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So much for flying south



Warmer temperatures apparently cut birds' trip short

A gaggle of geese walk through a field west of Homedale on River Road. About 50 geese spread throughout the field while it was raining on Friday afternoon.

Bridge replacement nearly done

Reynolds bridge could be open this week; Flint Creek Road later this month

Anxious ranchers could be able to haul cattle over Reynolds Creek this week.

The bridge is one of two in Owyhee County that have been replaced as part of a nearly \$800,000 project aided by a Local Highway Technical Assistance Council grant.

The second bridge, the Flint Creek Road bridge over Jordan Creek, is near completion as well.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said that a delay in curing time for the concrete decking pushed back the opening of the new two-lane Upper Reynolds Creek Road span.

"They had thought that the Reynolds Creek one would be done by Christmas Eve, but that didn't happen," he said.

The two-lane cement and steel bridge replaces a one-lane wooden and steel structure that had been in service since 1965.

A bypass road had been built during construction to allow school bus traffic for Melba School District children in the Reynolds Creek community to travel



The deck of the new two-lane Reynolds Creek bridge is wrapped in plastic to keep the concrete warm enough to cure.

to the Reynolds Creek Stage Road to reach Idaho highway 78 near Murphy.

Hoagland said he chatted with fellow Reynolds Creek resident and rancher Elias Jaca about the bridge prior to last week's Board of County Commissioners meeting.

"I think they've done a super job," Hoagland said of the builders.

"One of the things that Elias seen and I seen is it didn't quite line up with the road. That's the only bugaboo, but it's a two-lane bridge, so that shouldn't

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Payne prepared to lead as Grand View mayor

Councilperson succeeds Spang next week

The new year means a new role for one woman who most recently served as a Grand View councilperson.

Tammy Payne will take the oath of office as the town's new mayor during the city council's first meeting of 2012 next Wednesday. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. inside City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

Currently a Grand View city councilperson, Payne ran unopposed in November to succeed Paul Spang in the mayoral position. Spang declined to run for another term.

"I would like to thank retiring Mayor Paul Spang for his years

Taking the oath

Several office-holders begin new terms next week:

Grand View

Mayor Tammy Payne
Councilpersons Opal Ward and Donald (Bill) Mead

Homedale

Mayor Paul Fink
Councilmen Steve Atkins and Aaron Tines

Marsing

Mayor Keith Green
Councilpersons Stella Bush and Chris Even

of selfless service to Grand View, and for his support of me," Payne

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HPD: Partygoers play it safe

Homedale makes one DUI arrest on New Year’s

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller was extremely pleased partygoers recognized the risks of drinking and driving and chose to “play it safe” New Year’s weekend.

“It was an extremely slow night for driving under the influence,” Eidemiller said.

“People were walking and getting rides. If people realized it wasn’t worth the risk, we succeeded.”

In Homedale, Eidemiller said he had three officers patrolling the streets and also conducting bar checks throughout the night. Eidemiller said HPD made one

driving under the influence arrest.

“I am glad people enjoyed the celebration of the new year and did it safely,” Eidemiller said. “I am very satisfied we only had one DUI.”

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy reported that according to records Monday afternoon, OCSO made one DUI arrest during the weekend.

— JLZ

Boise man caught bringing pot to Idaho streets sentenced

Trafficker gets 3 years in prison after November stop

The first of two Boise men was sentenced for his involvement in trafficking 30 pounds of marijuana to Idaho last month.

Kongmany Nhouivisa, 33, was sentenced to a fixed three-year penitentiary term by Third District Court Judge Thomas J. Ryan on Dec. 23.

Nhouivisa was listed in the Idaho Department of Corrections database as an inmate with a sentence satisfaction date of December 2014.

In documents provided by Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery, Nhouivisa was ordered to pay court costs of \$265.50 along

with reimbursing the county \$350 for his public defender. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.

Idaho State Police trooper Christopher Cottrell arrested Nhouivisa and Thanavanh Rathamone, 33, of Boise after the 2005 GMC commercial truck they were traveling in on U.S. Highway 95 was stopped after crossing the fog line.

The commercial truck with Thana’s Little World Market on the doors also matched a description of a suspected drug load that was being transported from Fresno, Calif., to Boise, court documents said.

Rathamone is set for a preliminary hearing on Jan. 22 and a two-day jury trial starting on Feb. 22 in Murphy.

DUI convictions by the numbers

2011	HPD	OCSO		
		County	Marsing	ISP
Guilty	26	20	1	3
Dismissed cases	5	3	1	1
Fines & fees	\$16,334	\$13,569	\$650	\$2,028
Susp. licenses	25	18	1	3
Jail days	4,550	3,605	180	540
Susp. days	4,263	3,410	180	535
Credited days	93	133	0	3

2010	HPD	OCSO		
		County	Marsing	ISP
Guilty	24	27	1	2
Dismissed cases	2	1	0	0
Fines & fees	\$14,199	\$14,722.50	\$852	\$1,280.50
Susp. licenses	25	27	180	2
Jail days	4,145	4,565	175	360
Susp. days	3,884	3,962	0	328
Credited days	103	160	0	0

2009	HPD	OCSO		
		County	Marsing	ISP
Guilty	19	32	2	2
Dismissed cases	4	1	0	1
Fines & fees	\$11,116	\$17,806.50	\$502	\$1,524
Susp. licenses	21	32	2	3
Jail days	3,975	5,410	360	540
Susp. days	3,872	5,124	343	534
Credited days	22	135	2	2

HPD — In 2011 there was one acquittal and 360 days of discretionary jail time. In 2010 there was one acquittal and 20 days of discretionary jail time

OCSO — In 2010 there were 246 days of discretionary jail time

ISP — In 2010 there were 150 days of discretionary jail time

* The courts make a distinction for citations issued within the city limits of Marsing

2011 conviction information through Dec. 23

All information provided by Owyhee County Courts

DUI convictions drop in Owyhee in 2011

Homedale, ISP record increases

Despite four fewer driving under the influence convictions than a year earlier, revenue from court fines and fees from Owyhee County cases increased in 2011.

In 2011, the Homedale Police Department filed 32 DUI cases and received guilty convictions on 26 of those cases. Five of Homedale’s cases were dismissed by the courts, and one case ended in an acquittal.

From the guilty convictions, the courts imposed \$16,334 in fines and fees, which is up from the \$14,199 garnered in 2010.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office filed 23 cases this past year and had 20 convictions. Three of OCSO’s cases were dismissed by the courts.

From the sheriff’s office guilty convictions, the courts received

\$1,153.50 less than in 2010. For 2011, the courts imposed \$13,569 in fines.

In the city limits of Marsing, the sheriff’s office filed two DUI charges and received one conviction. The other case was dismissed.

The courts imposed \$650 in fines in the Marsing case, which is down from last year’s single conviction and costs of \$850.

The Idaho State Police charged four drivers in Owyhee County with DUI in 2011. Three of those motorists were found guilty, and one case was dismissed.

Of the three guilty convictions, the courts imposed \$2,028 in fines compared to 2010’s \$1,280.50.

Overall, DUI convictions from the three law enforcement agencies resulted in \$32,581 in fines and court costs.

In 2010, DUI convictions resulted in \$31,054 in fines and court costs.



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Homedale coffee klatch covers cornucopia of chatter

No topic is off-limits during morning meets at Matteson's

Long before dawn in the winter months, a group of men go to work on the world's problems at Matteson's in Homedale.

"We talk about things, but I don't know if we've solved anything," Kenne Metzger said.

The group that meets for coffee daily before 7 a.m. includes farmers and other businessmen, and the occasional retiree or mechanic.

"What's nice about this is you can come in at 5 in the morning and sit down and have a cup of coffee," Specialty Inc. Wood Products owner Ed Leavitt said. "There aren't many places where you can do that."

There's a large amount of ribbing to go with the dissection of the day's issues.

"If there's a wound, we'll take a knife and open it up," Leavitt said. "And we'll dump salt and beer in the wound."

The guys try to avoid politics, although talk of the sheriff does creep in and was tabbed as one of the more important issues they tackle.

"We try to stay away from talking shop," Gary Garrett said. "It's usually just B.S."

Thursday, the talk was:

- Marriage ("When you're married 50 years, you start ducking," Fred Demshar told Rick Steinmetz, who pointed out he's been wed only half that time)

- Deer hunting (Several men argued over the size of a buck that has been spotted in the area hills, some claiming its rack is 5x6 and others offering quirky ways to measure the span by comparing it to the size of the animal's ears)

- Wind farms in Oregon and energy efficiency rebates from Idaho Power, the recent closure of Homedale Drive-In and the health

of neighbors

- And how well Matteson's employee NolaRae Cantrell treats the boys by keeping their coffee cups warm and full.

