players to perfection as seventh-graders.

"Their perfect record in Jr. High is the product of working hard throughout each game, depth, talent, and consistency as a team," Michaelson said. "It was a pleasure to have the privilege to work with them."

The girls were rarely challenged in a 10-game regular season. Taci Morris served as B team coach

after helping Schamber during the girls' seventh-grade season in 2010.

Tristan Corta (eight points), Sydnee Shanley (six points) and Gardenia Machuca (14 rebounds) also helped in the championship game effort. Emily Gluch (16 points) paced Weiser.

Michaelson said guards Makayla Aberasturi and Madi Fisher were key in holding Weiser leading scorer Alli Reed to one point in the title game.

Machuca was the team's leading scorer in the first-round win over McCain of Payette.

Homedale beat Weiser twice during the regular season, including a narrow four-point triumph, 26-21, on Nov. 22. The Trojans prevailed, 33-25, on Nov. 8.

The rest of the team included Abbi Gibbens, Diana Gonzalez, Jaci Larsen, Hailie Martell, Adrianna Salutregui and Elizabeth Vargas.



Homedale's Stephanie Villarreal (No. 40) looks for an opening to make a pass over Marsing's Shelbi Ferdinand last week.

Marsing girls drop Homedale 46-32


In a high school rivalry game, Marsing's girls' basketball team held Homedale to 12 first-half points to set the tone in its 46-32 win last week.

"It is a great game to have. It is similar to a league atmosphere," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "I thought defensively

that it was our best game. I was worried about Homedale and the offensive threats that have, and on top of that they are aggressive and in your face."

Marsing's Ashley Hull led both teams with 22 points followed by Homedale's Kylie Farwell with 13. Hull went

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Homedale Middle School wrestlers pose with their trophy and ribbons following the 3A Snake River Valley conference championships in Ontario, Ore., Saturday. Submitted photo

HMS wrestlers repeat as SRV champs

Several records fall as seven Trojans win gold medals

A record-setting Saturday sent Homedale Middle School wrestling to its second consecutive conference championship.

The Trojans scored 321 points to win the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship by 101 points over Ontario, Ore., and 98 points over third-place Fruitland.

"It's one of those once-in-a-blue-moon (things)," coach Toby Johnson said. "You just don't see 300 points very often. It's very, very rare."

Thirteen Trojans reached championship matches in their respective weight classes with Andy Montes (82 pounds) and Nash Johnson (110) winning titles for the second consecutive year.

Other champions included Caleb Meligan (89), William Elordi (145), Manny Baltierrez (160), Tyler Eiguren (185) and Jakobee Osborn (285).

Osborn, who placed at the conference meet for the second straight season, finished his eighth-grade year unbeaten and collected the most victories in a single-season than any other HMS wrestler.

Johnson finished his HMS career with the most victories in school history and a 45-2 record.

Jacob Furlott lost to his teammate Montes in the 82-pound title match, leading a group of six HMS silver medalists. Jairo Hurtado (103) and John Collett (124) placed in the conference meet for the second straight year; Cesar Vasquez (170) finished second in his division for the second consecutive season; and first-year competitor Richard Symms, an eighth-grader, was runner-up at 185 after battling Eiguren for the title.

"Richard Symms transformed over the season," Toby Johnson said. "Just to watch him change from very timid to a real competitor was great."

Manny Macias also collected a silver medal after losing the 285-pound title match to teammate Osborn.

"We clearly had the best lightweight crew and the best upper weights in the conference, and that really sealed the deal for us," Toby Johnson said. "In fact, we clearly have the best three heavyweights in the valley."

Third-place wrestlers from Homedale included Orion Cardenas (75), Matt Thatcher (89; two-time placer), and Chase Martell (96). Korbin Osborn (75), Brandon Flores (96) and Sam Lorta (117) all placed fourth.

Other placers for Homedale included Jake Deal (103), Kaleb Ketcherside (110), Jeff Carrillo (124), Hunter Thornton (131), Ryan Criffield (138) and Francisco Amezquita (160).

Owyhee wrestlers win Calhoun titles

Three Owyhee County wrestlers won championships Saturday at the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

Freshman Devin Fisher capped a perfect 3-0 Homedale High School debut by pinning Trojans teammate Michael Deleon, a sophomore, in the championship match of the 113-pound division.

Junior Tano Montes put Emmett's Drew Peterson to the mat to finish a 3-0 weekend and win the 170-pound championship for Homedale.

Marsing senior Austin Glenn was 3-0 and won the 195-pound title after earning a decision against Nyssa's Sebastian Sanchez.

Homedale finished sixth with 83 points, while Marsing was 11th with 25 points.

Other placers for Homedale included 182-pound senior Ismahel Mendoza, who lost a close decision in the championship match to Fruitland's Tim McDonald. McDonald won the 171-pound 3A state title last season as a sophomore.

At 195 pounds, Trojans junior Brad McCain (3-1) pinned Aurelio Flores of Ontario, Ore., to win the bronze medal.

Junior varsity

Three Homedale wrestlers and one from Marsing brought home silver medals after reaching the championship matches of their respective weight classes.

At 285 pounds, Huskies freshman Noah Grossman pinned Homedale senior Martin

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Sports



Homedale High School junior guard Xavier Hernandez, left, loses the handle while being guarded by a New Plymouth defender Thursday.

Trojans boys struggle in early going

Team plays in three-day Nampa tourney beginning Monday

Homedale High School was shut out in the fourth quarter Friday in a 53-21 non-conference loss to North Star Charter at Middleton Middle School.

Senior forward Trey Corta scored eight points, and junior Hayden Krzesnik added six for the Trojans (1-4), who fell behind 19-6 after the first eight minutes.

North Star pushed its season-opening winning streak to three games behind 10 points each from Anthony DeVera and Jakob Hyde, who also had 12 rebounds.

Homedale challenges Melba on the road Friday before tackling three games in three days at the

Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Tournament beginning Monday in Nampa.

Thursday: New Plymouth 53, Homedale 36 — Poor ball-handling and a lack of rebounding buried the Trojans in a 15-point hole midway through the second quarter of a non-conference home game in Middleton.

The Pilgrims of the 2A WIC scored 12 straight points over the first and second quarter as Homedale committed 11 turnovers in the game's first 14 minutes. New Plymouth's scoring attack was spread among several players during the run. Carson White led all scorers with 16 points on the night.

Scrappy play from junior guard Hayden Krzesnik sparked the Trojans' brief comeback in the second quarter. He hit a pair of three-point goals in the midst of a modest 8-4 rally and scored eight of his team-high 10 points in the second quarter.

Dec. 6: Homedale 53, Vale, Ore., 43 — The Trojans built a 15-point lead through three quarters en route to their first victory of the season.

Senior forward Trey Corta drained two three-point goals and scored 21 points in Homedale's non-conference victory in Middleton.

The Trojans took control of the game with a 32-19 run through the second and third quarters.

Austin Lattin hit a three-pointer and scored 15 points to lead Vale.

Trojans' football schedule gets new look

HHS to challenge 4A Caldwell, 2A state playoff team in 2012

After years of playing mostly Class 2A competition in the non-league season, the Homedale High School football team is set to move up in 2012.

Coach Matt Holtry confirmed that the Trojans will open the season at Deward Bell Stadium against 4A Southern Idaho Conference member Caldwell.

