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Homedale gets ready for Christmas

Chamber and PTO team up Saturday

During the monthly meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, held Nov. 27 at noon in the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, business leaders worked to formalize plans for the annual holiday parade.

“The parade is the same every year. We keep it the same on purpose, so it runs itself,” Chamber president Gavin Parker said.

The Homedale for the Holidays parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in downtown Homedale.

Parade participants will begin lining up in front of Tolmie’s Ace Hardware on East Owyhee Avenue at 9:30 a.m.

“Please participate in any way you can – throw together a float,” Parker said to Chamber members. Rob Aman and Linda Harder volunteered to judge float entries.

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Homedale public works employee Steve Smith strings lights on the large tree in Bette Uda City Park last week as part of the city’s preparations for the holiday season. Brett Smith stood on the ground and steadied the strands.

Bruneau-GV patrons launch recall of Black

School trustee blamed for key personnel losses

Bruneau-Grand View district patrons want to see Dixie Black removed from the school board — or, at least the more than 30 citizens who inked their names on a recall petition feel that way.

Black has served on the board of trustees for eight years and is currently chairman. John Morrison and Lisa Martinez initiated the recall petition drive. (Morrison’s wife, Laura Morrison, ran against Black in last year’s school board election.)

“The final straw was when they let one of the teachers go that I really thought was doing a really fantastic job,” John Morrison said.

He is referring to Will Goodman, former principal of Rimrock

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Merrick resigns

Departed superintendent Kevin Murphey isn’t the only change in Bruneau-Grand View School District leadership.

On Monday, Zone 4 trustee Joe Merrick confirmed he has resigned from the school board.

The longtime school board member said time constraints led to his decision.

The Grand View farmer will begin his second term on the Board of County Commissioners in January. He currently serves as the BOCC chair.

Next board meeting

The school board next meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School in Bruneau.

Hope Tree begins again



*Marsing’s annual gift drive for children was launched at a holiday bazaar last month. For information, see **Page 2**.*

Friday meeting to examine future of Murphy’s post office

Survey results unveiled during meeting at museum

What to do with the Murphy Post Office is the subject of a Friday public meeting inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Society.

The U.S. Postal Service has targeted two Owyhee County post offices for service modification, including Murphy and Bruneau. No public meeting

for the Bruneau station has been announced yet.

Results from a survey sent to all customers in the Murphy Post Office area will be announced and discussed during the 7 p.m. meeting at the museum, 17085 Basey St. Community input will be solicited and a question-and-answer period will be held.

The USPS has identified nearly 3,700 postal outlets in its plan to save \$1.2 billion and avoid

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Organizer: Presents give Marsing children hope

Among the traditional holiday decorations of stars and bells, some trees in Marsing are adorned with special tags. On each tag is the name of a child and a gift that child would like to get for Christmas.

The trees are called Hope Trees, and people pull tags from the trees and purchase gifts to donate to eager youngsters.

"I feel really compassionate for kids who just don't have as much. Christmas is a perfect time to get excited and have hope," Melissa Loucks, founder and coordinator of the gift drive, said.

Loucks and her husband La-Mon, a JV basketball coach in Marsing, launched the Hope Tree project five years ago. She said about 30 kids got gifts from the program in its inaugural year. Last year, 105 children were treated to presents, and Loucks said she expects approximately the same number this year.

"We don't do fundraisers. We rely on the community, and every year they've provided for these kids," she said.

The first Hope Tree of the season appeared at the Nov. 24 Holiday Gift Bazaar sponsored by the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

"We had quite a few tags taken at the bazaar, but there's a lot more," Susan Watson, owner of Spot Pizza and a member of the Chamber's bazaar committee, said.

Now, Logan's Market, Spot Pizza, US Bank, In the Grind, and Marsing City Hall all have trees with tags on them in order to help meet the need for gifts.

All presents should be unwrapped with the tag tied to them and returned to participating businesses by Dec. 20.

Loucks gets the names of children who might benefit from the Hope Tree from liaisons and counselors at Marsing schools. The children are then given a letter to take home to their parents, telling them they've been selected to participate in the Hope Tree program.

At the end of the process, after all the presents have been gathered, the high school boys basketball team – and recently the girls team as well – meets at the high school to wrap and deliver the gifts on Dec. 22.

"We line them up around the gym and we provide the wrapping paper. They put it all together and then go out and deliver them to the families, and it's a neat way for

them to give back," Loucks said.

A food drive, called Feed Your Neighbor, is also held in conjunction with the gift giveaway.

"The food goes out to the same family that gets presents from the Hope Tree," Loucks said. "We give food out in different boxes according to how many people are in the families. It's all sorted the same day we do present wrapping. They get presents and boxes of food at the same time."

All Marsing schools, Spot Pizza, and Marsing City Hall participate in the food drive, collecting canned goods contributed by Marsing residents.

Loucks said wrapping supplies, including paper and tape, are also appreciated.

Loucks has three daughters who enjoy being a part of Hope Tree. "They help me tremendously. They cut tags and fill out tags."

One of the more rewarding aspects of the program for Loucks is seeing how excited her own children get over helping others.

"They say, 'I hope so-and-so is on the tree.' They go to school with them, and it teaches them to be appreciative and have compassion for other kids," she said.



Tags with Marsing children's wishes for Christmas gifts hang from Hope Trees placed at various locations throughout the town.
—GB

Homedale PTO puts up teacher wish tree again

Christmas has turned into a busy time of year for the Homedale Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization.

PTO members Jamie Kraupp and Keri Garrett visited the school Monday morning to put up the second annual Wish Tree for teachers.

There are numerous tags on the tabletop tree located across the hall from the school office. Each tag lists an item that a teacher seeks for use in his or her classroom.

The class supplies range from dry erase markers to pencil sharpeners to reward prizes for student achievement to books to technical equipment to labor.

Patrons are encouraged to visit the school and pluck a tag off the tree. Supplies must be returned to school secretary Pam Gibbens by Monday, Dec. 17.

For more information, contact the PTO at homedale.elementary.pto@gmail.com.



Homedale Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization members Keri Garrett, left, and Jamie Kraupp place wish tags on the tree in the school's lobby Monday.

Teachers' wish list

A list of items sought by Homedale Elementary School teachers during the second annual PTO Wish Tree drive. Specifics are available by emailing homedale.elementary.pto@gmail.com:

- Pencil sharpeners
- Dry erase markers
- Pencils
- Classroom rewards
- Colored Sharpies
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- Sticky notes
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Homedale volunteer firefighter Brandon Demond sells the first bag of oranges to Kenne Metzger at Matteson’s on Thursday.

