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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**Isaiah 9:6**



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# Keeping the Christmas spirit



Few people get to see Silver City covered in snow first-hand, as it was on Christmas Eve in 2006, 11 years after the story's author had spent Christmas in the mining town with his family.

## Christmas morning, bells ring in Silver

by Chad Hyslop  
from the Dec. 27, 1995 edition  
of The Owyhee Avalanche

A thin blanket of snow, a starry sky, the searing cold, seventy empty houses leaning quietly in an unlighted valley between towering mountains. The wind roars among the peaks above, but not a sound can be heard in the darkened hallways, empty bedrooms, and quiet kitchens in the town below.

The morning is like any other winter morning for the lonely houses — quiet, and cold. Memories of a better time, a busier time, have long left the houses after more than 60 lonely winters. This morning is like any other, and there is nothing to remind the empty buildings of what day it is — the birthday of Christ. With their echoing hallways, shrouded furniture, and bare living rooms, there are no indications of the celebration of Christmas during a time long past.

Until the staid old magneto telephone mounted on the kitchen wall hums, then peals out a single claxon call. All over town the bells ring out, and then fall quiet once more. Listening, the buildings wait. And then again, the bells peal through the 70 empty houses, ringing a happy tune, a tune of “Jingle Bells.” Slowly, hesitantly, in a single key, the tune rings out of the old antique phones,

### Essay’s inspiration

My parents were living in Silver City that winter, and my wife and I were newly married and staying with them over the holidays. I believe it was my brother (who was 11 or so at the time) who got on the old magneto phone system and cranked out Jingle Bells. It was a unique experience to get to spend Christmas in Silver. We’ve never done it before or since, so it is a special memory.

— Chad Hyslop

thundering through the kitchens, hallways, bedrooms, a call of Christmas-time! A call that has not been heard for sixty years.

And then, as the last halting note is run, the echoes fall one more time on the wood floors, the kitchen sink, the cold stoves, and then drift away. And the lonely town slumbers again, and waits for yet another cold, quiet winter morning.

— Former Avalanche reporter Chad Hyslop now is director of sales and marketing for US Ecology Inc., at the company’s corporate office in Boise.



Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church atop a snowy hill in Silver City. Photo by Vern Tunnell

## Pastor’s message

## Christmas: The gift for everyone

by Pastor Chuck Ryan

The sound of children vigorously tearing, clawing, and ripping open meticulously wrapped Christmas paper to discover the long-awaited gift is the highlight of the Christmas season. I can still recall the excitement my brother Mike and I experienced that early (much to my parents’ dismay) Christmas morning when we discovered saddles under the tree. As small boys the wonder and thrill of knowing that where there are saddles, there must be a pony somewhere. I still have not forgotten the thrill of opening the long-awaited, much-sought-after (defined as “begging”) gift. Since then, I have had the privilege of witnessing many times over this total exhilaration of a child opening Christmas gifts through our four daughters and now four grandchildren. It is a sight to behold!

I believe the joy that parents experience at observing their children’s excitement at Christmas is only a micro-fraction of the joy God experiences when those He loves truly experience His Christ-



mas gift of Jesus Christ. The Angelic proclamation revealed this “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

God intended for the gift of Christ to be for every person; no one excluded.

Pastor George W. Truett around the turn of the 20th century wrote these simple but profound words, “Christ was born in the first century, yet He belongs to all centuries. He was born a Jew, yet He belongs to all races. He was born in Bethlehem, yet He belongs to all countries.” I believe Pastor Truett captured the amazing plan of God for all people. Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, was a gift from God to everyone who would accept the gift. No one is excluded; God truly loves the

entire world!

God, like all parents, is hoping that we will receive His gift with excitement. He is listening, so to speak, for “the sound of children vigorously tearing, clawing and ripping open the Christmas wrapping paper” with longing in their hearts. A gift is not truly received until it is opened and enjoyed. This is the hope of every gift-giver. The same is with God. The essence of the Christmas story is captured in the Word of God found in John 3:16. God states, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

For over 2,000 years now God has been presenting the gift of His Son to everyone who would receive Him. I think I just heard the rustling of wrapping paper!

Merry Christmas.

— Chuck Ryan is senior pastor at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene. This year, The Owyhee Avalanche launches an annual Christmas message column written by a pastor from a church that serves Owyhee County.

# The Christmas Story

According to the gospel of Luke II

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in



the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing

which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



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### The gift of hope



#### All ages turn out to help Marsing gift drive

Marsing High School senior Shelbi Ferdinand gets some help from Jace Chadez in wrapping a present for the community's Hope Tree. Jace is the 5-year-old son of Huskies boys' basketball coach JW Chadez and wife Amy. On Saturday, Marsing students and coaches distributed presents and about 1,500 pounds of food to 30 needy families with children aged one month to 17 years.

## Marsing urged to wait on marshal decision

After a highly anticipated public hearing, the Marsing City Council decided to table its ordinance creating a town marshal to provide law enforcement coverage. With people crammed into Marsing City Hall, the council listened to comments from nine people, only two of whom live within the city and opted to "wait it out" until a new Owyhee County Sheriff's Office administration takes over in January 2013. Pursuing the town marshal became a goal for Mayor Keith Green after the contract negotiations with the sheriff's office failed to produce an acceptable agreement throughout the past year. Councilperson-elect Chris Even explained to the council that he felt the law enforcement presence hadn't changed after the contract with OCSO. "I am against the town marshal," Even said. "The City of Marsing currently doesn't have a contract

— See *Marshal*, page 5A

## HMS student saluted for helping woman

### Chief awards HPD meritorious service medal

A Homedale eighth-grader was credited with saving a life at Wednesday's city council meeting. Homedale Middle School student Brittany Garcia received the Homedale Police Department Meritorious Service Medal after helping save a woman who had

spent several hours on the ground Oct. 28 after falling down. "Your actions directly equated to survival, and your willingness to do the right thing saved a life," Eidemiller said as her read a letter before presenting Garcia with the medal. Eidemiller said Garcia "acted with great responsibility" when she came upon the woman who had fallen down, alerted emergency personnel and then stayed with her until help arrived.

— See *Student*, page 5A



Brittany Garcia accepts the Homedale Police Department's meritorious service medal from Chief Jeff Eidemiller.


## Holiday closures announced

The Christmas and New Year's holidays will affect government offices, libraries, schools, banks, post offices and trash pickup in Owyhee County. County offices in Murphy and city halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian will be closed for the next two Mondays for the holidays. Marsing City Hall also will close

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Today




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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
<b>Mud Flat</b>						
12/13	0.6	4.0	2.6	35.2	22.5	27.1
12/14	0.5	4.0	2.5	38.7	10.9	23.7
12/15	0.6	4.0	2.6	40.1	18.1	27.7
12/16	0.7	3.0	2.7	38.1	20.1	29.3
12/17	0.6	3.0	2.6	42.3	16.0	27.7
12/18	0.6	3.0	2.6	49.5	16.5	31.3
12/19	0.7	3.0	2.7	46.0	20.5	31.6
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
12/13	0.2	0.0	3.5	34.0	19.9	25.7
12/14	0.3	1.0	3.5	33.3	18.1	26.2
12/15	0.3	1.0	3.5	36.5	26.4	30.4
12/16	0.3	1.0	3.5	32.5	26.8	29.5
12/17	0.3	1.0	3.5	39.7	23.5	30.2
12/18	0.3	0.0	3.5	38.3	23.7	29.8
12/19	0.3	1.0	3.5	41.9	23.0	31.1
<b>South Mountain</b>						
12/13	1.6	6.0	5.2	34.5	23.9	27.3
12/14	1.6	6.0	5.2	33.6	21.7	26.6
12/15	1.7	6.0	5.3	37.8	26.2	30.9
12/16	1.7	6.0	5.2	32.0	24.8	28.0
12/17	1.7	6.0	5.2	39.0	24.6	30.7
12/18	1.8	6.0	5.2	48.4	31.8	39.9
12/19	1.7	6.0	5.3	44.4	28.2	36.3

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 68 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 207 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 51 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 485,376 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 8 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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



W.W. Jones Elementary School students perform in “You Can’t Cancel Christmas”, which was presented on Dec. 14 inside the Arock Grange Hall. Actors included, back row from left, Nicole Terry, Morgan Caywood, Alisha Rogers, Kirk Eiguren and Chase Easterday; and front row, from left, Trevor Fillmore, Birch Eiguren and Taylor Eiguren. Photo by Hayley Caywood, JVHS

## Arock schoolchildren sing for Christmas

by Hayley Caywood, JVHS

Students put on the W.W. Jones Elementary School’s annual Christmas Play on Dec. 14.

The play was called, “You Can’t Cancel Christmas”, showing that the true meaning of the season is not just about presents. The nine kids (total school population) each had a role, and if you were Trevor Fillmore, Garrett Easterday, Kirk Eiguren, Alisha Rogers, Chase Easterday, Taylor Eiguren or Nicole Terry, you had two.

Morgan Caywood, and Birch Eiguren also played a role, with Morgan being the mother, and Birch playing shepherd No. 3.

Along with the meaningful play, the students also performed several songs: “Jingle Bell Rock” by Kidz Bop Kids, “O Come All Ye Faithful” by Amy Grant, “Away in a Manger” by Casting Crowns, “Joy to the World” by George Strait, “We Wish you a Merry Christmas” by Maranatha! Kids’ Praise! Company, and of course, “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” by Burl Ives.

The evening ended with the kids of all ages greeting Santa coming through the double doors of the Arock Grange Hall.

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# Legion honors Homedale chief's Iraq service

Jeff Eidemiller received an unexpected salute Wednesday night.

Robert Keaveny, commander of the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32, presented Homedale's chief of police with the American Legion Medal of Grateful Appreciation during the City Council meeting.

"I was very honored the Legion chose to give me the award. As I have said before, I haven't done anything different that hundreds of thousands have done before me," Eidemiller said.

"It means a lot. I'm just honored that they would take the time to give me the award."

During his presentation, Keaveny outlined why the Legion chose Eidemiller for the medal.

"In the preamble to our constitution, we speak of one principle that is very loud in our minds, and that's service to the community, state and nation," Keaveny said of the American Legion. "One of our citizens embodies all of those principles."

With that, the commander of Homedale's legionnaires asked Eidemiller to stand and accept the medal and certificate of appreciation.

Eidemiller recently returned from a year-

long tour of duty in Iraq with the National Guard's 116<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, the same unit with which other Homedale residents have served in previous conflicts such as World War I and Korea.

"The doughboys of World War I passed along many traditions and principles to our World War II, Korea War and Vietnam veterans, and they passed them on to us," Keaveny said. "And we now have the privilege of passing these traditions and principles on to the veterans of the wards in Afghanistan and Iraq."

—JPB



Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller wears the medal Wednesday.

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### ✓ Marshal: County commissioners, others ask to wait until after change

for law enforcement or its own law enforcement services. The city does need law enforcement, but not to the detriment of the city or its citizens.

"Nothing changed after the contract stopped. Everyone who lives here in town can see that. We were paying for a service we weren't getting."

Even talked further about the financial burden placed upon the residents if the city were to proceed with running its own police department. He felt it would be better for the city to continue to pursue a code enforcement officer for the city.

"I think the time has come to wait," Even said. "For now (Daryl Crandall) is still under the law to respond for service. Failure to do so falls on his shoulders. He took an oath to protect the citizens of Owyhee County, and Marsing is a part of Owyhee County."

