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Deputy David Green tabbed as
Owyhee County officer of the year



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Santa Claus came to town



Jolly ol' elf visits children at Homedale library

Six-year-old Aly Takashige, left, and 5-year-old Jelissa Brumet listen to Santa Claus tell a story Friday at the Homedale Public Library. Santa showed up after the children heard a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.

Peer pressure puts HHS tenor among Idaho's elite voices

Cameron McMichael selected for all-state choir



McMichael

"I was pretty shocked, and after a while I found myself bawling on the inside," McMichael said.

He joined his school's choir just get his friends off his back.

Now, Homedale High School junior Cameron McMichael finds himself at the top of his game.

The 16-year-old tenor has won a spot on the All-State Mixed Choir, a 200-voice ensemble that will perform April 18-21 in Couer d'Alene.

McMichael, who has been a member of the high school choir for only two years, was stunned when he found out that his audition recording had sufficiently impressed judges.

The son of Brett and Carol McMichael is listed as one of 25 Tenor II singers slated for the Idaho Music Educators Association-sanctioned choir.

Cameron McMichael and the rest of the HHS select choir submitted auditions of "America the Beautiful" to the all-state judges. He said the song was selected for the tryout because of the large vocal range it demands.

— See *Tenor*, page 5

Marsing-area boy back home after hunting accident

The 13-year-old boy from the Marsing area who suffered a self-inflicted accidental gunshot wound Saturday while on a family duck hunting trip has been released from the hospital.

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office reported Monday that the boy was resting with family and friends after being released from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise on

Christmas night.

The boy received a serious but non-life-threatening wound while hunting along the Boise River south of Parma. The incident occurred about 8 a.m. Saturday.

According to a sheriff's office press release, the boy accidentally shot himself in the shoulder while hunting with family members.

Canyon deputies and Parma Police officers responded.

County's new 911 system now in use

The new 911 emergency communications system is online at the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

Without going into detail, District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick reported "there are a few bugs we have

to work out yet" during last week's Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy.

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Homedale FFA pulls off another Gift of Green

Williams earns trip to state CDE for arc welding

Members of the Homedale FFA chapter conducted their annual Gift of Green community service project last week.

The chapter members delivered food and gifts to their selected family in the community last Wednesday. The students then scattered to different Homedale-area locations for their annual scavenger hunt.

The Gift of Green project began with the selection of a needy family to help out during the holiday season. Chapter members shopped at area stores on Dec. 16, and chapter advisor Lori Idsinga shored up the gift list on Dec. 17.

“We organize the gifts and make sure we have everything, and send me back to town when the kids get a men’s large instead of kids large,” Idsinga joked of the organization process.

A care package of food also was brought together for the candidate family.

The chapter bought the gifts with proceeds from their fundraisers throughout the year, and the food box was built as members brought two cans of food in exchange for pizza, Idsinga said.

The scavenger hunt held last Wednesday featured 20 houses, including 10 houses in which FFA chapter parents have clues and 10 other houses have fake clues, Idsinga said.

“The first four teams back with



the trinkets from each of the 10 houses get prizes,” she said. “It’s a crazy night, but the kids love it.”

The results of the Scavenger Hunt:

First place — Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Raven Kelly, Aubrey Nash and Katie Price

Second place — Megan Bettleyon, Shelbie Crifffield, Erin Shenk and Cole Twedt

Third place — Morgan Nash, Tori Nash, Carli Purdom and Elise Shenk

Fourth place — Karl Henry, Mike Mavey, Drew Martin and Sam Woods

Idsinga also wanted to give a “huge thank you” to the drivers and parents who helped with the clues for the hunt.

Members place high at district ag competition

Two Homedale FFA chapter members recently placed high



The third-place team in the Homedale FFA’s annual Scavenger Hunt, from left, Tori Nash, Morgan Nash, Carlie Purdom and Elise Shenk won movie tickets. Also pictured, Kendall Nash. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA members Clay Johnson, left, and Tell Hyer shop for the Gift of Green family at the Caldwell Walmart on Dec. 16. Submitted photo



FFA’ers fare well at District CDE

Mark Williams and Deena Emry placed in the top three in their respective contests at a recent Boise Valley District competition.

in the Boise Valley District Ag Mechanics Career Development Experience competition.

Deena Emry was second in job interview, and Mark Williams finished third in arc welding.

Williams moves on to the state CDE competition later in the school year.

Emry had to win the district competition to advance.

As part of the Dec. 7 district competition, Emry was required to complete a standard job application, interview before a panel of three judges and write a follow-up letter.

Prior to district competition, Emry prepared a resume and cover letter and decided for which job she would interview. Idsinga said Emry concentrated on a greenhouse/nursery position.

Emry earned the right to represent Homedale at the district competition after two rounds of interviews against 10 other chapter members, Idsinga said.

Williams’ district competition consisted of performing an arc T, a lap weld and a vertical up pattern.

Elvie Thomas ready to get folks moving on New Year’s



The Elvie Thomas Band includes Elvie Thomas on lead guitar and drums, Vince Bingham on piano and fiddle, Doreen Bingham on vocals, and Garrett Schrol on rhythm guitar. Submitted photo

Band plays all-ages dance in Homedale

He’s been playing so long and through so many lineup changes that Elvie Thomas doesn’t much care to name his band.

“I don’t have a name for them any more,” Thomas said. “I’ve had so many, I just gave up.”

All the same, everyone knows the country music-playing quartet as the Elvie Thomas Band.

The Ridgeview musician will join forces with his bandmates, Vince and Doreen Bingham of

Adrian, Ore., and Garrett Schrol of Nampa, to play a New Year’s Eve dance at the Homedale Senior Center on Saturday night.

The dance runs from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4, and folks are encouraged to bring finger food, according to senior center coordinator Shirley McAbee.

McAbee wants it to be known that all ages are welcome for the New Year’s Eve dance and any other Saturday night dance held at the senior center, which is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Thomas also expects a packed house whenever the band plays, whether it be every other Saturday in Homedale or the weekly gigs in Caldwell and Payette.

“Usually about anywhere from 40 to 50 people show up,” he said.

Thomas, who carries the same moniker as an obscure American country blues singer and guitarist from 80 years ago, plays a drum with his feet and picks lead guitar.

“I’ve been playing 50 years, so I play about anything,” he said.

The band plays old and new

country — Conway Twitty to George Jones to George Strait. All four musicians take part in the vocals, with Vince playing piano and fiddle and Garrett taking care of rhythm guitar duties.

The current quartet has been playing together for three years with regular gigs at area senior centers. The band plays Nyssa once a month and plays every Wednesday in Payette and every Friday in Caldwell.

And there’s always plenty of people dancing.

“We just like to enjoy them out there dancing around and having fun,” Thomas said.

Thomas has lived in Ridgeview for 20 years. Before that, he was a 45-year Caldwell resident.

“I’ve played all over,” he said.

Although he has lived just over the Oregon border for two decades, Thomas only recently began as a regular in Homedale when the four musicians began filling in for Woody Purdom.

“Woody went to Ontario, and they didn’t have any music down there, and they asked if we’d come play there and we started a couple times a month,” Thomas said.

— JPB



New Year’s holiday closures announced

The 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 Monday.

The Board of County Commissioners, which usually meets on Mondays, will convene at 9 a.m. Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 of the county courthouse in Murphy.

Emergency services and law enforcement services will remain available throughout Owyhee County as well inside the Homedale city limits from the police department on New Year’s Day.

Westowns Disposal Inc. will delay trash pickup for one day next week. Pick-up will take place between Tuesday and Saturday.

Homedale schoolchildren continue their holiday break, and return to class next Wednesday.

Classes in the Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View and Adrian school districts resume on Tuesday, while Jordan Valley students are back in class Monday.

Homedale Public Library will close Monday, but is keeping its usual 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. hours on New Year’s Eve.

The Lizard Butte Library will be open regular hours during the first week of the new year.

Eastern Owyhee County Library will be closed Monday for the holiday, and Bruneau Valley Public Library is always closed on Mondays.

Homedale Senior Center will be closed Tuesday for New Year’s, and is closed every Monday.

The Marsing Senior Center is closed Monday, too.

Paul’s Market in Homedale will be open normal hours, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

No decision on holiday hours for Logan’s Market had been made by deadline.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on Monday. All deadlines will remain the same except that classified ads for both issues will be due by 5 p.m. Friday for the Jan. 4 edition.

Lori Badiola joins P&Z commission

Full five-person county board meets Jan. 5

For the first time in nine months, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission has a full complement of members.

Weeks ahead of planners’ next meeting, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Homedale businesswoman Lori Badiola to fill the position vacated by Jeff Christoffersen.

Badiola begins a fresh three-year term at the P&Z commission’s Jan. 5 meeting at the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex in Murphy.

In addition to Badiola’s appointment, the BOCC unanimously reappointed Marsing’s Scott Jensen for three years during their Dec. 19 meeting. Jensen was brought on board in January to complete the final year of Homedale resident Dan Landa’s two-year term.

Christoffersen, who was in the final year of his second term, had served as P&Z chair from January until late April, when he resigned because added responsibilities in his career prevented him from properly researching issues that came before the P&Z board.

The Owyhee County P&Z board is comprised of volunteers including Connie Brandau of Wilson, who moved back into the chairperson role upon

Christoffersen’s departure; Badiola; Jensen; Bruneau’s Clay Atkins, who is vice-chair; and Chad Nettleton of Murphy.

Terms for Brandau, Nettleton and Atkins end on Dec. 31, 2012. Badiola and Jensen will be up for reappointment at the end of 2014.

Two CUPs on January agenda in Murphy

The newly constituted P&Z board will hear two conditional use permit applications during its Jan. 5 meeting.

At 10 a.m., the commission will hear a request filed by Jeff and Rochelle Gastaldi, who want to split 12 acres from a 198-acre parcel for a single-family residence in an agricultural zone about four miles west of Marsing.

A second CUP hearing will be held at 11 a.m. when Pioneer Power LLC vice-presidents John and Lorna Steiner apply to built two 40-kilowatt wind turbines. The turbines are planned for 280 acres of agriculture land 3½ miles southwest of Oreana.

Copies of both applications can be reviewed at the P&Z office, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

For more information, call the P&Z office at (208) 495-2095.

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The volunteer group TRIAD named David Green the 2011 Owyhee County Officer of the Year earlier this month.

Green named officer of the year

TRIAD honors third-year county sheriff’s deputy

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy David Green has been named the TRIAD Officer of the Year.

The three-year OCSO deputy was awarded with a plaque earlier this month in Murphy by TRIAD members.

“I’m just doing my job,” Green said. “I don’t do it for the recognition or awards, but

I do appreciate it. I don’t think anyone realizes how much I love my job.”

Green, a 2010 Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy graduate, said he got into law enforcement to “educate” people on the laws.

“Being able to explain the law and how it works is what drew me in,” Green said. “Getting this award was because of the ones who laid the groundwork before me.”

One of those who helped Green out from his first day on the job is last year’s recipient of the TRIAD honor, Sgt. Lynn Bowman.

Green said being in Owyhee County has taught him a lot of different lessons — like being able to identify cows — throughout his three years.

Bowman joked about one of Green’s first calls involving a cow. When the dispatcher asked Green what kind of cow was loose, he responded “a brown one”.

“I have watched him come up through the ranks,” Bowman said. “He is a deserving recipient and knows his job very well and works hard. David has a level head in all situations.”

— JLZ

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Donors pitch in for Christmas cheer

HPD receives \$700 in 24 hours to buy dinners, presents for local families

To say that area residents are caring is an understatement, according to Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller.

In a little under 24 hours, one Marsing resident and a fellow co-worker at Simplot each donated \$700 to the Rodger Nash Memorial Community Activity Fund with specific instructions to help more families with Christmas presents and dinners.

“It is pretty awesome, and those were pretty significant donations,” Eidemiller said. “It is an honor to live in a county with people willing to do so much for people they don’t even know. I’m beside myself. It’s amazing.”

Eidemiller said a man from Marsing who works at Simplot called him to say he was donating \$400 to help a family in need. When Eidemiller went to pick up the check, a co-worker of the Marsing resident donated \$300 to help even further.

“With that money, we were able to provide five families with really nice Christmas dinners and buy some gifts for people who might not have been able to do that on their own,” Eidemiller said.

On Thursday after the first donation, Eidemiller and Sgt. Mike McFetridge grabbed a shopping cart at Paul’s Market and starting filling it with all the “necessary” items for a full Christmas dinner. Following the grocery shopping, HPD officer Andrew Arnold made the special delivery that night.

“I know the family was very appreciative of the food,” Eidemiller said. “On Christmas morning, I (delivered) the gifts to the family.

“A special thank you to Randee Garrett, the Wagstaff family, Mark Thatcher and family and Kacey Hyer for their help.”