Orange sale starts Monday

Homedale’s volunteer firefighters will continue their decades-old holiday tradition of selling oranges Monday.

The orange sale begins at 10 a.m. at the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall on West Colorado Avenue and lasts until supplies are gone. Bags that include six to eight oranges will be sold for \$3 each.

Proceeds benefit the department’s Firemen’s Fund, which includes the burnout fund to help families after they have been affected by fire.

Chairman for this year’s orange sale is Assistant Fire Chief Tom Pegram, with assistance from Capt. Dennis Uria.

Honorary firefighter Kenne Metzger estimates the orange sale has been around for at least 35 years.

For more information about buying oranges, call the fire department at 337-3450 and leave a message.



Construction workers prepare for the final pour of concrete around the fueling station island at the Idaho Transportation Department’s new Murphy maintenance shed on Idaho highway 78. Photo courtesy ITD

Work starts on ITD’s Murphy shop

The Idaho Transportation Department’s plan to place a maintenance shed off Idaho highway 78 in Murphy has begun to take shape.

Boise-based Gafford Construction kicked off work in mid-November, and the official groundbreaking was held on Nov. 21.

Crews poured concrete for footings and a fuel island and also set an above-ground fuel tank and pumps.

Construction actually began on Nov. 12 in 34-degree weather and a light afternoon snow, according to ITD spokesman Reed Hollinshead. A four-man crew dug holes for bollards and trenched the ground for conduit.

The maintenance shop is scheduled for completion in early April.

While work began on the maintenance shed, another contractor is wrapping up a \$933,000 pavement rehabilitation project on Idaho highway 55 outside of Marsing.

With all the pavement work done, Knife River Construction crews have been busy resetting guardrails.

The project included laying down new blacktop for an 8½-mile stretch of Idaho 55 through the Sunnyslope area between the Snake River bridge outside Marsing and Pride Lane near Huston in Canyon County.

Owyhee seeks more efficient accounting for inspections

Assessor: DMV surcharge going up Jan. 1

The Board of County Commissioners addressed some of the unsettled issues between Owyhee and Canyon counties regarding building permit inspections during its weekly meeting Nov. 26. Canyon County inspectors are performing building inspections for Owyhee County.

“We need more transparency in our agreement,” Joe Merrick, chairman of the board, told Dan Hunter, building official for the Canyon County Development Services Dept., and Kevin LoPiccolo, director of the department.

“There’s a difference between the business and political worlds. We know what we’re doing, but Joe Public doesn’t,” District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

At issue was setting clearly es-

tablished fees for the inspections, including flat fees for the cost of inspections already performed, and establishing a monthly billing process that would make transactions between the two counties more structured.

It was decided on a \$50 flat fee for past inspections; other inspections would be performed at the same rate as Canyon County charges, with an 80-20 split between the two counties.

Whether this will require a fee hike for Owyhee County is still something that is being worked out, according to Aberasturi.

“We will do a better job of the accounting, be more accurate, and get it back to you,” Hunter said.

Canyon only provides building inspections and not mechanical inspections, as the time and distance required to perform mechanical inspections in Owyhee County is not cost-effective for Canyon.

“One inspector declined due to the costs,” Hunter said.

“We are sparse and spread out,” Aberasturi said.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery suggested compiling and using a rotating list of mechanical inspectors.

“If someone gets a permit for a new furnace and they can’t get an inspector and can’t get a new furnace, that makes us look pretty bad,” Aberasturi said. “I’m worried about liability if it’s 20 below and they don’t have a furnace.”

An issue discussed in previous commissioner meetings – going with state inspectors for mechanical permits – was revisited.

“I have to look at what’s right for the citizens,” Aberasturi said.

“It’s not worth Canyon County’s time to do mechanicals,” District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

“We’re here to help, not make money, if you want to go with the state ...,” Hunter said.

Later during the course of the commissioners’ meeting, after

voting in favor of Ordinance No. 10-01, which modifies Ordinance No. 10-04 – rescinding certain code restrictions – it was voted on and approved that the state perform all mechanical inspections for Owyhee County.

Other business

In other business, the commissioners approved a pay authorization for a part-time secretary in the prosecuting attorney’s office. The secretary will work as an occasional fill-in for the current full-time secretary at a wage of \$12.05 an hour.

Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott informed the commissioners of a fee increase for vehicle registrations by Access Idaho, which handles online user accounts for billing purposes for various state agencies.

Endicott said that individuals using a debit or credit card, already paying a surcharge of 3 percent of the total, now will pay an additional \$1.

The added fee will not go into effect until Jan. 1, Endicott said.

A new 911 mapping system is being installed in the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, and Sheriff-Elect Perry Grant asked commissioners if eventually a new phone system could be integrated with it.

CenturyLink, the company installing the 911 system, called the current phone system “archaic,” and “very antiquated,” and Grant said it is causing 30-second delays in some instances.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, asking if the new system was necessary throughout the entire courthouse, said, “It’s working well for us. ... We don’t have it in the budget for an entirely new phone system.”

A CenturyLink representative suggested that only four new phones may be necessary.

The request by Grant was tabled indefinitely.

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HHS thespians put on Christmas play

The Homedale High School Drama Club gets into the holiday spirit Friday night with its production of “The Robbed Reindeer.”

The play begins at 5:30 p.m. inside the old HHS gymnasium. Admission is \$3 per person and tickets

are available from club members or at the door.

After the play, which is slated to run for an hour, hot chocolate will be sold and Santa Claus will be available for those parents who bring their children and a camera.



Local high school musicians boxed apples Thursday at Garrett’s Fruit Ranch on Homedale Road in preparation for their holiday fundraiser. Submitted photo

Homedale band selling apples

In addition to Friday’s Paul Schiller concert, the Homedale High School band is selling apples to raise money for its trip to Seattle.

Band members sorted apples into gift boxes on Thursday at Garrett Ranches.

The boxes are available for \$12 each from band members.

The apples were first sold

during Friday’s concert at Homedale Middle School and also will be available during the band’s Christmas concert, which is set for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 inside the middle school gymnasium.

— *Schiller plays for schoolchildren as warmup for Friday’s public concert.*

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Quick exit thrusts city’s new prosecutor into limelight early

Paul J. Fitzer will start prosecuting criminal cases for Homedale sooner than anticipated.