Dave Kushlan also rolled out a discussion about added safety for the bleachers at Homedale High School basketball games. He has designed an auxiliary step for the first portion of the bleachers, which is a higher step than the subsequent stairs. The men discussed how to fasten the step to the bleachers, and the protocol needed to get the school district on board with the idea.

District transportation and maintenance chief Tom Muir drops by from time to time, too, so the men do get an informal audience with the schools on occasion.

Other men attend throughout the week, and those on Thursday's roster said Bill Purdom is considered the group's "president", while Burl Ferguson is the "educator".

"(Ferguson) doesn't say a lot, but when he does, it's usually right on," Leavitt said.

Regulars who missed Thursday's meeting include Ferguson, Orville Felty, Ron Johnson and Kevin Ensley. Purdom and Fonse Salutregui came in a while after the meeting convened with Demshar, Metzger, Garrett and Ron Aguirre making up the early-bird roster.

Some of these men have been holding coffee conferences for years, dating back to round table discussions at Bicandi's restaurant, which occupied the building where Rebecca's Market now stands.

Back then, there were lulls in the talk as the men sipped their coffee or ruminated their next



Above: Rick Steinmetz, left, listens to Rick Robison during an early-morning coffee gathering at Matteson's. Below: Nearly every morning, you'll find a group of local men talking about the issues of the day — or nothing at all. Thursday's crew included, clockwise from left, Gary Garrett, Kenne Metzger, Fred Demshar, Travis Trout, Ron Aguirre and Ed Leavitt.



philosophical pearl.

Thursday, the gaps in conversation came as they checked their smartphones, probably for

emails, text messages or the latest news.

They're always looking for topics.

"No subject is off-limits," Metzger said. "If we don't have anything to talk about, we get a rumor going." — JPB



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Higher tax charge doesn't deter prompt assessment payments

Commissioner reports county's property tax rate ranks 15th in state

Although the tax charge increased 2.5 percent, Owyhee County property owners are paying their assessments at the same rate as a year ago.

The county treasurer's office reported that \$3,043,683.51 had

been collected through Wednesday. That's 59 percent of the 2011 tax charge of \$5,202,195.90.

Treasurer Brenda Richards pointed out that at the same time in 2010, the county also had collected 59 percent of the taxes owed.

Last year, \$2,978,315.76 was collected through Dec. 28, and property owners owed a total of \$5,077,124.54 for the year.

The first half of 2011 property tax payments were due on Dec. 20. The balance of property tax payments must be paid by June 20.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick recently reported research on how Owyhee County's tax rate stacks up against the rest of the state.

In statistics shared with The Owyhee Avalanche, Merrick shows that the county's tax rate is the 15th-lowest among the state's 44 counties.

According to Merrick's data, Owyhee County has an average overall tax rate of 0.986 percent, which weighs in as the fifth-highest among counties with populations between 9,000 and 15,000.

Owyhee County's population according to the 2010 Census is 11,526.

Among counties with populations between 9,000 and 15,000, Washington County has the highest rate at 1.048 percent, while Fremont's 0.847 percent is the lowest.

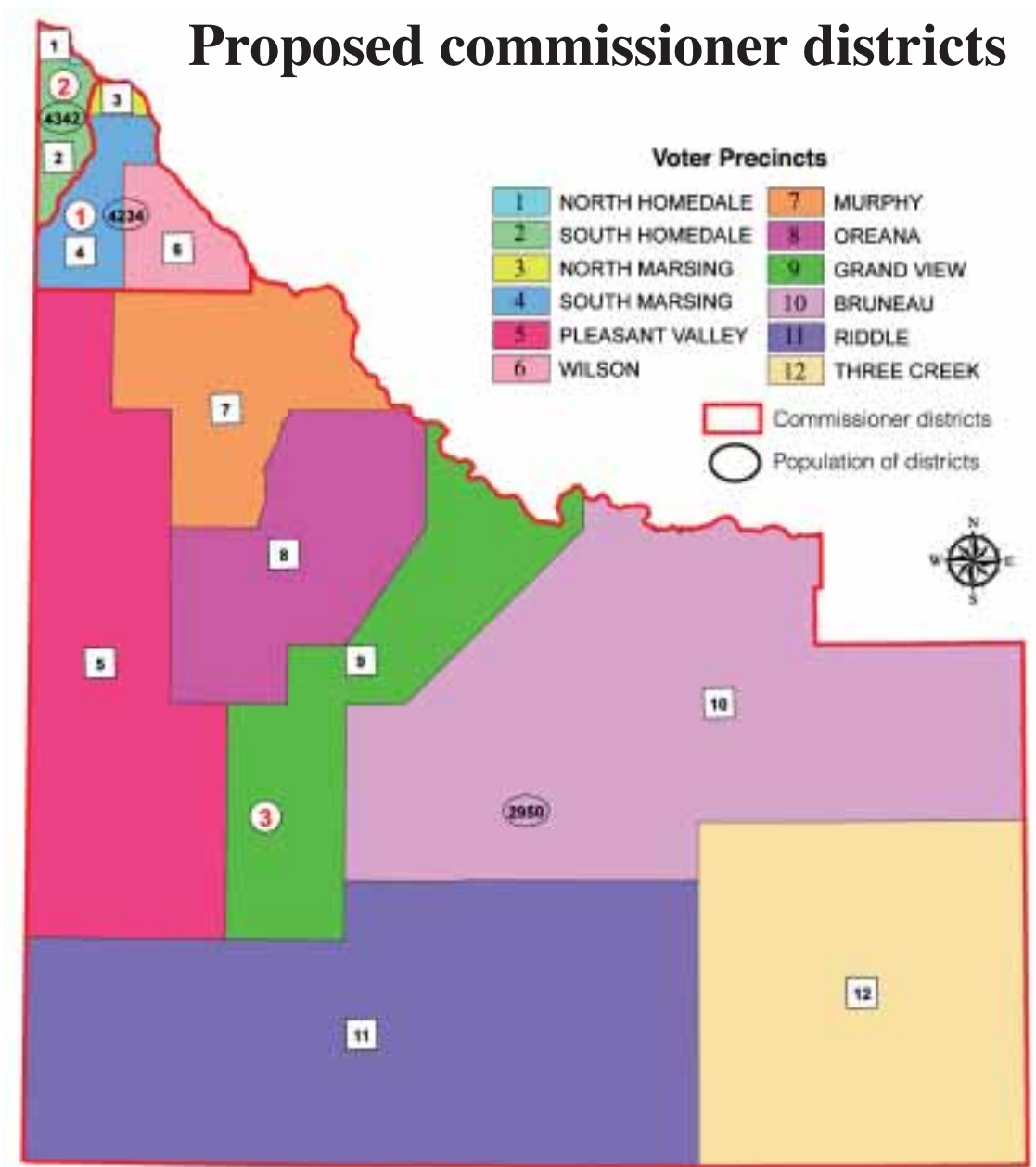
Overall, county property owners pay a rate 30 percent lower than the average property tax rate for the state (1.293 percent).

The lowest tax rate of any of the state's counties is 0.356 percent in Custer County, which has population of 4,240. Meanwhile, Clark County, which has the state's lowest population of 952, carries a tax rate of 1.008 percent.

Canyon County property owners pay the highest rate in Idaho at 2.026 percent. There are 186,615 people in the county.

"The taxpayers in this county ought to feel doggone fortunate they're not in Canyon County," Merrick said when he presented the data at a Board of County Commissioners meeting.

— JPB



BOCC districts to stay same

Realignment doesn't comply with law; voting precincts remain same

As a multi-county redistricting lawsuit heads for a hearing this week, it has become apparent that the boundaries for Owyhee County's voting precincts and commissioner districts will not change from the current makeup.

According to a map for the proposed commissioners districts based on Census 2010 numbers:

- District 1, manned by Jerry Hoagland of Wilson, would have a population of 4,234 and include North Marsing, South Marsing and Wilson.

- District 2, currently represented by Kelly Aberasturi, would include the 4,342 people in the two Homedale voting precincts.

- District 3 incorporates the remainder of the county, including the precincts of Murphy, Pleasant Valley, Oreana, Grand View, Bruneau, Riddle and Three Creek. Joe Merrick is the incumbent commissioner for that area.

Although there are only 2,950 people living in District 3, County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the Board of County Commissioners wants to leave the boundaries the same because of the large geographic area the district encompasses.

State law requires commissioners create three districts as equal in population as possible during its regular January meeting before a general election. That meeting would be Monday.