Last year when the city started negotiations with OCSO, the contract with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery was separated from

Council changes date of first 2012 meeting

The first meeting of the new year for the Marsing City Council has been rescheduled.

The council will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The agenda includes swearing in of Mayor Keith Green and Councilperson Stella Bush for new four-year terms. New councilmember Chris Even will take the oath of office to begin his four-year term.

The Marsing council typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month.

Meetings are held at Marsing City Hall, 425 S. Main St.

the law enforcement agreement. Emery said he would be willing to continue the agreement set forth by the BOCC.

The contract covers Emery's time on cases prosecuted for crimes committed in the city in exchange for payment of the water and sewer bill for the county's annex building on Reich Street.

Emery said the contract would need to be modified with

balance out with the water and sewer bill from the city.

Emery said he agrees the city is taking the right step in protecting the residents by moving forward, but urged them to wait until the current administration in the sheriff's office changes.

Crandall has said he will not seek a second term.

"It takes diplomacy to make it happen," Emery said. "I recognize this has been and issue, but you have 12 months to deal with it. It is in my honest opinion things will get better."

County Commissioners Jerry Hoagland and Joe Merrick attended the meeting and followed suit with the majority of those who spoke before them urging the council to wait to pass the ordinance.

"I would urge you to wait. Maybe we will have a different sheriff," Hoagland said. "What you were asking wasn't out of line."

Hoagland referenced the requests the council had made of the sheriff's office in the negotiations last year when they offered to pay for one full-time deputy to patrol Marsing. The council never received an actual number from the sheriff's office, prompting them to issue a 30-day cancellation notice for the contract in September.

Both Perry Grant and Russ Turner, who have filed to run for sheriff, addressed the council and gave input regarding the direction the city should proceed.

Of the people concerned about the next steps the city takes, a business owner outside of Marsing asked about speeding through town.

Green explained that earlier in the month he wrote a letter to the Idaho State Police requesting an extra patrol along Idaho highway 55 and Idaho highway 78.

"ISP responded, and they will patrol a couple days a month," Green said. "The letter explained they would do 'traffic enforcement and education', education means tickets for ISP."

—JLZ

### ✓ Holiday: Trash pick-up will be altered

Friday, giving city employees a four-day weekend.

Emergency services and law enforcement services will remain available throughout Owyhee County as well inside the Homedale city limits from the police department.

The Board of County Commissioners meetings scheduled for the next two Mondays will be held on Tuesdays — Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, respectively. Meetings typically begin at 9 a.m. inside Courtroom 1 at the county courthouse in Murphy.

Westowns Disposal Inc. will delay trash pickup for one day for the next two weeks because of the holidays. Pick-up will take place between Tuesday and Saturday both next week and in the first week of 2012.

Homedale schoolchildren have an early dismissal today and will return to class on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Classes in the Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View and Adrian

school districts resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Jordan Valley students begin their Christmas vacation today and return to class on Monday, Jan. 2.

The county's four public libraries — Homedale, Lizard Butte in Marsing, Eastern Owyhee in Grand View and Bruneau Valley in Bruneau — have varying scheduled for the holidays.

Homedale library will be open Christmas Eve and will close Monday for the Christmas holiday. The library will close Jan. 2 for New Year's while keeping usual 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. hours on New Year's Eve.

The Lizard Butte Library will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The library will open for regular hours during the first week of the new year.

Eastern Owyhee will be closed the next two Mondays, and Bruneau Valley is always closed on Mondays.

Homedale Senior Center will

be closed Monday and Tuesday for Christmas as well as Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Marsing Senior Center is closed Friday and Monday for Christmas and Monday for New Year's.

Paul's Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday for Christmas Eve and will be closed all day Christmas Day. The store is open normal hours, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Logan's Market in Marsing will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day. The market will announced New Year's hours later.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on Monday and Jan. 2. All deadlines will remain the same except that classified ads for both issues will be due by 5 p.m. Friday and Dec. 30 for the Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 editions, respectively.

### ✓ Student: Girl stayed with woman seven hours in cold

The chief said Garcia even offered to take care of the elderly woman's animals when Homedale Ambulance transported her to the hospital.

"You're a credit to your family, your classmates and the city of Homedale, and I hope you always strive to do the right thing," Eidemiller said.

The chief said Garcia's good deed was welcome news in light of the stereotypes placed on today's youth.

"So often in the press and

newspaper and everything, you hear about the youth not wanting to be involved in anything," he said before the presentation. "They're more interested in video games and Britney Spears and Justin Beiber than getting out and getting involved."

He said the woman had spent seven hours exposed to the elements before Garcia discovered her. The low temperature on Oct. 28 was 25 degrees.

—JPB

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Homedale Public Library’s Tween and Teen program coordinator Sara Martin displays the quilt that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise.

## New Years Eve party planned as fundraiser for MHS class of 2012

The parents of the Marsing High School class of 2012 are hosting a family friendly New Year’s Eve Dance Party to ring in 2012 and raise funds for the seniors’ after-graduation party in May.

The party will begin at 9 p.m. and conclude at 12:30 a.m. on New Year’s Day at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

The senior class parents

organized the event to raise money for the Safe and Sane Graduation Party that takes place after graduation. The party is slated to take place at Boise State University.

According to the group’s Facebook page, there will be party favors, dancing, drinks and finger food. Admission is \$3 for a single, \$5 for couples and \$15 for a family.

For more information, call Jolyn Green at 208-318-3982.

## Death notices

**ROBERT HENRY LEE JR.**, 82, of Homedale, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 of natural causes at his residence. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 21, 2011, 10 a.m. at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, Wilder, Idaho. Cremation is under the direction

of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale, 337-3252

**BONNIE J. MAXWELL**, 77, of Homedale, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at a Nampa hospital of natural causes. Arrangements are pending with Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, 459-3629



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## Library group’s quilt headed to Boise house

A group of Homedale youth with help from other community members has created a quilt that will be turned into a special Christmas present this week.

“We decided that once the quilt is finished, we will donate it to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise, so the quilt will go to a family in need who needs a little comfort,” Sara Martin, coordinator of the Homedale Public Library’s Tween and Teen Program, said.

Martin will deliver the quilt to Boise on Friday.

“I’m just glad it’s all coming together,” she said. “I think the kids have all had a pretty good time learning to sew this month.”

The Tween and Teen members who have worked on the quilt include Kaitlyn Hansen, Emileen

Nelson, Dazsha Zamora, Olivia Cardenas, Zion Parker, Zane Parker and Randi Schild.

All the youth range in age from 10 to 18. At 18, Nelson is the oldest and volunteers by helping Martin conduct the weekly meetings.

“She helps during activities and games also taking part in the activities,” Martin said. “She is very helpful and appreciated.”

Adrian, Ore.’s Glenice Atkins donated material for the quilt’s lining, backing and squares. She also spent time overseeing the quilting process.

Other contributors included Homedale residents Lena Winchester, Mary Wilson and Karlyne Landrum, who provided material for the quilting squares.

“We appreciate all of the donations, help and advice from

these amazing women,” Martin said.

### Holiday Story Time set

Clement C. Moore’s classic “The Night Before Christmas” will be read Friday for children’s Story Time.

The activity begins at 10:15 a.m.

This version of the classic poem features illustrations by Scott Gustafson.

Organizers say there will be special songs and treats and a surprise guest may come down the chimney during the Christmas pajama party.

Snacks will be served.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information, call 337-4228 afternoons between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.



**Front row, from left:** Atira Moore, Isaac Aguila, Jace Grenke, Kaidynce Smith, Skyler Forsythe, Grady Johnsrud. **Back row, from left:** Sheila Quintero (chaperone), Jacquatta Deen, Baylee Davis, Tara Echave (chaperone), Katelyn Deen, and Kiana Quintero. **Not pictured:** Kyle Roe and chaperone Tommy Davis

Submitted photo

## Jordan Valley’s top readers earn Boise trip

Jordan Valley Elementary School students recently hit the ice in Boise as a reward for their reading accomplishments.

Kindergarteners through sixth-graders in Jordan Valley participate in the school’s Accelerated Reading Program, and those who met their first-semester goals for the 2011-12 school year earned a field trip to Boise.

The field trip included ice-

skating at Idaho Ice World, lunch at McDonald’s and then an afternoon discovering The Discovery Center.

Eleven students made the chaperoned trip after earning points throughout the semester by taking computer-generated multiple-choice tests on the books they had read. The students work with school staff to set their own goals appropriate to their reading level, according

to teacher and chaperone Tara Echave.

Students who reached their goals in the first quarter included Isaac Aguila, Baylee Davis, Jacquatta Deen, Katelyn Deen, Skyler Forsythe, Jace Grenke, Grady Johnsrud, Atira Moore, Kiana Quintero, Kyle Roe and Kaidynce Smith.

Chaperones included Echave, Tommy Davis and Sheila Quintero.



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# Calendar

## Today

**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

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

## Sunday

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

## Monday

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

## Tuesday

**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.

## Wednesday, Dec. 28

**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

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

## Thursday, Dec. 29

**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

## Saturday, Dec. 31

**Senior Center New Year’s Eve dance**  
9 p.m. to midnight, \$4 and finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**New Year’s Family Celebration**  
9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., \$3 each, \$5 couples, \$15 families, benefit for Marsing High School Class of 2012 graduation, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

## Monday, Jan. 2

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

**Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting**  
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

## Tuesday, Jan. 3

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

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

**Grand View Irrigation board meeting**  
11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

**Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

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

**Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**  
1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

**Gem Irrigation District board meeting**  
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

**South Board of Control board meeting**  
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

## Wednesday, Jan. 4

**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

**TRIAD meeting**  
1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

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

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

**NOCWMA meeting**  
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

**Snake River Irrigation District meeting**  
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

**Homedale Highway District board meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District Office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3500

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# Senior menus

## Rimrock Senior Center

Dec. 22: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrot/raisin salad, sweet potatoes, orange juice, roll, pumpkin pie

Dec. 27: Tacos (make your own), beef, cheese, lettuce, onions, refried beans, flour & corn tortillas, apple juice, chocolate pudding

Dec. 29: Hamburger w/bun, potatoes, peas, fruit cobbler

## Homedale Senior Center

Dec. 21: Hearty beef stew, bread

Dec. 22: Roast turkey & all the trimmings!

Dec. 26-27: Closed.

Dec. 28: Country fried steak, peas & carrots, potatoes, gravy, bread

Dec. 29: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, beets

## Marsing Senior Center

Dec. 21: Hot dogs, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, peaches, pumpkin bars

Dec. 22: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, cranberry sauce, jello salad, pumpkin roll

Dec. 26: Closed.

Dec. 27: Beef stew w/vegetables, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, juice, bran muffin, oatmeal cookies, pudding

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# HPD saves money with animal impound at Wilder

## Riverside slide, swings removed

Homedale Police officers will begin transporting stray dogs to kennels run by the Wilder Police Department in Canyon County.

The city council approved a 45-day trial program at its Wednesday’ meeting.

“I’d be in support of anything that helps the dog problem in this town,” Councilman Eino Hendrickson said.

HPD Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced that he has struck a deal with his Wilder counterpart, Dusty Tveidt, to house impounded dogs for about half the cost.

Eidemiller said in addition to paying a \$40 flat fee to impound an animal, Wilder has a 75 to 80 percent adoption rate.