More families get help this season

Paul’s Market manager Kevin Tycz rings up food items purchased by Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Sgt. Mike McFetridge after the two officers spent recently donated money to help brighten Christmas for a couple area families.

— J LZ

Marsing to install new playground

Recent grant helps replace aging City Park equipment

Armed with a recent grant, the City of Marsing is ready to have a new set of playground equipment installed at City Park.

In November, the city was awarded a \$4,000 matching grant from the Caldwell Community Foundation — the second consecutive award for the city — to help fund a 12-activity and three-slide playground.

Earlier this month during the city council meeting, Mayor Keith Green announced the delivery of the new equipment would take place after Christmas and crews would begin installation sometime in January.

“We looked into putting it together, and that isn’t a wise idea,” Green said. “These guys come in and put it together in three days.”

The council approved the \$21,384.54 purchase during its November meeting. The playground equipment itself will cost roughly \$12,000; the installation and delivery make up the nearly \$10,000 difference.

The city will also use the \$5,000 collected from Amvac Chemical for their two-acre lease from the city to go towards the purchase.

Owyheeans among C of I honorees

Two Owyhee County students are among nearly 200 who were placed on the Dean’s List for the fall semester at The College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Homedale — Hannah Johnson, daughter of Toby and Shannon Johnson

Grand View — Jackie Thurman, daughter of Doug and Lisa Thurman

To receive Dean’s List recognition, a student must complete at least nine graded credits and achieve a GPA of 3.75 or higher for that semester.

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From page 1

✓ **Tenor:** Homedale student on of only 200 to pass select choir auditions

Other parts of the audition included running through vocal scales.

"I was kind of interested, but I didn't really know until my teacher put me up for it," McMichael said.

Homedale High School band and choir director Jessica Hanna has been a driving force for the second-year singer.

"Miss Hanna is a good teacher, and she's encouraging," McMichael said. "She's not afraid to give someone a critique about what they should do to become better."

"She's very supportive."

McMichael's friends are very supportive as well — but in a more nagging way.

He said he always found himself singing his favorite songs.

"It was just a casual thing. I'd hear a song I like and sing along to it," he said.

But there must have been something more to it than singing in the shower.

And, unlike most of us, instead of begging him to stop, McMichael's friends pleaded with him to try out for the school's singing group.

"Mostly the reason was that everybody who heard me sing kept encouraging me to try out for the choir," he said.



Cameron McMichael, top row, center, performs with the Homedale High School choir during the Dec. 13 Christmas concert at Homedale Middle School.

"I tried it out at first to get them to stop, but I actually liked it."

Now he has been tabbed as one of the best in the state at what he does.

"I'm nervous. I'm excited to be

able to ... perform with a group of the best singers," he said. "But I'm dreading I'll end up doing terrible."

Chances are McMichael's worst fears won't materialize. After all, he

must be doing something right if his twin sister is even in his corner.

There's no hint of sibling rivalry, he says, even though his sister, Mackenzie, has had some experience singing as part of the

Marsing girl also selected

Marsing High School's Amanda Folwell has been selected for the All-State Mixed Choir.

The junior will be one of 25 vocalists in the Soprano II position.

The Idaho Music Educators Association announced Folwell's selection on its website last week.

Homedale Idol music program fundraiser last year.

"Whenever I don't want to do something in choir, she'll keep bugging me," he said.

Mackenzie isn't part of the choir, but Cameron plans on stepping on his sister's turf Jan. 6 when Homedale Idol comes back around.

Fresh off the school's Dec. 13 Christmas concert, Cameron said there will be another school concert in the spring.

— JPB

✓ **911:** Commissioners also approve software to help PA, OCSO fileshare

Merrick was on hand as technicians finished setting up the Positron system and has taken an active role in the process in an effort to keep county commissioners in the loop on the progress.

The new 911 system was financed through a \$246,323 Idaho Emergency Communications Commission grant. CenturyLink oversaw the installation of a system that was bid at \$219,576.21 by Qwest Communications before CenturyLink took over the telecommunications company.

Irma Shenk, a sheriff's office dispatcher who had been instrumental in communicating with the BOCC during the process, addressed the commissioners during their Dec. 19 meeting.

"Thank you so much for everyone's hard work," she said. "The community will love you for it."

Merrick had rave reviews for the mapping software now in use.

"The mapping system is fantastic," he said. "Every mile marker

has a number on it, and if a 911 call comes in, dispatchers can pinpoint the exact house on the exact road."

Merrick said the mapping program allows multiple colors for easy reading of house numbers and houses, and there is even a feature to highlight residences that may have a history of criminal activity.

New PA-OCSO software plan to save resources

Authorities hope that the sheriff's office and prosecuting attorney will have an easier time sharing information on criminal cases with the purchase of new file-sharing software.

Commissioners picked a \$714 software licensing and maintenance package from Computer Arts Inc. during last week's meeting.

The package was the cheapest of three options brought forward by county technical guru Annette Dygert.

Under the selected option, sheriff's office personnel will be able to put criminal case information such as probable cause statements, booking information and evidentiary material in a secure folder on the county's computer network. Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery would have to request material from OCSO to upload, and only the sheriff's office and prosecutor will have access to the folder.

The new software will allow Emery to access information electronically, saving the time of a deputy running the file over from the sheriff's office. Less paper will be used as well because Emery will be able to pick the element he needs printed rather than receiving a complete file.

Emery said that the new system also makes the discovery process between prosecutors and defense attorneys more streamlined, again saving paper and ink.

Saying that she had discussed the situation with Sheriff Daryl

Crandall twice, Treasurer Brenda Richards said the sheriff was looking at reducing costs to the county.

Crandall didn't attend the Dec. 19 discussion, but Chief Deputy Ken Hoagland did address the commissioners, telling them that the software will save money for OCSO because compact discs and thumb drives won't have to be used to transport files to the prosecutor.

"The problem we're having is audio, video and visual files are so large we've had to buy a 16-gigabit thumb drive to get them over here," Hoagland said.

Two other options ranging in price from \$2,200 to \$5,900 were discussed but rejected because of cost.

Emery also worried that the second option could shift the burden of keeping county records on to his staff. Option 2 would have installed the software on PA office computers and allowed full access to the sheriff's office criminal files

and database.

Hoagland said the sheriff's office favored Option 2 because it would give Emery the flexibility to look at files whenever he wanted rather than calling OCSO to request something be uploaded to the secure folder.

Emery was concerned that the second option would place on his staff the burden of serving as keeper of the records in criminal cases. He said his secretaries were concerned that they would eventually generate all documents for the court, shifting that responsibility from the sheriff's office.

The third option, which received little discussion, would have given Homedale Prosecutor Russell G. Metcalf access to the file-sharing system. Emery disputed the necessity because major cases handled by the sheriff's office within the Homedale city limits would be handled by the county prosecutor.

— JPB



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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

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

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

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

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

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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
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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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2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639

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, Jan. 7

Marsing Lions benefit bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird game; 7 p.m., regular start, \$15 first card, \$5 second, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4162

Sunday, Jan. 8

Moms Night Out
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., open to all mothers of young children, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 697-1509

Monday, Jan. 9

Shopping trip
9 a.m. departure, call to reserve seat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Homedale Public Library board meeting
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Alzheimer’s caregivers workshop
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 459-0063

Gem Highway District board meeting
7:30 p.m., Gem Highway District office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

Wednesday, Jan. 11

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

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

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



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Only the dead can hang in the Louvre

Works of art cannot be displayed in the Louvre until the artist has been dead at least 60 years. Again ... why?

You knew that bicycles, stairs and doors are the biggest cause of accidents in the U.S., didn’t you?

Napoleon often drank from a cup made from the skull of some guy named Cagliostro. Why?

Over 71 million gallons of water washes over the Victoria Falls (Africa) every minute.

Two-thirds of the people who choke to death in this country are under the age of 4 ...

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“Happy Birthday to You” is the most frequently sung song in the western world. The writers still get royalties.

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

Irrigation board meetings changed because of holiday

Irrigation boards serving the Homedale-Marsing area have altered their January meeting schedule because of the New Year’s holiday.

Directors for the Ridgeview Irrigation District, Gem Irrigation District and South Board of Control will hold their respective meetings on Thursday, Jan. 5, in Homedale.

The three boards usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month, but Jan. 3 occurs too close to the New Year’s holiday.

The Jan. 5 schedule has the Ridgeview board of directors meeting at 1 p.m., the Gem district directors meeting at 1:15 p.m. and the South Board of Control convening at 1:30 p.m.

All three meetings will take place in the SBOC boardroom, which is located in the basement of South Board’s building at 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

For more information, call the SBOC office at 337-3760.

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2011 in review

Year saw civic pride, county controversy

January

New Board of County Commissioners sworn in — Kelly Aberasturi (District 2) and Joe Merrick (District 3) took the oath of office replacing Homedale's George Hyer and Murphy resident Dick Freund. Also taking the oath of office to begin new four-year terms were Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Treasurer Brenda Richards, Assessor Brett Endicott and Coroner Harvey Grimme.

Oregon man gets prison time — Robert A. Johnson, of Umatilla, Ore., was sentenced on three felony injury to a child charges and remanded to spend up to six years on each of the three charges.

School on "lock down" during drug arrest — Homedale Elementary School was locked down for nearly 10 minutes on Jan. 11 when Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel raided the home of Clinton C. Stockdale and Romona Harris.

After U.S. Postal inspectors notified county law enforcement about a suspicious package, authorities allegedly found a small amount of drugs in the residence and discovered the package did contain an illegal substance.

OCSO truck in service before approval — The BOCC approved the purchase of a 2008 Chevrolet truck in a 2-1 vote after OCSO had placed the truck in service.

BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland voted against the purchase because commissioners weren't consulted on the transaction prior to the \$23,000 purchase.

A second truck was approved in February.

HMS earns trip to D.C. — After two previous attempts at the Idaho Regional Engineers Week Future City competition, 11 Homedale Middle School students took first place in the seventh annual competition and earned a trip to Washington D.C.

Jennifer Martin's Science class presented their Future City, called Dynamis. Their city was designed as a Medical Research Station following the "Providing a Reliable and Effective Health Care Product or System That Improves a Sick, Injured or Disabled Patient's Quality of Life and Comfort," theme of the contest.

The Future City of Dynamis also won Special Awards for the Best Essay/Abstract, Best Model, and the People's Choice Award.

HSD rejects \$720K levy — With drastic cuts to funding for education, the Homedale School District and trustees placed a \$720,000 levy vote in the hands of Homedale voters.

In the March 8 election that saw the largest turnout since a 1997

bond election, patrons rejected the two-year levy voters in Canyon and Owyhee counties cast 353 no votes in 12 hours of polling.

Results showed that two-thirds of the 647 votes cast in the election came from Owyhee County patrons, who also marked 242 ballots against the levy.

February

MRW fire commissioner cleared — Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District commissioner Thomas Edward Benson was found not guilty by a jury on lewd conduct charges with a child under 16.

Benson faced six felonies after a grand jury indictment in 2009 on crimes that allegedly occurred 11 years earlier.

Homedale LID work nears \$1M — During a February Homedale City Council meeting, officials learned the total cost of the Local Improvement District would be slightly more than \$1 million.

Final construction costs announced in June listed the final assessments at \$496,667.26 to property owners.

Homedale man charged with lewd conduct — Martin Lee Young, was charged with two felony lewd conduct charges following a Homedale Police Department investigation.

According to the court documents, the incident took place between December 2010 and Jan. 16.

Young was sentenced on Dec. 23 court documents weren't available at press time.

Historic Smorgasbord concludes — With octopus and eel on the first menu of the annual Homedale International Smorgasbord in 1961, the fundraising event for Homedale Elementary School ended on its golden anniversary.

During the final Smorgasbord, nearly 1,692 people were served and \$14,862.05 was raised.

Former mobster arrested near Marsing — In one of the most interesting stories of the year — and likely to be the plot of a movie — the man known around Marsing as Jeffery Jay Shaw was arrested by federal agents while attempting to purchase hay for his 12 cows.

Enrico Ponzo, spent nearly two decades on the run, hiding in various places throughout the country and finally settling just outside of Marsing on Hogg Road.

Ponzo was listed as wanted by the FBI in Boston since 1994 for conspiracy to commit murder. He was associated with the New England crime family La Cosa Nostra in the late 1980s.

In 1997, he disappeared and



Homedale Middle School's Future City team shows off its model, Dynamis, and its first-place trophy after the competition in Boise on Jan. 22. The team went on to win a special award at nationals. Submitted photo

was charged with 14 others in a 40-count federal indictment for racketeering and plotting and attempting to murder individuals of the Patriarca Family of La Cosa Nostra.

In November, New York-based monthly magazine GQ published an in-depth feature on Ponzo.

Disaster auction marks 50th — With nearly 750 people on hand to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Marsing Disaster Auction, organizers were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support.