"We are excited about the opportunity to play up for an early-season game," Holtry said. "I think that it not only motivates our program to step

our level of commitment up, but it also helps us to prepare for the larger schools that we face in our conference."

In the second-to-last week of the season, Homedale will hit the road to challenge 2A Gooding during the Trojans' bye week in the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.

The Caldwell and Gooding matchups replace the loss of longtime non-conference foes New Plymouth and Melba.

The Cougars have won only

twice in their past 19 games and endured a winless 2010 season.

Gooding has reached the 2A state playoffs each of the past two seasons. Last season, the Senators beat Marsing in their state opener before falling to eventual state champion Grangeville in the quarterfinals. In 2010, Gooding lost to Butte County in the first round.

Homedale's bye will come in Week 4 after non-conference games against Nampa Christian and Vale, Ore. The idle week comes before the start of the conference season.

— JPB

✓ Calhoun: Handful of Owyhee wrestlers crowned

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Calderon in the semifinals before losing to Ontario's Jose Gollon in the championship match. Calderon rallied and came within one match of wrestling for third place.

Homedale put three freshmen into championship matches Saturday, and all three finished second after being pinned. Andrew Randall lost to Nampa's Hoti Pinion at 106 pounds; Curtis Stansell fell to Afton Silvis of Nampa at 160; and Colton Grimm lost to Colton Kesling of Kuna at 170.

Luis Garza, an HHS 106-pound freshman, was third, and Marsing sophomore Juan Ramirez picked up a fourth-place showing at 195.

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Hayden Krzesnik Junior Basketball

The Play — Krzesnik averaged 7.5 points in the first two games of the week for the Trojans, and converted three three-point shots. Against New Plymouth on Thursday, the junior scored eight of his 10 points in the second quarter to pace a rally. He showed scrappiness, diving for balls, stealing a New Plymouth pass and tipping away another.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 16, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 16, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Dec. 16, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Parma (tri-meet vs. Parma, Nyssa), 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 16 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19 vs. Skyview at Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Christmas Tournament, Skyview H.S., Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Christmas Tournament, 4:30 p.m., Nampa H.S., or 7:30 p.m., Skyview H.S., Nampa
Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Christmas Tournament, Nampa H.S. or Skyview H.S., Nampa, time TBA
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 16 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19 vs. Skyview at Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Christmas Tournament, Skyview H.S., Nampa, 4:30 p.m.
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Sports

Marsing rallies to beat GFA, 54-39

Huskies start league schedule on Saturday at Melba

Battling back from two points down with under five minutes left to play, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team rallied to finish with a 19-4 run to edge host Greenleaf Friends Academy 54-39 on Saturday.

"I think we struggled pretty much the whole game except for the last four minutes," Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "We weren't on our toes and didn't have much energy."

Marsing's 6-foot-4 junior post player Jason Galligan locked up 14 points, nine rebounds and four steals to lead all scorers.

"Jason had one basket in the first half," Chadez said. "He came back in after halftime and came to life, picking up 10 points in the fourth. He is a game-changer, and when he plays to his potential, he is unstoppable."

MacKay Hall pitched in 13

points, followed by Jose Acuna who hit two three-pointers to finish with 12 points for the Huskies (3-0). The Grizzlies were paced by Nate Pool with 11 points, Marsing product JB Bermudez-Koch with nine and Homedale product Dalton Penrod with three.

"One of the things we will be hitting hard this week is rebounding," Chadez said. "We gave up 23 offensive rebounds. Greenleaf is athletic and not small by any means, but we should never give up that many rebounds."

Dec. 6: Marsing 60, Parma 45 — On the road, the Huskies held the Panthers to their lowest scoring game of the season to edge their former conference foes.

Miguel Leon led Marsing with 17 points, eight steals and five

assists followed by Hall, who notched 13 points and seven rebounds. Galligan picked up his second double-double of the season with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

"I definitely think they have a newfound confidence playing together," Chadez said. "Parma scored 69 and 70 against other teams. We held them to their lowest points total so far. We forced them to make tough shots and earn the buckets they did get."

"I really thought our guys executed well," Chadez said. "We contested them on the three and forced them to score over top of us inside. We didn't leave people wide-open for threes and held them from getting transition layups."

Marsing is set to host Parma on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Huskies will take on Melba on the road on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. to begin their 2A Western Idaho Conference schedule.



Marsing's Jason Galligan goes up against Greenleaf Friends Academy's JB Bermudez-Koch for a layup during Saturday's non-conference game in Greenleaf.

Lady Huskies hit five straight wins following slow season start

After a rocky start, the Marsing High School girls' basketball teams is on the rebound moving to five straight wins.

The Lady Huskies' latest win came in a rematch of 2A District III tournament championship game against Melba on the road Friday. Leading the entire game, Marsing (5-2, 2-0) knocked off the Mustangs, 42-30.

"After starting out 0-2, we really needed to work on a few things and define our roles," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "Following our game with Homedale, we were ready for an aggressive and physical game. We were pretty comfortable going into it because we saw the same style of play the night before."

For the second time in two nights, junior guard Ashley Hull lit up the stat line, hitting over 20 points. Against Melba, Hull drained 21 points, hitting three of her six three-point attempts.

"Watching the film, this was some of the best ball movement we have had against a zone defense," Little said. "It was a real team effort for us. We only gave up six offensive rebounds."

Senior Deidrie Briggs posted nine points and seven rebounds followed by Andrea Rodriguez with four points. Rodriguez picked up nine rebounds and seven steals. Lacey Usabel contributed four points with Dafni Clausen and Kat Welch pitching in with two each.

"The biggest key right now is, everybody is buying into what

they need to do," Little said. "The team is starting to realize what they need to do. I think if you told any of these girls they would lose two and then win five in a row, they wouldn't have believed you."

Dec. 6: Marsing 48, Cole Valley Christian 39 — In their league opener, the Lady Huskies quickly

dispatched the visiting Chargers en route to their third straight win.

Again, the dominant scoring threat from Hull played out as she landed six of her 14 shots for 16 points. Rodriguez posted 11 points, eight steals and five assists in the win.

— JLZ

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Andrea Rodriguez Senior Basketball

The Play — Through three games, Rodriguez recorded 21 points, 18 rebounds, 17 steals, and 11 assists. Her aggressive play has helped lead the Lady Huskies to five straight wins.

Coach's Take — "Her stat line for the week in all three games is impressive. She is being matched up with opposing teams best players to boot. She defensively is matching up and playing tough and forcing teams to shoot contested."

— Tim Little

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 15 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 15 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Saturday, Dec. 17, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Dec. 17 at Glenns Ferry Duals tournament, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 15, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 15, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 15, home vs. Parma, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17 at Melba, 4:45 p.m.
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Sports

Trojans take Adrian girls tourney title

The Homedale High School girls' basketball team rebounded from a disappointing rivalry game loss by winning the Adrian Tournament championship last weekend.

Kylie Farwell scored 10 points in just 17 minutes on the floor Saturday as the Trojans routed the tourney host Antelopes, 47-18.

Homedale outscored Adrian, 29-2, over the second and third quarters, including a 15-0 run over the final eight minutes of the first half.

Kaylee Rupp scored nine points, and Destiny Long chipped in six for Homedale.

The Antelopes committed 44 turnovers, while Homedale survived 23 miscues. Adrian's offense was further hampered by a 5-for-40 field-goal shooting showing.