“It’s a better chance for the

dogs, and it lets our animal control budget stretch farther,” Eidemiller said.

In recent years with dwindling licensing revenue, enforcing animal control regulations has become more costly for the police department, the chief said. The program’s expenses have significantly outpaced revenues for each of the past three years.

Eidemiller said utilization of the Wilder kennels, which are located in the vicinity of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Regional Technical Center on Penny Lane would increase the efficiency of HPD’s animal control program by 40 percent.

“I don’t see how it would be a bad thing,” Eidemiller said. “Even taking one out four dogs up there still saves 25 percent of the budget.”

Homedale has housed impounded animals at the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic at an average cost of about \$79 per incident, Eidemiller said. Space issues as well as infringement on the clinic’s regular business also were factors in striking the deal with Wilder.

## Riverside playground equipment removed

Workers took down the playground equipment at Riverside Park in Homedale last week.

The demolition was in compliance with a letter from the landowner asking that the equipment be removed to mitigate liability concerns.

The property owners, Brad and Marty Geselle, sent word that they would terminate the city’s tenancy on Jan. 10.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer said years ago it was discovered that the piece of Riverside Park actually was private property, and that the landowners had allowed the city to continue using the ground for the playground.

The Geselles plan to fence the property, which is located on East Oregon Avenue.

The city will contact its insurer, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, to determine whether the equipment can be relocated to another part of Riverside Park.

## Hendrickson bids farewell

Although he has part of one more meeting on the board, Hendrickson took the opportunity Wednesday to thank his colleagues and the citizens for his time in office.

The council has cancelled

Thursday’s meeting because of the Christmas holiday and doesn’t meet again until Jan. 11 when Steve Atkins will be sworn in for a four-year term to replace Hendrickson. Aaron Tines starts a second four-year term that night, and Paul Fink will succeed Mayor Harold Wilson.

“I just want to thank everybody,” Hendrickson said at the end of last week’s meeting. “I’ve enjoyed the four years I’ve been on the council.

“The city is in good hands, and I think they city will be in good hands going forward.”

— JPB

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# Following upgrades, Homedale airport on approach for grant

Major infrastructure work at Homedale Municipal Airport has been completed, and now the city hopes to get a federal planning grant.

“It’s already basically a given that we’re going to get it,” airport manager Larry Bauer said.

Bauer said he was scheduled to meet with state and federal officials Monday to get more details on the \$50,000 grant. A five percent match is required, but Bauer said the state would pay half of the amount with the \$1,250 balance coming from the Airport fund.

A request for proposals from engineers will be issued next month, he said.

Nearly \$160,000 in upgrades have been pulled off at the airport. A grant from the Idaho State Division of Aeronautics provided nearly \$120,000 financing for part of the work.

The final phase of the work — paving a 250-foot-long portion of Airport Way — is complete, Bauer announced at Wednesday’s city council meeting.

The state grant, which utilizes federal money, required a 25 percent match from the city. In a report to the council, Bauer said that the balance of government grant money has been requested.

The match came from nearly \$40,000 in in-kind work and all but \$300 of a \$20,000 appropriation from the General Fund.

The grant helped pay for:

- Crack sealing of the runway for about \$4,170
- Repair of a dip in the runway (\$8,790)
- Engineering, tarmac crack sealing and most materials for an airport drainage system (\$38,323)
- Taxiway rehabilitation and completion of the pipeline drain (\$55,560)

- Rehabilitation of the main roadway into the airport (\$24,065)
- Additional roadway rehabilitation (\$21,200)
- Tarmac grading to align it with a new drain system (\$7,185)

Project Engineering Consultants Ltd., Prime Construction, HD Fowler and ASC, Inc. carried out engineering and construction of the different projects. City crews did some construction, too.

Three years ago, the Division of Aeronautics made available up to \$181,000, but because of matching funds requirements, the city couldn’t afford to utilize the entire amount, Bauer said.

Although the city council approved using General Fund money for this grant, Bauer said the airport fund does have some revenue coming in from leases and property taxes on improvements on the leased lots.

Airport lessees pay about \$11,000 annually, and the city council for the first time has designated \$6,000 in county property tax revenue specifically for the Airport fund.

City Clerk/Treasurer Alice Pegram said that the \$6,000, which used to go into the General Fund, represents the approximate annual tax base provided by airport tenants’ payment of assessments on their improvements.

Bauer said that six new hangars have been built on the new section of airport ground, and that two other people have expressed interest in constructing hangars during FY 2012.

Bauer said the airport expansion and upgrades finally put the city in line for the FAA planning grant.

“We have not been eligible for the FAA grant because of the airport size,” Bauer said.

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# Owyhee County Church Directory

<b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> 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."	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> 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	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 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	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 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	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church</b> 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
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248</b> Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henrioulle, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene</b> 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing</b> 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	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>Marsing Church of Christ Marsing</b> 932 Franklin, Marsing  Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> 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	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West  Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 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.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	<b>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</b> 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	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b> 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 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	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> 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

## Homedale teachers could see more pay returned

A third wave of income recovery may be coming to Homedale School District employees.

The board of trustees at its Dec. 12 meeting instructed superintendent Tim Rosandick to formulate a plan to return more lost income, perhaps sometime in the spring.

“It’s a reflection of the fact that the school board understands the employees had pay cuts that past two years, and that (trustees) value their contributions to the district,” Rosandick said. “They want to do what is prudent to keep them here.”

The amount of any potential package wasn’t announced. In the past two years, the school district has returned to employees about \$300,000 in salary lost to budget cuts.

Rosandick said the trustees based their decision on improving economic news from the district’s auditor.

The district’s bottom line is rosier than first anticipated. The school board slashed expenses, in part, because of a possible five percent holdback of state support. The holdback never materialized, and a projected loss in student support units wasn’t as severe as expected.

Those rays of light gave the district a more robust ending balance at the conclusion of the budget year, Rosandick said.

“I don’t think we’re going to suffer another round of cuts from the state,” he said. “Hopefully we’ve bottomed out.”

Enrollment, however, could affect the improving fortunes.

“The one concern I have is we have declining enrollment,” Rosandick said. “Even if the state support stays flat, it could be less because of enrollment.

“If we have fewer kids, we’ll have less to operate with. We’re not out of the woods.”

Month-to-month enrollment figures at the high school and middle school continue to dip in comparison to the 2010-11 school year, while the elementary school enrollment has shown little to no gain.

**More HVAC work on tap**

Trustees voted to go ahead with a second round of infrastructure upgrades at the high school annex.

Rosandick said Phase I of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) project will be put out to bid.

A grant from the state Office of Energy Resources is covering Phase II, which improves the efficiency of HVAC units on the north/south wing of the annex.

The superintendent said the \$156,000 trustees originally budgeted for Phase II now will be applied to Phase I, which would bring HVAC efficiency upgrades to part of the building that includes the band room and science and business classrooms.

“The board decided that it’s more cost-effective to do it all at the same time,” Rosandick said.

“Since the government office is picking up the tab (for Phase II), they decided it’s very doable for us to do Phase I.”

Rosandick said the 10-year Plant Facilities levy, which voters passed seven years ago, will bring about \$175,000 into the budget for the work.

“If not for that levy, it would be challenging to say the least to be able to take on these projects and adequately maintain our facilities.”

Work for the second part of the OER-financed HVAC upgrades, replacing heat pumps at the elementary school, should take place during the Christmas break, Rosandick said.

**New bus purchase OK’d**

Trustees took advantage of an Idaho Code stipulation in an effort to keep down the cost of a new school bus.

Thomas Bus Co. will provide a new bus at a cost not to exceed last year’s purchase price of \$85,000.

Idaho Code 67-2803 allows the purchase without a new bid process as long as the procurement duplicates the first deal.

Rosandick said the move will save the district money.

“Prices rarely go down on these things,” he said.

**January meeting changed**

Trustees have rescheduled the first board meeting of the new year.

Originally set for Monday, Jan. 9, the meeting was switched to Wednesday, Jan. 11. It will still start at 7 p.m. at the school district boardroom at 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

The meeting was moved because of how close the original date was to the return from the Christmas break, Rosandick said.

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## Lizard Butte Library set to host book discussions

Group readings will focus on food

The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing has been selected by the Idaho Commission for Libraries to host a five-month series of book discussions centered on “We are what we eat”.

Lizard Butte librarian Janna Streibel has already started handing out the first book of the series, “We are What We Eat,” a compilation of stories about food.

“Everyone is welcome to attend the discussions,” Streibel said. “Those who attend don’t have to be in our library district. This should be a fun topic which should engage everyone who is there.”

Streibel said through the commission’s program, the library is granted 25 copies of each of the books discussed in the five-month series.

The first discussion will be held on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

Throughout the series, Streibel said there will be a facilitator

**“We are what we eat” readings, discussion dates**  
**Jan. 9** - We are What We Eat  
**Feb. 6** - Chocolat  
**March 5** - Choice Cuts  
**April 2** - Mistress of Spices  
**May 7** - My Year of Meats

present from an area college to help lead the group in discussion about the book and offer “more insight” into the selected readings.

During the January discussion, participants can pick up February’s book *Chocolat* and return the current month’s selection.

“After the February reading, Friends of the Lizard Butte Library president Dawn Roy has talked about hosting a social after the discussion,” Streibel said. “We aren’t sure if we will make chocolate or have some there for people to sample, but it should be fun.”

Participants are encouraged to call the library, (208) 896-4690, for more information.



Lizard Butte Librarian Janna Streibel reads 'Twas the Night Before Christmas to children during storytime on Wednesday at the library in Marsing.

## Alzheimer’s caregiver workshop set for Homedale

Support and advice for those caring for people with Alzheimer’s will be available at an upcoming workshop at the Homedale Senior Center.

“Finding Our Way Through the Maze” will be presented at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10. The workshop sponsors include the Idaho Commission on Aging and CCOA — Aging, Weatherization and Human Services.

The free caregivers workshop

will include speakers Tony and Cindy Jacklich and Cindy’s companion dog Walker. The Jacklichs will talk about how people can live and cope with Alzheimer’s Disease.

The evidence-based program “Building Better Caregivers”, which the Idaho Commission on Aging and National Council on Aging sponsors, will be introduced. Segments of the documentary “Caregivers”, part of HBO’s “The Alzheimer’s Project” also will be shown.

Attendees also will learn about

online educational resources, such as free online workshops developed by Stanford University that cover topics such as stress management, problem-solving, difficult emotions, healthy eating and finding assistance.

The workshop also will be presented at the Caldwell Senior Center on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and the Melba Valley Senior Center on Thursday, Jan. 12.

For more information or to pre-register for the workshop, call Susan at CCOA at 459-0063.

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Homedale Police Cpl. Atanacio Montes looks at toys with Kaden during the Shop With a Cop event at the Nampa Kmart earlier this month. HPD sponsored three youth from Homedale.

# Homedale Police provides holiday cheer during Shop with a Cop

Earlier this month, three youth from the Homedale community had the opportunity to take a spin in a police car en route to the annual Shop with a Cop event in Nampa.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the event is something his officers look forward to every year. This year, six officers from Homedale along with Eidemiller took part in the breakfast sponsored by a Nampa church along with the processional down Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard to Kmart.

“After the kids eat breakfast with the officers, they get an opportunity to ride in the police car,” Eidemiller said. “They get to play with the lights and sirens. That is fun for both the kids and the officer.”