Sherburn said the voting precinct boundaries have not changed, and that the commissioner boundaries are the same as the districts that were adopted in 2002 after the 2000 census.

The post-2010 Census precinct lines haven't been formally adopted, and the BOCC has until Jan. 15 to make the boundaries final. According to the Secretary of State's 2012 election calendar, this provision can be waived if the legislative redistricting morass isn't cleared up, though.

Merrick and Hoagland both are up for re-election in May. Prospective candidates can start filing nomination papers for the primary elections on Feb. 27.

Also up for election in the county primaries are the offices of prosecuting attorney and sheriff. Douglas D. Emery is the incumbent prosecutor, while Sheriff Daryl Crandall has said he will not seek a second term and plans to retire from law enforcement when his four-year run in Murphy concludes at the end of the year.

While the county commissioner district and voting precinct boundaries seem clear-cut, the legislative district question is anything but.

Owyhee County is among a number of counties and municipalities that have filed a legal challenge to the state's redistricting committee's realignment plan. The second

redistricting committee adopted the new map on Oct. 14.

Twin Falls is leading the fight, and a hearing before the Idaho Supreme Court is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday.

The counties take umbrage with the number of counties that have been divided into two or more legislative districts, and Owyhee County joined the fray because commissioners feel the split gives urban areas an influential advantage over rural parts of the state.

Under the adopted map, Owyhee County will be split into two legislative districts, sharing District 11 with part of Canyon County and District 22 with all of Elmore County and a western portion of Twin Falls.

The BOCC wants to keep the county in one district as it is now with District 23. Currently District 23 includes all of Owyhee and the western part of Twin Falls County. Under the realignment, Owyhee County could lose representation from District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen, and see a primary fight for the same seat from incumbent state Sens. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Tim Corder (R-Mountain Home). District 23A Rep. Jim Patrick would most likely move into District 22.

Owyhee County led a similar lawsuit in 2002, but the Supreme Court refused to change the map after the March filing because alteration would have disrupted the primary elections that were two months away.

— JPB

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Homedale trustees salute Toby Johnson's dedication

District enrollment continues to slide

Longtime teacher and coach Toby Johnson has been recognized for his work in the Homedale School District.

Elementary school principal Yvonne Ihli presented Johnson for the monthly Award of Excellence at the December school board meeting.

Ihli reported that Johnson's role as a third-grade teacher and a wrestling coach (both middle school and high school) help him perform in both jobs.

Ihli said:

"One of his teammates in third

grade wrote ... 'Toby is an excellent example of what we need in our community. He gives freely of his time to help and encourage others, and also bring other caring adults into service for the community and the young people in it.'

"In his role as a teacher and coach, he teaches kids about how to be a good citizen — caring, compassionate, honest, trustworthy, responsible and respectful — by setting the bar as high for them as he does for himself."

Johnson has taught at Homedale Elementary School for 16 years. He is in his 15th year as HHS wrestling coach, too.

After graduating from McLoughlin High School in Milton-Freewater, Ore., Johnson earned his teaching degree in 1994 from Northwest

Nazarene University.

He immersed himself into the Homedale culture when he arrived, including a singular interest in the town's wrestlers.

According to Ihli:

"Another colleague wrote: 'Toby Johnson has been the head wrestling coach at Homedale High School for the past 15 years. Toby bleeds Homedale red.'

"Not only does Toby run a great high school wrestling program, he coaches the middle school wrestling program and



Toby Johnson

coordinates the Homedale youth wrestling program. Toby has truly built a program from the ground floor to the penthouse.'"

November enrollment numbers show decline

Homedale schools superintendent Tim Rosandick reports that middle school and high school enrollment continues to plummet.

The middle school experienced a six percent drop in enrollment in November as compared to the same time in 2010, Rosandick said. There were 367 fifth-through eighth-graders in class, a drop of 24 compared to November 2010.

High school enrollment was down 3.6 percent in November, reflecting 350 students as opposed to 363 in November 2010.

The elementary school gained two students from the same time a year ago and reported a November enrollment of 468.

Overall, the district's student population was down 2.8 percent from 1,220 in November 2010 to 1,185 at the same time in 2011.

Meeting time changed

The first school board meeting of 2012, originally scheduled for Monday, will be held next Wednesday.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. inside the district office boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Rosandick said the meeting was moved because the original date was less than a week after students and staff returned from the Christmas break.

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✓ Mayor: Ward, Mead join city council

said. "He will be missed."

Payne joined the Grand View City Council in November 2010. Previously she served on the Homedale City Council for four years in the 1990s.

"As a transplant to the community, I am continually amazed at the neighborliness, community spirit and initiative of Grand View's residents," she said. "All things that are right about small-town America. I am proud to be a member of the Grand View community."

Implementation of the city's treatment plant to remove arsenic from the drinking water is moving along, allowing Payne and the council to focus on other needs.

"As in any town there are infrastructure issues," Payne said. "We have a bridge on state highway 167 that needs modification to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety, roads that need resurfacing and areas of town where waterlines and inadequate for emer-

gency services purposes, but I would be remiss to prioritize them without waiting for community input."

Payne has every intention to listen to her constituents.

"I feel obligated to listen to and respect my neighbors' opinions regarding city matters," she said. "I plan to ask the council to support and conduct a customer satisfaction and community interest survey to better understand what the community wants from their local government and in their community."

She also plans to recruit help from community leaders to formulate five- and 10-year community development plans.

Payne and her husband, Ted,



Tammy Payne

moved to Grand View permanently in 2009, and she is the distance learning program coordinator and librarian at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School. The couple, who have been married more than 34 years, owned a cabin in Grand View beginning in 2007.

"In less than a year of buying the cabin, Tom and I realized we loved every aspect of being back in Owyhee County and made the decision to make Grand View our new home," she said.

The Paynes lived in Homedale from 1987 to 1999 and then moved to Caldwell because of work demands.

With Payne moving into the mayoral chair, the Grand View council gains two new members — former councilperson Opal Ward for a two-year term and newcomer Donald (Bill) Mead, who starts a four-year term next week.

— JPB

✓ Bridge: Large grant helps county project

be a problem."

The one-lane bridge was built in the spring of 1965, months after the flood of 1964 wiped out a bridge that had been built only a few years earlier after another flood roared through the area.

Hoagland said the Reynolds Creek bridge will be fitted with temporary barriers on the approaches until crews can return in the spring and install permanent guardrails. Concrete Placing Co. of Boise won the \$384,000 contract.

"Everybody's looking forward to it," Hoagland said. "One of my neighbors said, 'Can I start hauling cows out?'"

While the Reynolds Creek bridge should be open this week, the bridge over Jordan Creek probably won't be open until the middle of January. Braun Jensen Inc. of Payette is doing the work there on a \$295,000 contract.

Hoagland said girders for the Jordan Creek bridge had to be remanufactured and that the steel

should be installed beginning this week.

"They'll put a concrete layer on top of the girders depending on the weather, but that could wait until spring," Hoagland said.

He said the bridge should still open to traffic in a couple weeks, with or without the concrete layer.

The construction project has included about \$120,000 in matching funds from the county.

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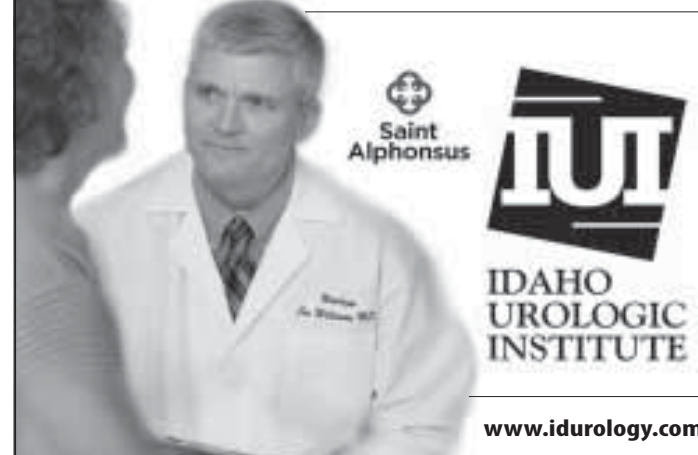


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Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday

Owyhee County P&Z hearing
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095

Vision Church food distribution
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Homedale School board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Thursday, Jan. 12

Rimrock quilting group
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2665

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 459-2860

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

Friday, Jan. 13

Grand View Lions Club meeting
11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main Street, Grand View.

Saturday, Jan. 14

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

Sunday, Jan. 15

Marsing Gun Club shoots
11 a.m., \$3.50 per shoot (members), \$4 per shoot (non-members), \$25 individual membership, \$50 family, off Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 989-7367

Monday, Jan. 16

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

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

Tuesday, Jan. 17

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

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

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

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Homedale library board meets Monday

A new year of Homedale Public Library board of directors meetings begins Monday.