Olivia Morton and Madison Purnell scored five points apiece for Adrian.

Friday: Homedale 52, Harper, Ore., 38 — Farwell erupted with 10 points in the first quarter and scored all but

two of her team-high 16 points in the first half of the tourney opener.

Hornets senior forward Jackie Jordan scored 24 points to lead all scorers.

Homedale owned a 15-2 first-quarter lead that allowed the Trojans to survived Harper's 18-point second-quarter onslaught led by three of Jordan's four three-point goals.

Raven Kelly scored 12, and Laurien Mavey added nine for Homedale.

Veteran Antelopes ready to take run at 1A HDL title

A roster chock full of seasoned returners has Adrian High School girls' basketball coach Gene Mills feeling pretty optimistic.

"We are probably the favorites," the eighth-year Antelopes coach said of the team's chances in the 1A High Desert League.

Adrian won 20 games last season and finished fourth in the 1A District 8 tournament, just missing a spot in the state playoffs.

While Madison Shira and Jessica Morton have graduated, the Antelopes welcome back Maddy Pendergrass, Annie Bowns, Nichole Orosco, Madison Purnell and Olivia Morton.

Overall, Mills has 15 players on the roster this season. He's getting help from assistant coach Brenda Reay.

Friday: Adrian 38, Prairie City 34 — A 14-7 run in the second quarter helped the Antelopes build enough cushion to win the opener of their own tournament.

Maddy Pendergrass scored seven points to lead Adrian. Teammates Quincy Pendergrass and Tane't Campbell scored six points apiece to help out.

Senior Solona Mecham scored 11 points for the Panthers, who play in the West Division of the 1A High Desert League. Teammate Amy Black, a freshman, chipped in eight.

Dec. 6: Notus 53, Adrian 13 — The Antelopes never got on track at home against the Pirates from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

Jessica Peloquin led all scorers with 22 points as Notus opened with a 14-2 first-quarter and allowed only two points each in the third and fourth quarters.

Adrian's biggest quarter came with a seven-point eight-minute stretch before halftime.

Annie Bowns scored five points to lead the Antelopes, who put only five players in the scoring column.

Adrian committed 34 turnovers and shot 4-for-33 (12.1 percent) from the floor.

Cantrell's double-double drives Raiders

Rimrock High School pulled out the defense Saturday night to beat Garden Valley for its first boys' basketball victory of the season.

The Raiders (1-2) held the Wolverines to two points in the first quarter en route to a 66-54 non-conference victory in Bruneau.

Oscar Gomez led three Rimrock players in double figures with 23 points. Senior Clay Cantrell notched a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Austin Meyers chipped 11 points, and Cody Steele added nine.

The Raiders rolled up 22 points in the second quarter, building a 32-15 halftime lead.

Nathan Updike scored 13 points for Garden Valley.

Wednesday: Owyhee, Nev., 47, Rimrock 44 — Cody Steele scored seven of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to bring the Raiders all the way back in their season opener.

Steele, Rimrock's leading scorer, dished six assists and hit a three-pointer. Clay Cantrell added 10 points, but was scoreless down the stretch. The

senior did snag 11 rebounds, second on the team to Austin Meyers, who pulled down 14.

The Raiders converted on only 40 percent (4-for-10) of their foul shots in Bruneau.

Ricardo Garcia, who along with Jacob Black scored seven points, hit a three-pointer during Rimrock's rally in the final period.

Ronald Burton led all scorers with 16 points for the Braves, but he was held to just a field goal in the fourth quarter. Chase Davis led Owyhee with eight rebounds, and Blayne Harney issued five assists.

Raiders' offense arrives against Owyhee girls

Win over GFA marks key early 1A WIC triumph

After scoring 78 points in its first three games, the Rimrock High School girls' basketball team nearly matched that total in its second consecutive victory last Wednesday.

Sami Jo Bachman led three players in double-figures as the Raiders rode a fast start to a non-conference win over Owyhee,

Nev.

Bachman scored 15 points in Rimrock's 68-54 home victory. Sydnee James kicked in 13 points and Kyla Jewett logged 12.

Eight of the 11 Raiders in uniform scored against the Braves, who received a game-high 27 points from Shania Harney.

Rimrock built a 23-8 lead after eight minutes.

Dec. 6: Rimrock 35, Greenleaf Friends Academy 26 — Jewett nailed a three-pointer in the second quarter to give the Raiders the momentum needed for a victory in their 1A Western Idaho Conference opener in Bruneau.

Rimrock owned a 15-10 lead at the intermission.

James scored eight points, and Sami Jo Bachman, Shana McCarthy and Bonnie Standlee added six points each for Rimrock.

The Grizzlies' Madison Johnson hit three three-point goals and led all scorers with 16 points. Only three Greenleaf players broke into the scoring column.

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Sports



Paxton Shira goes up for part of his 40 points against Harper. Photo by Kat Sillonis

Adrian’s Shira stings Hornets for 40 points

Paxton Shira and the Adrian High School boys’ basketball team broke out Saturday night, ending a five-game season-opening skid. Shira scored 40 points and ripped down 27 rebounds, nearly matching Harper’s entire offensive output in the Antelopes’ 68-43 victory.

“The boys played good tonight,” Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. “We finally got over the hump and were able to come out with the win.”

Adrian (1-5 overall through Monday) won the consolation game of its own tournament as Shira drained 16 of 19 free throws in 24 minutes.

“Paxton Shira had another monster game despite not playing at times,” Ishida said. “Our bench did a nice job stepping up when needed. I am proud of our team and feel we are still improving with each game.”

A 6-foot-1 junior, Shira is averaging 21.7 points per game this season. He scored 25 in Friday’s 48-45 opening-round loss to Prairie City.

Already up by 11 points, the Antelopes streaked through the third quarter on a 23-5 clip to blow open the game.

Three Antelopes scored six points each, including Oliver Csaszar, Kurt Nielson and Danny Livas.

Senior Jonah Reyes scored 20 to lead the Hornets.

The Antelopes entered the season, their sixth under Ishida, after an appearance in the 1A Oregon state playoffs and the loss of tall seniors Blake Purnell (6 feet, 3 inches), Tommy Miller (6-4) and David Stones (6-4).

Purnell, who now plays at Corbin College, was part of a two-pronged scoring threat with Shira last season.

Ishida, who has enlisted his son, Blake, as an assistant coach, sees this year’s team as one that

will rely on speed and quickness with returners such as Shira in the post and Kurt Nielson, Tommy Shenk, Leo Munoz, Danny Livas and Nate Meyer in the backcourt. All those players are juniors, but Ishida warns he has “a big and talented freshman class that will see some varsity time”.

Friday: Prairie City 48, Adrian 45 — The Antelopes tied the game in the closing minute, but couldn’t complete the comeback in the first round.

Adrian committed only 16 turnovers, but early execution difficulties created a deficit the team couldn’t overcome.

The Panthers’ Cole Hoberg scored 16 points in an attempt to offset Shira’s 25 for Adrian.

Prairie City’s other big gun, Brady Doty, was limited to four points on 2-for-12 shooting.

The Antelopes forced the Panthers into 20 turnovers and limited their opponents to 40.4 percent field-goal shooting (19-for-47).