“The kids and parents get to know the officers as people, which is a good thing. We want

to do as much as we can for people. It is as much fun for the officers as it is the kids.”

This year, the three youth were allotted \$150 each from the Rodger Nash Memorial Community Activity Fund managed by the City of Homedale. Eidemiller said the money donated to the fund comes from the “community that already give a lot.”

“The kids are really, really thoughtful of their families,” Eidemiller said. “The officers help them pick out the right sizes for their family members. They are very appreciative for the opportunity to shop for their families.”

Eidemiller wishes HPD could sponsor more area youth to take part in the event. In recent years, Eidemiller has watched not only his officers, but also personnel other agencies open up their

wallets to make up the balance at the register.

“I don’t want to compete with the other groups that provide so much in the community,” Eidemiller said. “If people want to donate to the Nash fund, it is greatly appreciated. This money goes back into the community 100 percent. The Shop with a Cop event is the biggest expenditure from that fund each year.”

In past years, HPD has had a dunk tank at the Owyhee County Fair to help raise money for the shopping trip. Eidemiller is hoping to put together other fundraisers and possibly a golf tournament so officers can help more children during the annual December event.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office did not take part in this year’s Shop with a Cop.

— JLZ



**Above:** Marsing High School students Ellie Folwell, left, and Ofelia Herrera wrap a present Saturday for the community’s Hope Tree.

**Below:** Marsing students wrap presents for children aged one month to 17 years in the Marsing High School gym early Saturday morning before going out and delivering them to homes around Marsing.



From left, Marsing second-graders Angel Arroyo, Damien Kinney and David Easterday pick out stickers and foam cutouts to create cards for the Marsing Lions Club gift baskets.



Capt. Aurelio Ambriz from the Salvation Army watches Marsing eighth-graders Shelby Dines, left, and Alberto Garcia, center, load a barrel full of clothes into a van last week. Students from the middle school collected nearly 200 jackets in a little over two weeks to donate.



# Community helps dozens of Homedale families

## Wish Tree, Hands Around Homedale create another bright Christmas

Nearly 300 presents were distributed Saturday along with food for 43 needy families in the Homedale community.

Emergency services and law enforcement officials from Homedale’s ambulance, fire department and police department as well as Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Dustin Moe helped deliver 284 presents after 14 volunteers wrapped the donations left at Beta Sigma Phi Wish Trees in town.

Food gathered during the annual Homedale schools food drive was sorted Friday at Homedale

Elementary School prior to delivery Saturday.

The Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charity Organization made its annual donation of meat to the Hands Around Homedale food drive Friday morning.

Ric Uria and Mike Frank from the group’s Caldwell Basque Charities 2012 wing presented beef, chicken, turkey and ham for the families receiving assistance this Christmas.

Three Homedale High School seniors — Trey Corta, Lane Matteson and Brett Shanley — helped

load the meat at Paul’s Market. The supplies then were taken to the elementary school where volunteers added the donation to care packages that were organized in the afternoon.

Uria said the group, which includes Owyhee County residents, donated \$8,000 in meat to needy families in Homedale, Parma, Caldwell and Nampa. Another delivery was made Friday to Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, he said.

The Hands Around Homedale donation included 42 gift packs, which each included two packs each of hot dogs and hamburgers and two whole chickens; 24 boneless hams and 12 turkeys.



Homedale Middle School eighth-graders Sage Morgan, left, and Megan Aman place toothpaste into boxes during the commodity sorting for Hands Around Homedale on Friday at the elementary school.



Above: Jason Puri, left, and Bryan Badiola prepare to make a run to deliver presents on behalf of the Homedale Fire Department. Below: Ron Brockett was part of the Homedale Ambulance crew that helped distribute Wish Tree gifts around the Homedale community Saturday. Submitted photos



The Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charity Organization made its annual donation to the Hands Around Homedale food drive Friday at Paul’s Market. Homedale High School seniors, from left, Lane Matteson, Trey Corta and Brett Shanley, loaded the donated food with help from Caldwell Basque Charities members Ric Uria, center, and Mike Frank, right.

## Sage Hens spread holiday warmth



### OHR residents receive candy canes, blankets

Sue VanKleek of Givens, center, hands Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation resident Allen Richards a blanket and candy canes during the Wilson Sage Hens’ annual Christmas visit. Also handing out hand-made blankets and candy canes Wednesday were Givens resident Dorothy Bogdan, left, and Nampa’s Lois Adams.





Marsing's Josh Larsen attempts to pass the ball around Homedale's Kade Eiguren last week during the Huskies' 45-40 home loss to the Trojans.

# Melba dominates Huskies, 52-30

After starting season 3-0,  
Marsing loses three straight

Following an impressive start to the season, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team dropped three straight games last week.

Following its 52-30 blowout loss to Melba on the road, Marsing coach JW Chadez said, "it's the little things we need to work on".

"If we are going to lose, it is because a team out-shot us and not us giving it away," Chadez said. "We were 3-0, and I even overlooked some things. I think as a coach, me talking about it and telling them would get them to believe in the hard work."

Against Melba, the Huskies' traditional leading scorers — Jason Galligan and Miguel Leon — each were held without a point throughout the 32-minute contest.

"As a team, we were 5-for-32 on two-point field goals," Chadez said. "When you shoot

a low percentage like that, it is tough to beat anyone."

Despite the loss, Marsing's Jose Acuna led all scorers with 15 points followed by MacKay Hall with seven and Dakota Hill with four.

"Melba is a front-runner. They have a winning tradition and execute," Chadez said. "We ran into a solid team. We didn't execute. We were only down 12 at half, but the boys acted like we were down 40."

**Thursday: Parma 47, Marsing 38** — With turnovers on their first six possessions, the Huskies were plagued by miscues and poor ball-handling in their non-conference loss to the Panthers at home.

Miguel Leon paced Marsing with 10 points, followed by Jason Galligan with nine and Jose Acuna with eight.

"You can't come out of the gate and turn the ball over on

your first possessions," Chadez said. "I think we expect a lot out of them, but we are going to have to be a little more demanding. We have to be proactive and take the next step and help guide them in preparing before the game even starts."

**Dec. 13: Homedale 45, Marsing 40** — In their second clash on the court of the season, the Trojans got the best of the Huskies right from the tip.

"I expected them to come back and hit us pretty hard," Chadez said. "In any rivalry game, you don't want to let a team get the best of you twice. (Kade) Eiguren had some big shots and was hitting threes. We were sloppy."

Homedale's Eiguren led both teams with 16 points followed by teammate Trey Corta with 12 and Brett Ryska with nine.

The Huskies were led by Galligan with 10 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots. Hall and Leon each had seven points in the loss.

— JLZ

# Johnson has high hopes for Homedale wrestlers

State runner-up Mendoza  
leads six returning qualifiers

Toby Johnson has been here before, one season removed from losing a multiple state champion.

And, just like the last time, the veteran Homedale High School wrestling coach shows optimism for the 2011-12 season.

"We believe we have enough talent on this team to make a run at a state trophy," the 15-year coach said. "That's our goal. We want to take everyone on the

team to the state tournament and bring home some hardware."

While no team hardware was collected in February, Justin Ensley did win his second state championship at 119 pounds and Todd Bahem collected a medal at 112 pounds.

The pair graduated a few months later, leaving Ismahel Mendoza (171 pounds) as the only wrestler with a state medal.

Mendoza finished second to — See *Homedale*, page 15A



Homedale's Laurien Mavey (No. 22) breaks up a pass from Weiser's McKenzie Johnson during Friday's home loss to the Wolverines.

# Rough home debut for Trojan girls

Girls are first to play in newly  
covered gymnasium

The return home wasn't victorious for the Homedale High School girls' basketball team Friday.

The Trojans played their first game of the season on their true home court, and without first-year coach Matt Holtry on the bench.

Weiser rolled out to a 34-point halftime lead en route to a 53-22 3A Snake River Valley conference victory in Homedale's home debut.

The HHS main gymnasium has been closed most of the school year for a \$400,000 repair project to the building's roof joists. The Trojans had won its two home games played in November at Middleton Middle School.

On Friday, with Holtry with his wife, Donnae, for the birth of their daughter Maddyn Laine, Homedale (7-3 overall, 1-1 conference) never got untracked and saw its three-game winning streak end.

The Wolverines led 40-6 at

halftime after holding Homedale to two points in the second quarter.

Homedale rallied to outscore Weiser, 16-13, over the game's final 16 minutes.

Aubrey Nash scored nine points, while Justine Calzacorta and Kaylee Rupp chipped in four points each for Homedale.

McKenzie Johnson and Marquita Palmer, who scored 18 points each, paced Weiser.

**Dec. 13: Homedale 47, Parma 38** — The Trojans came from behind to win their conference opener, outscoring the host Panthers, 19-7, down the stretch.

Homedale's Kaylee Rupp hit all four of her foul shots en route to a team-high 12 points. Kylie Farwell chimed in with 10 points and knocked down four of six free throws.

Kassity Polensky led all scorers with 15 points for Parma, which entered the fourth quarter with a 31-28 lead on the strength of a 16-7 run in the third.



# Sports

## Talented Tigers take down Antelopes

### Adrian gets season’s second win to reach Crane title game

Adrian High School had the shots, but couldn’t keep up with Monument-Dayville in the championship game of the Crane Christmas Tournament on Saturday.

The Antelopes hit 46.9 percent of their field-goal attempts, but the Tigers started too fast in a 48-33 victory.

“I thought we shot the ball fairly well but just couldn’t muster up enough offense to make a run,” Adrian coach Brent Ishida said.

Adrian (2-6) found itself down 22-8 after eight minutes. Monument-Dayville hit eight of 10 free throws during the game, while the Antelopes were held to just five foul shots and hit only one.

Monument-Dayville 6-foot-2 senior Justin Larson scored 17 points to lead all scorers. Jake Buce, a 6-1 junior, chipped in 12.

“Defensively we struggled,” Ishida said. “When you have so many players that can score, it makes it hard if you are not able to match up.”

Adrian’s leading scorer, Paxton Shira, hit 75 percent of his shots but managed just 13 points. The Tigers outscored the Antelopes, 32-20, in the paint. Shira had just four rebounds.

Juan Munoz scored six and Kurt Nielson added five for Adrian.

**Friday: Adrian 56, Paisley 35** — Shira scored 25 points and snagged seven rebounds as the Antelopes pulled away in the middle of their tourney opener.

Paisley out-rebounded Adrian, but the Antelopes scored 26 points in the paint to the Broncos’ 12.

“We came together on both ends to get this win,” Ishida said. “Our boys played outstanding defense.

“We also shot the ball well, which is what we are going to need the further we get into our season.”

Nielson scored eight points for Adrian.

Luke McKay scored 12 points for Paisley, while teammate Jack O’Leary recorded 11.

**Dec. 13: Wilder 41, Adrian 23** — The Antelopes converted just 19.5 percent of their field-goal attempts (8-for-41) in a non-league home loss to the Wildcats from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

Hampered with three fouls, Paxton Shira was held to four points a few nights after scoring 40 against Harper. Shira collected 10 rebounds

Wilder held a 19-3 rebounding edge on Adrian’s end of the floor.

Danny Livas led the Antelopes with eight points, and Juan Munoz kicked in seven.

Antonio Rocha scored 12 points for Wilder, while teammate A.J. Castellanos chipped in 11.

## Strong rebounding carries Adrian girls to Crane crown

Adrian High School’s girls’ basketball team didn’t score much Saturday night, but their opponent scored even less.