The board of directors meets throughout the year on the Monday immediately preceding the first Homedale City Council meeting of the month.

The first library board meeting of 2012 will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The meetings are open to the public.

The board’s chair is Dawn Whitney (term expires October 2013) and secretary is Janet McCornack (October 2015). Board members include Carolyn Grooms, whose term expires in October of this year; Gypsy Jackson (October 2014); and Karlyne Landrum (October 2016).

All meetings begin at 10 a.m., and others will be held on Feb. 6, March 12, April 9, May 7, June 11, July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Board members and an advisory committee continue to explore creating a taxing district to support the library. Homedale Public Library relies on donations as well as funding from the city’s general fund. All other libraries in the county are funded through taxing districts.

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The Idaho Transportation Department announced projects for nearly 132 miles of highway throughout southwest Idaho.

One project will encompass 15.7 miles of Idaho 78 between its junction with Idaho 51 northeast of Bruneau to Hammett in Elmore County.

Nearly eight miles of Idaho 78 from near Valley Road north to Grand View also is set for work. The work will begin at milepost 52.

More work is planned south of Bruneau on Idaho 51, including nine miles of the highway from Sheep Creek Road to Tindall

Road and another 4.8 miles from Tindall Road to Grasmere.

ITD previously announced that work will commence in the spring to build a bridge on Idaho 78 where Scorpion Creek passes underneath the roadway on its way draining into the Snake River about 6½ miles north of Murphy. The bridge will replace culverts now in use.

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An unscheduled repair triggered a brief power outage Wednesday in parts of Homedale and Wilder.

Idaho Power Co. spokesperson Anne Alenskis said repair crews asked for the emergency shutdown to repair some broke equipment on top of a distribution pole.

“We had a crew in the area patrolling the lines, and they noticed some broke equipment and they called in dispatch and they wanted to make the repair,” she said.

Electricity was lost for about five or six minutes, Alenskis said.

Alenskis said the outage affected more than 1,100 customers, primarily in Homedale, in a coverage area bordered on the north by Ustick Road, on the south by Pioneer Road, on the east by Batt Corner Road and on the west by Johnstone Road.

“It’s good they noticed (the equipment), and from a reliability standpoint, it could have knocked out power at any time,” Alenskis said.



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Health district’s Homedale clinic moving to east side



WIC office to relocate into strip mall in March

Southwest District Health’s Women Infants & Children (WIC) program in Owyhee County will have a new home in March.

An SWDH spokesperson said that the organization’s Homedale office will move east on Idaho Avenue, confirming news shared by District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi during the Dec. 27 Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy.

Laurie Boston said that the county’s WIC office will be relocated into the 1,600-square-foot suite on the west end of 132 E. Idaho Ave. later this year. The suite formerly housed the Homedale Discount Store and is located in the same strip mall near the corner of East Idaho and South 2nd Street East with RehabAuthority, H&R Block and Idaho Pizza Co.

The SWDH currently holds hours three days a week out of 777-square-foot office at 24 W. Idaho Ave.

“The reasoning is it’s newer and there’s more space,” Boston said.

The Homedale office is staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

Office hours also are available at the SWDH’s new headquarters on Miami Lane in Caldwell (on the corner of Idaho highway 55 and Florida Avenue), but Aberasturi supports the convenience of the Homedale location.

“There’s so many people who can’t get away or have no transportation,” Aberasturi said. “It’s just a little bit more local.”

Aberasturi represents Owyhee County on the SWDH board of directors. The district provides services for Owyhee, Canyon, Payette, Washington, Gem and Adams counties.

Southwest District Health will conduct Women, Infants and Children (WIC) medical business out of its location at 24 W. Idaho Ave. in Homedale (above) until March, when the office moves to a more spacious suite at 132 E. Idaho Ave. (below)

Southwest District Health’s WIC program is federally funded and open to families who met income requirements.

“It’s a way for children to get a healthy start,” Boston said.

WIC includes a nutrition education program and also provides milk, cheese, eggs, cereal, whole grain bread, tortillas and vegetables for participants.

It’s open to women who are pregnant or recently gave birth, breastfeeding an infant younger than 12 months or have a child younger than 5 years and can show a nutritional need as well as meet income guidelines.

The district also holds WIC hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post 134 hall in Grand View.

A nurse practitioner visits the Chula Vista residential development in Wilder. Boston said that other SWDH programs besides WIC is available during that visit.

— JPB

EOCWMA calendar showcases artwork from schoolchildren

Winning posters promote noxious weed awareness

The Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area has released a 2012 calendar featuring artwork from schoolchildren.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick dropped off a copy of the calendar at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy prior to the Dec. 19 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The EOCWMA produces the calendar as a tool in the fight to stop the spread of noxious weeds.

The calendar features a winning drawing each month of the year as well as a cover that has smaller honorable mention winners from elementary school students who live throughout the EOCWMA’s coverage area.

Schoolchildren who submitted artwork for the poster contest hail from Bruneau and Grand View as well as Owyhee Combined Schools on the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes Duck Valley Reservation.

The contest’s overall winner was 12-year-old Marco Ovando of Owyhee Combined Schools, whose “Save Owyhee County from Noxious Weeds” poster is the featured artwork for February.

Other monthly winners included:

Mirissa Jones, 10, Grand View Elementary — Hydrilla, January

Todd Marvin, 10, Grand View — Puncturevine, March

Lacye Jo Pearson, 11, Owyhee

— Whiteop, April

Allison Hall, 10, Grand View

— Scotch Thistle, May

Erick Flores, 10, Grand View

— Perennial Pepperwood, June

Mylee Meyers, 11, Grand View

— Canada Thistle, July

Samantha Lindquist, 10, Grand View

— Rush Skeletonweed, August

Brittany Charley, 11, Owyhee

— Russian Knapweed, September

Tracy Kelly, 12, Owyhee

— Saltcedar, October

Lance Dick Jr., 11, Owyhee

— Dalmation Toadflax, November

Laney Jenkins, 8, Grand View

— Field Bindweed, December

Honorable mention artwork dotted the front and back covers of the calendar and was created by:

Bruneau Elementary — Dally Rutan, 9; Javier Elizarraras, 9; Ian Burbank, 10; Mikeal Betty, 9; Riatta Rutan, 9; and Maddie MacMillan, 8

Grand View Elementary — Braxton Carothers, 8; Elizabeth Rodriguez, 11 (two entries); Jeffrey Law, 10; Ray Draper, 11; Kevin Farfan, 10; Martin Gomez, 10; Liza Hurtado, 10; Jacque, 8; Hyrum Owens, 10; Jonath, 11

Owyhee Combined Schools — Marquel Knight, 12; Saroya, 11; Destany Pete, 11; Axel Stewart, 11; and Justin Delaney, 12/13

According to the calendar, the poster contest and printing was sponsored by the Elmore County Farm Bureau, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, Crop Production Services, Idaho Power Co., Wilber-Ellis Chemical Co., Dow Chemical Co., Wolfe Farms and RJ Consulting.

Jordan Valley students have fun before holiday break

Jordan Valley students are back in class now. But on Dec. 20, before leaving for the Christmas break, they had some laughs.

Right: Seventh- through 12th-graders dressed up for Crazy Christmas Dress Day. Stephanie Youren, left, and Christina Rogers picked up movie tickets for their winning get-ups.

Below: Freshman class advisor Kelsi Skinner prepares for a pie in the face from Andi Warn as Braden Fillmore holds the teacher’s chair in place. The freshman class won the right to pie Skinner by collected the most items for the school’s canned food drive.



Submitted photos



Marsing's Jason Galligan delivers a basket through two North Star Charter defenders on Thursday night in the championship game of the Husky Holiday Classic. To view more photos from the Husky Holiday Classic, go to www.owyheeaavalanche.com

Marsing boys claim tourney title

Second consecutive championship at Husky Holiday Classic

With second-half rallies in both games during the Husky Holiday Classic, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team pulled off its second consecutive title against North Star Charter, 52-44.

"It was one of our team goals to defend the classic championship," Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "I am proud of them. We bounced back from a rough first half in both of our games and played strong."


Heading into the intermission of the championship game on Thursday night, the Huskies (5-4, 0-2 2A Western Idaho Conference) were tied up at 27 points apiece with their league rival North Star. Coming off the locker-room visit, Chadez said the confidence level helped pull the team through the second half to claim the win.

In the second half, Marsing drained 14 of 17 free throws and out-scored North Star 25-17. Chadez was impressed with the teams effort and his players' ability to play a tough team.