“Paxton Shira and our guards had a nice game and continue to get better on defense,” Ishida said. “Our younger players are starting to come along. I feel we are still heading in the right direction. We will be ready come league play.”

Dec. 6: Notus 57, Adrian 40 — A third-quarter drought spelled doom for the Antelopes in a non-league home game against the Pirates from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

Adrian grabbed an early lead, but Notus outscored coach Brent Ishida’s team 19-2 in the first eight minutes of the second half to take control of a game tied 26-26 at the break.

Michael Barragan fired in five of Notus’ seven three-point goals and led all scorers with 19 points.

Paxton Shira paced Adrian with 16 points, followed by 13 from Kurt Nielson.

Versatility could keep Mustangs in HDL boys’ basketball title chase

Towering Easterday patrols paint for young Jordan Valley squad

Jordan Valley High School’s boys’ basketball team is poised to present opponents with a strong inside-outside challenge this year.

Returning for his junior season is Ty Warn, a 6-foot-2 guard who will run an offense that has the potential to be just as deadly from the perimeter as it is potent from the paint.

“Our strengths are good guard skills to run a strong half-court offense, and we’re big inside and should win the rebound battle,” sixth-year coach Mike Workman said.

“We should also have good inside post play.”

Nathan Easterday, a 6-6 senior, will help anchor the interior game. Workman also is looking for good things from 6-5 sophomore Wyatt Trautman once he returns from knee surgery in time for the start of the 1A High Desert League season in January.

Workman said that juniors Blaine Moran (6-1) and Tom Nelson (6-4) also will help out in the paint this season.

Easterday averaged eight points and 10 rebounds a year ago, while Moran scored three points and pulled down three rebounds each night. Nelson went five and five.

“Nate Easterday has finally grown up, and we hope to see a strong inside game along with Nelson and Moran,” Workman said.

Easterday could be a dominant force, Workman said, and Warn’s shooting and driving skills could prevent opposing defenses from packing the paint against the big fella.

Freshman Lee Stanford, at 6-2, will be another tall option for the Mustangs, who were fourth in the 1A HDL a year ago and won nine of 19 games overall.

Three other freshmen (Braden Fillmore, 6-1; Nick Eiguren, 5-5; and 6-footer Sandy Warn) and 5-10 sophomore Zach Stanford round out Jordan Valley’s crop of newcomers.

“We are still fairly young, and we hope to improve every part of the game as the season progresses and we gain more experience,” Workman said.

Sandy Warn could be a good swing option, the coach said, and can expect to see extensive time with the varsity.

Ty Warn’s experience at the point will come in handy from the get-go, and Workman expects the junior’s guard play will spark good things from the Mustangs’ backcourt, which also includes 5-11 junior Nate Elsner (6 ppg., 4 apg. last season) and 6-0 sophomore Ben Telleria.

“Ty Warn is our leader at the guard position along with Elsner and Telleria,” the coach said. “All three have three-point range along

with good quickness to get to the basket.”

Warn averaged 13 points, five rebounds and three assists in his sophomore season.

He, Easterday and graduated seniors Tyler Elsner and Taylor Lucas led the Mustangs to a fourth-place finish in the 1A District 8 Tournament last season.

Nate Elsner could manage the offense from the point guard slot, his coach said.

“Nate usually plays point,” Workman said. “He has good shooting range, but is a very good passer who sees the floor well.”

Other returners include seniors James Dowell (5-10) and Quinn Fillmore (5-11).

The presence of guards keen on ball-handling could produce an exciting brand of basketball, Workman said.

“The fans will see an aggressive defense along with a strong half-court game,” he said. “We will get out and run if the opportunity is there.”

Once league play cranks up in mid-January, the Mustangs can expect a dogfight, Workman said.

Defending league champion Crane returns a strong roster, and the coach expects archrival Adrian to be fast and loaded with talented juniors. Workman said Huntington is a hard-nosed team steeped in strong guard play.

“I feel we will be fighting it out with those three teams for the top spot,” he said.

— JPB

Jordan Valley, Rimrock split on hardwood

Ty Warn hit five of his team’s 10 three-point goals, which proved to be the winning margin in Jordan Valley High School’s non-conference boys’ basketball win over visiting Rimrock from Bruneau.

Missing only three shots, Warn scored 19 points in the Mustangs’ 62-32 victory.

“We shot the ball better,” Mustangs coach Mike Workman said. “Rimrock was content to let us shoot from the perimeter.”

Clay Cantrell led the Raiders with 10 points

Blaine Moran corralled 14 of Jordan Valley’s 48 rebounds.

Girls, Friday: Rimrock 45, Jordan Valley 31 — Andi Warn led Jordan Valley with 14 points and seven rebounds, and teammate Meagan Fillmore chipped in six points and 16 boards.

“The girls played a lot better,” coach Clint Fillmore said. “We had great rebounding, and our turnovers were way down from (a 71-25 loss to Liberty Charter).”

Jessi Carson notched five points and 10 rebounds, and Jordan Valley teammate Hayley Caywood added

five points and six rebounds.

Boys, Saturday: Notus 49, Jordan Valley 29 — The Mustangs committed just 11 turnovers, after giving the ball up 25 times in their first game against the unbeaten Pirates, who have notched two of their four wins against the Mustangs.

Nathan Easterday was 4-for-17 from the floor but led the team with nine points and seven rebounds. Ty Warn connected on three of his 14 attempts for eight points.

Hayden Clasen scored 18 for Notus.

✓ Marsing: Holds HHS to 12 first-half points

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7-for-10 from the charity stripe, while Farwell battled through an injured shoulder to sink seven of her 11 free-throw attempts.

“Our turnovers were up, but with Homedale’s style of play we handled it pretty well,” Little said. “We executed well to break the press and zone.”

Lacey Usabel notched 10 points for Marsing (5-2) followed by Kaylee Rupp with eight for

Homedale (6-2). Deidrie Briggs picked up eight points for the Lady Huskies.

Andrea Rodriguez racked up five rebounds, three assists and two steals and finished with six points for Marsing.

Although she didn’t have any points, Lady Huskies post player Dafni Clausen seemed to have a hand in every bucket Homedale attempted. Clausen picked up five defensive rebounds and three

offensive rebounds.

“Dafni is concentrating on what we are teaching inside and mixing things up,” Little said. “We need someone to be a big force inside. She has been averaging seven rebounds per game and finished with eight against Homedale.”

The Trojans will get a chance to tie the non-conference series when they host Marsing on Jan. 24 at 7:30 in Homedale.

— JLZ

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25 years ago

December 18, 1986

City to ask for sewage plant bond

The city council at Homedale plans to hold a bond election in late January or early February for funds to bring the sewage treatment plant into conformance, Mayor Paul Fink told members of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon.

Fink said the city has been in default regarding requirements for operating the plant for years, and that it had run out of time. “If the bond fails, we’ll have no defense in court. We’ve been signing letters for years acknowledging the failure to comply, and if we’re not in compliance really soon, we’ll be sued by the government,” the mayor explained.

Fink said the way to go is to approve the bond. “If we pass it, a grant will cover all but 25 percent of the cost. If we don’t pass it and are taken to court, we’ll not be eligible for the grant.”

The total cost of the project is \$618,000, of which the city’s share would be \$154,000, Fink said. However, he said the council plans to ask for \$200,000 to \$220,000, with the additional money earmarked for replacement of part of the system of the pipe within the city. He said the cost per household would be around \$2.50 per month should the voters approve the bond.