Fitzer, who was hired Nov. 14, will be in court today for a batch of arraignments, pretrial conferences and other assorted hearings on cases ranging from property crimes to animal cruelty to driving under the influence.

A shareholder in the Boise firm Moore Smith Buxton and Turcke, Chtd., Fitzer wasn’t supposed to start until after 30 days’ notice for his predecessor, Homedale attorney Russell Metcalf.

But Metcalf sent case files to the

city immediately after learning he was being replaced.

Fitzer said the quick turnaround only concerns him as far as legal protocol being followed.

“However, I must assume that discovery, victim contact, etc., had already occurred as statutorily required,” Fitzer wrote in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche. “Waiting ’til the week before the case is in court is a no-no.

“That being said, I am no stranger to the courtroom and if the cases pertain mostly to minor misdemeanors and minor traffic infractions, any prosecutor worth

his salt can prepare for such cases rather quickly.”

As for the cases, some pertain to driver’s license and proof of insurance. There are two arraignments each on DUI and cruelty to animal charges. All the arraignments take place in the morning.

Alan A. Hancher is scheduled to be sentenced on DUI and drug charges in the morning, too.

In the afternoon, Fitzer has review hearings, pretrial conferences and evidentiary hearings.

All the cases will be argued before Magistrate Dan C. Grober.

—JPB

Homedale council bites bullet, sticks with III-A

The Homedale City Council unanimously agreed to a higher employee insurance premium during a short special meeting last Wednesday.

The city will make a balloon payment to help keep the Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority (III-A) solvent.

The III-A is a consortium of smaller Idaho municipalities and other governmental entities bound together to achieve lower group rates for medical, dental and vision insurance

But a few catastrophic medical claims pushed the group to the brink of insolvency, triggering

the need for an infusion of capital — as well as an increase to the monthly premium come January.

The Homedale council agreed to both Wednesday night during a 30-minute meeting. The alternative would have been to pull out of III-A and go in search of group insurance on its own.

The first chunk is a one-time payment of \$21,600. The city’s monthly premium will increase more than \$1,400 to \$5,944 when the New Year arrives.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said the money will come out of the benefits lines of each individual department’s budgets.

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✓ Recall: Board chair signs her own recall petition when foes approach

Jr.-Sr. High School, who also served as interim school superintendent until the district hired Kelly Murphey.

Murphey resigned after working only a month in the part-time position. Goodman cut ties with the district on Nov. 13.

School board clerk JayDene Aquiso said the district has an appointed consultant, Sue Beitia, who will “aid in district functions appropriate to the superintendent/high school principal until we can find one.”

Aquiso also is in a new position, taking over for retired school board clerk Cathy Sellman.

Knowing that folks want her recalled is nothing new to Black.

“I can tell you this is the third time they said they were going to recall me,” Black said. “So finally when I heard it again, I said, ‘Why don’t you just get the paperwork

and do it?’”

Black is familiar with the accusation she drove Goodman from his position, but said, “They think I helped get rid of him, but he resigned.”

Martinez contends she spoke personally to Goodman.

“He resigned because of the way he was treated by the school board, mostly because of her,” Martinez said. “He specifically told me that he couldn’t work for a school board that didn’t trust him and that he couldn’t trust. He did resign, but that was the reason for it.”

Black said she is unable to fully defend herself against the allegations she drove Goodman from the district, because she is obligated to keep personnel matters confidential. At the same time, she said, her opponents aren’t under the same restrictions.

“There are so many things on the school board you can’t tell, but they say anything they want. You can’t correct them because it’s all private; it’s about personnel. I believe anyone in this position would value the privacy,” she said.

One of the contentious issues surrounding Goodman is the allegation he did not receive remuneration for his services as interim superintendent.

“For two months in a row, he got his stipend of \$2,000 per month for two months, and that’s not chump change. He also got his principal’s pay,” Black said. “It’s just a mess. The guy resigned; I don’t know what else to tell them. The board did not ask him to resign or force him to resign.”

The Avalanche could not reach Goodman for comment.

The petition itself makes no

mention of Goodman, but reads, in part, that Black should be recalled because of: “excessive loss of established personnel in the district, not representing the district she resides in for the better, school funds are in dire straits, school grounds remain unmaintained, (and) poor quality of education for our students.”

In an odd twist, the petitioners went to Black’s home and place of business, Cowboys Pastime in Bruneau, and sought the signatures of both Black and her husband on the petition.

“I signed my own petition. They came into my business and asked me to sign it, so I did,” Black said. “They came to my home and asked my husband to sign and they started saying bad things about me doing a bad job on the board and he wouldn’t sign it.”

The school district declined to

comment on whether additional recall efforts are expected against other trustees. District officials referred all queries on the issue to the county, and County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said she was only aware of the petition against Black.

The recall petition has been certified, opening the way for a recall election in March for voters exclusively in Zone 2, the zone represented by Black.

Black said she has not yet decided how she will proceed.

This is the third time in eight years that a recall has been launched in the district.

In 2005, trustee Russ Turner was recalled from the Bruneau-Grand View school board; and in 2004, trustee Darrel Agenbroad survived a recall bid when the voters tied 57-57.

—GB

✓ Saturday: Turkey raffle to take place at school’s Santa Brunch event

This year’s theme is “Celebrating the Spirit of Owyhee County.”

The parade is actually sponsored by the City of Homedale under the guidance of the Chamber because of the high cost of liability insurance for single events, according to Parker.

“We’re providing organization for the parade,” he said.

A turkey raffle will be sponsored by the Chamber, as well as a Santa who will give out candy to children.

This year, Santa will be at the elementary school in conjunction with a Santa Brunch planned by the Homedale Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, according to PTO president Jamie Kraupp.

The brunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will cost \$5 per person or \$20 per family, with children 2 and younger eating for free.

Kraupp said there will be a mini-smorgasbord in the cafeteria

at the school, featuring breakfast burritos, potatoes, and other fare.

Santa will be seated onstage in the gym and children may visit with him there.

There will be a raffle for the following items: a custom-made Christmas tree (including set-up and delivery); a Marlin 22-inch, Model 60 rifle; a boy’s bike and a girl’s bike; a Dutch Bros. gift basket; a Ducks Unlimited art print; a Scentsy gift basket; a

Creative Feet Photography photo session and prints; and carpet cleaning by ChemDry for three rooms, with spot cleaning.

Raffle tickets are available for \$1 apiece or six for \$5 and may be purchased at Matteson’s, Idaho Pizza, Pruett Tire, Moxie Java and Farm Bureau.