The annual 10:13 a.m. auction held the second Saturday in February pulled in \$95,471, which was close to setting a new record.

Students from the Marsing schools helped raise nearly \$10,000 through \$1 raffle ticket sales.

Marsing man hit with six felony charges — Lee Edd Green, was charged with six felony counts of lewd contact with children dating to 2000.

Originally, Green faced four felonies of lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16 with one minor and two felony charges of sexual battery of a child 16 or 17, another minor. He was held on a \$750,000 bond.

In November, Green was sentenced to 35 years in the state penitentiary for three of the felony charges. Green was ordered to pay court costs and a civil judgment totaling \$15,028.07.

Grand View breaks ground on water facility — Removing arsenic from the City of Grand View's drinking water took a huge step when authorities broke ground on a water treatment facility.

The new facility was projected to cost between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million. The city secured a \$360,000 Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality agreed to loan up to \$1.5 million with half the debt being forgiven and the other \$750,000 due back on a 30-year, zero-interest loan.

March

Photos catch sportsman's illegal trophy kill — Photos displayed in Treasure Valley sporting good stores helped lead to the conviction of a Nampa man after he illegally harvested a trophy buck in Owyhee County.

Christopher Cody Draper was found guilty of the 2006 shooting after he failed to acquire the proper permit, court documents said. Draper was sentenced in April to two days in jail and was fined \$583 for the illegal kill.

Renewal of Marsing's COSSA levy — Despite opposition from a handful of taxpayers in the Marsing School District, the 10-year levy renewal for services provided from the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency passed with nearly 72 percent approving the operating cost extension.

Bruneau auction raises \$17K — The annual Bruneau Community Auction netted nearly \$17,000 and marked the last for longtime auctioneer Dick Strickland.

County museum chief quits — After a little over eight years leading the Owyhee County Historical Museum, Thom Couch resigned.

Following Couch's resignation, the BOCC — which hired

the director in 2003 — had to revamp the bylaws in order to begin the process of appointing a new director.

In July, fourth-generation Owyheean and descendent of the Austrian Settlement families, 29-year-old Joe Demshar, was selected to take the post.

Marsing superintendent retires — A little under a year into the job, Newell Cleaver submitted his resignation to the Marsing School Board citing health reasons.

Cleaver was hired during the summer of 2010 and replaced longtime superintendent Dr. Harold Shockley, who retired for health reasons also.

In August, school trustees announced the hiring of Tracia Craig as the district's new superintendent.

Stacey selected for science camp — Homedale High School senior Jonny Stacey was one of only two Idaho high school students chosen to attend the National Youth Science Camp in West Virginia.

Stacey, the son of Steve and Valerie, took the trip to the East Coast for the nearly month-long camp during June and July. During his trip, he visited Washington D.C. and attended a lunch with U.S. senators.

Marsing forms farmers market — With the help and guidance of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, the Marsing Farmers Market embarked on creating a Sunday afternoon venue along the Snake River celebrating the community's agricultural roots.

The market official kicked

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off the season during Mother's Day weekend and ran until late September.

BOCC balks at OCSO boat bid — The BOCC questioned the sheriff's office attempt to purchase a new flat-bottom patrol boat one dollar under the state law requiring it to be sent out for bid.

The commissioners felt concerned when the dollar amount listed on the sales slip from an Ada County business didn't add up.

Homedale schools accepts LID price — School district trustees accepted its \$35,266.81 assessment for its portion of Homedale's Local Improvement District.

The school district will pay \$22,979.68 for improvements along Homedale High School's frontage. The remaining \$12,287.13 is for improvements related to the district headquarters on East Owyhee Avenue.

The district will pay the cost of the assessment over 10 years, but state law doesn't obligate subsequent school boards to continue the payments. Annual payments probably will exceed \$3,500.

OHR ranked among best in state — Owyhee Health and Rehab was selected by U.S. News and World Reports as one of the top 12 assisted living centers in the state of Idaho.

The report ranked facilities nationwide on health inspections, nursing staff evaluations and quality measures.

April

Marsing gets Title 1 grant — With budget cuts hitting school districts across the state, the three Marsing schools picked up a much-needed boost when they received a \$55,000 grant benefiting math and reading programs.

As a Title 1 school, Marsing qualified for the federally funded award. The money was used to aid the Accelerated Math and Reader programs the district offers.

MHS student spends summer in Yellowstone — Marsing's Maggie Landrey was one of 30 students from across the county selected to participate in the Youth Conservation Corps program at Yellowstone National Park.

Landrey — now a sophomore at Marsing High School — spent part of the month-long experience living out of a tent in the first National Parks backcountry.

Spring weather causes flooding — With an above-average snowpack in many parts of the county, the Bruneau River grew closer and closer to flood stage.

The National Weather Service issued a flood warning for the riv-

er. The water level was running at 7.8 feet and was within 18 inches of the bridge on Idaho 78.

HMS picks up \$20K for Blue Ribbon award — Homedale Middle School earned a \$20,000 bonus as one of only three Idaho schools nominated for the national Blue Ribbon School award.

Legion hosts 70th bean feed — The George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 marked its 70th annual Bean Feed and Raffle.

The Legion post collected nearly \$600 through the accompanying raffle during the free bean feed. Part of the funds raised help to sponsor Boys State attendees from Homedale High School.

Filler King sold to Boise Cascade — After 23 years as a privately owned laminated wood product company, Homedale-based Filler King was sold to Boise Cascade Wood Products LLC.

The plant has been open on East Pioneer Road in Homedale since 1988 and began its life as Arvin Wood Products.

May

AKC gun dog trials — The rugged terrain of the Owyhees played host to the 2011 American Kennel Club Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championships.

Nearly 150 dogs, 75 horses and 50 handlers took part in the annual event near the Oregon border on Highway 95 south of Marsing.

Mobster's house raided — Continuing the strange plot line twists centered around Enrico Ponzo, the home he used to live in on Hogg Road outside of Marsing was burglarized.

Marsing resident Kelly Verceles and Robert and Nicholas Corson, both of Meridian were arrested and accused of stealing more than \$100,000 in cash, gold and diamond jewelry from a safe sealed in a cement floor of the home.

Verceles is set for a Jan. 17 jury trial. Trial dates for both Robert and Nicholas have yet to be set by the courts.

Changing of the guard on Homedale Highway board

— Scott Salutregui ended Mark Stimmel's nearly three decades of service on the Homedale Highway District board of supervisors in a May 17 election. Salutregui prevailed in a three-way race against Stimmel and Shaun Bush.

Salutregui began his four-year term in October, and Larry Prow assumed Stimmel's chairmanship at the same time.

On the same election day, Kurt Shanley retained his Zone 1 seat on the Homedale School District board of trustees, beating



Left: New Homedale Highway District Board of Supervisors chair Larry Prow, left, presents outgoing chair and supervisor Mark Stimmel with a certificate of appreciation for his 29 years on the board. Right: Prow welcomes Scott Salutregui to the board. Salutregui defeated Stimmel in a May 17 election, and both men were honored in October. Submitted photos



former school board member Hal Tolmie.

In the Bruneau-Grand View School District election, Dixie Black kept her Zone 2 position by eight votes over challenger Laura Morrison.

Armenta tabbed as Gates Millennium Scholar — As one of 1,000 students selected nationwide, Jarod Armenta earned a Gates Millennium Scholar, receiving funding for college through his doctorate.

Armenta elected to attend Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa to pursue his undergraduate education and enrolled there in the fall.

The 4.0 student marks the third HHS senior chosen to receive the award started by one of the founders of Microsoft.

Angel Walk — A group of mothers from a local Bible study group banded together to support Angel Rios-Salas, a Homedale Elementary School student battling Stage II Hodgkins Lymphoma, raising nearly \$12,000 to help with medical expenses.

The five-kilometer Angel Walk 2011 saw nearly 500 people from throughout the area participate.

SoCal trip investigation — The first of a series of investigations by the Idaho Attorney General's Office focusing on Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall began with looking at a trip to San Diego from the previous summer.

The investigation found insufficient evidence to warrant criminal charges for the use of public funds. Crandall made an initial reimbursement to the county of \$1,223 for hotel and rental car expenses. Following the investigation, he made an additional payment of \$225.44.

Longtime Rimrock teacher retires — After a 34-year career in education, Gary Jones retired from Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

The longtime woodshop teacher and nearly 30-year Raiders' boys'

basketball coach left the school, turning his teaching passion into a business — Gary Jones Custom Cabinets/Furniture.

Big Loop canceled — Following a horse herpes outbreak, organizers of the three-day Big Loop Rodeo in Jordan Valley were forced initially to postpone the event only later to call off the annual fundraiser.

The rodeo typically brought in nearly \$7,000 for the volunteer fire department and was slated to be the 53rd annual event.

June

Marsing's Island Park closed — High water on the Snake River forced the closure of Island Park in Marsing and the postponement of the annual LeRoy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day for area youth.

The water slowly flooded the parking lot on the north side of the park and began to flood the grass area on the south side of the park.

HES student collects more than 200K pop tabs — Ashley Maybon collected 217,000 popcan pull-tabs to help benefit the Ronald McDonald House Idaho.

Maybon embarked on the year-long venture to raise money for the charity organization.

Reed memorial dedicated — A monument dedicated to former OCSO backcountry deputy George Reed was unveiled 11 days after the second anniversary of his death.

The rock monument was dedicated and placed at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

Marsing drops OCSO — After nearly a year of negotiations with OCSO, the City of Marsing dropped the decades-old agreement for law enforcement services.

The \$76,385 pact ended in September following a final quarter payment of \$19,096.25 closing out the contract.

Following the contract termina-

tion, the city looked into starting its own department. The city tabled the town marshal proposal in December.

Paul's Market founder dies — Founder of the eight-store Paul's Market chain, Paul Zatica, died at his Homedale home at the age of 84.

The U.S. Navy veteran opened Paul's Grocerteria in 1955 after graduating from the University of Denver.

July

OCSO computers seized — In the second investigation in nine months centered on Sheriff Daryl Crandall, the Idaho Attorney General's Office along with the FBI seized computers from the OCSO office.

Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery declared a conflict of interest in the matter and turned it over to the AG's office. The investigation involved Crandall and one or more personnel within the department.

Grand View completes 20-year project — After 20 years, the sidewalk that stretches along Centennial Park between City Hall and the Rimrock Senior Center on Main Street in Grand View was completed and landscaped.

Williams moves on — After 14 years at the helm of Homedale High School, Mike Williams resigned as principal to take a position in the Middleton School District.

Following Williams resignation, board trustees approved the hiring of Luci Asumendi-Mereness to take over at the high school. Asumendi-Mereness started in the Homedale School District in 1996 as a English teacher and became the principal at the middle school in 2007.

Derby accident — The 30th anniversary of the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby had a rocky start when a car was pushed past the safety

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barricade and careened into the fence, knocking down a speaker onto a spectator.

The accident prompted Lions Club officials to review safety procedures for next year's event.

County landmark closes — After 50 years of meals, the Sandbar Riverhouse Restaurant closed its doors.

The Owyhee County landmark began its life in an old Idaho Power pumping station near Walters Ferry and was relocated to Marsing after a fire in 1981.

Washout closes Idaho 55 — A decades-old culvert collapsed, causing nearly a half-mile section of Idaho 55 to be closed for nearly a month west of Marsing.

The culvert failure prompted Idaho Transportation Department crews to remove the section of road to replace the irrigation pipe and repave the highly traveled highway.

August

BOCC holds public hearing on fuel budget — Following the BOCC finding out that the sheriff's office was in the red on its \$75,000 fuel budget, public comment was sought by the elected officials to help come up with a solution.

Commissioners reviewed the budget with three months left in the fiscal year determining at the time OCSO was \$10,050 over on its budget.

Following the discovery, deputies were ordered to take calls from the OCSO office in Murphy or one of the two substations — Grand View and Marsing — or from home if they lived in the county.

Winters takes HMS helm — After one year on the job as the Homedale Middle School counselor, Amy Winters was promoted to the principal position.

Winters replaced Luci Asumendi-Mereness, who moved up to the high school.

\$5M wrongful termination suit dropped — Five former Owyhee County Sheriff's Office employees lost their bid to sue the county when a judge dismissed the \$5 million civil rights lawsuit for wrongful termination.

The suit against Sheriff Daryl Crandall was dismissed in 2010.

Jordan Valley school marks 100 years — Jordan Valley celebrated its elementary school's 100th anniversary with an open house and numerous alumni returning to partake in the festivities.

September

Homedale honors Bette Uda — After months of planning, friends and family surprised

longtime Homedale community contributor Bette Uda with an engraved stone renaming City Park in Homedale to Bette Uda City Park.

The 87-year-old worked tirelessly at the park and spent time recycling newspapers to get funds for city- and school-related projects throughout the years.

HHS gym roof damage — Following the discovery of structural damage to wooden trusses in the Homedale High School gym, school officials were prompted to close down a section of the school for nearly three months while repairs took place.