The update of the system would not only correct the present inadequacies, but would provide for approximately twice the capacity of the present system, the mayor added.

Chamber elects officers

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met Monday noon and elected new officers for the 1987 year.

Chosen as president is Mike Parker, and vice president is Don Drum. Treasurer Brenda Sutterfield was re-elected to that post.

The position of secretary was not filled during the meeting, but will be at a future date.

Following a recent election of board members, the new board consists of Duane Emery, Dee Monsen, Rich Armstrong, Clarence Ferguson, Perry Jenkins, and Joe Aman.

OCHS submits year-end report

Fiscal year 1985-1986 saw 2,446 visitors at the Owyhee County Historical Society Museum in Murphy. This number includes visitors from 36 states and 7 foreign countries, and 18 scheduled tours of school children, senior citizens, and RV groups. Museum staff also reached over 200 additional people by taking the several slide programs on Owyhee County to various clubs and service organizations.

Several new projects were completed during the past year. A new exhibit, “Stamping Owyhee’s Destiny: The Milling of Gold and Silver”, was opened after nearly four years of planning and construction, Housed in its own building, the exhibit features equipment from the Leonard family mining and milling operations at Silver City, photograph exhibits and a special brochure which explains how the equipment was used. A new exhibit case was also set up in the lobby of the County Courthouse. The first exhibit is titled, “Owyhee School Days,” and the case is scheduled to be changed three or four times a year.

Marsing FmHA receives recognition

The FmHA staff in Marsing received numerous service awards in 1986. Marilyn K. Lees, Assistant County Supervisor, received an award for reduction of rural housing delinquency. Christine W. Reninger, County Office Assistant, received an award for special achievements in improving clerical work organization. Linda McIntyre received a certificate of appreciation for volunteer work performed at a time of short clerical staff. John I. Lejardi, County Supervisor, received a ten-year service award. Thomas E. Dobbin, Assistant County Supervisor, also received a certificate of training for completion of computer training in financial analysis and planning at the National office in Washington D.C.

50 years ago

December 21, 1961

Malmberg given watch for 4-H achievement

Bruce Malmberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Malmberg, Jr., of Marsing, received the First Security Foundation Watch Award for achievement in 4-H in 1961 in Owyhee County. The handsome wristwatch was presented by Lewis Madison, assistant manager of the Mtn. Home branch of the First Security bank.

Mr. Madison said at the presentation, “We are proud to recognize the 4-H program as you are helping to train tomorrow’s leaders. This award is for the boy who has achieved the most in the current year in his 4-H work.”

Young Malmberg is a member of three 4-H clubs: Marsing Livestock club, Marsing Tractor, and Amateur Entomologists. He is 14 years old and has had five years of 4-H work. His projects in 1961 included swine, beef, dairy, soil and water, safety entomology, electricity, tractor maintenance and weeds.

Highway 95 Assn. backs new bridge at Homedale

A resolution seeking support of the Highway 95 Association in obtaining a new bridge at Homedale across the Snake River just upstream from the present bridge, was presented by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce and approved by the association at its meeting here Friday.

The resolution, which was presented by Everett Colley, was as follows:

Whereas the Snake River bridge at Homedale is more than 40 years old and has long been considered neither wide enough nor strong enough for present-day traffic;

Whereas this bridge is a link in the U.S. highway 95 and expected to be considered soon by the Idaho Department of Highways for replacement;

Whereas the commerce of the City of Homedale and its surrounding trade area will be vitally affected by the location of a new bridge, and by the highway routing thus created;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Homedale Chamber of Commerce supports the locating of a new bridge across the Snake River just upstream from the present bridge, to connect with Idaho Avenue entering Homedale; and asks the support of the Highway 95 Association in obtaining a new bridge at this site, and in maintaining the routing of U.S. highway 95 and Idaho highway 19 through Homedale at substantially the present location to serve as well as tourist travel.

Historical society will award membership to old timers

The Owyhee County Historical Society plans to award honorary memberships to all persons over 80 who resided in the county before Idaho achieved statehood in 1890.

Scheduled to be included in the Society at the next meeting in Murphy after the first of the year are:

Mrs. Ella Gerling Alvord, Boise; Raymond C. Bernard, Salt Lake City; Col. O. L. Brunzell, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Elizabeth Conyers Hinshaw, Boise; Mrs. Sierra D’Orsay Dewey, Nampa.

Mrs. Nancy Payne Eckman, Nampa; Mrs. Catherine McDonald Goble, Nampa; William E. Goff, Boise; Frank Gusman, Jordan Valley.

Mrs. Eva Strickland Hawes, Boise; William Hawes, Boise; Mrs. Emma Johnson Hunt, Emmett; Miss Edith Hyde (Sister Rodda), Boise; Miss Anna Belle Jordan, Boise.

Mrs. Mary Linnehan Knight, Caldwell; Arthur C. Lee, Boise; Mrs. Lillian Hawes Leonard, Boise; William A. Lewis, Murphy.

Sim Loveland, Boise; Mrs. Stella St. Clair Masters, Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Mary Johnson Matheson, Pocatello; Mrs. Amanda Hughes Maxson, Boise; Mrs. Ida Grete Moe, Caldwell.

Mrs. Carrie Maysonholder Palmer, Boise; Thomas J. Payne, Kuna; Mrs. Lottie Rickenberg Baker, Steilacoon, Wash.; John T. Shea, Murphy; Mrs. Ida Harley Smith, Boise.

Mrs. Grace Mills Sommerville, Boise; Mrs. Kate Share Ward, Boise; Henry B. Ward, Boise; and Mrs. Laura Moore Cunningham, Boise.

140 years ago

December 16, 1871

THE TURNER-ORTIZ CASE. A rather notorious breach of promise case has just been decided in one of the San Francisco Courts. Miss Leota Turner, aged 28 years, and daughter of the Late Admiral Turner — a hero of the battle of Lake Erie in 1812 — sued Don Jose Ortiz, a wealthy Spaniard who resides in Hermosillo, Mexico, but has business in San Francisco, to recover the sum of \$200,000 in damages sustained by her for seduction and breach of promise of marriage. After a prolonged and tedious trial the case went to the jury who awarded Miss Turner \$7,500. Ortiz is a widower, about 50 years of age, and after a careful perusal of the testimony, both *pro* and *con*, we do not believe he ever intended to marry Miss Turner. Of course it is sad to contemplate the fall of one so highly connected and well-bred as she, and, only that such cases never do serve as warnings to others, her unhappy condition (somewhat ameliorated by the \$7,500) might be a salutary lesson to those of her sex to this end — that when virtue is surrendered all that makes the person truly loveable for wife’s estate, even to the promiser who vows as false men only can vow, goes with that most precious jewel of womanhood.

THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE. This important document, consisting of nine thousand words, was telegraphed across the continent and published in full in the San Francisco dailies of the 5th inst. It is well received by the Republican press, and Democratic journals find in it more to praise than to blame. The document is manly and out-spoken, dealing with the subjects of which it treats, in a frank and business-like manner. The history of our standing with foreign nations is eminently satisfactory, and some of the suggestions and recommendations are well worthy of, and undoubtedly will receive, the careful consideration of Congress. The President favors a large reduction of taxation and recommends that all internal taxes, except those on liquor and tobacco, be abolished, as, in his opinion, the finances of the country are now so well established, that this can safely be done, We look for a thorough revision of the revenue laws this winter, with such reduction and adjustment of taxes as may be considered beneficial to the interests of the people individually and the nation at large.