Winners do not have to be present at the Santa Brunch to win.

There will also be a silent auction of gift baskets made

by the schoolchildren around different themes, including date night, family game night, and chocolate.

Kraupp said there is an “endless list of things that need to be done” with the money raised through the Santa Brunch, including an electronic sign at Homedale Elementary similar to the one at the high school, as well as money for field trips.

—GB

✓ Post office: Possible change in service part of USPS’ plan to cut \$1.2B

insolvency. The strategy will be implemented incrementally and won’t be in full effect until September 2014, according to a fact sheet on the USPS website.

There are four options on the table for the Murphy post office, which is located at the corner of Idaho highway 78 and Hailey Street and handles all of the county government’s official

mailing.

One of the four alternatives presented in the customer survey would contract hours of operation at the post office.

The surveys were supposed to be mailed to affected customers by mid-November. Surveys also were available at the post office’s front counter.

The options are:

- Keep the post office open based on actual workload. For Murphy, that would mean cutting the workday in half from eight hours per day to four hours per day. Saturday hours would not change, and mail delivery would remain unchanged.
- Examine closure of the post office and offer roadside mailbox service. Under this plan, a rural

mail carrier would deliver the mail and also offer retail products such as stamps.

- Consider discontinuing the post office counter service in Murphy and find an alternative location that would be operated by a contractor, which usually would be a local business. According to the Postal Service public notice, contracted locations will offer

stamps and flat-rate products and service hours generally are more convenient than what would be available at the post office.

- Conduct a discontinuance study for the Murphy Post Office and give customers the option of obtaining a P.O. Box at a nearby post office. The closest post offices to Murphy would include Melba, Marsing and Grand View.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

- Dec. 4: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, bread
- Dec. 5: Hot dog/bun, potato, salad, peaches
- Dec. 6: Salisbury steak w/onion & mushrooms, gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, bread
- Dec. 11: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, gravy, bread
- Dec. 12: Meatball sandwich, California blend vegetables, salad
- Dec. 13: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread
- Dec. 18: Christmas dinner. Turkey & Trimmings.
- Dec. 19: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots
- Dec. 20: Baked fish, baked potato, broccoli, bread
- Dec. 25: Closed.
- Dec. 26: Sausage & biscuits, potato, carrots
- Dec. 27: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread

Squirrel causes power outage

Lynette Berriochoa, a spokesperson for Idaho Power, said a squirrel was responsible for a power outage that affected the Homedale and Wilder areas early last week. The power went out at 11:05 a.m. and was restored at 11:46 a.m.

Berriochoa said 1,103 customers were without electricity during the Nov. 27 outage. Idaho Power sent personnel out

to find the cause of the outage. “They have to get out and find the problem. They found it was a squirrel that got in and grounded the wire. It gets into the equipment and shorts out the lines,” Berriochoa said.

As a safety precaution, the line shuts itself off upon recognizing there’s a disturbance, she said.

“The squirrel didn’t really cause any damage,” she said.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

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Obituaries

Ada Marie Demshar

Ada Marie Demshar, 20, of Homedale, passed away on Saturday, December 1, 2012.

Ada Marie Demshar was born on November 12, 1992 to John and Kathy Demshar, joining three older brothers: Joseph, Mark and Dennis. She was our beautiful baby girl.

As she grew older her artistic side grew. She was a talented writer, artist, actress, and a beautiful singer. She had an amazing sense of humor and loved her family and friends very much. Ada shared a love of comics with her brother Joe, a love of art with her brother



Mark, and a love of music with her brother Den.

She shared an amazing friendship with her mom that included travel, shopping, and much more. And with her dad, Ada loved nothing more than to bake chocolate chip cookies and watch movies.

Ada was a beautiful woman inside and out and we will miss her laughter and hugs.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00AM on Friday, December 7, 2012 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, Homedale.

Condolences may be sent to www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

James Alvin Gammett

James Alvin Gammett September 23, 1948 - November 30, 2012.

James passed away peacefully at his home in Homedale, Idaho where he resided with his wife Lynda for over 20 years.



James was born in Nampa, Idaho and raised in various locations throughout Idaho. He graduated from Marsing High School in 1966. He went to college at TVCC in Ontario, Oregon and BSU in Boise, Idaho. He left college as a Junior to take care of his family. James joined the US ARMY at the age of 23 in January of 1972. He received his training at Ft. Ord, California.

He was one of six children born to the late Forest T. and Louise Gammett and was the beloved husband of Lynda Gammett for 35 years.

James will forever be remembered by his devoted

brothers Tom, Terry, and his loving sister Tina Lemmon, beloved children James D (Patricia) Gammett, Chuck (Jessica) Gammett, Christine (Ed) Lindholm, Janet (Mike) Peltzer, Randall Gammett, Julie (Richard) Luna, treasured grandchildren Lita (Amethyst), Melissa (Kylie), Elizabeth, Robert, Diana, Catherine, Jonathon, Gwenevere, Sheri (Victoria), Amanda, Megan, Brittany, Ilene, Logan, Brooke, Zachery (Jaiden), Caleb, Amber, Ezri, Cody, Michael Jr.,

Amber, Ritchie, Emily, along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him.

James loved listening to oldies, hunting with the grandkids, fishing with the kids and grandkids, camping, laughing, being with his family, and having fun with friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Forest and Louise Gammett, and two brothers, Ted and Chuck Gammett.

James touched the lives of many people with his smile and generosity, and maintained his trademark sense of humor all the way to the end. Friends and family are invited to attend his viewing service on Friday, December 7th, 2012, at 4pm - 8pm. at 27 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho.

Donations for expenses can be made at the viewing.

Raffles, calendar sales to benefit MRW Fire District

In addition to raising money through a chili feed Saturday, the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District is holding a couple raffles again this year.

A quilt will be given away, and raffle chances are \$5 each or six for \$5.

The volunteer fire and emergency services organization also is offering a week in a McCall

cabin again during next year’s Winter Carnival.

Tickets for that giveaway are \$5 each or five for \$20.

MRW also has put together a photo calendar with event listings.

Copies of the 2013 calendar are \$15 each.

For more information, call Robbin at (208) 590-9999.

Death notices

MARJORIE “MARGE” ELLIS, 88, a Caldwell resident born in Homedale to McBride Creek homesteaders, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2012. A viewing and services were held Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Interment took place at Canyon Hill cemetery, Caldwell.