"North Star was putting up 70 to 80 points in other games," Chadez said. "We did a good job in holding them to 44 points, well below their average. They really played a full game. There wasn't a two-quarter or three-quarter effort. It was by far this season the most complete game."

On the night, Miguel Leon racked up 16 points to lead all scorers. Leon picked up four assists and three steals as well. Dakota Hill notched 11 points,

— See MHS, page 13

Marsing		North Star		
52		44		
(5-4)		(7-2)		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
No. Star	14	13	7	10
Marsing	18	9	14	11

Marsing girls claim JV title over Melba

In both of the Marsing High School girls' junior varsity basketball games during the Husky Holiday Classic, all it took was a nine-point margin to claim the title.

During the title game Thursday the Lady Huskies held 2A Western Idaho Conference rival Melba to only 19 second-half points en route to 40-31 win.

Emily Tank led Marsing with 11 points followed by Destiny Reynolds with 10 points.

Melba was led by Kelsey Stimpson with 13 and Natalie Bangerter with eight.

Wednesday: Marsing 38, Liberty Charter 29 — In the opener for both the Lady Huskies and the Patriots, a strong first-half performance carried Marsing to a 38-29 win.

After the Lady Huskies outscored Liberty Charter 29-15 in the first 16 minutes of play, the 1A Western Idaho Conference team rallied with 14 points to Marsing's nine in the second half.

Leading all scorers was Reynolds with 19 followed by Tank and Ann Quiroz with four.

Jessica Flake led Liberty Charter with nine points.



Marsing's Ashley Hull lines up a shot while being guarded by Nampa Christian's Alissa Weatherford during Thursday's consolation game.

Lady Huskies grab third place in tourney

Marsing falls in opener to tourney champs

With a hard-fought one-point loss in the opening round of the Husky Holiday Classic, the Marsing High School girls' basketball team rebounded in the consolation game to claim third place in its own tournament, beating Nampa Christian, 43-33.

Facing their 2A Western Idaho Conference rival, the Lady Huskies (8-3) fought back from a four-point deficit at halftime to out shoot the Trojans 27-13.

"It was a rough game for us," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "Going back to last year in the semifinals of districts, it was a similar game: very physical. The first half, we started slow, and they are a big team with three legit 5-foot-10 players."

Nampa Christian's physical

— See Marsing, page 13

Sports

Baseball parents seek return of Trojans JV coaching position

Representative: Success of program hinges on developmental team

Parents of Homedale athletes have asked school trustees to consider hiring a junior varsity baseball coach.

A presentation by Homedale resident Shane Brown was just the latest plea to restore athletic programs lost to budget cuts last spring.

“Without a JV program, there is a gap in a player’s career within the Homedale community that will affect the growth of not only the varsity program but also the youth program,” Brown said.

Brown, who is president of Homedale Youth Sports Inc., pointed out that there has been significant growth in the youth baseball ranks during the past four years.

He said that HYS had two teams at all four divisions of youth baseball in 2011, comprising 78 players.

“I explained the growth at the high school level in both participation and skill level,” Brown said. “I explained the work going into the youth program to provide the high school baseball team with a feeder program.”

The school board took no action on the information item during their December meeting.

But Brown is hopeful of some type of action soon.

“My hope is that Homedale High School has a JV team for 2012 season and in the future,” he said.

The school board holds its first meeting of 2012 at 7 p.m. next Wednesday inside the Homedale School District boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Trustees have given golf proponents until its first meeting of the new year to come up with funding for a self-sufficient golf team in the spring. The golf program and boys’ and girls’ soccer teams were axed along with the JV baseball coaching position when trustees set the 2011-12 school year budget last year.

Spring sports practices, which would include golf and baseball, begin Feb. 24.

Brown said that there wasn’t talk of a self-funded position for the JV baseball coach.

“I was told that JV baseball was cut due to numbers, so at this time my only position was based upon participation for reinstatement,” he said.

Brown anticipates strong support for the reinstatement given more than 70 families had chil-

dren ages 8-14 playing baseball last season. He points out that means dozens of grandparents, relatives and friends with an interest to watch children play the sport.

“I would also assume many of the businesses in town would also support this plan as it brings additional people to the town that will spend money,” Brown said.

“I personally would think the whole community would support this program. To be honest, I am not sure why or what the reasoning would be to not have the program if the participation requirement is satisfied.”

In other sports-related school board developments, trustees have renewed the contract for Homedale High School football coach Matt Holtry and have approved a girls’ basketball volunteer coaching position for Johnny Lane.

Holtry will enter his fourth season as Trojans coach this year.

— JPB

Husky Holiday Classic recap

Girls

Championship game: Liberty Charter 41, Glens Ferry 37 — Glens Ferry made a run at Liberty Charter, outscoring the undefeated Patriots 29-18 in the second half, but couldn’t overcome a 15-point deficit from the first half in the title game of the Husky Holiday Classic.

Liberty Charter (11-0) made an early statement, holding the Pilots (7-5) to just eight first-quarter points in the championship game.

Tiana Thompson paced the Patriots with 11 points followed by teammate Emily Rainboth with 10.

The Pilots were led by Jade Gorrell with 12 points and Sara Avellano with nine.

Opening round Wednesday: Glens Ferry 62, Nampa Christian 58 — In the opener of the varsity tournament, guard Karli McHone accounted for half of her team’s points with 31 to give the Pilots a berth in the championship game.

The Pilots were outscored, 36-34, in the second half, but piled on 27 points in the fourth

to hold off Nampa Christian (5-5 at tournament’s end).

Boys

Consolation game Thursday: Liberty Charter 67, Nampa Christian 51 — Despite being tied up at 23 at the intermission, Nampa Christian (1-7) couldn’t hold off Liberty Charter’s 44-point second-half shellacking in the third-place game of the Husky Holiday Classic.

Dominic Hulsey led the Patriots (8-1) with 17 points followed by teammate Jonah Teraberry with 16.

Trevor Lee set the pace for the Trojans with 13 points.

Opening round Wednesday: North Star 80, Nampa Christian 58 — Facing a 2A Western Idaho Conference rival, North Star (7-2 at tournament’s end) routed Nampa Christian to earn a spot in the championship game of the Husky Holiday Classic.

Teo Ledesma and Tony Angelos notched 17 points apiece to lead the Huskies from Eagle.

Lee led the Trojans with 16 points and five assists.

Hosts beat Mustangs in Wilder title game

The Rollie Lincoln Tournament boys’ basketball championship eluded the Jordan Valley High School after a slow start to second half against the tourney host.

Wilder outscored the Mustangs, 11-5, in the third quarter to provide the winning margin in a 48-42 home-court victory Friday.

“The team did d a good job making a run in the fourth, but couldn’t quite get over the hump,” Mustangs coach Mike Workman said.

Antonio Rocha’s scored 14 points for the Wildcats (6-1).

Nate Easterday scored 14 points for the Mustangs (3-5), and Sandy Warn added eight.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 64, Ambrose 38 —Three players hit double figures for the Mustangs in the first round.

Jordan Valley roared to a 21-8 lead. Nate Elsner (15 points), Easterday (13) and Warn (12) led the way.



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Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 12 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 12 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. Fruitland, 10 a.m.

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Sports



Marsing's Deidrie Briggs (No. 13) gets defended by Jeana Siegersma (No. 13) during the consolation game of the Husky Holiday Classic.

✓ Marsing: Plays Nampa Christian on Thursday night

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style played a factor in sending Marsing's Ashley Hull to the charity stripe 22 times. Hull drained all but two of her attempts to lead all scorers with 30 points. Lacey Usabel picked up nine points, going 3-for-7 from the line followed by Deidrie Briggs with three and Andrea Rodriguez with one.

"In the end, our discipline helped," Little said. "We got into the bonus halfway into the third. We attacked and went to the rim and got to the line. That is the most free throws we have shot all season."

Kylie Weatherford, Jeana Siegersma and Cassandra Killion each picked up six points for Nampa Christian (5-5).

"We play Nampa Christian again (this week), and that was the idea going into the tourney," Little said. "It was a good gauge and a free chance to play against them before it counts. Defense was a big emphasis for us and gave us a great opportunity to prepare for them."

Marsing is set to play the Trojans in Nampa on Thursday.

Wednesday: Liberty Charter 37, Marsing 36 — In the Lady Huskies' opening-round game of their tournament, the undefeated Patriots held off a fourth-quarter surge to drop Marsing into the consolation game.

"Glenns Ferry and Liberty Charter are expected to make it to State, and it is good for us to play some different competition," Little said. "Liberty Charter is one of the better teams in the 1A and played a tough game."