The Antelopes won the Crane Christmas Tournament championship with a 27-6 victory over a Monument-Dayville squad that managed only one successful field goal in 32 minutes.

Adrian (6-2) overcame 32 turnovers to win for the third time in its past four games. Madison Purnell and Quincy Pendergrass scored six points each to lead the Antelopes.

The Tigers hit only one foul shot each in the first and third quarters, and was 1-for-31 from the field. Adrian held a 27-6 rebounding edge on Monument-Dayville’s glass.

Sophomore guard Alix Perkins scored three points to lead the Tigers.

**Friday: Adrian 49, Paisley 34** – The Antelopes took nearly twice as many shots as their opponents and rode a fast start to a victory in the opening round of the Crane Christmas Tournament.

Adrian began the game on a 15-2 run and led by 17 points by halftime. The Antelopes converted 18 of their 73 shots (24.7 percent), but maintained control with 50 rebounds.

Purnell notched a double-double with 17 points and 15 rebounds, helping Adrian own a 23-7 rebounding advantage on Paisley’s backboards.

Tane’T Campbell and Olivia Morton scored nine points each for Adrian.

Tess O’Leary led the Broncos with 17 points.



## ✓ Homedale: Wrestlers set to make waves in the 2011-12 season

*From Page 13A*

a Fruitland wrestler at the 3A state tournament and returns as a senior following his 29-10 junior campaign.

There are several other state qualifiers back for another run, though, including Tano Montes and Jorge Hernandez, who were silver medalists at the 3A District III Tournament, and two-time state qualifer Brad McCain. Bodie Hyer and Cole Jeppe also competed at State last winter.

“We have a strong core group that

is providing excellent leadership,” Johnson said. “I’m really excited about the chemistry of this team. They have talent, determination and a great work ethic.”

A total of 20 wrestlers are out for the team this season, and Johnson is facing same dilemma of years past.

“In duals, we have some thin spots in the middle where we are giving up a couple of weight classes, but in tournaments we should be pretty strong,” he said.

The Trojans competed in the

Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore., during the weekend. They’ll also compete in the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell, their own Homedale Duals and the Padilla Invitational in Parma. The Ontario Christmas Tournament on Dec. 22 also was a late addition.

Homedale opens the SRV dual meet season at home on Jan. 5 against always-tough Fruitland. Mendoza lost to the Grizzlies’ Tim McDonald in the 171-pound state final.

Johnson is optimistic about

Homedale’s younger wrestlers, including sophomores Curtis Stansell, Michael Deleon and Jovan Cornejo.

There’s a slew of freshmen entering the fold after helping the middle school team to a conference title last season, including Devin Fisher, Colton Grimm, Luis Garza, Andrew Randall, Dayne Jacobs, JaeLynn Dowell and Gavin Palumbo.

Other newcomers include seniors Kyle Purdom and Martin Calderon and sophomores

Draydon Julian and K.J. Atkins.

While working on constructing a winning season in 2011-12, the coaching staff — Johnson, fifth-year assistant Mark Boothby and second-year volunteers Joe Egusquiza and Martin Rose — has cast an anxious gaze to the future, too.

“Looking forward, we really want to set the tone for next year,” Johnson said. “We have a large, strong class coming in for 2013.”

— JPB

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### Student Athlete Spotlight

*Devin Fisher*      *Freshman Wrestling*

**The Play** — Fisher followed up a Calhoun Classic gold medal in his high school debut with two victories at the Parma Catfish Duals last week against Parma and Nyssa, Ore.

**Coach’s comment** — “Devin is off to a strong start with a 5-0 record and one gold medal. He is a talented freshman with more great performances to come. He is one of the stronger freshmen in the state at 113 pounds.”

— Toby Johnson

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Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph  
Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Boys’ basketball

Varsity  
Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Christmas Tournament, Nampa H.S. or Skyview H.S., Nampa, time TBA

Junior varsity  
Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Christmas Tournament, Columbia H.S., Nampa, time TBA

Frosh-soph  
Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.



# Sports

## Down to the wire: Lady Huskies edge New Plymouth, 37-32

Taking its only lead of the game with two minutes left, the Marsing High School girls' basketball team narrowly edged conference rival New Plymouth, 37-32, on Saturday.

"Everybody was on pins and needles," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "We were down two with two minutes left, and Lacey (Usabel) hit our only three of the game to put us up by one."

Usabel's bucket gave the Lady Huskies (7-2, 4-0 2A WIC) the momentum shift they had been trying to find for 30 minutes.

"At halftime we were down by four points," Little said. "We talked about playing on and playing through the mistakes and controlling the things we can control. For that (momentum) shift to come in the last two minutes was huge. We were pulling our hair out for 30. It was a big swing for us."

Ashley Hull paced Marsing with 13 points and nine rebounds followed by Usabel with nine points. Andrea Rodriguez finished with eight points, eight rebounds and eight steals. Deidrie Briggs picked up 12 defensive rebounds to finish with 14 and scored six points.

"(Deidrie) on the boards in the second half really helped us out and had a season high. Andrea again led us with eight steals," Little said. "It was a high turnover game. We ended up with 29, and (New Plymouth) had 20."

"It is typical to have that many when both teams are defense-oriented. We would get a stop and give it right back to them. It was a little sloppy, but the girls played through their mistakes."

Little said one of the biggest keys to the game was Marsing's proficiency from the freethrow line. The Lady Huskies hit 14 of their 23 attempts. New Plymouth capitalized on only seven of their 25 trips to the charity stripe.

With North Star Charter canceling its 2A WIC girls' season, the Lady Huskies will get a little bit of a break as they prepare for the Husky Holiday Classic next week. On Wednesday, Marsing takes on Liberty Charter at 6:15 p.m.

"The girls have some days off, and it is a good time to have a break," Little said. "We are ready to start the second half of league following the tourney and the holiday break."

**Thursday: Marsing 49, McCall-Donnelly 14** — After a long bus ride, the Lady Huskies held the host Vandals to only three points at the intermission in their 35-point 2A WIC shellacking.

"It was a long trip to go up there," Little said. "The girls came out and got stops right away and set the tone. McCall was a team that put up 45 against Nampa Christian. Everyone got to play, and that is nice. The challenge in a game like that is not to get sloppy and stay fundamental."

Hull drained five of her six freethrow attempts to lead Marsing with 20 points. Usabel had a season high, finishing with 17 points and going 8-for-8 from the floor. Rodriguez picked up 10 points, five rebounds and five steals.

— JLZ

## Marsing wrestling returns four state qualifiers for 2011-12

Following up on last year's success in sending seven wrestlers to the 2A State Tournament, Marsing High School coach Rick Folwell is excited to return four of those qualifiers.

With 13 wrestlers filling the ranks for the Huskies this season, Folwell expects his lone returning state medal winner, Austin Glenn, to make some waves this year.

"Austin was fourth at State last year and finished with a 24-4 regular-season record," Folwell said. "Seventeen of his wins last year were by a pin."

The 189-pound Glenn improved from his fifth-place state finish his freshman year to place fourth as a junior last season. Glenn missed his sophomore year with a football injury, Folwell said.

Ismael Hinojosa missed out on the state tournament after qualifying last year because of an illness. Folwell expects the 145-pounder who placed third at districts last year to once again qualify and improve on his 28-11 record his junior year.

Dillon Danner, a 160-pound junior, went 18-13 last year and made it to the state tournament for the second year in a row.

"Dillon is the hardest worker on the team, earning himself the title of team captain," Folwell said. "(Danner) is one to watch."

Another key returner from last year's state-qualifying crew is sophomore Austin Williams. In his first season as a wrestler in the 160-pound class, Williams qualified for state and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Newcomers to this year's team include: freshman Noah Grossman (220) who went undefeated in middle school. Bernardo Galvez (senior), Gage Ramirez (sophomore), Juan Ramirez (sophomore), Ricky Sullivan (sophomore) and Katie Renz (freshman).

"We hope to have the same wrestlers go to state again this season," Folwell said. "We hope some of our other guys will be able to surprise some people and make their mark at state."

— JLZ

### Trojans' JV girls open season with balanced attack

The Homedale High School junior varsity girls' basketball team has started the season with an eight-game winning streak.

Coach Joe Betancourt's squad improved to 2-0 in 3A Snake River Valley conference play with an easy 60-10 blowout of Weiser on Friday inside the HHS gymnasium.

**Dec. 13: Homedale 40, Parma 36** — Charlie Purdom scored seven of her team-high 11 points in the fourth quarter as the Trojans came from behind for their seventh victory. The road game was Homedale's 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener.

Homedale trailed by six points heading into the final period.

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MARSING HUSKIES



Student Athlete Spotlight

*MacKay Hall*      *Senior Basketball*

**The Play** — The two-year starter picked up 17 points in three games this past week.

**Coach's Take** — "He consistently is a hard worker and stays after practice to work on his shot. He helps out the team and is one of the few players that realizes he has to put in the time to get better each game."

— JW Chadez

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Dec. 28, home for Husky Holiday Classic vs. Liberty Charter, HS gym, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29, home for Husky Holiday Classic, opponent TBA, HS gym, 3 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Dec. 21, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28, home for Husky Holiday Classic vs. Liberty Charter, HS gym, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29, home for Husky Holiday Classic, opponent TBA, HS gym, 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Junior varsity

Wednesday, Dec. 28, home for Husky Holiday Classic vs. Liberty Charter, MS gym, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29, home for Husky Holiday Classic, opponent TBA, MS gym, 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Jan. 4 at Payette, 5:30 p.m.



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# Sports

## Turnovers saddle Mustangs with losing streak

A sluggish start to the second half impeded Jordan Valley High School's chances of becoming the first boys' basketball team to beat Liberty Charter this season.

The Mustangs (2-4 overall) scored just four points in the third quarter, and the host Chargers were able to erase a deficit for a 51-42 non-league victory in Nampa on Saturday.

"This was kind of a replay from the previous night," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said, reflecting on nine-point loss Friday to Greenleaf Friends Academy.

"We had too many turnovers, and we need to use this break to solve that problem."

Jordan Valley committed 31 turnovers.

Jordan Valley doesn't play again until its opening game of the Wilder Christmas Tournament next Wednesday.

The Mustangs built a 23-20 halftime lead against Liberty Charter.

Nathan Easterday converted on four of five free throws for 14 points, and Ty Warn pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds to go with five points. Blaine Moran chipped eight.

Workman said second-chance points allowed Liberty Charter (5-

0) to take control of the game.

Dominic Hulsey led all scorers with 21 points for Liberty Charter. Teammate Ryan Linford chipped in with 12 points. The Chargers also took advantage of more chances from the foul line, converting 12 of 20. Jordan Valley was only 6-for-13.

**Friday: Greenleaf Friends Academy 50, Jordan Valley 41** — The Grizzlies held the Mustangs to three second-quarter points and held a 30-11 scoring edge on either side of the intermission for a non-conference victory in Greenleaf.

"The second quarter hurt us with three points and no field goals," Workman said. "The rest of the game was pretty even. Too many unforced turnovers cost us offensive opportunities."

The Mustangs committed 25 turnovers and lost a 14-8 lead they had built in the first quarter.

Warn scored 14 points, and Ben Telleria contributed 11.

Jordan Valley struggled from the field, converting just 13 of 60 field-goal attempts (21.6 percent).