NORMA JEAN HARKER, 81, of Homedale, died on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 at a Homedale care center of natural causes. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale, 337-3252

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Calendar

Today

Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Bruneau Valley Library preschool
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

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

Thursday

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Marsing High School football banquet
7 p.m., Marsing schools cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing

Friday

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Murphy post office community meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy

Saturday

Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Homedale for the Holidays parade
10 a.m., downtown Homedale

Holiday bazaar
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale

Homedale Elementary PTO Santa Brunch
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., food, raffle, auction, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washingotn Ave., Homedale. homedale.elementary.pto@gmail.com

Holiday bazaar
6 p.m., Homedale Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. (208) 615-1853

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

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.

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

Tuesday

Eastern Owyhee Library Board meeting
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave.,

Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Homedale Friends of the Library meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

American Legion Post 128 meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

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
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

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

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., includes Grand View Water and Sewer Association board meeting, Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

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

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

Three Creek School Board meeting
7 p.m., Three Creek School multipurpose room, Three Creek

Thursday, Dec. 13

Farmers Appreciation Day luncheon
9 a.m. to noon, Owyhee Conservation District sponsors, pesticide renewal class offered, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or gina.millard@id.nacdn.net

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

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

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

Friday, Dec. 14

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday, Dec. 15


Homedale Senior Center breakfast
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., open to public, \$6 all-you-can-eat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 donation requested, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael Hanley



Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

Truckers

17 December 1999

We loaded out two loads of cattle today. I couldn't help but recall the changes since the first trucks, in my memory, drove up to our chute, or what passed as one.

Chertudi brothers, Gay and Phil, proprietors of Chertudi Truck Line, were the primary livestock transporters in Jordan Valley during the 1950s and into the 1960s. The truck drivers were a colorful lot and savvied how to take their rigs over unimproved roads, not far removed from the trails they replaced.

Pete Larrinanga, a former sheepherder, was famous as the herder of his bob-tail International Chertudi truck. There was a saying at the time, that if you couldn't herd sheep, you could always drive truck. Pete hauled our cattle, and I rode along with him many times. We visited about his youth in the Basque Country and many other things.

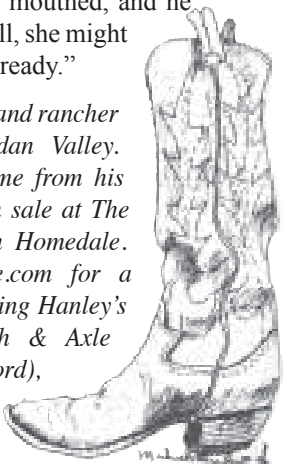
"When-a boy in Spain, I have-a job taking care of rich man's horses. He wore a white glove and rubbed the horses. If they get-a dirt on them, he beat me. Sometime I drive-a the horses and I always wear gloves."

Why did you do that, Pete?

"They have-a hard mouths and hurt-a my hands."

Pete sat down on the seat, shuffled his shoulders, got set, put on his leather gloves, which he always drove with, then with the forefinger of each hand, pushed the leather down snug between all his fingers, turned on the key, started the truck, got a good grip on the steering wheel and we were off. I asked him if he wore gloves because the truck was hard mouthed, and he replied, "You never can-a tell, she might make a run for it and I be-a ready."

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley's Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Stanford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.



Penguin saves Christmas at next Story Time

Preschoolers at this week's Homedale Public Library Story Time will learn how a penguin saves the day for the rest of his friends celebrating the holidays.

"Tacky's Christmas" by Helen Lester will be read at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

Tacky, Goodly, Lovely, Angel, Neatly and Perfect are a group of penguins celebrating the holidays with lots of good cheer when a hunter interrupts the merrymaking.

Tacky's gift, however, saves the day.

Along with the story, there will be crafts, songs and snacks.

For more information, call 337-4228 in the afternoons Monday through Saturday.

The library is open 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Annual OCD appreciation luncheon set for Dec. 13

Producers will have the opportunity to renew pesticide permits next week at the annual Owyhee Conservation District Farmers Appreciation Day luncheon.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Dec. 13.

The OCD will play host to the luncheon and recertification classes at the University of

Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

The three-hour pesticide recertification class carries three renewal points.

The luncheon menu includes a chili feed, sandwich tray, fruit tray, donuts, coffee, cookies and beverages.

Other agenda items include reports on the

Container Recycle Program (CROP) and the Pesticide Disposal Program (PDP), a ground and surface water update and chemigation training.

To reserve a spot or for more information, contact OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or gina.millard@id.nacdn.net.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Dec. 5: Bean dip w/nacho chips, cheese stick, veggie cup, pears
- Dec. 6: Fish nuggets, green beans, fresh fruit
- Dec. 7: Pizza, tossed salad, pineapple
- Dec. 10: Corn dog, corn, peaches
- Dec. 11: Orange chicken, steamed rice, peas, mandarin oranges
- Dec. 12: Chili, baby carrots, applesauce, goldfish crackers
- Dec. 13: Grilled ham/cheese, tomato soup, celery sticks, grapes
- Dec. 14: Pizza hot pocket, tossed salad, tropical fruit
- Dec. 17: Hot dog, tater tots, peaches

Homedale Middle

- Dec. 5: Mini corn dogs or ham/cheese hot pocket, green beans, fruit
- Dec. 6: Crispito or PB&J, taco salad, peaches
- Dec. 7: Pizza or enchilada, tossed salad, tropical fruit
- Dec. 10: Ham/cheese or hot dog, baked beans, mandarin oranges, fruit rollup
- Dec. 11: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, applesauce
- Dec. 12: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit
- Dec. 13: Beef or chicken taco, corn, pears
- Dec. 14: Pizza or chicken patty, tossed salad, pineapple
- Dec. 17: Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedged, peaches

Homedale High

- Dec. 5: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 6: Malibu chicken, grilled chicken or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 7: Burrito or pulled pork sandwich, cheese stick, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 10: Pepperoni pizza or ham/cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 11: Chicken tenders or beef nuggets, scalloped potatoes, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 12: Lasagna or hot pocket, French bread, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 13: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 14: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit choice
- Dec. 17: Stuffed crust pizza or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Dec. 5: PB&J, potato chips or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, salad bar (6-12)
- Dec. 6: Pulled pork sandwich or enchilada, rice, baked sweet potato pie, salad bar (6-12)
- Dec. 10: Hamburger/bun or chicken nuggets, potato wedges, green beans, salad bar (6-12)
- Dec. 11: Malibu chicken or pork taco, steamed carrots, pudding, salad bar (6-12)
- Dec. 12: Hot dog, baked beans or egg roll, rice, Tuscan blend, salad bar (6-12)
- Dec. 13: Chicken fried steak or roasted chicken, mashed potatoes/ gravy, corn, salad bar (6-12)
- Dec. 17: Orange chicken, rice or ham/cheese sandwich, potato chips, Monterey blend, salad bar (6-12)