Andrea Rodriguez led all

scorers making six of her 10 free-throw attempts as part of her 14 points. Rodriguez finished with eight steals and five rebounds for Marsing. Ashley Hull pitched in with eight points followed by Lacey Usabel with five.

Emily Rainboth paced the Patriots with 13 points. Liberty Charter played Glenns Ferry in the tournament title game Thursday.

— JLZ

✓ MHS: Hands Patriots first loss of season

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followed by MacKay Hall with 10 and Jason Galligan with nine. Galligan pulled in seven rebounds and three blocks.

"It took Dakota a couple of games to get rolling," Chadez said. "In the championship game, he played confident and looked comfortable out there. Early on in the game, he hit some three-pointers and had seven points in a two- or three-minute span."

North Star was led by Anthony

deVera with 10 points and Jacob Hyde with nine.

"I am proud of how we played, and it shows a good direction for us to be heading in," Chadez said. "The next step is moving on and getting better. We play in one of the toughest conferences in the state. It is going to be a big test for us, but I believe that if we play like we did in the tournament we have a good chance."

Wednesday: Marsing 68, Liberty Charter 52 — Handing

the Patriots their first loss of the season, the Huskies earned a ticket into the championship game of the Husky Holiday Classic after trailing by two points to start the second half.

Leon scored 17 points to pace Marsing, and Jason Galligan added 13 points and 11 rebounds for his third double-double of the season.

Dominic Hulseley scored 20 points to lead the Patriots (7-2 at the tournament's end).

— JLZ



The Marsing High School boys' basketball team poses with its second Husky Holiday Classic plaque following their 52-44 win over North Star Charter on Thursday night.

MARSING HUSKIES



Student Athlete Spotlight

Dakota Hill

Senior Basketball

The Play — Picked up 11 points in Marsing's second consecutive championship during the Husky Holiday Classic. The 5-foot-10 wing pulled in four rebounds against North Star in the title game.

Coach's Take — "It helps having someone like Dakota on the floor. I thought he really showed that he has a lot to contribute. In the championship game, he played confident and looked comfortable out there."

— JW Chadez

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Varsity and Junior varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 4 at Payette, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 6 at Mountain View Tournament, Meridian, time TBA
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Mountain View Tournament, Meridian, time TBA

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 4 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Greenleaf Friends Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Jan. 4 at McCall-Donnelly, 6:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Greenleaf Friends Academy, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Jan. 4 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

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25 years ago

January 8, 1987

Empty boat prompts river search

A New Year’s Day incident that could have been a tragedy ended on a good note, after an unmanned boat was reported to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office to be floating down the Snake River just above the Homedale bridge.

Following the report, the sheriff’s office contacted Homedale City Policeman Tom Griffith, who waded out into the river to catch the boat. Griffith said three shotguns were in the boat. A search was organized to run the river, and fears that the boaters had had some sort of accident were apparent.

However, the episode had a better ending, when the hunters were picked up on an island about a mile upstream.

Girffith said the hunters had left the boat, only to return to find it gone.

“It (the water) was cold,” the officer said after he had waded out to catch the boat.

City bond election set for 27th

The Homedale City Council has scheduled a bond election for sewer improvements on Tuesday, January 27, according to a public notice scheduled for publication next week.

The amount the election asks to authorize is \$200,000. Revenues to repay the bond would be from sewer usage fees. Mayor Paul Fink has estimated a monthly increase in fees of approximately \$2.50 per household.

The proposed project includes the addition of aeration of two of the small non-aerated lagoons and utilization of a large lagoon for storage and future aeration and treatment, the conversion of one small lagoon into two slow rate sand filters for additional treatment, the upgrading of dikes and road surfaces, and the renovation and improvement of underground pipelines and other equipment used in the collection and treatment of sewage.

Fink recently told the Homedale Chamber of Commerce the additional funds are needed to bring the system in compliance with federal standards. He said the city has been granted extension upon extension, and that the grace periods have run out.

The requested \$200,000 is only a fourth of the total cost, with federal grants making up the balance, the mayor said.

Fink said the city has no choice in making the improvements. He said the choice is whether to do it now with the 75 percent grant from the government, or to wait until the EPA forces the improvements. If the latter route is taken, the mayor added, there will be no grant funds available, and the residents of Homedale would be stuck with the \$800,000 tab.

Hawes named manager of Hawaiian hotel

Former Owyhee County resident Robert L. Hawes has been named general manager of “The Westin Ilikai,” a hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hawes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hawes of Marsing. Rodney sent the Avalanche a copy of the hotel’s publication, “View,” in which an introduction to the new general manger was featured.

We share that article with our readers:

Robert L. Hawes is new to Hawaii, but he has a Hawaiian “connection” that goes back to his boyhood — and beyond.

The connection is the The Owyhee Nugget (pronounced ow-why-hee), a newspaper in Marsing, Idaho, that has been published for 46 years by Hawes’ father, Rodney. “The paper was founded sometime in the 1800s,” says Hawes, “and was given its name by people from Hawaii who live there. I worked on it as a boy.” Hawes is a long way from Owyhee.

He now works in Hawaii at The Westin Ilikai, as the hotel’s new general manager. He succeeds Gerald Wolsborn, who was appointed general manager for The Westin Hotel in Seattle.

50 years ago

January 11, 1962

Tidwell will serve mission for LDS

Gerald Leslie Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tidwell, of Homedale, is leaving February 5 to serve a 2½ year mission for the LDS church in Uruguay.

A farewell testimonial was held December 31 in his honor. Joseph R. Ison, of Caldwell, headed the program of speakers. Comments were also given by the parents, a brother, William D. Tidwell, of Provo, Utah, and Bishop Howard Bergeson of the Homedale LDS church.

Musical numbers were presented by Carl Tidwell of Nampa and Louise Jeppeson of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jerry Tidwell is a 1959 graduate of Homedale High School and a student at Ricks College in Rexburg. He will complete the first semester before his departure.

Thermometers stolen from beet pile

If the so-and-so who stole nine of 11 thermometers from the Homedale beet pile will identify himself, he can probably have the other two thermometers.

But he’ll also receive a blasting that will raise his temperature several degrees.

Norman Tolmie, local Amalgamated Sugar Company fieldman, said he discovered the thermometers missing Monday when he went to check temperature of the huge beet pile. He said the thermometers cost \$3.50 each.

Monday’s unseasonably warm weather made it necessary to keep informed on the temperature of beets in the pile, but a return to colder weather will prevent beet spoilage. Shipment to the factory will not begin for some time, he said.

Firemen have busy day Wednesday

Homedale firemen had almost more than they could handle Wednesday afternoon when two haystacks, located several miles apart, caught fire within approximately the same hour.

At about 1 p.m. firemen responded to a call from Jump Creek Sheep Company southeast of town where a large stack of baled hay, estimated at 60 to 80 tons, caught fire and threatened nearby stacks of chopped hay.

The Homedale firemen, with the assistance of the Marsing fire department, were fighting to bring the blaze under control when the fire siren sounded a second time.

Leaving the Marsing department to continue their efforts to bring the Jump Creek fire under control, the Homedale department raced to the Don Schaeffer farm northwest of town where approximately 50 tons of baled hay burned.

Cause of the fires was not known at press time and the Jump Creek blaze was still out of control.

Kenneth Downing, who is doing chores for the Schaeffers while they are in California, said he checked the corrals, etc, at the farm during his lunch hour and nothing appeared amiss.

Rebekahs install officers at Monday meeting

Empress Rebekah Lodge of Homedale met Monday, January 8, under the direction of the newly installed officers.

Ethel Kershner, warden, and Violet Edwards, left support to the chaplain, were installed at the meeting.

Noble Grand Mrs. Clara Taylor appointed committees for the year.

Plans for the district convention to be held in Homedale in February were discussed.

Mrs. Helen DeCoursey, past noble grand, was presented with a pin and a gift by Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. DeCoursey also presented gifts to her officers of the past year.

Daughter born to Dale Jackson

A 7 lb., 13 oz. daughter was born January 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jackson, Homedale, at the Caldwell hospital. The infant, named Andrea Lea, joins a brother Johnny and a sister Linda.

O. T. Carson is the maternal grandfather and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jackson are the paternal grandparents.

140 years ago

January 6, 1872

NEW STATES AND TERRITORIES. A Washington correspondent says that we are promised three new States and two new Territories, exclusive of the Territory of St. Domino — a job which is not dead but sleepeth. For the most important of the new States — the State of Utah — no bill has yet been introduced; but it is generally understood that the admission of the Territory into the Union as a State under the terms indicated by Delegate Hooper some time ago will come up early in the session. The other Territories seeking admission are Colorado and New Mexico. In the latter case the title of the bill now before the House declares that the new State is to be called the State of Lincoln, while in the bill itself it is designated as the State of New Mexico. States of late years have been so frequently added to that galaxy of stars of which we hear so much that he must indeed be a sufficiently wise man to know his own father who can tell to a certainty the number of States in the Union. Almost any one who is invested with the birthright of American citizenship can remember when they counted only twenty-seven, and now the number is thirty-seven, with a chance of being increased to forty before the end of the year.