Faith Peterson retires from Marsing clinic — After serving patients from Jordan Valley to Council at the Terry Reilly Health Clinic in Marsing, practitioner Faith Peterson retired.

Peterson spent almost 16 years compassionately caring for patients at the clinic and oversaw — along with her husband, Jack — the \$250,000 remodel project that added X-ray services and improved health services in 2010.

Jordan Valley FFA earns national ranking — The Jordan Valley FFA chapter earned a trip to Indianapolis after picking up a national two-star ranking.

Jordan Valley was one of only six FFA chapters in Oregon to receive the national ranking.

HMS Blue Ribbon — The Idaho State Department of Education confirmed that Homedale Middle School would receive the National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Homedale was one of only 305 schools nationwide to be awarded the honor for the 2010-11 school year.

The state Department of Education reported in a press release that HMS student proficiency has increased by 34 percent in reading and by 30 percent in mathematics based on its Adequate Yearly Progress testing.

Homedale council drops U.S. 95 speed limit — The Homedale City Council voted unanimously to lower the speed limit on U.S. 95 to 35 mph within the city limits.

Following input from business owners along the highway and emergency personnel, the council made the determination to lower the speed.

Drug convictions land Homedale residents in prison

— Three Homedale residents were sentenced in consecutive months for their involvement in a drug ring.

Ricardo Mercado was sentenced to 15½ years in federal prison for his involvement in importing hundreds of grams of methamphetamine from Nevada



Merrill Tallman of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 stands between Alexis Muir and Paul Eachus during a dinner honoring essay winners in December.

to Idaho.

In October, Amanda Lynn Smith was pinned for her involvement of conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of the illegal substance.

Smith was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison. Federal prosecutors called her the leader of the Canyon County meth trafficking organization.

In December, Aron Herrera Gonzales was sentenced for his involvement in the meth ring. Gonzales was sentenced to 15 years, eight months followed by five years of supervised probation.

HES celebrates 100K miles — Homedale Elementary's Walkin' Talkin' Trojans celebrated the school's 100,000th mile on the all-weather quarter-mile track.

The school began keeping track of the miles in 2000 when the club was formed. The mileage equates to 400,000 laps around the track.

October

MHS meets AYP four years in a row — Marsing High School's continuous improvement on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test landed the top improvement award in any school statewide in the math portion of the exam.

The State Board of Education presented a certificate recognizing the school for meeting AYP for four years in a row and the students' 12½ percent increase in math proficiency from last year. The increase was the highest in the state.

HPD chief returns from deployment — After a year-long deployment with the 116th Calvary Brigade Combat Team in Iraq, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller returned home.

Eidemiller was deployed with nearly 2,700 other Guardsman from Idaho, Montana and Oregon

and was stationed at Victory Base Complex in Baghdad.

Eidemiller was deployed with his oldest son James, who worked in another division than his father.

In December, the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 in Homedale presented Eidemiller with the American Legion Medal of Grateful Appreciation for his service in Iraq.

BOCC calls for resignation — The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution calling for the resignation of Sheriff Daryl Crandall, seeking the first-term sheriff to step down immediately.

In an email to The Owyhee Avalanche, Crandall said he has no plans to resign and wouldn't seek reelection in 2012. He said he plans to retire from law enforcement at the end of his term.

November

Homedale elections — He only won by 10 votes, but Paul Fink was elected for the sixth time to be Homedale's mayor, edging out incumbent Harold Wilson.

In a five-way city council election, incumbent Aaron Tines retained his seat with newcomer Steve Atkins beating out Eino Hendrickson.

In a rare fire district commissioner race, Mick Woodburn defeated Chuck Maxwell to replace Wendell Hyer, who retired from the post. Steve Zatica ran unopposed for the subdistrict 3 seat.

Marsing elections — Despite low voter turnout — 18 percent of registered voters — the City of Marsing will see a new face on the city council for the next four years.

Chris Even defeated incumbent and write-in candidate Marie Herman for the council seat. Council-

person Stella Bush was reelected to her seat. Mayor Keith Green earned another four-year term after running unopposed.

Grand View elections — Following a stroke, Mayor Paul Spang declined to seek reelection in Grand View and opened the door for councilperson Tammy Payne to run for the open position unopposed.

Opal Ward and Marie Hipwell were elected to two-year seats, and newcomer Donald (Bill) Mead was selected to start a four-year term in January.

Part of OCSO uninsured — In only the second time in the 26-year history of the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, the insurance consortium canceled part of a county's insurance coverage.

In a rare decision, ICRMP announced it will no longer defend the county against personnel-related litigation pertaining to the sheriff's office and jail.

The action means that the county would have to use its own resources — taxpayer dollars — to defend any future litigation brought forward by employees regarding personnel decisions made by Sheriff Daryl Crandall.

All other coverages for the sheriff's office remain intact, but in a terse and pointed letter, ICRMP washed its hands of personnel matters based on escalating costs to address potential claims and the growing frequency of legal consultations.

A week after the ICRMP decision, Crandall filed a written appeal independently of the Board of County Commissioners.

In December, ICRMP board of trustees denied hearing the appeal sent by Crandall, citing only county commissioners have the authority to obtain liability insurance.



The new Rimrock Senior and Community Center board of directors includes Vera Lea Jayo, secretary; Laura Frederickson, president; Garry Boeger, director; Karon Nichols, vice-president; Willie Roby, director; Charlie Miller, treasurer; and Dorothy Link (not pictured). Submitted photo

Officers set for new year at Rimrock center

A new set of Rimrock Senior and Community Center directors received the oath of office last week.

Updated bylaws also were accepted during a Dec. 20 meeting in Grand View. The bylaws had been presented to the general membership five days earlier.

The 2012 officers who took the oath of office included president Laura Frederickson, who served as vice-president in 2011; vice-president Karon Nichols; secretary Vera Lea Jayo, who was re-elected to the post; treasurer Charlie Miller; and board of directors members Garry Boeger and Dorothy Link.

Willie Roby will begin the last year of her two-year term as a director Jan. 1.

Link will serve one year on the board, and Boeger will have a three-year term after completing a one-year term this year.

The board of directors will meet at the center, 425 Main St., on the first Tuesday of each month in 2012. The first meeting of the new year takes place next week.

New member for the senior and community center are always welcome. Lunches are served each Tuesday and Thursday at noon.

You can reach the center at (208) 834-2808.

GV Ambulance trains Posse in CPR, AED

Last week’s Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse meeting focused on coordination between the law enforcement volunteers and emergency medical personnel.

Emergency Medical Technician instructors from Grand View Ambulance provided cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillation (AED) training for Posse members at the Owyhee County Historical Museum last Wednesday.

Grand View EMTs are certified American Heart Association (AHA) instructors, and through an AHA-approved class they provided Posse members with updated live-saving techniques.

The training took place in the museum’s main meeting room, which was donated to the Posse for the meeting.

The EMTs donated their time for the training, and the ambulance service donated use of an ambulance and CPR mannequins.

The Posse members also toured the ambulance to get familiar with the location of equipment such as backboards, AED, oxygen tanks and more. Knowledge of where to find this medical equipment will give Posse members the opportunity to provide assistance in emergency situations.

Posse president Kent Curtis expressed thanks for the education, saying the skills will help Posse members be better prepared to help county citizens or family members in an emergency.

Grand View Ambulance director Donna Bennett says mutual training opportunities such as last week’s makes for efficient teamwork at accident sites and in other emergency situations.

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PV school puts on holiday show

Children from the Pleasant Valley K-8 School were the final group to perform a Christmas program in the Jordan Valley community.

The eight students at the rural school performed Have a Red and Greenie Christmas, a production written by their teacher, Penny Larrusea, during a Dec. 20 presentation.

The program began with students singing Christmas songs while Roger Wall played guitar and Kay Dennis, the piano. Students then stepped into character for the play. Cole Wainman had the starring role as none other than Santa. His elves included Rachel Rose as Sparky, Cassity Gluch as Spud, Jade Wainman as Spicey, and Shailee Rutan as Speedy.

Chase Fillmore came to save the day as Doc. David Rose played the oddball character, Reggie the Vegetarian, who eventually sided with the rest of the crew.

In the end, all was well and a Merry Christmas was to be had for everyone. Then the real Santa showed up with gifts for young and old.



Skylar Forsythe, in the role of grandma, lays on the ground after being run over by a herd of reindeer, including Regann Skinner, T.J. Davis and Katelyn Deen. Photo by Meagan Fillmore

JV children entertain packed house

by Meagan Fillmore, JVHS

It was a night full of Christmas cheer Dec. 20 at Jordan Valley Elementary School as children in grades kindergarten through sixth performed their annual Christmas program for the community.

The community was really excited to see what the elementary had in store for them this year, and to say the least they weren’t disappointed.

Not only was their dancing and singing, but also acting as Skylar Forsythe role-played the grandma who got ran over by reindeer along with her “grieving” husband Wade Raine.

Another big performance was Kiana Quintero on the piano playing a rehearsed piece, “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”, which was a big accomplishment coming from a third-grader.

Each and every student performed with perfection, and it was a huge treat to the community to see such a great turnout.

To add to all the excitement, the kids also performed their program at a nursing home for the elderly to spread their Christmas cheer.

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Cole Valley's Mitch Vanderweil (No. 33) goes up to block a layup attempt from Marsing's Miguel Leon during last weeks game in Marsing.

Marsing plays tough against Cole Valley but drops in final minutes

From the opening tip, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team played a strong 32 minutes of basketball against one of the top teams in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Up until the third quarter, the Huskies (3-4, 0-2 2A WIC) kept up with visiting Cole Valley Christian but were out-shot in the final minutes of a 47-40 loss.


"I hope that this shows them that if we are focused and we stay the course, we can go toe-to-toe with anyone," Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "We held (Cole Valley) to their second-lowest points on the season."

Mitch Vanderweil accounted for more than half of the Chargers' (8-0, 2-0 2A WIC) points with 26 points.

Jason Galligan picked up his third double-double of the season with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Galligan accounted for five blocked shots. Miguel Leon picked up 11 points, followed by MacKay Hall with nine and Josh Larsen with four.

"I want to build on the positives with the game against Cole Valley," Chadez said. "We started with a tough conference schedule early in the season. We talked afterwards, and what we do works. If you believe in yourself and your team, we can beat everybody we play. We have the talent, and sometimes we just have to outwork the other teams."

Following the Husky Holiday Classic tonight and Thursday, the Huskies will continue their league schedule when they head to McCall-Donnelly High School on Tuesday to take on the Vandals.

Marsing		Cole Valley		
40		47		
(3-4, 0-2)		(8-0, 2-0)		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Chargers	15	10	9	13
Huskies	11	13	8	8

WIC's best beat Lady Antelopes

Adrian High School endured a rough week playing two unbeaten girls' basketball teams in non-league action.

Losses to Notus and Liberty Charter, two 1A Western Idaho Conference teams who have begun the year with eight consecutive victories each, ended a modest two-game winning streak for Gene Mills' team.

The Antelopes (6-4 overall) return to action on Jan. 6 at home against Cove.

Liberty Charter dominated its host on Dec. 20, picking up a 57-

27 victory on the strength of four players reaching double-figures.

The Patriots streaked to a 37-16 halftime lead and shut out the Antelopes, 11-0, in the fourth quarter. Adrian ws limited to just 27 shots in the 32-minute contest.

Madison Purnell connected on three of nine free throws and led Adrian with nine points. She also had eight rebounds. Nichole Orosco chimed in with six points.

Dec. 19: Notus 54, Adrian 48 — An unproductive second quarter proved the difference in the Antelopes' non-league loss to

the host Pirates (8-0).

Notus scored 30 points in the paint and took advantage of 25 Adrian turnovers.

The Pirates erased a five point deficit with an 11-3 run through the second quarter and then padded their lead by outscoring the Antelopes, 14-8, to start the second half.

Purnell had 19 points and 16 rebounds, and collected five boards on the offensive glass for Adrian.

Teammate Quincy Pendergrass scored 10 points, and Maddy Pendergrass collected 11 rebounds.

Marsing ready to host annual basketball tourney

With a strong field of competitors, Marsing High School is set to host its annual Husky Holiday Classic girls' and boys' basketball fundraiser.

Teams from Liberty Charter, Nampa Christian, Glenns Ferry, North Star Charter and Melba will descend on the two-day tournament beginning today at 3 p.m. with varsity and junior varsity action.

The boys set out to defend their Husky Holiday Classic title from last year — the first championship for the Huskies in their own tourney — after they beat Nampa Christian 64-49.

The Lady Huskies are looking for a little bit of redemption this year after being held scoreless in the second quarter by Vale, Ore., during their 43-30 loss in the championship game.

Varsity games will be played in the high school gym on Main Street (Idaho highway 55) while junior varsity games will be held in the middle school gym on 8th Avenue West (Idaho 78).