Bruneau-Grand View

- Dec. 5: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, steamed carrots, fruit
- Dec. 6: Chicken taco, romaine/tomato, rice, corn, fruit
- Dec. 7: Hamburger/bun, baked beans, celery sticks, grapes
- Dec. 11: Chicken wrap, romaine/tomato mix, steamed carrots, tropical fruit
- Dec. 12: Turkey dinner, butternut squash, broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit
- Dec. 13: Chili, coleslaw, cinnamon roll, applesauce
- Dec. 14: Deli sandwich, black beans, potato wedges, fruit

COSSA

- Dec. 5: Chicken, bean/rice burrito w/cheese, corn, banana
- Dec. 6: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad w/tomato, bread stick, fruit medley
- Dec. 7: Chicken sandwich, baked beans, celery & carrot sticks, applesauce
- Dec. 10: Hamburger/bun, baked fries, pears
- Dec. 11: Chicken fried steak, mashed potato, country gravy, bread, peaches
- Dec. 12: Chicken nachos, tomato, cheese, lettuce, refried beans, tropical fruit
- Dec. 13: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cauliflower, oranges & apples

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Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 E Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
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First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 453-9289 Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2012 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am July 14 - Aug. 11 Sept. 22 - Oct. 27 - Nov. 24 - Dec. 22 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

HHS artisans deliver new Nativity scene to city

More than a decade after first set, teachers unleash students again

When the City of Homedale’s Nativity scene went up last week, it may have looked the same, but there was something much different about it.

Two groups of high school students finished a year-long project just in time for the city maintenance crew to have a new set of wooden figures to put up for the season.

Mike Greeley’s Industrial Arts students and Art students in Katy Belanger’s class tackled the job soon after the city took down the scene at the foot of Idaho Avenue last year.

“It really wasn’t presentable to the public anymore, and they were able to come in and do a real professional job to refurbish the set,” public works supervisor Larry Bauer said.

The task was a simple one to pick up for the Homedale High School instructors for a couple reasons.

Both were veterans of the first community project when Homedale replaced a collection donated by Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.

“We originally made the first Nativity scene about 12-plus years ago for the city, and Mrs. B’s class painted them,” Greeley said.

“When Larry came and asked if we could cut and paint new ones

because the old ones were showing some age, we were happy to help the city out.”

Secondly, Belanger and Greeley knew they’d have plenty of students eager to help.

“Painting the Nativity scene was easy because I turned it over to one of my students,” Belanger joked. “Leavell Hicks agreed to manage the job.”

Hicks, a senior who has been Belanger’s art student since day one of her high school years, organized volunteers and put in 10 hours a week painting the figures that Greeley’s shop kids had cut out and honed.

“The kids were happy to do this work not because they were graded or received extra credit,” Belanger said.

“These art students were excited to paint the Nativity scene because they wanted to make a contribution.”

Greeley enlisted help from students in several of his shop classes.

“I try to get my kids civic-minded with projects for the community in which they live, and they usually rise to the occasion,” he said.

It didn’t take long.

“We worked about two weeks getting them cut out and primed, and Mrs. B’s class had them all



A new Nativity scene went up in Homedale last Wednesday, just hours after a group of high school students finished their work.

beautifully painted in just over a week,” Greeley said.

“It was a great group effort to get them ready for the city.”

Bauer said he will donate \$50 to each teacher’s class as a token of appreciation.

The original Nativity scene went home in a sense, too.

Greeley claimed it off the scrap heap, and it will be erected at the Rockville school in time for that community’s annual Christmas pageant.

—JPB

HHS helping out

A list of students who put in the time and talent to provide the City of Homedale with a new Nativity scene:

Mike Greeley’s Industrial Arts	Kayla Carson
Robert Evans	Laurdes Castro
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Stephanie Aguilera	Dylan Sharp
Jordan Brady	Brenda S. Vega
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	Vanessa Zenor

Homedale girl to play in George Fox concert

George Fox University’s annual Christmas concert in Newberg, Ore. is hugely popular, and Homedale’s Rebecca Schroeder will be performing in the event.

Schroeder, the daughter of Toby and Janine Schroeder of Homedale, will sing and play the cello.

“I’ve been playing the cello for 14 years and have been in many, many concerts,” Schroeder said.

The George Fox holiday concert is one of her favorites.

“I really enjoy it, I guess, because it’s just important to

everyone in the community. Everyone comes and they have to do the concert three times because everyone in the community buys tickets,” she said.

The concert will be performed this year at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday in Bauman Auditorium on the university’s campus.

Schroeder, 19, was homeschooled in Homedale and was taught to play cello by Sam Smith at the College of Idaho in Caldwell. This is the second time she has performed in the George Fox holiday concert. Her parents were able to attend last year, she said, but are unable to make it to the event this time around.

Schroeder will be among 120 performers in all. The student musicians will tell the Christmas story through carols, Scripture readings, and narration on complementary staging. The audience will be invited to join in the singing of such traditional works as “Silent Night,” “O Come All Ye Faithful,” and other yuletide pieces.

A sophomore at George Fox, Schroeder is majoring in biology and plans on becoming a park ranger.

—GB

Patti Zatica wins Realtor of Year

Patti Zatica of Homedale has been named the Caldwell Board of Realtors’ Realtor of the Year for 2012.

Zatica, a licensed associate broker, works as an independent contractor at American Dream Real Estate in Caldwell. The firm is owned by Nikki Trautman.

The Caldwell Board of Realtors has 107 members, according to Zatica, and from among those members two were nominated to receive the Realtor of the Year honor.

Zatica was named recipient of the award in November.

The Caldwell Board of Realtors membership covers an area that includes Caldwell, Middleton, Notus, Parma, Wilder, Greenleaf, Homedale and Marsing.

“We also have members who are from offices in Nampa,” Zatica said.

Qualifications for the award include: operating under ethical business principles; working in the real estate industry in a manner that benefits other agents and the general public; participation in civic activities; business and educational accomplishments; and past industry awards and membership in local, state and national professional organizations.