Marsing product J.B. Bermudez-Koch scored 14 points to pace Greenleaf. Teammate Brandon Fisk threw in 11 points, and Homedale's Dalton Penrod scored

five.

**Dec. 13: Jordan Valley 60, McDermitt, Nev., 55** — Telleria drained three of the Mustangs' seven three-pointers for all his scoring as the Mustangs scored 22 points in the fourth quarter for a comeback non-league victory.

"We finally put together a solid four quarters," Workman said. "The game was tight the whole way, especially in the second half."

Warn went 8-for-8 from the foul line down the stretch and hit on all 10 of his free-throw shots in the game. He scored a team-high 13 points even though he was just 1-for-11 from the floor at home. He also pulled down 16 rebounds.

Tom Nelson scored 11 points.

Led by 29 points from Justin Fetic, McDermitt rallied from a 16-9 first-quarter deficit to challenge the Mustangs.

"The boys showed good composure in a highly intense game," Workman said.

**Mustangs' junior varsity goes to 4-1** — Jordan Valley stretched its winning stretched winning streak to four games with wins over Liberty Charter (44-42), Greenleaf (53-33) and McDermitt (55-43).



Lee Stanford goes up for a shot during high school basketball action in Jordan Valley last week when they hosted McDermitt.

## Adrian wrestlers prove strong in early tournaments

### All five wrestlers on roster have placed this year

Mark Ishida appears ready to add to his accolades for Adrian High School wrestling.

The senior, who competes at 152 pounds, leads an Antelopes squad coached for a second year by Eddie Kinkade.

"Mark Ishida is our team leader," Kinkade said. "He is really working hard this year toward his goal of being Adrian's first district champion and state champion."

Ishida and Shane Miller, a 132-pound sophomore, just missed the state tournament last season.

Ishida is off to a strong start this season. He placed fourth in the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore., on Saturday.

After losing a tough 14-12 decision to Vallivue's Taylor Fairchild in the semifinals, Ishida won three consecutive matches to reach the third-place match. He lost to Parma's David Hemmert.

"This was our first big tournament on our schedule, and

it really showed us some areas that we need to work on," Kinkade said in the wake of the Calhoun.

The Antelopes wrestle in Elgin, Ore., on Friday and Saturday.

Four of the team's five wrestlers are returning from the 2010-11 season. Sophomore heavyweight Travis Rust and junior 160-pounder Chance Marquez join Ishida and Miller as veterans of the program.

Zane Marquez, a 106-pounder, competes as a freshman.

"I will be looking at Shane and Chance to both step up this year and help Mark take this team to the state tournament at the end of the year," Kinkade said.

Ishida and Miller led Adrian to within eight points of fourth place during the Dec. 2 Enterprise Kickoff in Enterprise, Ore. Miller finished second at 132 pounds, and Ishida (152) and Zane Marquez (106) were bronze medalists. Chance Marquez (160) and Rust (285) were fourth in their respective brackets.

On Dec. 3, Miller finished second in his bracket to help Adrian to fifth place in the season-

opening Grant Union Kickoff in John Day, Ore. Ishida and Zane Marquez both finished third, while Chance Marquez was fourth.

With small numbers, the Antelopes won't be a threat in dual meets, but they've already proven tournament foes must take notice.

The team will compete in the Rollie Lane Invitational at the Idaho Center in Nampa next month.

"This will be the largest and toughest tournament we will see all year, including the state tournament," Kinkade said.

The coach hopes that the Lane

will season his wrestlers for the state tournament.

Kinkade is also looking for some help from a former standout as Daniel Lode is back for a second year as an assistant, alongside first-year coach Kevin Tolman. Kinkade said Tolman brings "a lot of knowledge into the room and is a great asset for the team to have."

Lode wrestled four years for Adrian, and stayed involved as a volunteer coach beginning last season.

Adrian is the host team for the district tournament, which will be held Feb. 17-18 in Nyssa, Ore. Miller and Ishida finished third at the district tournament last season in Wallowa.

"We are really looking forward to this tournament. I feel that this will be a turning point for the program as a whole, as we are looking to get interest from the younger kids in the community," Kinkade said. "With a big event like this close to home, it will give the community a chance to really see all the hard work that kids put in pay off."

— JPB

### Champions Ishida, Miller lead Adrian in Elgin

Two Adrian High School wrestlers won championships and two others earned medals this weekend at the Elgin (Ore.) Tournament.

Senior Mark Ishida (152 pounds) and sophomore Shane Miller (132) won championships as the Antelopes won 15 of their 20 matches on Saturday with 12 pinfalls.

"Shane and Mark dominated their weight classes," Adrian coach Eddie Kinkade said. "They wrestled 15 matches total between the two and went 15-0 picking up 11 pins."

Freshman Zane Marquez, who was unbeaten at 106 pounds Friday for his first career victories, finished fourth in his division.

Junior Chance Marquez was third at 160 pounds, wrestling seven times and carded four pins.

"The boys have really been working hard in practice and focusing on what they need to do," Kinkade said. "We have a few things we will work on and correct before we wrestle at The Ontario Holiday Tournament on Thursday."

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# Looking back...

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## 25 years ago

December 25, 1986

**“Bucks” winners announced**

Twenty people became twenty dollars richer Saturday when the Homedale Chamber of Commerce gave away 20 packs of 20 Homedale Bucks. The drawing was held following Santa’s visit to Homedale.

Winners of the Homedale Bucks, which have a value of \$1 in trade at any participating Homedale merchant, were: Myrna Ocamica, Lee Ethington, Anita Liddell, Larry Baldwin, Tom Aspiazu, John Matteson, Alvin Woodburn, Sheri Ritzert, Susan Love, Donna Miller, Jacqueline Saffery, Teri Uria, Martha Guentes, Par Camden, David Dickinson, Eula Gonzales, Clyde Norris, Riley Howell, and Joyce Cuddeback. (The name of the twentieth winner was lost in the shuffle.)

**Sheriff gets new sensors**

New alcohol content testing devices have been acquired by the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Department, according to chief deputy Gary Aman.

Aman said this week the county is now using the new system, called “Alcosensor III”, and that all county officers were certified Dec. 9 to operate the sensors.

“There’s three of the new machines in the county, and we are pleased with their accuracy,” Aman said, explaining that the Alcosensors are accurate “to the thousandths percent”.

**High scores earned by local students**

Blas Uberuaga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Uberuaga has scored the highest among nine sophomores and thirty-one junior students who recently took the National Merit Test at Homedale High School. Blas is a sophomore, therefore, he is not eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program this year. According to Dean Vance, counselor, Blas’s score falls within a range, which could have qualified him as a commended student, had he been a junior. Blas will have an opportunity to retest next year as a junior.

Bobbi Frank, a junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Frank of Homedale, received the second-highest score among Homedale students. Vance stated that Frank’s score places her in a range, which could qualify her to be named a commended student by the National Merit Corporation. Announcement of the winners is expected about mid-September, 1987.

Other students scoring within the top ten Homedale Students are: Jeanie Jordan, Jamey Egurrola, Kelly Itano, Scott Taggart, Bob Pottenger, Vicki Mathews, Mike Mansisor, and Kristi Drum.

**Three anniversaries honored at Jordan Valley**

Many relatives and friends gathered in Pleasant Valley Friday evening to celebrate the anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fretwell, 28 years, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Warn, 25 years, and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Fretwell, 25 years.

Carl Fretwell and Alyce Barnard were married December 9, 1958 in the Methodist church in Winnemucca, Nevada. They moved to the family ranch in Pleasant Valley and have lived there all their married life. The couple have three children: Kristine, Carla, and Cory all of Pleasant Valley.

Terry Warn and Rosemary Jaca were married in St. Bernard’s Catholic Church on December 9, 1961 and lived in Jordan Valley until April, 1963 when they moved to their ranch in Pleasant Valley, where they have since resided. They have four children, Con Warn, Jordan Valley; Mr. Rob (Julie) Allison, Nampa; Joan Warn, Caldwell; and Johnny Warn, Pleasant Valley.

Forest Fretwell and Nancy Brown married December 16, 1961 in Winnemucca, Nevada. They lived on the family ranch in Pleasant Valley for five years, moving to the Whitehorse ranch in Andrews. Oregon for one year, then to Caldwell for two years. The family went to Bonanza, Oregon where they lived for six years, returning home to Pleasant Valley where they are now living. The couple has four children: Mrs. Davey (Stacy) Gorley, Jordan Valley; Doug Fretwell, Nampa; Mrs. Rod (Colene) Bradley, Nampa; and Sam at home. They have four granddaughters and one grandson.

## 50 years ago

December 28, 1961

**Presbyterian church members present pageant**

“Christmas Around the World” was the theme of a pageant presented by members of the Homedale Presbyterian Church in a special Christmas Eve service Sunday at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Rev. George Keith was pageant director and commentator. Other participants were Glenn Lillie and daughter, Cindy; The Robinson family: Ronald, Winnifred, Dennis, Jimmy, Jerry, and Mrs. C. B. Sersain; Donna Long and Gary Johnson; John, Pam and Laurie Cook; Jerry Bish and Denny Dobbin; Ross Evans and Mary Marston; Clifford and Kathy Watts, Connie and Paul Mills, G. B. Condra, Jeffrey Carter and Steven Inouye.

The music consisted of “Stille Nacht”, “O Tannenbaum,” “In a Manger He Is Lying”, “A Joyous Christmas Song”, “Carol of the Birds” (solo by Judie Jemmett), “Here We Come” (duo: Doralee Jemmett and Glenda Weygandt; soloists: Mary Jo Pottenger and Virginia Cook; accompanying voices: Bonnie Jemmett, Craig Selders and Bryce Peterson), “All Glory on High”, “New Born” (soloist, Hollis Selders), “How Far Is It To Bethlehem”, “The Christmas Hymn”, “Silent Night.”

Choir members included Judie Jemmett, Sandra Cook, Virginia Cook, Helen Selders, Glenda Weygandt, Caroline Schlegel, Bonnie and Doralee Jemmett, Madeline Cook, Norma Vance, Mary Jo Pottenger, Bob Kniefel, David Phelps, Craig Selders, Jeff Carter, Bill Long, Calvin DeCoursey, Bryce Peterson and Mark Evans.

**Vance named manager of lumber yard**

Marion Vance, Homedale, has assumed duties as manager of the local Bestway Building Center, and former manager, Julian Broadbent, has been transferred to the Caldwell office of the lumber company. Both promotions became effective December 18.

Mr. Vance began his career in the lumber business in August 1951 and has been associated with the present company since June 1956.

**Reveals winners in outside lighting contest**

Winner of Homedale outdoor lighting contest were announced this week by Chairman Russ Sayers as follows: Carl Holmes, first; Warren Stimmel, second and John Echevarria, third.

Prizes totaling \$60 were given by the local Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Power Co., co-sponsors of the event.

Judges were Carl Mayes, Wilder; Dave Haken and Dean Hodges, Marsing.

**Firemen called to blaze in car**

Firemen were called Tuesday afternoon when wiring in a car being driven in the Central Cove community caught fire.

Owner of the car, John Way, Wilder, stopped the car in the Garrett warehouse driveway and had the fire extinguished when firemen arrived.

**Owyhee Co. gets check from Idaho Power for taxes**

A \$106,707.37 check was received by Owyhee County last week as Idaho Power company — the state’s largest taxpayer — made property tax payments totaling more than \$1,822,000 to 27 Idaho counties. The payments are the first installment on Idaho Power’s 1961 property taxes totaling more than \$3,644,000.