ED. SMITH’S DREAM. A comical genius, of War Eagle Mountain, named Ed. Smith, relates that he dreamed of dying the other night and going to heaven, or at least to the gate of the celestial city whose streets are said to be paved with gold. Knocking at the portal, Smith was confronted by St. Peter who told him he must cut 15 cords of dry tamarack wood, or take a ticket for “the other place.” He took the ax, and after performing the task imposed, returned to the gate, where he was somewhat surprised to meet his old friend Ike Culp, of the Oro Fino saloon. St. Peter directed Ike to take the ax and cut 14 1/2 cords of dry tamarack as a preliminary to the right-of-way through the gate. Ike didn’t seem very well pleased with the idea and went off grumbling. In a short time he returned, threw down the ax, and told St. Peter he would take a through ticket for Pandemonium rather than cut the d.m.d wood. Ike’s boisterous manner and loud talk awoke Smith and thus ended the dream.

MASONIC ELECTIONS. The officers elected by Owyhee Lodge No. 5, A. F. and A. M., to serve during the ensuing Masonic year, are as follows: W.S. Stevens, W. M.; Martin Jones, S.W.; R. H. Weeks, J. W.; Frank Schuster, Treas.; J. Huelat, Sec.

The officers-elect of War Eagle Lodge No. 6, A. F. and A. M., are: B. M. Davis, W. M.; E. A. Thompson, S.W.; A. J. Stucker, J. W.; T. W. Jones, Treas.; Geo. Vass, Sec.

Officers of Owyhee Lodge No. 5 will be privately installed on the afternoon of Dec. 27th, and the installation ceremonies of War Eagle Lodge No. 6, will take place on the evening of the same day, as will be seen by reference to a notice under the caption of “New To-Day.”

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense The McGuffin

Three giant lobby groups from an alternative time-war are engaged in a furious hissy fit the purpose of which is raising money to pay lawyers. “Send Money so we can Litigate, Pay company Executives, and Solicit more Funds!”

“Animals are overrunning government property,” they exclaimed, “... and endangering the environment! These are domestic animals that have been turned loose to fend for themselves and have multiplied exponentially!” Sound familiar?

Yes, the lobby groups are the usual suspects; Sierra Club, Audubon Society, and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). The “McGuffin” is what Alfred Hitchcock called the object in the movie around which the plot thickened but had little significance on its own. Like the missing microfilm, hidden treasure or secret code.

Examples: When their funds and influence ran low in 1996, the Sierra Club hoisted a grand campaign to drain Lake Powell. The Audubon Society chummed up to Ted Turner by offering him “environmentalist credibility” in return for a big donation, and the HSUS is the first one there with their hand out to solicit funds from hurricane pets to horse abuse to Missouri Prop. B.

The McGuffin in this case is feral cats. They are accused of eating birds, rabbits, wood rats, varmints and vermin, some of which are ... you guessed it, **FEDERALLY PROTECTED!** Like the spotted owl, short-nosed sucker and Loach minnow.

When I allude to these three litigating lobby groups as “living in the 4th Dimension”, it is because in their alternative world, common sense is illegal and economic impact has no meaning. Two of the groups want to trap the cats, the other group is against trapping. It makes no difference which is which, it is all about raising funds to pay lawyers, corporate executives, advertising to raise more funds, and political lobbying. It’s like watching three buzzards fighting over a flat possum on a road that no one uses.

In this operatic charade the actors all claim the high moral ground. They are plutocratic beggars, pious in their self-image. Emerson said it all, “The louder he spoke of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons.”

Follow the money.

All you have to do is look at the budget and financial statement of most non-profit profiteers in the now profane world of eco-animal rights, and you realize how bizarre this parasitism has become. How can we control these feral cats?

In the real world every farmer’s daughter, rancher’s wife, woodsman’s grandchild and prairie dog hunter’s son knows the solution. Buy ’em a box of shells and give ’em a week in the woods. Where are Davy Crockett and ol’ Betsy when we need ’em?

— *Can’t get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books and DVDs.*

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee One hello, one goodbye



Good news from Murphy is hard to come by these days, but there are some shafts of sunlight peeking through the gloom.

A truckload of experience rejoined the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office last week when Sgt. Gary Olsen returned from an extended absence.

Just as much experience in another area of county government will depart soon, but it’s a bittersweet occasion.

Lynda Freund is ready for the next chapter of her life, taking retirement two days before her 65th birthday and riding off into the sunset to lavish her children and grandchildren with multiple visits. Chances are she and husband Dick will put a lot of miles with smiles on what-

ever vehicle they decide to take along on their trips across the country.

The Board of County Commissioners unilaterally facilitated Olsen’s return to the OCSO fold. Sheriff Daryl Crandall sent the veteran lawman packing and moved Jeff Wasson into the backcountry deputy position when the law enforcement services contract with Marsing expired.

Problem was, though, Crandall apparently never gave Olsen his walking papers — literally — and that left the sergeant in limbo until the commissioners took action earlier this month.

— *See Hello, Page 21*

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Salute employers’ exceptional support of service members



Employers play an essential role in supporting our nation’s defense efforts. Unlike active duty military service members, military service is not a Guard or Reserve member’s primary job. Thus, when they are deployed for active duty, local businesses adjust to overcome reduced manpower and other challenges associated with the absences of valued employees. America’s businesses also provide needed flexibility to military spouses who may need to take time off to support loved ones in the military and utilize our nation’s service members’ skills when they return from deployment.

Tribute is paid to some of these businesses through the U.S. Department of Defense’s (DoD) Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The award was created in 1996 “to recognize exceptional support from the employer community.” According to the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a DoD agency, 160 employers have been honored with the award. In 2005, Boise-based IDACORP, Inc. received the award and was recognized for providing full benefits and pay differential for the entire duration of military service. The company was also acknowledged for funding family outreach programs in Idaho, Washington and Oregon communities when major mobilizations have occurred and providing a full-time specialist to assist family members of mobilized employees.

The ESGR is accepting nominations for the 2012 Employer Support Freedom Award and encouraging Guard and Reserve members to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of their military service. Nominations are being accepted through Jan. 16 and may be submitted by service members, or a family

member acting on a service member’s behalf, at www.FreedomAward.mil.

The families of military service members effectively join the military when their loved ones join. Throughout a military member’s career, the loving support of a wife or husband can make the difference between success or failure for that individual and their family. Military spouses endure the hardship of separation from loved ones, frequently take on the role of a single parent, and move more often than most civilians throughout the course of a military career. In addition to supporting service members, employers often assist military spouses who work hard to make ends meet while enduring the uneasiness of having a loved one in harm’s way.

To help provide recognition of employers’ exceptional support of military families, in January, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) joined me in introducing S. 90, the Military Family-Friendly Employer Award Act. This legislation would create an award for employers that have developed and implemented workplace flexibility policies to assist the working spouses and caregivers of service members and returning service members in addressing family and home needs during deployments.

While military men and women and their families are defending our freedom, America’s employers are also part of this effort. Small businesses across our nation have stepped up to support our nation and its military families. Paying tribute to this exceptional support is an honor.