She was honored as Realtor of the Year for American Dream



Patti Zatica, holding the plaque, was named Realtor of the Year by the Caldwell Board of Realtors. With Patti are family members, from left: daughter Tess Zatica McCoy; husband Stan, holding grandson Rogue Zatica McCoy; and son-in law Patrick McCoy. Submitted photo

Real Estate in 2008 and was named a Top Producer for 2012 by the Caldwell Board of Realtors, which required a minimum of \$2 million in sales from Nov. 1, 2011 through Oct. 31, 2012.

“I am always looking for ways to ‘think outside the box,’ ” she said.

Her civic affiliations include membership in the Homedale Chamber of Commerce. “This allows me to stay involved and up-to-date with the business activity in the Homedale community.”

She is also a member of the Txoko Ona Basque Club in Homedale.

After retiring in 2007 from a 23-year career at Homedale High School, she activated the associate broker’s license she had originally obtained in 2006.

She has earned continuing education credits, as well as completed a requisite course to receive her short sales and foreclosure resource certification.

“My business pretty much covers the entire spectrum of real estate (including both commercial and residential sales), with the exception of property management, leasing and rentals,” Zatica said.

She is the wife of Stan Zatica.

—GB

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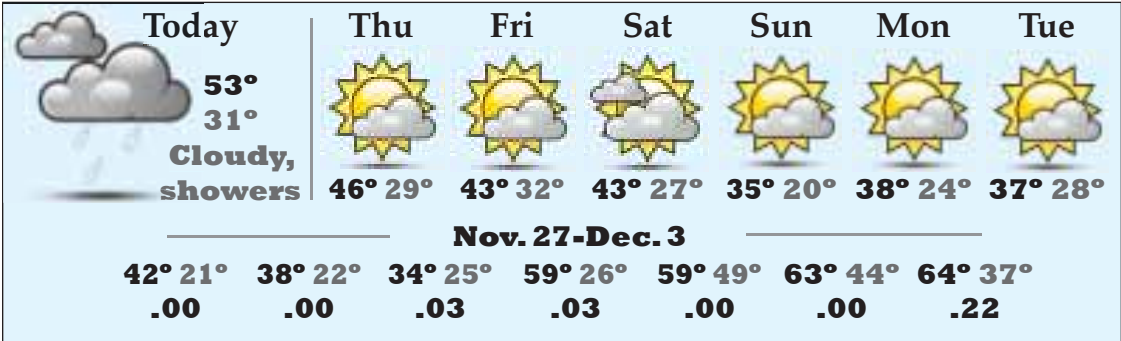
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2. (F) X-lrg slacks/blouse with sweater, perfume
3. (F) Perfume, chocolates, throw pillow, CD player with classical CD
4. (F) Music box, large sweat suit
6. (F) M-sweat pant, Vaseline body lotion, size 10 boot style slipper
7. (F) Lrg slacks/blouse, sweater, perfume
8. (M) X-lrg jogging suit, art set, hymn book (lrg print)
9. (M) Lrg cup with lid (coffee style) automatic card shuffler, plug & play card game
10. (F) 2x-blouses, western movies, perfume
11. (F) Stuffed animal, music box, soft throw pillow
12. (F) Lrg print puzzle book, crocheted scarf & hat, music box
13. (F) Camera, pretty doll, perfume, stuffed animal
14. (M) M-sweat suit, CD player w/oldies country music
15. (F) Stuffed animal soft throw pillow, soft head bands

16. (F) Magnifying glass, lrg print bingo cards, western music CD
17. (M) 2x cargo sweat pants, 2x colored tank tops, throw blanket
18. (F) Musical stuffed animal, soft throw pillow, soothing sounds CD
19. (F) Motion picture, stuffed animal, doll
20. (F) Magnifying glass, Christmas vacation movie, picture frames
21. (F) Chocolate mints, anything butterfly, gospel music CD
22. (F) Lrg print western books, xl-pajamas, TV tray/lap tray
23. (F) Baby animal calendar, finger nail polish, organizing totes
24. (F) Puzzle books, yarn, visor hat, organizer totes, 2x-pajamas
25. (F) Doll, color books/crayons, soft talking stuffed animal
26. (F) Butterfly wind chimes, pretty pictures, perfume
27. (F) Lrg calendar, wind chime, bird feeder, milky way candy
28. (M) Small brimmed hat, chocolates, throw blanket
29. (M) Western books, western movies oldies western CD

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



Bruneau-GV schools have work to do

There are three schools in Bruneau-Grand View School District and according to brief interim superintendent Kelly Murphey, who recently resigned from the position, that's both a blessing and a challenge.

"It's a very rural district spread out over hundreds of miles, and the schools are spread out miles apart," Murphey said days before his resignation.

The district is made up of three educational institutions: Grand View Elementary, Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, and Bruneau Elementary. In the entire district, there are only approximately 330 students, Murphey said.

When the State of Idaho issued the inaugural ratings under a statewide accountability program known as the Five-Star Rating System, two of the schools (Rimrock Jr.-Sr. and Bruneau Elementary) received a two-star rating, while the third (Grand

View Elementary) received a four-star rating.

"In a one- or two-star school, you fall in an achievement area where you have to do some planning," Murphey said.

He said the low ratings should not necessarily be taken as a sign the schools are failing to adequately teach students.

"Not everyone in the state has a level playing field," Murphey said. "A lot of kids are struggling to learn English. You have a difficult situation in some cases. You're doing a good job of teaching, but you're not necessarily aligning (at the same time as other schools) to what is on the ratings test.

"It's certainly something the staff seems very interested in taking on and improving."

Grand View Elementary received a four-star rating because of its high rate of growth. This could put it in line to receive merit money, according to Murphey.

"The intent is that it would flow to the teachers and other staff, such as special education instructors, and counselors," he said.

Under the ratings system, grades K-8 are measured on academic growth; academic proficiency; and participation (schools must demonstrate that 95 percent of students were tested). Secondary and high schools are measured by academic growth; academic proficiency; post-secondary and career readiness metrics; and participation, according to the State Dept. of Education website.

"Rimrock and Bruneau simply have to come up with a strategy on how to improve the rating," Murphey said. "Times are tough here and we need all the help we can get. But we have a good staff, and we're working to get it done."

— GB



From left, Teacher Jessica Sonnen and principal Amber Pearson accept a ceremonial check from CapEd business development specialist Lisa Hamilton. Submitted photo

GV teacher wins grant

The Idaho CapEd Foundation kicked off the new school year by giving out grants to teachers seeking funds to enhance student learning.