Company President T. E. Roach says Idaho schools will receive more than \$2,252,000 — or nearly 62% — of the total 1961 property taxes, the second installment of which will be sent to the counties next June. According to Roach, Idaho Power’s 1961 taxes of all types to local, state and federal governments will total more than \$12,200,000. He reports that this is equal to nearly 30 cents out of every dollar the utility receives in revenue, and is more than the combined total of both operating payroll and dividends paid to Idaho Power’s shareowners.

## 140 years ago

December 23, 1871

MINING OUTLOOK. The setting in of winter, in most mining districts, usually impedes mining operations to a certain extent, and produces a corresponding inactivity of business generally. But it is gratifying to know that a contrary state of facts exist in relation to our camp at the present time. At no time in the history of quartz mining has a section of country looked more prosperous, or has the future appeared brighter than now in Owyhee. The principal mills are all pounding away, and are well supplied with rich ores from the various mines. New discoveries are being made and old ones improved, and without exaggeration, we can truthfully aver that a lively period is at hand, in which more sound, legitimate and paying business will be done than ever before in our history. The recent rise in the price of Golden Chariot, Mahogany, Ida Elmore and War Eagle stocks demonstrate the fact that the confidence of leading operators in mines has been well established by the actual merits of those valuable properties. Many of our most valuable mines are unincorporated, and consequently unknown in the mining market, but nevertheless, they are being energetically worked by private individuals, and yielding handsome profits. One of the present healthy features of our camp is, that there are but few idle men — and, indeed, no good industrious miner, who desires work, need now be idle a single day. Operations will most likely be resumed on the base metal mines of Cottonwood and Flint next season, and the opening of Spring will bring many thousands of dollars to South Mountain, to pay for properties that are bonded, and which will undoubtedly be sold. In short, our miners are hopeful, business men are encouraged, and the general prospect is of the most cheering character.

SOUTH MOUNTIAN. Our South Mountain correspondent writes under date of Dec. 15th, that Bullion City continues to improve. Another house has been built on High Street, and there is a house for sale or to let on the corner of Johnson and Water streets, opposite Ben Cook’s wood yard. Beans are represented as being worth 2 1/2 cents a piece and other things not in proportion. Several more new locations have just been made. The Galena still shines in the Golconda, Bay State, Yreka, Yellow Jacket and various other mines. At the date of our letter W. H. Dewey, of Silver City, was at Bullion City, looking after his valuable mining interests. Before December ‘72, the South Mountain boys will prove that their camp is no bilk.

THOROUGH-BRED STOCK. We regard the man, who introduces an improved breed of horses, cattle, or hogs into our Territory, as a greater public benefactor than he who discovers a rich quartz mine. Messrs. Hoffer & Miller, well known, highly esteemed and enterprising citizens of this place, are taking steps in the right direction. Last summer they imported from Kentucky nine thorough-bred Durham bulls and two young Berkshire hogs — a bore and a sow. From some cause or other one of the bulls died not long ago, but the remaining eight are doing finely. The hogs are beauties and can be seen at Sommercamp’s Brewery. Mr. Hoffer started for Kentucky again last week after more stock, and will bring back with him in the spring several thorough-bred Durham heifers, some genuine White Chester hogs, and also a number of Durham bulls for Mr. W. F. Sommercamp, who intends to engage quite extensively in the business of stock raising. Messrs. Hoffer & Miller’s large band of cattle is now on their winter ranging about 15 miles below Fruit’s Ferry, on Snake River. It is a fine location with plenty of wood and hay land, and will be quite extensively fenced, improved and cultivated next season — so we are informed by Mr. Miller, one of the proprietors. It costs no more to raise good stock than inferior, and it is vastly more profitable to the owners after getting rightly started in the business. Although Messrs. Hoffer & Miller will have expended a large amount of money, before they can hope for any return, yet they are certain to reap the substantial benefits that their energy and enterprise so well deserve.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense A horse lover’s Christmas



One of the most difficult questions every Christmas for horse lovers is what to get for that family member that brings you the most joy, is always there when you need him, and understands you better than anyone. ... No, not your horse clinician, barista or pilates personal trainer, no. It is *Equus domesticus propios*, your horse.

This is not to diminish your affection for your hubby or ex-hubby, children, parents or gal pals, but in those relationships it is you who gives the most. You calm their fears, rub their necks, let them cry on your shoulder, lend them your ear and you are always there, a cornerstone in their lives.

But whose shoulder do you cry on? To whom do you tell your deepest secrets? Who never calls you silly, tells you that you snore, never talks back or expects you to be reasonable? Not your dog, that’s for sure! Dogs are too needy. They think only of themselves. Want a dog to do a trick for you? Feed him. Before or after, he can’t tell the difference. Need slobbered on? Kneel down and pet him. He’ll lick your glasses off! Expect him to pick up after himself on your walk, in the kennel or in the back yard? Are you kiddin’? You want him to like your new boyfriend, but he gets jealous and pees on his slippers.

Cats aren’t much better. They are more like husbands. You pour your heart out to them, and they ignore you. For 10 minutes you complain and rant, “... and that’s why my day went so bad,” you finish. Both your cat and your husband look at you the same way when you’re done: blank.

I know people who have an aquarium, gerbil, parrot, wind chimes, or a cow to turn to in times when they need comfort and love. But in most cases they might as well talk to a 2-by-4. At least the 2-by-4 doesn’t fidget. But a horse is the best listener you’ll ever find. You can stand and talk to a horse for 30 minutes, and they’ll listen patiently. They maintain eye-to-eye contact. They care.

A horse never questions your ridiculous worries or bad habits, or dreamy wishes. You can lean on a horse. Try leaning on a cat. Horses take you for a ride. Sure, a dog will take you for a walk, but it’s not the same. Try stroking a gold fish, try feeding a cow out of your hand, try talking to a parrot whose only vocabulary is “Gimme five, gimme five, gimme five!”

Christmas shopping for a dog is easy: something to chew on; for a cat: something to play with; for a python: something to squeeze. But a horse would rather that you got something for yourself: new chaps, jodhpurs, a hat, boots, saddle or braided reins. That’s how your horse thinks. He wants you to look good, to feel pretty, and to shine.

People could learn a lot from horses.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee The music man



Christmas is a wonderful time for parents as they watch their children enjoy the spectacle of the season.

The giddiness seen in the children, however, seems to bubble forth just as much from the adults when Lee Savell is in the room.

The guy just has a way of putting a smile on everyone’s face.

It goes beyond the marvelous work that he has put in with the elementary school children for a string of Christmas performances this year.

Lee, who teaches music to kindergarteners through sixth-graders in the Homedale School District, stalks each of his performances with an air of drama that is continuously cracked with comedy when you realize just how much fun the guy is having.

It’s hard to concentrate on the job of shooting photos of the children when Savell is conducting his protégés with a manner that is part Leonard Bernstein and part Harpo Marx, who was legendary for his facial expressions even when he wasn’t hamming it up.

It’s crystal clear that Savell takes his job seriously. He’s a professional – both as a musician and as a teacher – and that professionalism is on display whenever he and the kids step in front of an audience.

It doesn’t matter if that audience is 400 parents or 40 senior citizens. When it’s showtime, it’s go time.

The children rarely act up. They are focused because Savell demands it.

He sits at the front of his charges, egging them on and keeping them on task in the same fluid motion.

There are flourishes with his hands asking for more voice or more passion or big finishes.

There are expressions from dour to delight. Never disappointment.

The animation is half the show when Savell is in charge.

It’s clear Savell enjoys his job, and doesn’t regret leaving his professional music career for a life teaching the love

of music and performing to young children.

Homedale is fortunate to have such a gentle soul guiding their children into the world of music. With so many schools forgoing the arts because of budget cuts, Savell’s presence in town is a fantastic gift.

He has recovered from bad health that dogged his 2010-11 school year. Even through the personal struggles, though, Savell put his best into every show. You’d expect nothing less from a professional.

These days, he seems to be in his element, putting the spotlight on children whose talents shine with the light of his tutelage.

But for all his attention to the betterment of child talent in Homedale, Savell has his own awareness.

He thanked his wife last week for the sacrifices required to allow him to shape the performances of Homedale’s youth.

He introduced his old performing partner, Larry Dean, who is in Idaho making his own sacrifices to make sure his parents are taken care of. Dean’s parents were on hand, too, and Savell was sure to share the night with them as well.

With Dean in town, Savell has taken on another project. He unveiled it, actually, last week when the first- and second-graders performed before a standing-room-only crowd inside the Jim and Lydia Duncan Gymnasium at the middle school.

The Reindeer Dance, a song he wrote with Dean after they reunited, turned into a crowd-pleasing dance number with scores of six- and seven-year-olds that was part line dance, part jitterbug contest.

There are plans to record a music video with area children, and if the reception from the parental audience last week is any indication, Reindeer Dance will be a smash hit.

But you know Savell won’t be doing it for the accolades or the attention or whatever other rewards there may be.

It’s about the kids and the delight of seeing their delight.

## Letters to the editor

### Marsing shines as opening Academic Decathlon host

The first competition of the Idaho Academic Decathlon’s 2011-2012 year was held last Saturday (Dec. 10) at the Marsing school complex. It was truly a wonderful experience.

The decathlon program is a 10-event academic program that enhances the learning of hundreds of Idaho students each year. A dedicated decathlete participating all four years of high school graduates with a diploma and also with a strong base for a college liberal arts education.

Approximately one-half of our competing teams are small schools in Idaho. It was such a pleasure to conduct a meet at Marsing, one of our smaller involved schools.

Most of our volunteer speech and interview judges drove over from the Boise area and were so impressed with the facilities and the conduct of these outstanding high school participants. To the coaches, the school officials, the custodian, and all who had a part in our competition, I thank you.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Academic Decathlon, please contact me at [helgesonj@msn.com](mailto:helgesonj@msn.com) or go online to [www.usad.org](http://www.usad.org).

Again, I thank coach Lennie Freeman and the Marsing School District for their support of the Academic Decathlon program at Marsing High School and for hosting this competition.

Jerry Helgeson, Executive Director  
Idaho Academic Decathlon

### Vet sees appreciation for service members revitalized

My term of service in the military in the mid-1950s was very easy compared to many others who were in Korea or Vietnam. But over time I have become more aware of how that term of service instilled in me a sense of pride and national responsibility. Later in life, I joined the American Legion.

During the last seven or eight years, my wife and I happened to be traveling three or four times on Nov. 11. I always don my Legion cap on that day to see if there is any recognition for veterans. My previous experience has been not much.

However, this year we were in Las Vegas for a wedding. I was impressed about how many people stopped me and expressed appreciation. I was amazed at how many of the employees of the hotel stopped what they were doing and shook my hand and expressed their appreciation for my service.

Most exciting of all occurred when a lady pushed a stroller in front of me and the 4- or 5-year-old occupant said, “Thank you for your service” and gave me a high-five.

I think things may be changing a bit. I sure hope so. I have felt for some time that war is too far removed from the minds and attention of most citizens. I hope to see more attention to the flag, to the National Anthem and just good manners toward our national symbols and what they stand for.