— *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.*

Letter to the editor

Hard-to-lose government jobs are a big problem

The regime change we had in Murphy at the last election is what caused all the current turmoil. People who work at any level of government don’t like to get fired because if you’re not you will receive a check until you die.

The Homedale School District spends \$8 million each year and only graduates a few dozen kids. The money is going to the old farts in retirement.

Steve Richards
Homedale

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

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

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

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

Commentary

Financial management

Rule No. 1 in preserving financial integrity: Never co-sign

Dear Dave,

My wife co-signed on a loan for an ex-boyfriend five years ago when they were together, before we even met. Now a collection agency is after her. Our attorney has recommended we take Chapter 7 bankruptcy, but the debt is only \$5,000. Is there a better way?

— Jeff



settled for 50 cents on the dollar, and sometimes even less. Haggle with them, and I'll bet you can talk them down to \$2,500.

Get an agreement in writing before you send them a dime, and *do not* give them access to your bank account. They'll threaten to sue, or ruin your credit and that kind of stuff, but my guess is you can work this out. It may take a couple of weeks and some patience, but that's nothing if it will save you \$2,000 to \$3,000.

You guys will have to pay some Stupid Tax on this one, but

I hope it will teach you both a very valuable lesson. Never co-sign a loan!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm about to buy my first home. My plan is to buy a duplex and rent out the other side to help pay down the mortgage quickly. A friend of mine wants to be my renter, but I'm worried that this could jeopardize our friendship. What do you think?

— Jerry

Dear Jerry,

This can work, but the odds aren't in your favor. When you do business with friends you always face the risk of running into a situation that can damage the relationship.

Does this mean you can never

do business with friends? Of course not. I do a lot of business with friends. But I make sure that the specific requirements of our relationship are laid out very clearly, in writing.

It would be a good idea to make sure he understands that he absolutely must come talk to you ahead of time if there's even a chance that he might not make the rent one month. Most problems can be worked out, but you're not running a charity. This needs to be emphasized in a kind-but-firm manner.

Sometimes friends have unrealistic expectations on both sides. The friend who is renting may think he'll get some slack on the payments, or the friend who's the landlord may assume the renter will be a model tenant. These dangerous myths need to be

addressed and ironed out before anything is signed.

You can make it work, Jerry. Just be straightforward, and make sure the rules are understood by everyone involved. Then, when you have to enforce the rules. Do it gently but firmly.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey's new book, *EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Wisdom from the Trenches*, is available now. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org.

For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Accuracy In Media

Gingrich's charge of a socialist America confirmed

by Cliff Kincaid

Democrats say they have dirt on Newt Gingrich, but he has the dirt on them. He has accurately described the socialist infiltration of America: "The Left has thoroughly infiltrated nearly every cultural commanding height of our civilization. That is, they hold power, influence and control of academia, the elite news media, Hollywood, union leaders, trial lawyers, the courts, the Congress, and the bureaucracy at all levels of government. They are radically redefining our very culture by deciding what is news, what is entertainment, what our children learn in school, and what kind of government we should have."

When Gingrich made this charge, the left-wing scandal sheet Politico reacted with alarm, as if Gingrich had crossed the line of respectable discourse. But the publication was not able to rebut his assertion.

Confirmation of Gingrich's statement, which came in an article about his book, *To Save America: Stopping Obama's Secular-Socialist Machine*, has come from an unlikely source — John Nichols, a writer for *The Nation* magazine. Speaking to the recent Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) conference, Nichols said that the progressive movement is on the move, citing Big Labor's organizing efforts in several states, and indicated that the 2012 elections will continue this process of revolutionary change.

According to the Nichols book, *The "S" Word*, America's socialist legacy included founding father Thomas Paine. The "S" stands for socialism, "an American tradition," Nichols claims. And this, he said, is America's future.

But not so fast. Professor Harvey J. Kaye, the Ben & Joyce Rosenberg Professor of Democracy and Justice Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, wrote the book *Thomas Paine: Firebrand of the Revolution*, which is popular with the so-called "progressives." He says that while Paine had some radical ideas about poverty and government assistance, "He was not a socialist; he did not contest the right of the propertied to their property."

Indeed, in his *Rights of Man*, Paine recognized

the inalienable rights to property, liberty, security, and resistance to oppression. Private property, which communists want to abolish, was the cornerstone of the American system. America's founding was a repudiation of socialist ideas.

While Nichols is wrong about the socialism of Tom Paine, his point about the march of socialism in the U.S. is not something that can be so easily dismissed. Nichols' book, as well as another controversial book, *Lincoln's Marxists*, describes the determined activities of socialists in America in the 1800s. They have always looked for an opening to advance their un-American ideas on American soil. Over the past three years, President Obama has been their vehicle in the White House.

The problem for Nichols is that, despite his own openness about wanting to be part of Obama's socialist transformation of America, the effort has used deceptive practices and tactics and associates with sworn enemies of the United States. Nichols says he owes a debt to his late friend, Howard Zinn, a "historian" who concealed his involvement in the Moscow-funded Communist Party until his FBI file confirmed his secret life. The revelations have not caused "progressives" like Nichols to have any second thoughts about their admiration for Zinn.

The socialist-communist alliance, which backed Obama from the start of his political career in Chicago, has been making strides. "Polls tell us that democratic socialism is more popular today than at any time in recent American history," Nichols says. He cites polls that 20-25 percent of Americans view socialism positively, with the number at 43 percent among those ages 18-29. The polls also find that Americans are increasingly critical of the capitalist system that made America the envy and target of the rest of the world.

Yahoo! News noted that pollster Frank Luntz is advising Republicans on how to respond to the coverage generated by the Occupy Wall Street movement and that he is "frightened to death" because "They're having an impact on what the American people think of capitalism."

Luntz is referring to the sympathetic coverage of the movement, standing in sharp contrast to the media's demonization of the Tea Party.

Luntz is telling Republican politicians not to even talk about capitalism being a superior economic and political system. "I'm trying to get that word removed and we're replacing it with either 'economic freedom' or 'free market,'" Luntz said. "The public ... still prefers capitalism to socialism, but they think capitalism is immoral."

This state of affairs requires a media that will tell the truth about how socialists, who are increasingly out of the closet these days and supported by billionaire George Soros, are distorting America's founding and transforming the United States into something it was never intended to be. It is the struggle that will decide the future of America.

The Gingrich book, *To Save America*, addresses the subversive role being played by George Soros and other rich liberal billionaires such as Herb and Marion Sandler, who have funded such left-wing media operations as ProPublica. This is the group that just announced a "cooperative newsgathering and reporting arrangement" with NBC-owned television stations around the U.S. ProPublica's "partners" already include such outlets as ABC News, The Baltimore Sun, The Boston Globe, CBS News, CNN, The Huffington Post and public broadcasting's Frontline.

For his part, John Nichols gives credit in his book to the support given to him by MSNBC, Al-Jazeera, Wisconsin Public Radio, and MSNBC host Chris Hayes, among others.

If the liberal media will not tell the truth, and if the conservative media do not have the ability to make the case for capitalism and freedom, politicians such as Newt Gingrich may have to do so in the context of a presidential campaign. His challenge will be to survive the personal attacks from the machine that he attacks.