Then there are to be the new Territories of Pembina and Oklahoma, besides nobody knows how many similar schemes before the session shall have dragged its long length along to a close. Mr. Armstrong, the Delegate from Dakota, has bethought himself of the necessity of introducing “a bill to establish the Territory of Pembina and provide a temporary government therefore.” Pembina is, or is to be, a country on the Red River of the North, and from the forty-sixth to the forty-ninth degree of North latitude. The Pembina business seems fair enough, and the new Territorial Government, it is said, is desired by the people of that part of Dakota, while Red River people are equally anxious for it because they think it will give the United States an opportunity to “slop over” into the British Possessions.

The proposed new Territory of Oklahoma will be only a reorganization of the Indian Territory. As the Indian possessions between Kansas and Texas are at present constituted, there is a want of governmental machinery for the assistance and guidance of the native races, and as the tribal relation has been almost obliterated, the ordinary Territorial form of government can be applied with profit to this as well as other Territories. Oklahoma is to have a Governor, to be appointed in the customary way, and to be allowed Delegate in Congress, and the other adjuncts of a Territory. If the bill passes, we may soon see the spectacle of an Indian member taking an active part in the speech-making of the House as in now exhibited by his white and black brethren.

THE INDIANS AND THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT. A New York journal says that it is still an open question in the Indian Territory whether the Fourteenth Amendment applies as well to the red men as to the white, and adds:

The Creek Indians still hold the negroes in bondage, although the amendment alluded to was supposed to abolish slavery in all the States and Territories of the United States. The District Attorney of the Western District of Arkansas is in a quandary, and has written to Washington for instructions. Of course the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, but the difficulty is that in our treaty with the Indians we have recognized them as distinct and separate nations, with the right to manage their domestic affairs in their own way. To get entirely rid of slavery it may become necessary, therefore, to abandon the traditional policy of the Government entreating with Indians.

FROM FLINT. Messrs. Gilmore and Winchester went with a team to Flint District this week and brought back with them between five and six hundred pounds of bullion for Fred Warnkee & Co. Hanson & Co., of Twilight Gulch, are now having 30 tons of ore worked in Black’s mill.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Taking the other side

Like many of you, I receive all kinds of news stories, jokes, blogs, etc. Last week, three items came my way that stimulated a predictable knee-jerk response. “Why,” I asked myself, “can’t I be more generous and examine the opposite side of view?” So I will.

The first item was, “In France, eating animals becomes legal obligation.” The government is decreeing to school, colleges, nursing homes, children’s hospitals and prisons that they must serve meat as their main source of protein. Taking the side of Verona the Vegan, I would say, “Meat is bad for you. Even a sip of chicken broth can upset the system of the strongest vegan’s digestive tract! To walk by a Pizza Hut can give some of us a rash. A true vegan couldn’t even catch a whiff of tuna salad! We’d all be forced to wear Asian flu masks!

“At a table where everyone is ordering brisket and ribs, our vegan minority representative would look around and quietly say, ‘Oh ... I guess I’ll have the coleslaw.’ It is imperative that we not lose the ‘martyred’ image. Think of the sacrifice it takes to live on a diet of protein from soybeans, carbs from brownies, and vitamin B from organic chemicals.

“We suffer on your behalf and proselytize like recovering smokers! France must be stopped!”

Item No. 2 said, “Humane Society of the U.S. still stifling nation’s pet shelters! The Humanewatch.org shows how little the HSUS gives to pet shelters across the country!” In response, as their spokesman I might say, “Of course we don’t donate much to pet shelters! Where would you get such an outrageous idea! Probably those pictures of yearning and abused puppies you see in our commercials. Obviously it’s to attract attention, but our lawyers say it would be hard to prove deceptive advertising. The object, of course, is money. Speaking of which, there is not enough in our budget to support pet shelters. By gosh, it takes more than a third of your donations to run these ads featuring yearning and abused puppies that we make to encourage you to send in more money!

“You just don’t know! A quarter of all you send is squirreled away, invested, you know? You can’t expect us to spend that money on yearning, abused pets ... that’s our pension. Lawyers are expensive! It takes a lot of cash to sue people. Plus CEOs and officers need to make a little. So I hope you can see, we simply don’t have the money to throw around.”

Item No. 3, a notice from Department of Interior about designating additional miles of river and reclassification of “Endangered” to the Loach Minnow.

Response from a member of LLLC (Loach Lovers LC): “I am shocked that anyone could object to increasing protection for a fish, that I admit I have never seen and virtually nobody has ever heard of. But think of the benefits: restriction of recreational use of rivers, prevention of access to the public, limiting grazing, timber and mining, anything that might encourage people to live there.

“As you know, LLLC derives hundreds of thousands of dollars by litigating nuisance lawsuits with the government, which, in turn, supports us by settling out of court. What a deal! Love the Loach? You bet your spotted owl. How stupid do you think we are?!”

THE END. Presented on behalf of the Misunderstood.

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Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington Reassess emergency preparedness in new year

As we start a new year, many people are likely concentrating on their New Year’s resolutions. Often times such resolutions include weight loss, health, savings and career goals. This time of year also provides a good time to sit down as a family and take stock of how prepared we are to recover from emergency situations. Having a plan and resources in place to help get through a crisis from natural disaster, winter storms, house fires, accidents and other situations can help reduce hardship and ensure quick recovery.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, an entity of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), home fires are more prevalent in winter than any other season. Increased uses of cooking and heating fires contribute to this increase. Fire risk rises as more people utilize alternative heating sources to accommodate for interruptions in electrical service from winter storms and high energy costs. The agency reports that winter residential building fires result in an estimated average of 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries and \$1.708 billion in property loss each year.

FEMA provides a number of recommendations of how to plan for risks and reduce potential hazards on its website at <http://www.ready.gov/>. The resources include the following recommendations of items to consider including in a basic emergency supply kit that can be grabbed quickly in urgent situations:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation;
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food;

- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both;
- Flashlight and extra batteries;
- First aid kit;
- Whistle to signal for help;
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place;
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation;
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities;
- Manual can opener for food;
- Local maps;
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger.

Such kits can be modified or expanded to accommodate for the family size and whatever situation might be possible in the area. For example, for those who travel winter roads, similar kits with water, food, shovels and winter clothing, including boots, gloves and hats, can be kept in vehicles in case a winter storm causes unexpected car trouble and road closures.

The more prepared we are to manage the worst the better. Assessing our preparedness, planning and ensuring that we have necessary resources can make a considerable difference in making sure we have what we need to get through whatever may come our way.

— *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.*

Americans for Limited Government Even as legislations is mulled, feds already blocking some Internet sites

by Robert Romano

Since being introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, the so-called “Stop Online Piracy Act” (SOPA) has drawn strong opposition from Internet companies large and small, as well as civil libertarians and grassroots organizations. One of the major criticisms is that the legislation would give the government power to restrict access to websites deemed to be engaged in Internet piracy or other forms of copyright infringement.

But one thing that the American people may not be aware of is that the government, under existing forfeiture laws, is already blocking access to domestic websites in the name of protecting copyright. And in some cases they are being seized prior to any trial or even a hearing taking place.

That’s what happened to www.dajaz1.com, a popular music blog that was seized by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency for over a year, only to be returned just this month without any criminal charges being filed. ICE had to admit there was never any probable cause for the seizure in the first place.

And despite having its website turned off for more than a year, www.dajaz1.com has not received any compensation, even though the Fifth Amendment provides for such payment.

The allegation apparently originated from the Record-

ing Industry Association of America (RIAA) itself, even though it turned out in the end that the allegedly infringing material had, the website says, been pre-released by music artists and record labels themselves.

Now, Congress wants to take this show on the road, and force search engines, social networks, file-sharing sites, and other Internet service providers to block access to sites overseas that it says would otherwise qualify for seizure under existing domestic forfeiture laws. Again, without any trial, a hearing, or even any notice.

In fact, the provisions of SOPA, even with the manager’s amendment, provide even less of an opportunity to challenge the decision than even the numerous domain seizures executed by ICE to date. They pivot off a mere court order without any hearing, and then result in a string of actions being taken, including blocking the website, targeting payment and ad services for the site, and removing the site from search engines.