Spectators will be able to have access to both varsity and junior varsity games for \$7 each day for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

Marsing boys coach JW Chadez said the "big-ticket" item in this year's silent auction is an autographed football donated by Marsing graduate and Boise State University defensive end Shea McClellin. The ball is signed by a handful of BSU players, Chadez said.

The winner of the football will be announced during the championship game on Thursday night.

Varsity Girls
Marsing (7-2, 4-0 2A WIC)
Liberty Charter (8-0, 3-0 1A WIC)
Nampa Christian (5-3, 2-1 2A WIC)
Glenns Ferry (6-4, 2-0 1A, Div. I, Snake River Conference)

Varsity Boys
Marsing (3-4, 0-1 2A WIC)
North Star (5-1, 0-1 2A WIC)
Liberty Charter (4-0 1A WIC)
Nampa Christian (1-5, 0-2 2A WIC)

Today's games: Nampa Christian vs. Glenns Ferry @ 3 p.m.; Marsing vs. Liberty Charter @ 6:15 p.m. Thursday: Losers of opening round meet @ 3 p.m.; Championship game @ 6:15 p.m.
** All varsity games played in the Marsing High School gym*

Junior Varsity Girls
Today's games: Melba vs. Glenns Ferry @ 6:15 p.m.; Marsing vs. Liberty Charter @ 8 p.m. Thursday: Losers of opening round meet @ 4:30 p.m.; Championship game @ 8 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys
Today's games: Nampa Christian vs. Liberty Charter @ 3 p.m.; Marsing vs. North Star @ 4:30 p.m. Thursday: Losers of opening round meet @ 3 p.m.; Championship game @ 6:15 p.m.
** All junior varsity games played in the Marsing Middle School gym*

Cost: \$7 adults, \$3 students and seniors per day allows access to all games
**Idaho High School Activities Association and Western Idaho Conference passes will not be accepted*

Concessions: Baked potato bar on Wednesday, Taco bar on Thursday; popcorn, soda, water, candy available at both sites

Cold shooting sinks Adrian

Slow starts to each half hampered Adrian High School's effort in a boys' basketball loss to Notus.

The host Pirates led by 14 points after the first eight minutes en route to a 56-28 non-league victory on Dec. 19.

Adrian (2-8 overall) connected on just 21.7 percent of its shots (10-for-46), falling behind 52-19 after three quarters. Notus outscored the Antelopes, 21-5, in the third quarter.

The Pirates converted 27 of 47 field-goal attempts (57.4 percent) and received 18 points from Hayden Clason.

Paxton Shira scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds for Adrian, which returns to action Jan. 2 with another non-league game in Boise against the Ambrose School.



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Trojans take seventh in Nampa tourney

HHS boys end skid against winless Nyssa

Hayden Krzesnik fired in a trio of three-point goals to help Homedale High School end its three-game boys' basketball losing streak Wednesday.

Behind 14 points each from Krzesnik and Trey Corta, the Trojans built a big lead and then held on to beat winless Nyssa, Ore., during the third day of the Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Invitational in Nampa.

Homedale's 57-51 victory at Skyview High School wrapped up seventh place for coach Kenny Thomas' team.

The Trojans (3-7) led by 15 points, 46-31, at the end of three quarters and then held off the Bulldogs' final charge. Nyssa (0-9) scored 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Homedale notched four baskets from beyond the three-point arc. Kade Eiguren buried a shot as part of his five points. Krzesnik was perfect from the foul line, going 3-for-3.

Casey Christoffersen spend a lot of time at the free-throw line, too, dropping seven of 12 attempts for the bulk of his nine points.

Trey Lane rounded out

Homedale's balanced attack with eight points.

Wednesday's game was the closest loss of the season for the Bulldogs, who play in the 3A Eastern Oregon League and reached the opening round of the 3A Oregon state playoffs a year ago.

Pedro Urrutia put in a game-high 15 points for Nyssa, and teammate Michael Smith added 14.

Dec. 20: Columbia 45, Homedale 36 — The Trojans ran with the 4A Wildcats despite a lack of rebounding and untimely turnovers during the Elite Eight Tournament consolation semifinal at Skyview in Nampa.

Homedale pulled to within four points a couple times in the second and third quarters, including 32-28 with 4½ minutes left in the third on Trey Corta's steal and layup. He also converted an alley-oop lay-in off an inbounds pass from Casey Christoffersen earlier in the rally.

Columbia called a timeout after Homedale's 7-4 run and then reeled off nine straight points to take control. Michael Ruby's three-point goal with

two minutes left gave Columbia a 41-28 edge.

Corta scored 13 points to lead Homedale. Christoffersen connected on five of seven free throws and finished with seven points.

Hayden Krzesnik and Trey Lane each drained three-point goals for the Trojans.

Eric Cotton led three Columbia players in double figures with a game-high 14 points. The Wildcats went on to finish third in the tournament.

Dec. 19: Skyview 71, Homedale 49 — The Trojans were unable to climb out of a large first-quarter hole in the opening round of the Elite Eight Tournament on the Hawks' home floor in Nampa.

Skyview went on to edge crosstown rival Nampa, 50-48, for the tournament championship Wednesday.

In the opening game, Corta led all players with 21 points for Homedale, which found itself trailing 25-9 after the game's first eight minutes.

Brett Ryska converted two three-point goals, while Corta and Kade Eiguren also hit long-range shots.

Daniel Slemmer scored 17 points and was one of three players to reach double figures for the Hawks, who led 62-36 at the end of three quarters.



Xavier Hernandez lines up a shot over a Columbia defender during the Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Invitational in Nampa last week.

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Casey Christoffersen *Sr. Basketball*

The Play — The 5-foot-11 guard was a steady source from the free-throw line last week as the Trojans snapped a three-game losing streak and finished seventh in the Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Invitational in Nampa.

He averaged 6.3 points per game and sank 12 of 19 free throws in the final two games of the tournament. Christoffersen scored nine points in Wednesday's 57-51 victory over Nyssa, Ore., in the seventh-place game at Skyview High School.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
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
Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

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Marsing girls' basketball makes historic run — The Lady Huskies thrilled their fans with a 20-4 season that included the second trip to the state tournament in school history.

Marsing beat Melba, 23-22, for the 2A District III Tournament championship, but couldn't extend the magic into the 2A Real Dairy Shootout at the end of the 2010-11 season.

Marsing was 0-2 in the state tournament with losses to West Jefferson (46-31) and Soda Springs (42-29).

Marsing also appeared in the 2004 state tournament.

Under the guidance of 2A Western Idaho Conference Coach of the Year Tim Little, five Huskies earned all-conference spots, including first-teamers Rebecca Cossel (senior) and Ashley Hull (sophomore), second-teamer Candy Leon (senior) and honorable mention picks Andi Merritt (senior) and Andrea Rodriguez (junior).

HHS picks up three medals at 3A wrestling — Ensley wasn't the only Trojan who found his way to a state final at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Junior Ismahel Mendoza settled for a silver medal after losing the 171-pound championship match to Fruitland sophomore Tim McDonald.

Homedale finished 12th in the team standings while senior Todd Bahem collected a fifth-place medal at 112 pounds. A total of 10 wrestlers reached the state tournament.

Two Huskies finish fourth at 2A/1A state wrestling — Oscar Ceballos capped his senior season with a fourth-place medal in the heavyweight division despite weighing 75 pounds lighter than the 285-pound starting-off point for the class.

Junior Austin Glenn also finished fourth at the Idaho Center in Nampa, after losing the third-place match at 189 pounds.

Coach Rick Folwell took seven wrestlers to the state tournament.

Owyhee wrestlers medal for Melba — Troy Richardson collected a silver medal for Melba after losing the 145-pound championship match in the 2A/1A state tournament.

John Richards, another Owyhee County product suiting up for the Mustangs, won the fifth-place match at 140 pounds.

Another county athlete, Alex Webb, also qualified for the state tournament.

Huskies baseball goes extra innings, falls short at 2A state tournament — Coach Jerry Stacy led Marsing to the state tournament at Rodeo Park in Nampa where the team bowed after two hard-fought losses. Marsing was eliminated with a



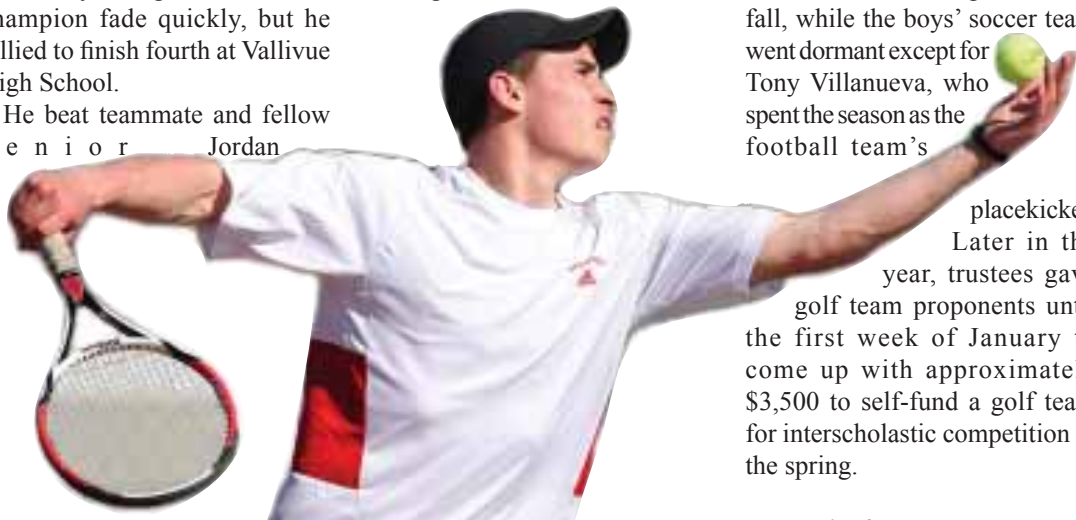
Members of Marsing High School's basketball team celebrate after winning the district III championship against Melba in January.

7-6 loss in eight innings to 2A WIC rival Nampa Christian. The Huskies began their stay in the state tournament with a wild 13-12 loss to Grangeville in eight innings.

Six players received all-conference nominations, including first-teamers Austin Williams and Justin Glenn, second-teamers Bernardo Galvez, Charlie Galvez and Reece Middleton, and honorable mention pick Michael Butler.

Tanner Lair ends career with fourth place at state tennis — Homedale senior Tanner Lair saw his shot at repeating as 3A boys' singles state tennis champion fade quickly, but he rallied to finish fourth at Vallivue High School.

He beat teammate and fellow senior Jordan



Meligan to reach the third-place match, but Meligan's performance helped the Trojans bring home a fifth-place team finish. Meligan reached the state semifinals before slipping into the consolation bracket.

Lair lost the 3A District III boys' singles championship match to Weiser's Austin Winegar. He committed to play collegiate tennis at The College of Idaho later in the year.

Sophomore golfer misses top 10 at 3A state tourney — Homedale's Reed Maggard fired a two-day 163 at Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette and finished three strokes out of the top 10 at the 3A state tournament. The sophomore qualified for State with a sudden-death playoff win

at the district tournament.

Adrian boys reach 1A Oregon basketball state playoffs — The Antelopes' 2010-11 season ended in the opening round of the state playoffs with a narrow 53-52 loss to Cove. Blake Purnell closed his high school career with a double-double of 18 points and 18 rebounds. Adrian (11-13) lost, 49-40, to Crane in the 1A District 8 championship game.

High school cowboys and cowgirls shine — Adrian's Maddy Pendergrass won District II and state championships in breakaway roping and placed in the top 10 at the High School National Finals

Rodeo in Wyoming.

Lane Matteson was part of the District II championship team roping duo, and joined fellow Homedale club members Rosie King and Kade Eiguren at the state rodeo in June in Pocatello.

Matteson also qualified for the national rodeo.

Three of the five members of Marsing's small club also reached the state rodeo with Austin Williams, Chris Cowger and Chase Robbins making it in rough stock events.

King, Eiguren, Cowger and Owyhee (Nev.) High School's Dalton Jim qualified for the Silver State International Rodeo in Winnemucca, Nev.

Youth wrestlers pile up gold — Willy Haun, Tyler

Eiguren, D'Orr Packer and Jeffery Layne won freestyle state championships in Idaho Falls. The four youth wrestlers joined Jeagar Rose, who won a Greco-Roman state championship, as leaders of a 13-athlete Homedale Freestyle Wrestling Club pack that qualified for the West Kids & Cadets Regional Championships.

Homedale trustees ax golf, soccer — In an effort to trim costs, the Homedale school board eliminated the boys' and girls' soccer teams and the golf program at Homedale High School.