Fred Christensen  
Caldwell



# Commentary

## Financial management Research helps make a wise choice when giving back

**Dear Dave,**  
Our financial situation is pretty good now, and my husband and I feel it is time to start giving something back. There are several organizations we're interested in helping, but how can we know if they're legitimate and will use our money wisely?  
— Laura

**Dear Laura,**  
I really appreciate your giving spirit, but the truth is you can never be 100 percent certain about this kind of thing. About the best you can do is put in some serious time researching and digging beneath the surface of various organizations to find some that are a comfortable fit for you.  
My wife and I give the majority of our donations to Christian ministries. It's not unusual for us to take a tour of the place to see what kind of feel we get while



we're there. If they're secretive or not forthcoming with what we consider to be basic information about how they operate, or if we see signs of opulence or super-luxury, you can bet we'll be asking lots of questions.  
Talk to the leaders and administrators about what they plan to do with the money from your donation. You have a right to know this. I mean, if they're going to give the money to hurricane victims, you want the victims to get the money, right?  
People who work for a charitable organization need to make a decent living just like

everyone else. But if they're ultra-rich, it could be a sign that they're not being responsible with their donations. Take a look at their administrative costs — what percentage of donations goes directly to the cause — and anything else you feel would help you make the right decision.  
Giving is like anything else. It takes time and work to do it responsibly and with excellence!  
— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
What happens to the money that is owed when someone files bankruptcy? Do creditors just have to write it off, or do other people pay the price through taxes or higher interest rates?  
— Grace

**Dear Grace,**  
In most cases the creditor just loses the money. That's one of the

risks businesses face. Of course, any bankruptcy is also a seriously bad mark against the filer's credit record.  
Chapter 13 filings may be considered a little less severe than Chapter 7 because you're showing an interest in retiring the debts. They often allow — if you have a regular income and limited debt — to keep some of the property you might otherwise lose. Also, some debt balances may be partially discharged, with the filer agreeing to make monthly payments to the trustee for distribution among remaining creditors.  
A Chapter 7 bankruptcy is lots tougher on the one who files. It involves liquidating all assets that aren't exempt. Some of the filer's property may be sold by a court-appointed official — a trustee — or just turned over to creditors.

It's really a lose-lose situation, Grace. The business loses money, and the filer suffers the emotional pain of participating in a shameful process.  
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. His new book, *EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Wisdom from the Trenches*, is available at retail outlets now. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at [davesays.org](http://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](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington Idaho's youth play role in strengthening communities



America's future relies on the productivity and achievement of America's youth. Their ingenuity and public involvement power our country's future success. Too much attention cannot be given to ensuring our youth have the tools needed to excel and challenging them to be their best. Young people throughout our communities are helping others, engaging in community and national efforts, learning from their achievements and motivating their peers.  
Thirty-two years ago, Congress created the Congressional Award to recognize and promote achievement, initiative and service in America's youth. Through the program, youth 14 to 23 years of age earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals for achieving personally established goals. Congressional awards focus on four areas: voluntary public service; personal development; physical fitness; and expedition/exploration activities.  
Since the award's inception, communities nationwide have benefited from the more than 3.5 million hours of public service attributed to the program. Idaho has one of the highest participation rates in this program. Idaho has remained one of the top five most active states. Idaho's youth have earned 662 Bronze, 348 Silver and 208 Gold Medals, and nearly 200,000 hours of service have been provided to communities throughout the state.  
This year alone, 14 Idahoans traveled to Washington, DC to accept Gold Medals for their achievements. I was honored to join my Idaho congressional delegation colleagues, Sen. Jim Risch and Reps. Mike Simpson and Raul Labrador, in presenting their awards. For example, last year, Steven Boomhower of Twin Falls earned a Congressional Award Gold Medal. He completed more than 400 hours of public service at the Twin Falls Public Library, where he fixed audio and video materials and inventoried artwork. For personal development and physical fitness, he learned how to play the violin and improved his tennis serve as part of the Twin Falls High School varsity tennis team. He also explored San Francisco as part of the program's exploration focus.

Additionally, each year, Idaho youth are presented Bronze and Silver Medals in a statewide ceremony hosted in the Idaho Capitol. For example, Steven Price of Dalton Gardens earned a Congressional Award Silver Medal this year after spending more than 200 hours volunteering at Kootenai Medical Center in the runner's office, where he supported staff and patients. Steven served as an active Eagle Scout member, through which he taught scout members various skills, placed at the regional and state levels as part of his high school varsity wrestling team and planned and executed a 50-mile backpack trip in the Yellowstone National Park area.  
In earning a Congressional Award Bronze Medal, Hannah Cross of Meridian spent more than 160 hours as a junior volunteer at St. Luke's Medical Center, where she discovered a personal interest in pursuing a career in the medical field. Hannah also increased her literacy skills, participated in basketball and volleyball teams and planned a family camping trip to a remote forest location. A full list of Idaho's 53 2011 Congressional Award recipients can be accessed through my website at [http://crapo.senate.gov/services/congress\\_awards.cfm](http://crapo.senate.gov/services/congress_awards.cfm)  
While established by Congress, the Congressional Award Program is coordinated and administered by the Congressional Award Program's national office. Those who would like additional information or wish to participate can get details directly through the Congressional Award Program's website at <http://www.congressionalaward.org>  
I congratulate Idaho's Congressional Award recipients for setting strong goals, working hard to achieve them and encouraging other youths through their examples. Their involvement in our communities is not only expanding their experience and understanding, but also strengthening our youth, communities, state and nation.  
— 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.

### Immigration and assimilation is nothing new

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

### Who wrote this?

President Theodore Roosevelt in a 1919 letter



### Letters to the editor

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• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale  
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# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2011**  
Approved payment of claims from the following funds: Current Expense \$25,665, Road & Bridge \$4,409, District Court \$2,349, Probation \$2,127, Health District \$4,275, Indigent & Charity \$103, Revaluation \$203, Solid Waste \$9,332, 911 \$41, Vessel \$4.

Authorized Prosecuting Attorney’s Secretary at \$15.28 per hour.  
Approved Waterways Committee retention of funds in Vessel Account.

Met with Snowmobile Committee to discuss expenditures in Snowmobile Fund.

Certificate of residency to CWI.

Letter of support for Tony Black to serve on ITD Advisory Council.

Approved cancellation of taxes on a missed Homeowners Exemption on parcel RP 03N04W282660 A.

Indigent & Charity 11-57, 11-58 liens approved. 11-54, 11-55, 11-59 applicants approved for payment.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at [owyheecounty.net](http://owyheecounty.net) or in the Clerk’s office.  
12/21/11

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
12/7,14,21/11

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On April 12, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

**A parcel situated in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:**

**COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13; thence South 89°57’00” West along the North boundary, a distance of 12.26 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0°53’55” East (formerly South 0°03’00” East) perpendicular to the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet; thence South 89°57’00” West along a line parallel to the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet;**

**Thence North 0°53’55” West (formerly North 0°03’00” West) along a line perpendicular with the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet to a point on the North boundary; thence North 89°57’00” West along the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **1671 Succor Creek Road, Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void,

the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Lawrence G. Wass and Joan M. Wass, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded October 7, 2009, as Instrument No. 269441, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, recorded December 5, 2011, as Instrument No. 276239, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,466.20 for the months of August 2011 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$210,650.48 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 5.5% from July 1, 2011, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2011.

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405 (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at [www.justlawidaho.com](http://www.justlawidaho.com) or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.

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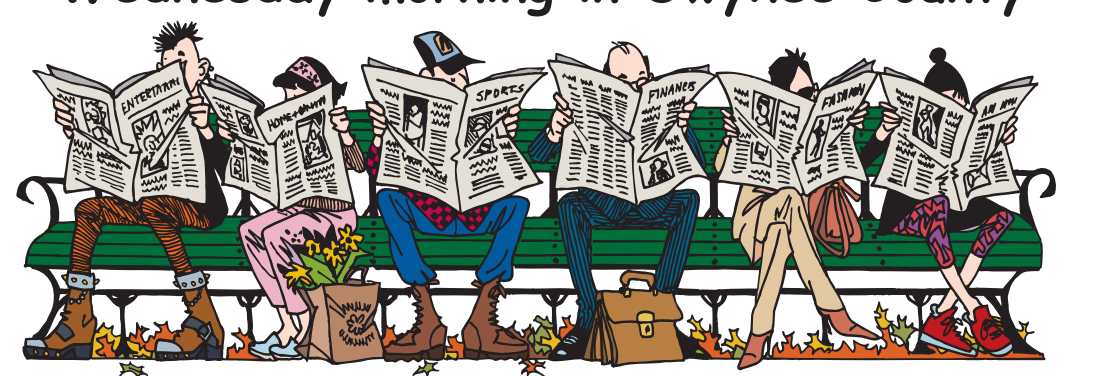
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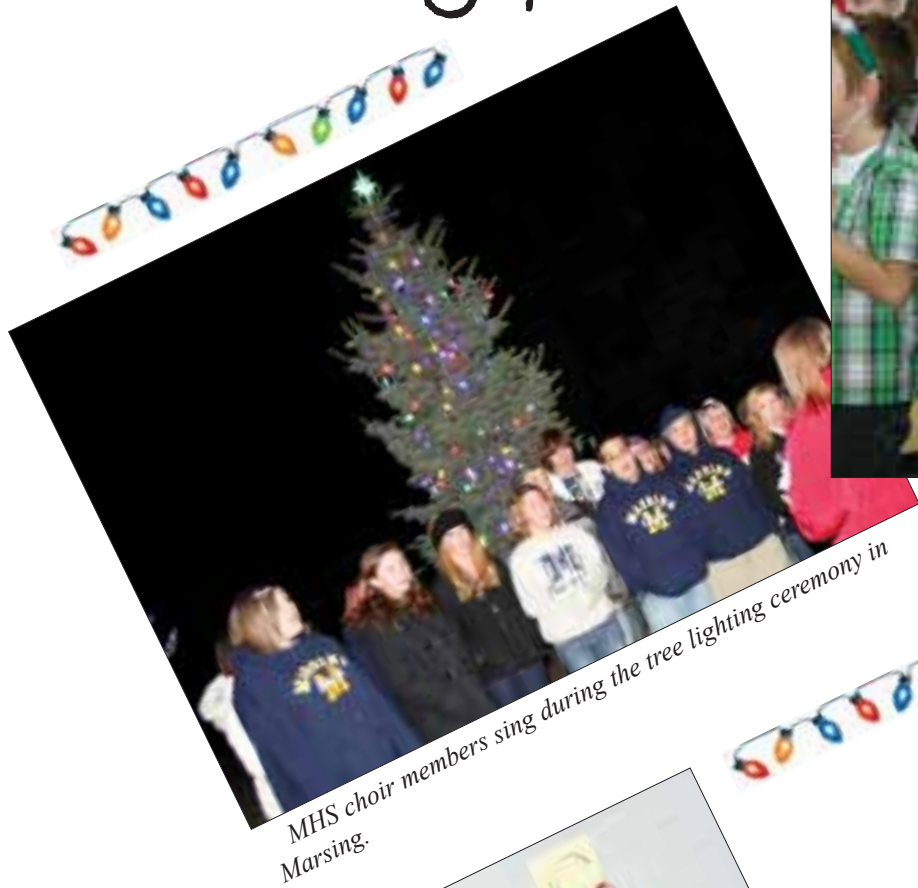
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Homedale Elementary first-graders sing during the school's concert.



Homedale Elementary students perform the Reindeer Dance.



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Homedale Elementary students perform the Reindeer Dance.



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