Service providers are supposed to simply take the word of the Attorney General, and the judge who rubber-stamped the court order, that the material on the site is in fact infringing — even though it has not been proven in a court of law. Nor will it ever be proven in the case of foreign websites, since in most cases they will lack access to U.S. courts. The site overseas is simply supposed to take it in the shorts.

— *See Internet, Page 19*

Commentary

Financial management

Not everyone can appreciate someone with a money plan

Dear Dave,

I've noticed that lots of people get defensive when it comes to talking about money and living on a plan. Why is this?

— Tonya

Dear Tonya,

I think it's because there seem to be two negative emotions connected to people who have failed with money: guilt and cynicism. They feel guilty because they're terrible when it comes to handling money, and they don't want to talk about it.

Cynicism may be more prevalent in people who feel like they've been messed over by some "money expert" out there. Maybe they got caught up in a deal that went bad, or they lost a lot of money following their advisor's advice. The results can



be they end up believing that anyone connected to the financial arena is a bad, incompetent or manipulative person.

If you've made mistakes with money, that just makes you human. Everyone alive has messed up financially, and that includes me. I made mistakes with lots of zeroes on the end, but I managed to turn things around. Now, I'm running my own company based on those mistakes, how to fix them and how to keep people from making the same mistakes I did years ago.

Sometimes people just don't want to be around others who are trying something new or different and winning in the process. Then, there are people in life — I call them losers — who just don't want anyone else to win, because it reminds them that they're not winning. Being stuck around those kinds of people is no fun for anyone!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

When is it OK to have a little fun and get a boat or a motorcycle when you're doing the Baby Steps?

— Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,

I always recommend that folks complete the first three Baby Steps before running out to buy

a bunch of toys. Baby Step 1 is to save up \$1,000 in the bank for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is to pay off all your debts, except the house, using the debt snowball method. Then, on Baby Step 3, we go back and fully fund the emergency fund to contain three to six months of expenses.

After you've gotten this far, it's OK to have a little fun and save up for a toy. But don't forget about Baby Step 4, which is putting 15 percent of your income into pre-tax retirement plans, like mutual funds and Roth IRAs. Don't neglect saving for college, either, if you have kids. That's Baby Step 5.

Baby Steps 6 and 7 are paying off the house early and building wealth and giving. Everyone likes having fun, and there's nothing wrong with a few toys if you

can afford them. Just make sure you don't sacrifice your financial health for the shiny things!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. His new book, *EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Wisdom from the Trenches*, is available at retail outlets now. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. He also has a radio call-in show. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

✓ Internet: Domains are subject to forfeiture and seizure by law

From Page 18

But, as in the case of www.dajaz1.com, what if the Attorney General gets it wrong?

The application of forfeiture laws to the seizure of Internet domain names is a fairly new practice, and was not intended under the original construction of the laws. It may not be the best first step to take.

For example, why not simply require a cease-and-desist takedown notice to the owner of a website from the intellectual property holder himself prior to civil or criminal actions being taken, or property being seized? In the case of social networks or any website that allows users to upload content, the owner of a website may not even be aware that infringing content is being posted.

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) already provides safe harbor provisions for websites that provide easy takedown procedures. But even those are apparently being abused, as in the case of Megaupload, which posted a video on YouTube promoting its site, only to have Universal Media Group order it removed — even though Megaupload

says the video, "The Mega Song," the artwork, and the music contained therein were all original, and the celebrity endorsers all provided signed agreements to have their likenesses used.

Megaupload has now sued in federal district court in the Northern District of California to affirm its rights to the video and to restrain Universal from issuing any more takedown orders. For its part, Megaupload has joined the fight against SOPA.

Said Megaupload CEO David Robb, "After this demonstration of the abuse of power by UMG, we are certain that such an instrument of Internet censorship should not be put into the hands of corporations."

If intellectual property holders are already abusing DMCA takedown procedures and federal forfeiture laws, what will stop them from abusing SOPA? Nobody likes Internet piracy, but censoring activities otherwise protected by the First Amendment in the name of copyright is a travesty.

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

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The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

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Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2011

Approved payment of outstanding bills: Current Expense \$87,414, Road & Bridge \$19,427, Probation \$1,268, Museum \$909, Indigent & Charity \$33,231, Revaluation \$612, Solid Waste \$7,015, Weed \$1,812, 911 \$2,482, Vessel \$1,652.

Approved ARTS for Prosecutor to obtain Sheriff's records. Approved contract for maintenance of Murphy water system. Reappointed Scott Jensen to Planning & Zoning Commission. Appointed Lori Badiola to Planning & Zoning Commission Indigent & Charity: 11-53 incomplete application, 11-56 incomplete application. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.

1/4/12

NOTICE

1988 TL SSTL, VIN 1s9g62427je180772. Livestock trailer and its contents be sold January 15, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Place of sale is 3818 Pioneer Rd, Homedale, ID 83628

1/4,11/12

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.

FOUSERLAW 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, 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

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On February 16, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 am of this day (recognized local time), in the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho 83650, in the County of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier's check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

A parcel of land being the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT A 5/8" iron pin marking the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,

Section 17, T3N, R5W, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, said iron pin being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING and more particularly described as follows: thence

South 89°28'35" East 1,336.39 feet along the Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 17, to a brass cap marking the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 17; thence leaving said Northerly boundary

South 0°58'40" West 1,307.49 feet along the Easterly boundary to a 5/8" iron pin marking the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 17; thence leaving the said Easterly boundary of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter

North 89°48'01" West 1,331.29 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, to a 5/8" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 17; thence leaving said Southerly boundary

North 0°45'07" East 1,314.98 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

By reason of the automatic stay provisions of U.S. Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. 362, the original sale was discontinued, and pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 45-1506(A) this sale is rescheduled and will be conducted as allowed by the expiration or termination of the effect of the stay in the manner provided by that section.

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 that according to the County Assessors office, the address of **2517 Succor Creek Road, Homedale, ID 83628**, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Dennis C. Griffith an unmarried man and Bonnie C. Porter, an unmarried woman, as Grantor(s), to TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, and Henry Ogden, an unmarried man and Michelle Hurst, an unmarried woman, as Beneficiary, recorded October 8, 2010, as Instrument No. 272623, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, the principal sum of FORTYTHOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) with interest thereon at six percent (6%) per annum from April 1, 2008, until paid in full as set forth on the Note secured by said Deed of Trust. That as of February 24, 2011, the Grantor is \$46,963.29 in arrears. Interest continues to accrue at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum. All amounts are now due and payable, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: 12/30/2011
T I T L E O N E CORPORATION, By: Amy Wilcoxson/Trust Officer, 868 E. Riverside Drive, Ste 100 Eagle, Idaho 83616 (208) 424-8511/ Order No.: 11201432 Griffith-Porter/ 201101467 1/4,11,18/12

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 16 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0612-1201, Rules Governing the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP). (Temporary & Proposed) Streamlines and improves processes for determining eligibility by defining excluded income, amending the process for calculating activity hours for part-time or full-time assistance, and by amending when and how changes are to be reported. Comment by January 25, 2012.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE, Idaho State Police

11-0301-1201, Rules Governing Alcohol Testing (eff. 11-1-11)

Department of Health and Welfare

16-0309-1106, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits (eff. 1-1-12)

16-0309-1107, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits (eff. 1-1-12)

Department of Lands

20-0702-1102, Conservation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho (eff. 12/21/11)

NOTICE OF RESCISSION OF TEMPORARY RULE, Department of Lands

20-0702-1101, Conservation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho (eff. 12/21/11)

Department of Health and Welfare

16-0309-1105, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits (eff. 10-1-11) (Proposed rulemaking has been vacated)

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, **January 4, 2012, Volume 12-1**, for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearings and negotiated meeting schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at www.adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/

Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator, Dept. of Administration, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0306 Phone: 208-332-1820; Fax: 332-1896; Email: rulescoordinator@adm.idaho.gov

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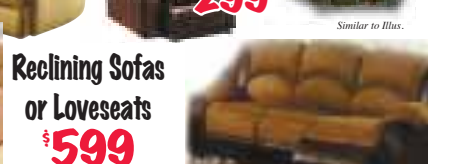
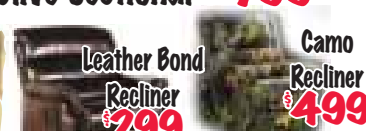
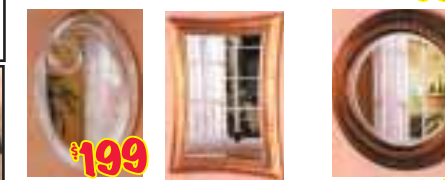
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