Girls' soccer athletes formed a club team and competed in the fall, while the boys' soccer team went dormant except for Tony Villanueva, who spent the season as the football team's

placekicker. Later in the year, trustees gave golf team proponents until the first week of January to come up with approximately \$3,500 to self-fund a golf team for interscholastic competition in the spring.

Huskies football returns to the state playoffs — Marsing found its way into the 2A state playoffs for the second season in a row, this time hosting an opening-round game. Coach Jaime Wood's squad finished 6-3 after losing 22-15 in the first round to Gooding.

Senior lineman Pedro Carrillo represented the Huskies in the annual East-West Shrine All-Star Game.

All-conference players included Jason Galligan, Carrillo, Charlie Galvez, Austin Williams and Justin Glenn.

Girls make mark with Jordan Valley's junior varsity boys — With not enough athletes in the school to field a girls' basketball team, a handful of Lady Mustangs saw time during the 2010-11 season with Jordan Valley High

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School's junior varsity boys' basketball squad. Meagan Fillmore, Christina Rogers and Jessi Carson and sophomore Hayley Caywood returned to the hardwood as the nucleus for Jordan Valley's 2011-12 girls' basketball varsity team.

Homedale volleyball, basketball teams find new homes — With their home gymnasium closed for a \$400,000 repair to a wind-damaged roof, Homedale High School's basketball teams relocated to Middleton Middle School until the middle of December.

The volleyball team played the balance of its home schedule at Homedale Middle School after broken and bent trusses were discovered in the ceiling of the 40-year-old gymnasium in September.

The girls' basketball team was the first squad to return to the HHS gym, dropping its 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener to Weiser on Dec. 16.

Marsing grad caps college football career — Shea McClellin finished his Boise State University football career as part of a senior class that won 50 games, including a 56-24 blowout of Arizona State in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas on Thursday.

The defensive end earned first-team All-Mountain West Conference accolades and finished his career sixth on the Broncos' all-time list with 20.5 sacks.

Marsing boys' basketball claws its way into district tourney — The Huskies wrapped a 10-13 campaign with a 60-47 loss to McCall-Donnelly in an elimination game at the 2010-11 2A District III Tournament. Coach JW Chadez's team created its spot in the tournament by knocking off North Star Charter in the final game of the 2A WIC regular season.

Junior Jason Galligan was a second-team all-conference pick, while senior Agustin Paramo finished his high school career as an honorable mention selection for the All-2A WIC team.

Homedale boys' basketball has short district stay — Despite 14 points from senior Walter Almaraz, the 2010-11 Trojans were unable to advance into the double-elimination portion of the 3A District III Tournament. Homedale fell to Parma, 64-55, in the play-in game. Fellow seniors Mario Gonzalez (11 points) and Kenny Esparza (10) managed double-figure scoring in their high school finales.

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Jordan Valley boys' basketball collects district consolation title — The Mustangs finished one game under .500 at 9-10, but won the 1A District 8 Tournament consolation championship with a slim 40-38 win over Huntington. Coach Mike Workman's team won eight of its last 11 games to finish the 2010-11 year.

Adrian girls' basketball just misses state playoffs — A four-point loss to Dayville-Monument in the 1A District 8 third-place game ended the Antelopes' hopes of playing in the 1A Oregon state playoffs. A fourth-quarter comeback fell short for coach Gene Mills' squad in a 33-29 defeat to end the 2010-11 season.

Marsing eighth-grade girls win hoops title — A basketball team coached by Barry Kendall and Jim Briggs capped a 12-3 season with the Nyssa Select League Championship.

Marsing JV boys' basketball squad collects championship — The Huskies' B squad converted a top seed into the 2A Western Idaho Conference Tournament championship. Lamon Loucks served as coach.

Farwell represents HHS girls' basketball on All-SRV first team — Junior Kylie Farwell was named a first-teamer in All-3A Snake River Valley conference balloting, and senior Sydney Cornwall, junior Raven Kelly and freshman Kylee Rupp were tabbed as honorable mention selections.

Cornwall closed her high school career in the 2A-3A District III Senior All-Star game.

The Trojans' 4-18 season in 2010-11 was the last one with Jeremy Chamberlain at the helm. Matt Holtry would succeed him as coach and lead the team to its best start in nearly a decade in 2011-12.

Three coaches honored with "Be True to Your School" grants — Marsing girls' basketball coach Tim Little and football coaches Matt Holtry (Homedale) and Juan Colunga (Rimrock) earned money for their athletic programs after winning weekly balloting in the Commercial Tire/Cooper Tires Be True to Your School promotion.

Sophomore grabs fifth place in 3A boys' discus — Braxton Morris, a Homedale sophomore, fired an effort of 129-9 to finish fifth in the 3A state meet in the shot put. It was the best finish among the eight Trojans who qualified for the meet at Bronco Stadium.



Homedale High School baseball players rush to Jonny Stacey after he scored the winning run during a game against Weiser.

Junior Seth Bayes finished tied for ninth with a 5-foot-8 showing in the high jump.

Trojans' baseball battery lands on first team — Resurgent left-handed pitcher Zac Lowder and senior catcher Jonny Stacey were awarded first-team All-SRV honors for Homedale. Senior pitcher Jordan Jarvis was a second-teamer, and second baseman Phillip Moulton (senior) and left fielder Timmy Scott (junior) were honorable mentions. The Trojans achieved an 8-14 record under coach Burke Deal.

Seniors earn schools' athlete of the year awards — Sydney Cornwall, who was a three-sport athlete in volleyball, basketball and softball, and football and track and field standout Levi Elsberry won the Homedale High School Senior Athlete of the Year Awards. Rebecca Cossel (volleyball and basketball) and Nathan Danner (football, wrestling and track) were senior athletes of the year at Marsing.

HMS athletes win seventh-grade track titles — Jairo Barbosa won three individual championships as the Homedale Middle School seventh-grade boys' track and field team sprinted to the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet championship.

Tristan Corta also had a hand in three championships as the Trojans' girls won the seventh-grade team crown.

Adrian senior named All-Oregon on diamond — Blake Purnell earned a spot on the 1A/2A Oregon All-State second team after the final baseball season of his high school career. He also was a first-team infielder on the All-Special District 7 team, while Paxton Shira was an honorable mention all-district infielder.

Lowder spins early no-hitter for Legion squad — Zac Lowder tossed a no-hitter in

the Owyhee Rivercats' 8-0 win over the Vallivue Titans in early-season action for the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32-sponsored baseball team. Coach Jerry Stacy's squad comprised primarily of Homedale and Marsing ballplayers wound up with more than 20 wins a spot in the district tournament for A-level teams.

Lowder was selected to participate in a national baseball talent showcase in Arizona in December, but those plans were scuttled by an injury suffered during a basketball scrimmage a month earlier.

Junior high school rodeo beckons trio — Homedale Middle School eighth-grader Lawsen Matteson and his team roping partner, Adrian ninth-grader Tyler Reay, competed in the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo in New Mexico. Adrian's Quincy Pendergrass competed in breakaway roping, goat tying and pole bending.

Another Ensley wins Lions Club derby — Sam Ensley collected more than \$1,500 for his win in the annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Scores of teams turn out for third Landa-Miller — All Around Sports (A Division), TCRU (B Division), CBI (C Division) and Wilson Family (D Division) were the championship teams for July's third annual Landa-Miller Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament. Fifty-seven teams competed in the four divisions.

Percifield tourney raises \$14,000 — Another set of teams fought to championships during the annual Percifield Memorial Softball Tournament at Marsing High School. The 28th annual community event raised \$14,000 for the town's youth sports and recreational sports programs.

Champions included Team T-Dubs (A Division), Uranga's Gang (B Division) and Woody's Flamingos (C Division). Whitehouse Drive-Inn owners Voss and Janie Nielson accepted the Community Supporter Award.

Locals collect ICA titles at Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo — Adrian, Ore.'s Carl Seiders won the steer wrestling championship at the Owyhee County Rodeo in August, while Owyhee, Nev.'s Dalton Jim collected the stock saddle bronc and saddle bronc championships.

Jordan Valley alum returns to coach volleyball — Former All-State player Sarah Bengard took the reins of the Mustangs program. The season highlight included the first win in four years over Crane.

The team earned the No. 3 seed into the 1A District 8 Tournament, qualifying for the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

The Mustangs (10-8) lost in the first round of the playoffs, but senior Meagan Fillmore and freshman Andi Warn were all-tournament picks at both the district and state levels.

Adrian football finds its groove — The Antelopes turned up the offense late in the season and reeled off a winning streak that pushed coach Paul Shenk's team into the 1A Oregon state playoffs. Running back Kurt Nielson racked up more than 300 yards rushing in one game and nearly pulled off the feat again later. The Antelopes ended the season 6-3 after a first-round loss to Perrydale in the opening round of the state playoffs.

HMS football team loses in championship game — The athletes who posted an unbeaten championship season as seventh-graders stumbled only twice as eighth-graders, losing to Weiser both times. The Trojans fell, 34-12, to Weiser in the 3A

Snow River Valley conference championship game.

HHS volleyball team loses district opener — The Trojans dropped a hard-fought four-set match in the 3A District III Tournament play-in game against Weiser. Coach Janel VanDyke's team managed just one victory in 14 matches in 2011.

Kaylee Rupp and Kylie Farwell both were honorable mention all-conference selections.

Trojans' subvarsity squads reach title matches — Coach Taci Morris led Homedale High School's junior varsity volleyball team to a 10-0 record again 3A SRV opponents, including wins over Parma and Weiser in the conference tournament.

Kay Banks' frosh-soph team also brought home hardware after losing the conference tournament final.

Marsing volleyball misses return to State — Coach Loma Bittick's squad couldn't complete a rally during the 2A District III Tournament, losing the second-place match to Cole Valley Christian. The Huskies (7-10) limped into the postseason with the district's No. 5 seed.

Andrea Rodriguez was a first-team all-conference selection, while Lacey Usabel and Lily Bowers were second-teamers. Deidre Briggs was an honorable mention pick and played with Rodriguez in the District III senior all-star match.

Adrian volleyball reaches 1A Oregon state tournament — The Antelopes rallied from missing their shot at the 1A High Desert League championship by roaring into the state's final eight at Pacific University. The team was 0-2 in the state tournament.

Adrian beat Crane in five sets for the 1A District 8 championship as Madison Purnell and Annie Bowns were named to the all-district first team.

Jordan Valley seniors go out with football win — The Mustangs couldn't beat archrival Adrian, but seniors Nathan Easterday and Quinn Fillmore made sure they won their final home game. The Mustangs beat Harper/Huntington, 46-26, in the second-to-last week of the season. The team closed the season on a three-game winning streak.

Middle school wrestlers rule on the mat — An early-season highlight of finishing third in the huge Borah Tournament sparked a big year for the Homedale Middle School wrestling team.

The team went on to repeat at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament champion with seven wrestlers winning individual crowns, including repeat performances by Andy Montes and Nash Johnson. Johnson (45-2) set the career victory record, and Jakobee Osborn won more matches in a single-season than any Trojan before him.



Sixth-graders, from left, Cortnee Smith, Chelsea Garcia, Gabby Martell and Layne Riley from Homedale Middle School perform a dance during the Owyhee Health and Rehab Christmas party on Friday.



Above left: Laryssa Takashige reads *The Night Before Christmas* during story time at the Homedale Public Library last week. **Above right:** Santa Claus greets Justus Brumet during story time.



Above: Nick Schamber places a bid during the silent auction during the Homedale schools band and choir concert at the middle school earlier this month.



Right: Santa Claus gives Homedale Senior Center cook Joan Thomson a spatula during a Christmas party last week.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

January 1, 1987

County to open satellite offices in Grand View, Marsing

Two Owyhee County offices will set up joint satellite operations to provide more localized services for Owyhee County residents, according to Sheriff Tim Nettleton.

Nettleton said Monday his office and the county assessor will begin the expanded service on a part-time basis beginning next week in Marsing and Grand View.

Both drivers’ license and vehicle registration services are to be provided, the sheriff said.

The satellite offices will be at the Marsing City Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning next Monday, January 5, and at the Grand View City Hall on Tuesdays, beginning January 6. Hours at both locations will be from 9am to 4pm, Nettleton said.

“This is the first state-approved satellite operation for drivers’ licenses in the state,” Nettleton said, adding that the county will be renting the necessary equipment from the state for a four-year period.

Driver’s license services available at the satellite offices will include renewals, driver’s training permits and license. The assessor’s office will provide limited vehicle registration work and the issuance of titles.

Jack Rabbits are champs of Hoop Bowl

The “Jump Creek Jack Rabbits” came out on top of a twelve-team basketball tournament in Homedale last Friday and Saturday.

The tournament, the second annual “Holiday Hoop Bowl,” was sponsored by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, with Mike Parker and Don Drum serving as co-chairmen.