— Cliff Kincaid is the director of the AIM Center for Investigative Journalism, and can be contacted at cliff.kincaid@aim.org.

✓ Hello: Change for the good in Murphy

From Page 20

Now Olsen is back in the backcountry, where he has said he is perfectly at home.

Now a sergeant, Wasson has been kicked upstairs as it were and will apparently fill the supervisory role vacated by Sgt. Slade Heeb earlier this month.

While the circumstances weren't ideal, the county is better off with the experience of a man like Olsen back on the beat.

With uncertainty on the horizon as the election season nears, the sheriff's office can use all the level-headed veterans it can muster.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Joint Powers Agreement signed with ICRMP. Appointed Bill Brown, Adams County Commissioner to serve on the Gem Board for District III.

Indigent & Charity: 11-55 & 11-56 liens approved. 10-30 & 10-52 Notice of Suspension. 11-51 denied, 10-38 & 11-52 approved.

Approved the Application for the Historic Preservation Commission CLG Grant. Authorized the Historic Preservation Commission to pursue the Federal Trust Grant.

Approved the expenditure of \$3,000 from the Museum budget for the Silver City Ordinance Project.

The complete minutes are on the website at owyheecounty.net or in the clerk's office.
12/14/11

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On January 5th, 2011 beginning at 10:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony at the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below. After the hearing, the Commission will take up administrative matters as necessary.

10:00 am The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Jeff and Rochelle Gastaldi seeking to split approximately 12 acres from an approximately 198 acre parcel. The 12 acre parcel proposed to be split, is naturally segregated from the remaining property by a canal.

Mr. Gastaldi is seeking to establish one single-family residence on the 12 acre parcel. The Subject parcel is located in an agricultural zone, approximately 4 miles west of Marsing, lying in the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

11:00 am The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Pioneer Power LLC, represented by John & Lorna Steiner Vice Presidents, seeking to establish two 40 kW wind turbines on a 280 acre parcel of land. The parcel is located in an Agricultural Zone, approximately 3 ½ miles southwest of Oreana, and is accessed off Collett Road. The parcel includes the W2NE, S2NW, N2SW, NWSE all lying in Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 1 East, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the above applications are available for review at the Planning and Zoning office located at 17069 Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho. For questions on any of the above matters, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.
12/14/11

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2011, Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2011. Payments must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier's check. Payment may be made in person at the Ir-

rigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary, PO Box 9, Grand View, ID 83624
12/7,14/11

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV2011-2294 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 SHIRLEY JEAN LOPEZ, Deceased.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE That EUGENE LOPEZ, the surviving spouse of the above-named Decedent, by and through Larry C. Ashcraft of the firm of Ashcraft and Miller, PLLC, his attorneys of record, has filed a PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE in the above-entitled Court, pursuant to Idaho Code 15-3-1205.

YOU ARE FURTHER GIVEN NOTICE that said surviving spouse will call up for hearing at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho, on the 25th day of January, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, his request for entry by the Court of a DECREE VESTING ESTATE IN SURVIVING SPOUSE.

DATED This 28 day of November, 2011.

ASHCRAFT AND MILLER, PLLC, Attorneys for the Surviving Spouse

By /s/ Larry C. Ashcraft, A Member of the Firm, PO Box 506, Mtn. Home, ID 83647, 208-587-9797 Fax 208-587-7005
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The family of Bill Marston would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our dear friends and neighbors for their caring help, food, well wishes and kindness in our time of sorrow. A special thanks to Homedale and Wilder first responders for their quick response and professional demeanor. Also to all Adam Krause and all the people at Flahiff Funeral Chapel for their understanding and professionalism. Last but certainly not least to Pastor Chuck Ryan and the volunteers at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, for their wonderful service and use of their facilities in our time of need. Bless you all and Merry Christmas

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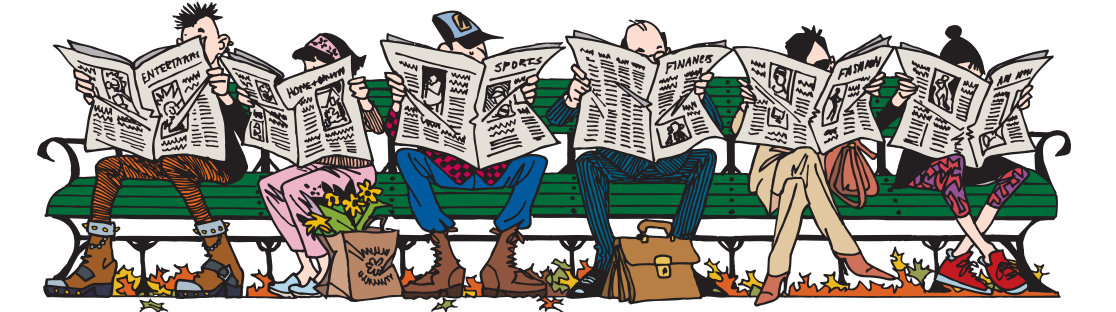
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Season's Greetings

The annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas gift project for the residents of Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center

Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local "Santas" need only to select one item. Gifts may be gift wrapped and tagged with the number and item selected

Gift Drive Ends Dec. 21

Misc. Gift Ideas:
Electric shavers, nose hair trimmers, non-slip socks, portable CD players, family oriented DVDs, cardigans, sweat suits

F1: Piano Hymn book, blouses (XL), perfume
F2: ~~Blouses (3x)~~, slacks (3x), ~~socks~~, slippers
F3: ~~Blouses (XL)~~, sweat pants (XL), large playing cards
F4: ~~Candy, perfume, slippers~~, socks
F5: ~~Candy, jewelry, perfume~~
F6: ~~Slippers (boot style, L)~~, perfume, jewelry
F7: Perfume, ~~soft plush animal, slippers~~
F8: ~~Slippers (boot style)~~, lotion, ~~socks~~
F9: ~~Word search puzzle books~~, cami's (L), underwear sz 9
F10: Ankle socks, velcro tennis shoes (sz 10W) , ~~blouses (2X)~~
F11: Blouses (L), ~~sweat pants (L)~~, socks
F12: ~~Candy, stuffed animal, socks~~, tennis shoes sz 7
F13: ~~Blouses (M)~~, slacks (M), jewelry, ~~perfume~~
F14: ~~Slippers~~, pajamas (M), ~~trail mix, word search puzzles~~
F15: Talking stuffed animal, ~~blouses (M)~~, slacks (M)
F16: Blouses (L), slacks (L), jewelry
F17: Jewelry, slippers, duster dresses (4X), perfume
F18: ~~Slippers (boot style)~~, ~~underwear sz 8~~, slacks (L), blouses (L)
F19: Shirley Temple/western DVDs, slacks (L), plush socks

M1: ~~BSU shirts (2x)~~, jogging pants (2x), baseball cap
M2: Sweat suit (lrg), ~~men's cologne, socks~~
M3: T-shirts (5x), sweat pants (5x), ~~cologne, sweat shirt 5x~~
M4: ~~Regular size pillows, cologne~~, slippers
M5: Tank-tops (XL), ~~sweat pants (XL)~~, men's sandal (Sz 7)
M6: ~~Slippers, cologne~~, large size playing cards
M7: Sugar-free candy, ~~T-shirt (2x), slippers~~

Gifts for residents may be dropped off at the Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8am-noon and 1pm-5pm Monday through Friday.