The games started at 4pm Friday with the Bull Basin Bull Snakes pitted against the Three Finger Coyotes. The Snakes won the bout. Game two saw the Jack Rabbits beat the Succor Creek Squaw Fish, followed by the Sands Basin Sand Crabs defeating the Owyhee Heights Hedge Hogs.

Then it was the Highway 95 Road Runners outdistancing the State Line Plowboys, the Graveyard Point Grave Diggers burying the Mule Springs Mules, and for the last Friday night game, the Fargo Ferrets dumped the Poison Creek Parasites.

Saturday action on the losers side of Friday’s roster saw the Coyotes eat up the Squaw Fish, the Hedge Hogs over the Plowboys, the Mules over the Parasites; then it was the Mules over the Hogs, and the Coyotes over the Mules.

On the Friday winners’ bracket, Saturday action included the Jack Rabbits over the Bull Snakes, the Sand Crabs over the Road Runners, and the Ferrets on top of the Grave Diggers; then the Rabbits dumped the Crabs, and in the championship game, it was the Jack Rabbits over the Ferrets.

The Hoop Bowl committee named Pam Kubosumi, a member of the Jack Rabbits team, the “most valuable player” of the tournament.

Outlaws rewarded

The Oreana Outlaws 4-H Club had six members and thirteen projects in 1986. Officers of the Outlaws were: President-Anna Rahn, Vice President-Dawn Rae, Secretary-Suzanne Collett, and Reporter-Christopher Collett. Other members included Jamie Rubelt and Patrick Rahn.

The Outlaws year started out with a bang. Our horse judging team consisting of Suzanne, Christopher, Anna and Jamie was first in the Owyhee County Horse Judging, fifth at District, and eighth at State. The individuals at Owyhee County placed as follows: Jamie won first in the Jr. Division, Suzanne won first in the Intermediate Division. District placings were Anna Rahn, fifth Intermediate, and Suzanne, eighth Intermediate. Christopher placed sixth in the Jr. Division at State.

We were pleased that all our members turned out for county demonstrations. This is a real learning experience. Christopher placed first in the Jr. Division. Everyone else did a great job.

50 years ago

January 4, 1962

New Homedale ambulance begins service

A total of 15 local men have volunteered their services as drivers and assistants for the ambulance recently purchased for use in the Homedale area. The group met for the first time December 29 at the city hall to make arrangements for beginning a Red Cross first aid course.

Kenny Downing, who was appointed to secure an instructor for the course, announced this week that Sam Tyson, qualified Red Cross first aid instructor from Parma, will begin teaching the group at 8pm. Monday, January 8 at the fire house.

Four men will be on call for ambulance service at all times, however, only two men will be needed in each instance, one as a driver and the other to give first-aid.

Al Soper has offered his services as maintenance man to keep the vehicle in top shape at all times.

The ambulance has already been used in three emergency runs by Homedale residents Frank Burns, Al Parrish and Mrs. Tressa Rowen, according to Bill Nafsinger.

Charge for the ambulance is a regular valley-wide fee of 50 cents a mile one way or a flat \$10 minimum.

Silver Star OES honors past officers Tuesday

Past matrons and patrons of Silver Star chapter OES were honored at the meeting held Tuesday evening at the IOOF hall. Plans were made to entertain Worthy Grand Patron William C. Skinner at the February 6 meeting and to serve a lunch to the Rebekahs on February 6 when a meeting of District 10 is held in Homedale.

Mrs. Verna Costley was surprised when presented with a commission from Beulah Schaefer, worthy grand matron, to serve as representative to the grand chapter of Nova Scotia. Worthy Matron Delilah Thompson presented her with the badge of honor and a corsage.

Reports from committees were heard. Mrs. Hannah Lynn and husband Everett lost their home and all belongings in a fire on New Year’s Day. Mrs. Margaret Lineberger is the mother of a new son and Mrs. La Von Jackson has a daughter.

Given special honors were past matrons and patrons, Inis Logan, Marjorie Vance, Margaret Buck, Loraine Upton and Lester Buck. Each was presented a gift, and a decorated table was prepared in their honor.

Mrs. Gladys Ross Cox, a member of Esther chapter, Baker, Ore., and former Homedale teacher, was a visitor. Mrs. Iola Potter received the flower fund prize.

Orr confirmed as policeman

Frank Orr, Homedale, was hired as city police patrolman on a permanent basis at the city council meeting held Tuesday night. Mr. Orr has been working as temporary patrolman since the resignation of Patrolman Irvin Patrick in October and has an outstanding record of police work in this county.

Councilmen voted to purchase uniforms for the city police officers. The new uniforms, to be ordered forthwith, will probably be in coordinate shades of brown.

Firemen called New Year’s Eve

Smoke in the ceiling joists and around the fireplace chimney at the Phonse Babbitt home resulted in a New Year’s Eve call for local firemen.

After removing bricks and rocks in the fireplace, firemen were able to control the smoke and danger of fire. Damage was limited to the fireplace and ceiling area.

Homedale locals

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Poke Henson at a recent family get-together were Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Henson, Orr Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Verden Simposn and children, Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Henson, Calipatria, Calif; Ray Sessions, Stevensville, Mont; Frankie Roberts and son Vaughn Downing, Jay Henson and Ralph Schirman, Ephrata, Wash; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schaeffer and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Kenny Downings.

140 years ago

December 30, 1871

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CORRESPONDENCE. The weather has been very soft here for two days. It commenced raining at 3 o’clock p.m., Tuesday, the 19th inst. and kept it up till 9 o’clock the next morning. Dirt-roof houses might do in Webfoot but they don’t appear to suit the South Mountain boys, as it rains at least three days in the cabins after the storm has subsided on the outside. It is not much fun to stand in mud ankle deep in order to dry one’s blankets by the fire. It has commenced snowing, which causes the boys to look pleased.

Work in the mines has almost been suspended on account of the recent bad weather. Ben Cook is still at work on the Bay State, which looks splendidly. Bill Hastings has commenced work on the May Queen, which opens out well, and “shines” like all the others already opened.

We noticed some Silverites out here on a flying visit last Saturday. They came in at 10 o’clock a.m., and left at 4 p.m., Business unknown, though, it is to be hoped they came with no bad intent.

Mr. Nutter has commenced work on the road from here to Camp Three Forks, and Mike Jordan has surveyed and staked out a road from Bullion City to Williams’ Station, distance 5 3/4 miles, and intends putting it through as soon as the frost gets out of the ground in the spring.

Geo. Gates moved into his new residence at No. 5, High Street, to-day.

MASONIC INSTALLATIONS. At 2 o’clock last Wednesday afternoon the following elected and appointed officers of Owyhee Lodge No. 5. A.F. & A.M., for the ensuing Masonic year were privately installed: W.S. Stevens, W.M.; Martin Jones, S.W.; R.H. Weeks, J.W.; Frank Schuster, Treasurer; J. Ruelat, Secretary; P. McCabe, S.D.; R. Frazer, J.D.; J. Gross and W Davis, Stewards; L.P. Mikkleson, Tyler.

At 7 1/2 o’clock the same evening, a public installation of the officers of War Eagle Lodge No. 6, A.F. & A.M., took place. We, together with quite a large number of invited spectators, both ladies and gentlemen, were present. The ceremonies, though conducted in a very quiet manner, were of the most grand and imposing character. Following are the names of the officers installed: B.M. Davis, W.M.; E.A. Thompson, S.W.; A.J. Stucker, J.W.; T.W. Jones, Treasurer; George Vass, Secretary; John Hallenbeck, S.D.; Wm. Colburn, J.D.; L.W. Bonney and J.G. Philip, Stewards; Edward Ayears, Tyler.

SOCIAL HONOR. Every person should cultivate a nice sense of honor. In a hundred different ways this most fitting adjunct to the true lady or gentleman is often tried. For instance, one is a guest where, perhaps, the domestic machinery does not run smoothly. There is sorrow in the house, unsuspected by the outer world. Sometimes it is a dissipated son, whose conduct is a shame and a grief to his parents; sometimes a relative, whose eccentricities and peculiarities are a cloud on the home. Or, worst of all, husband and wife may not be in accord, and there may be often bitter words spoken and harsh recriminations. In any of these cases, the guest is in honor bound to be blind and deaf, as far as people without are concerned. If a gentle word within can do any good, it may well be said; but to go forth and reveal the shadows of an unhappy secret to any one, even you nearest friend, is an act of indelicacy and meanness almost unparalleled. Once in the sacred precincts of any house, admitted into its privacy, sharing its life, all that you can see and hear is a sacred trust. It is really as contemptible to gossip of such things as it would be to steal the silver or borrow the books and forget to return them.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Snow two feet deep here on the level and still snowing. Jordan and Snake River valleys covered with snow some places a foot deep.

Quartz hauling is brisk.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Keep the faith, a survival kit

President Carter’s reign was called the time of malaise, defined as a feeling of discomfort. Present times might be described as a time of anxiety. Still hopeful, but with very little trust in the people we put in office.

The recession has hit everybody, and each of us has to find a way to get through it. We cannot let the niggling dread of what our well-meaning but inept government has wrought bring us down. I’m guessing that there is a segment of our population that doesn’t worry about our economic condition much. They are on both ends of the spectrum: those who live on a private or government pension, or welfare, who pay little or no taxes, and have no doubt the next check is coming ... AND

Those who have money in the bank from inheritance or private investment, pay two-thirds of all the country’s income tax, and are confident they can ride it out.

Then there are others. Most of us, I think. Those who have taken two jobs, moved into a smaller house, laid off employees with regret, are lending support to our friends and relatives, pay the rest of the income taxes, and keep listening to CNN to see when the next shoe will fall.

To you who have never quit trying, I offer a short list. It has helped me keep pointed in the right direction. I have never been a man who made goals. That sounds funny from a fellow who can tell you where he will be entertaining next Feb. 24, or May 5. I pretty much live from today to my next performance road trip. In the meantime, I have cows to check, calls to return, things to fix, church, friends to visit, family, and routine responsibilities.

In my travels over the years, I get to see my friends. They often say, “We should get together more often.” But, to me, I DO get to see and visit most of them every year or two. That’s a lot considering the distance between our homes. I can’t imagine ever “retiring,” as if this is a real job! During this recession, many of us are being forced to face reality, the possibility of life-changing upheavals, and a cloudy future. Personally, all my responsibilities seem to be swirling and spinning in my mind like puzzles on Wheel of Fortune™. They keep popping up like brush fires that need tended immediately. You put it out, and another one flares up!

I have given some thought about what is important to me to be able to survive the turmoil that roils around us. What I can personally do that will make a difference ... while our leaders fiddle while Washington D.C. burns:

- KEEP THE FAITH
- DO GOOD WORKS
- KEEP YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL
- STAY IN TOUCH WITH THOSE YOU CARE ABOUT
- LISTEN ... FIRST
- BE THANKFUL FOR EACH DAY

And if that don’t work, I’ll go back to the drawing board ’cause I’ve got a lot of chalk.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Year of reflection, year of hope



As we close another calendar and open the next, it’s natural to look to the future with optimism.

Here, A to Z, is a look back as well as a peek at some of the trends we can expect and things we hope for in 2012:

A — The 50th anniversary of the Homedale Ambulance, and continued excellent service to the community

B — The bridges of Owyhee County, including new spans over Jordan Creek at Flint Creek Road and over Reynolds Creek and progress on the pedestrian bridge project over the highway in Grand View.

C — The conclusion of the controversy and investigations that have engulfed the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

D — Dogs and an easier year for the Homedale Police Department keeping its animal control budget in check, thanks to a new arrangement with the City of Wilder.

E — That the award-winning academic excellence in Homedale and Marsing schools continues.

F — Looking forward to what will transpire as Paul Fink begins his sixth term as Homedale mayor.

G — Green energy and what John Larsen and the City of Marsing can develop with the methane gas project.

H — More heroes like Homedale Middle School eighth-grader Brittany Garcia

I — The intrigue of an election year, including who else will come forward in a quest to succeed Sheriff Daryl Crandall and what lies in store for incumbent commissioners Joe Merrick and Jerry Hoagland and prosecuting attorney Douglas D. Emery.

J — Justice for Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton in the form of the U.S. Congress finally acting on Sen. Mike Crapo’s request to provide relief for the ranchers’ legal fees after their long and successful fight with the federal government over water rights.

K — Kudos to OCSO’s lower-tier administrators and deputies for continuing day-to-day operation of the office — including meeting with the Board of County Commissioners regularly — while controversy swirls about.

L — Homedale’s original library building, and former mayor Ervin Gifford’s continued effort to move it and create a city museum.

M — We’ll cast an interested eye on the 2012 NFL Draft in April to see where Marsing High School graduate Shea McClellin lands after a standout career at Boise State. His defensive coordinator, Pete Kwiatkowski, thinks he could

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Improving new firms’ access to capital key to job growth



Innovative new companies drive job growth, and initial public offerings (IPO) enable many young companies to access the capital needed to expand and create jobs. However, in the last 10 years, venture-backed initial public offerings on U.S. exchanges fell 75 percent. This decline is troubling as more than 90 percent of company job growth occurs after an IPO. To encourage job growth, barriers impeding emerging businesses from obtaining capital to expand and increase jobs must be removed.

The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, on which I serve, recently held a hearing to assess current securities laws and regulations and proposed changes intended to help emerging businesses grow jobs while protecting investors. Scott Cutler, executive vice-president of NYSE Euronext, detailed the problem with smaller companies decreasingly accessing public equity when he explained that instead of pursuing an IPO, early investors have shifted to selling young companies to larger firms. These mergers and acquisitions do not generally produce the same rapid job growth as an IPO and often result in job losses over the short term as the acquirer eliminates redundant positions.

Proposals are being considered to reverse the IPO decline while balancing increased capital market access with investor protections. The President’s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness interim report includes a recommendation that Congress pass legislation to allow shareholders of public companies with market valuations below \$1 billion to opt out of some of the more costly requirements of Sarbanes-Oxley. Similarly, the IPO Task Force recommended providing an on-ramp that would provide emerging growth companies up to five years to scale up to IPO regulation and disclosure compliance. The task force estimates it costs an average of \$2.5 million to go public and \$1.5 million annually to stay public. The task force found that this flexibility would reduce costs for companies while adhering to investor protection. These recommendations could result in a larger supply of emerging growth

companies going public and increased job creation over the long term.

Following up on the IPO Task Force recommendations, I joined Sens. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Pat Toomey (R-Penn.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) in introducing S. 1933, the Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act, to establish phased-in compliance requirements for emerging growth companies. Like the recommendations, this bipartisan legislation would provide an on-ramp period of up to five years, depending on the size of the company. During this period, emerging growth companies could follow streamlined financial statement requirements and minimize compliance costs and be exempted from certain regulatory requirements imposed by Sarbanes-Oxley and Dodd-Frank. Additionally, I co-sponsored S. 1544, the Small Company Capital Formation Act, introduced by Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Pat Toomey. The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed this bipartisan legislation that would make it easier for private companies to raise capital and grow without costs and delays associated with full-scale securities registration with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The IPO Task Force found that the cumulative effect of a sequence of regulatory actions lies at the heart of the IPO crisis and contradicts more than 75 years of U.S. securities regulation intended to provide investor protection while encouraging broad investor participation through fair and equal access to the public markets. We have the opportunity to work together to reverse the IPO decline and spur more job creation. I look forward to enacting necessary changes to promote investment in American job growth while protecting investors. These much-needed efforts will help put Americans back to work and improve our economy.

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

Commentary

Financial management

MIT study: Spending cash more painful than swiping card

Dear Dave,
I've heard you say that people spend more with plastic than with cash. Exactly what does that mean?
— Edmund



Dear Edmund,
There have been several studies done in recent years that show people spend less money when buying with cash as opposed to swiping a credit card. One study in particular conducted by MIT and published in Carnegie Mellon magazine, indicated through the use of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) that the pain centers of the brain are activated when you spend cash. Of course, it depends on the item in question and individual spending patterns as to exactly how much less is

spent, but the average is between 12 and 18 percent.
Want some more information? When McDonald's first began accepting credit cards they conducted a focus group study in their restaurants on credit card users versus cash users. At that time, the difference was about 42 percent, meaning that a person using cash bought 42 percent less in a fast food setting than someone paying for their meal with a credit card. On other, more expensive items, the percentage generally

drops. But these studies and others have proven that people spend more when using credit cards instead of cold, hard cash.
See what I mean when I say you can't beat the credit shark at his own game? Even if you're one of the few who pays their credit card bills on time every month, you're still throwing your money away!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My dad cosigned on a car loan for me a few years ago before I began working your plan to get control of my money. I missed some payments back then, and it has affected our relationship. I've since paid off the car, but how do I make things right with my dad?
— Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,
I know you're hurting, but a lot of this is up to him. The truth is he's partially to blame for being dumb enough to cosign in the first place. And if this was just a mistake you made when you were a kid, then he should be mature enough to realize that and recognize the progress you're making now with your finances.
If you haven't yet apologized for messing up, I think it's something you should do very soon. Let him know how much you hate that it harmed your relationship, and tell him you're following a program that will help you make sure nothing like that ever happens again.
Then, if he can't accept that and move on, it's all on him. I

know that's not what you wanted to hear, but sometimes time is the only thing that heals those kinds of wounds.
— Dave

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Letters to the editor

Letter writer: Joint district best way to save money

I have been watching the struggles of the schools in our area and the state. The financial crunch that everyone is feeling is a real problem.
The reality is that there has to be some changes to better the school. I don't think the four-day week is going to be the cure for the district.
Every school district is trying to do something to change the way the school is administered to conserve money, from a four-day school week, year-round school and/or cutting staff.
I propose that the school boards in the local area seriously investigate combining their district offices. Marsing, Homedale, Wilder, Parma, Melba, Bruneau/Grand View and Notus, form a joint school district. Each school maintains its own identity, with just the district administration being combined.
The joint school district can follow a diagram that is already working. I am speaking of COSSA (Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency). Every district that is in COSSA works jointly with the others to ensure the best education for the students. A single representative from each school board will sit on the joint school board district.
These seven elected officials can hire a single superintendent that will serve all the schools. With the technology that is available today, there is no reason that the schools cannot be run from one common location.
There could be a business administrator for the joint school district and a secretary at each individual district office.

In reference to the administrators in the schools, with the close proximity of the schools in our small towns, the capability of a single principal and vice-principal to run the administration is also a possibility.
I feel the savings on an annual budget would surpass the savings of only a four-day week.
Keith D. Green
Marsing

Huskies assistant coach thankful for football role

I would like to thank the city of Marsing, the school, the football players, and the parents for the opportunity to coach football at Marsing High. When Jaime Wood called me in to help turn the program around, we knew it was going to take some work. I feel the team has come a long way in a short time.
Now after two seasons, the paid coaching position I formerly held will go to Jim Briggs, who is well-deserving of the job. All the coaches agreed on the change, and with all the work Coach Briggs puts into the program, I am positive that he will help take the team to the next level.
Once again, I would like to thank Coaches Wood, Hill and Briggs for two great seasons as a Marsing football coach.
Dennis L. Shipley
Boise
The coaching change will not be formal until the school board has approved the move. The position must be posted as open before the school board's final decision.
— Ed.

✓ Reflection: Here's hoping for peace, snow

From Page 20
be an early-round draft pick and can play either defensive line or linebacker as a pro.
N — New mayors and new councilpersons mean new beginnings in the county's three cities.
O — Owyhee County continuing to be a great place to raise a family and maintain traditional values of community helping community as shown by 2011 programs such as Angel Walk, Hands Around Homedale and the Homedale Wish Tree, the Hope Tree in Marsing and the community effort that created a sidewalk and great walking experience along Grand View's main drag.
P — A peaceful year not only for the county's citizens, but for the families of servicemen and women who have either returned from Iraq or continue on tours in Afghanistan.
Q — Quagga mussels and continuing to keep them out of CJ Strike Reservoir and the Snake River.
R — The return of the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo after it was scrapped a year ago because of the equine herpes scare.
S — Snow ... Because the cold temperatures are getting old, and it would be nice to see some white stuff in the mountains to go with our suffering.
T — That the topics of this year's county elections are less about personalities and conflict and more about issues and the citizens' best interests.
U — An uneventful year in Marsing as city fathers continue to figure out what's next for law enforcement protection.
V — The people's voice being heard when it comes to any city council or county commission issues that may affect them.
W — An improved water outlook for the county's agricultural producers with more precipitation, and soon.
X — No X-rays and safe and healthy seasons for the county's high school athletes.
Y — A year of progress in county government allowing officials to focus on what is important to the citizens and not procedural and political headaches or walls of silence.
Z — Zero, zilch, as in the number of obstacles standing between county residents and a great and prosperous new year.

Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.
Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer's address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.
Letters can be e-mailed to *jon@owyheeavalanche.com* or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.
The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call 337-4681.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2011
Pay increase authorized for Deputy Sheriff Wasson. Cancellation of taxes for exempt property Approved agreement with Twin Falls Highway District for Road Maintenance. Coordination meeting with Jarbidge District BLM. The complete minutes can be viewed on owyheecounty.net or in the clerk's office.
12/28/11

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
CASE NO. CV2011-02286
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of: DONNA ORLENE CALL, aka DONNA O. CALL, aka DONNA CALL, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development has filed herein a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative, a copy of which is on file with the above entitled Court in the above captioned estate pursuant to the statutes of the State of Idaho applicable thereto.

A hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 30th day of January, 2012 at 11:30 o'clock, a.m., at the courtroom of the above entitled Court in Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2011.
FOUSER LAW OFFICES, P.A., /s/Scott E. Fouser, Attorney for Petitioner, PO Box 606, Caldwell, ID 83606, 208-454-2264 Fax 208-454-0136
12/28/11;1/4,11/12

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,

CITY OF HOMEDALE Quarterly Revenue/Expenditure Report 4th FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2011					
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 1,111,424.00	\$ 1,061,191.00	95.5%	\$1,114,035.00	100.2%
03 Parks	\$ 82,336.00	\$ 79,759.00	96.9%	\$79,363.00	96.4%
04 Library	\$ 66,188.00	\$ 59,529.00	89.9%	\$87,807.00	132.7%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 319,726.00	\$ 301,766.00	94.4%	\$311,000.00	97.3%
30 Airport	\$ 106,510.00	\$ 8,231.00	7.7%	\$51,217.00	48.1%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,686,184.00	\$ 1,510,476.00	89.6%	\$1,643,422.00	97.5%
02 Streets & Hwys	\$ 154,723.00	\$ 151,594.00	98.0%	\$110,269.00	71.3%
60 Irrigation	\$ 125,958.00	\$ 113,695.00	90.3%	\$81,943.00	65.1%
25 Water	\$ 663,081.00	\$ 333,611.00	50.3%	\$351,048.00	52.9%
26 Sewer	\$ 488,220.00	\$ 270,911.00	55.5%	\$306,849.00	62.9%
27 Sanitation	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 93,923.00	95.8%	\$108,188.00	110.4%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 3,216,166.00	\$ 2,474,210.00	76.9%	\$2,601,719.00	80.9%
The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.					
			Signed:	Alice E. Pegram City Clerk/Treasurer	
Publish: Dec 28, 2011					

CITY OF MARSING Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report 4th FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2010/2011					
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$382,248.00	\$188,246.00	63.80%	\$253,447.00	61.00%
Law Enforcement	\$76,385.00	\$76,385.00	100.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
02 Roads & Streets	\$98,594.00	\$51,119.00	51.90%	\$78,683.00	79.80%
03 Parks	\$68,426.00	\$61,056.00	89.20%	\$53,578.00	78.00%
05 Planning & Zoning	\$17,000.00	\$11,517.00	67.80%	\$22,470.00	132.00%
Sub-Total	\$598,653.00	388,323.00	0.33%	\$355,136.00	0.60%
25 Water	\$710,000.00	\$288,454.00	41.30%	\$854,337.00	120.30%
29 Irrigation	\$54,025.00	36,432.00	67.00%	\$34,261.00	63.00%
30 Sanitation	\$98,020.00	\$98,534.00	100.50%	\$86,415.00	88.00%
35 Sewer	\$450,200.00	187,112.00	41.60%	\$272,780.00	60.60%
Sub-Total	\$1,312,245.00	\$610,532.00	47%	\$1,247,793.00	95.00%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$1,910,898.00	998,855.00	53.00%	\$1,582,929.00	83.00%
The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours. Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accounting procedures. Publish: 28-Dec-11 Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer					

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 or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106,

Thank you.
12/21,28/11;1/4,11/12
NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m..
Chris Alzola, Secretary
12/28/11
NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Cowboy Pastime in Bruneau on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m..
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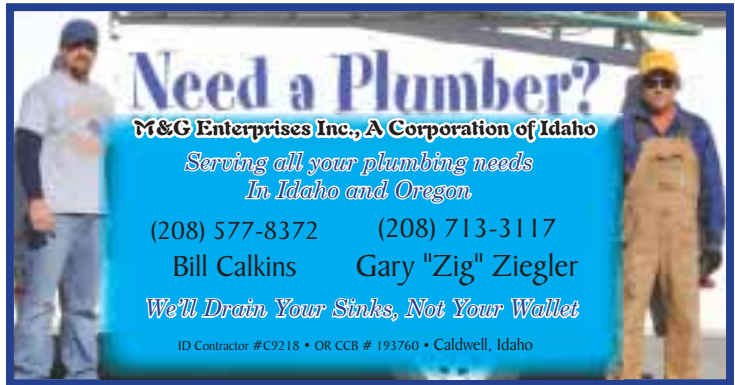
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