Grand View Elementary School teacher Jessica Sonnen was one of the fortunate instructors to receive a check from CapEd, in the amount of \$729. The foundation received a record number of 57 applications from throughout the state for the month of October, according to a news release.

Sonnen is using the money to purchase a listening center — which is currently on order — to help her third-grade students learn to read better.

"For students that are struggling with comprehension, if they can hear what they are reading and read along with it, they can understand better and it helps with their fluency. So when they read aloud, they can understand it and others can understand it," Sonnen said.

A learning center is basically a stereo with cordless headphones, she said.

"You plug it in and the headphones are wireless so the kids can sit anywhere in the room and listen to it and they don't have to be attached to the cord," Sonnen, who is in her fifth year at Grand View Elementary, said.

Sonnen already has a very dated learning center. Originally, it didn't even have headphones, which meant the noise from the recorded material was distracting to all the students in the classroom.

She bought some headphones herself at one point, but they had cords, which the students tended to get tangled up in and which limited their mobility.

Now, she said, both her old learning center and the headphones she bought for it are worn with use. She anticipates getting her new center in the very near future.

She teaches about 20 kids, she said, and about 70 percent of them will be using the hearing center to improve their reading skills.

The CapEd grants are made available through the Capital Educators Credit Union, which over the years has provided thousands of dollars to Idaho teachers. To receive her grant, Sonnen visited the website at www.capedfcu.org and filled out an approximately four-page application.

She answered general questions about where she teaches, and then was asked to detail what she needed funding for and how students would benefit through the use of the grant.

She said she also sent a visual example of how students would be helped by an upgraded learning center, using photographs of her current, poor-quality setup accompanied by pictures she got online of newer learning centers.

She was notified in October by the CapEd program that her request had been approved.

Sonnen is originally from Coeur d'Alene and a graduate of Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston where, she said, "they have an excellent teacher education program."

She is excited about the possibility of helping her students read more proficiently without the disruptive noise or entangled headphone paraphernalia.

"Not having to deal with those cords is going to be huge," she said.

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Marsing city officials have been trying to reach an abatement solution with the owner of this property at the entrance to town for several years.

Marsing City Council holds public hearing on Rodriguez lots

The Marsing City Council went back and forth at a public hearing last Wednesday night with Richard Rodriguez of Boise, who owns a building in the small community that has been a source of contention with City Hall for many years.

Rodriguez, who is a musician and once played in a band, said he bought the building in 1988 with the intention of one day opening a bar for his band to perform in.

The property, located at 3 East Main and 5 East Main, has been deemed a hazard to Marsing residents should it catch fire or should anyone enter the unsecured premises.

“They could fall through a hole in the floor and not be found for a long time,” Marsing city building inspector Steve Pierson said.

Other city officials expressed similar concerns.

“With the gaping holes, we wouldn’t even enter it to fight a fire,” Marsing Fire Chief Brion Showalter said. “There’s a lot of danger to neighboring houses should it start on fire.”

“It’s a poster child for abatement,” Marsing code enforcement official Mike Shimkus said. “The integrity of the wood is compromised; it was built long before building codes and is nothing more than a shell. It’s beyond repair in my opinion. I don’t know if it would hold up to a strong wind.”

Rodriguez told the council he has been repeatedly rebuffed by the city when he sought permits to make structural repairs to the building.

“I get stopped and told I can’t do it. I can’t get a water, electrical or plumbing permit,” he said.

Rodriguez said he would do whatever it takes “physically and financially” to secure the building and comply with city codes.

“I need to know what I can do or can’t do; just tell me and I’ll have a crew out Monday to do it,” he said.

“You need to bring in a plan for a permit,” Mayor Keith Green said.

At issue is the city’s contention that the building is not even safe enough for repairmen to enter, and that a plan created by an accredited, state-certified professional

engineer or architect for possible restoration of the structure needs to be drawn up and presented to the city.

Though city attorney Cherese McLain and council members repeatedly stressed the need for a professional, Rodriguez continued to present counter arguments.

“Do I need an engineer to patch a roof?” he asked.

He also said he had his own professional inspect the building: Andrew Furnee of Furnee Designs in Boise. However, Furnee is not an architect or engineer.

“He’s not registered with the Secretary of State as a business in Idaho,” McLain said.

Rodriguez, trying to appease city officials, asked for 30 days to line up an engineer.

“Then longer to get plans,” he said.

“As a city leader, I need a timeline. I’m not going to wait another 20 years,” Green said.

Council members went into executive session to decide how they wanted to proceed in the matter.

“What they chose to do was go ahead and declare the parcels as a nuisance and write an agreement as to what Mr. Rodriguez could do to stay in compliance and get out of being a nuisance,” Green said later.

Rodriguez was given the opportunity to comply by Feb. 1, according to the mayor, and that entails getting a licensed engineer or licensed architect to go through the buildings and determine what can or cannot be saved or redone.

“After that, then he’d have so much time to put in how he’s going to do the work and submit it to the building inspectors, who will go through and issue permits,” Green said.

Rodriguez, during the course of the public hearing, had this to say about restoring the property: “We’re not going to fix this for the Parade of Homes.”

This is not the first time the City of Marsing has taken action against a derelict property owner. In 2010, the city moved to pursue seizure of a property at 211 2nd Ave. W. in Marsing known as the Brown Palace.

—GB

Homedale girl wins 4-H Great Basin Buckaroo award again

Homedale resident Janae Volk has earned the top buckaroo award for the second year in a row from the 4-H Great Basin Buckaroos.

Volk, who along with her brother Avery also received second-year pins and watches, was presented a pair of engraved silver spurs donated by Great Basin 4-H leaders Bruce and Terry Reuck.

Janae undertook a rawhide braiding project this year. She produced a bosal hackamore by scraping cow hide then creating rawhide strings and braiding

them.

The Great Basin Buckaroos currently are working on the rangeland steward project, which includes identifying grasses and plants, studying ecosystems, the water cycle, herbivores and sustainable rangeland management.

The 4-H club will begin leather craft in January followed by Dutch oven cooking and working ranch horse skills in April.

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HMS hosts music benefit



Above: On Thursday, schoolchildren at Homedale Middle School were treated to a piano performance by Paul Schiller, who works as a piano tuner at Dunkley Music in Boise. The students gathered around Schiller's piano are, from left, Charley Jerome, Riley Morgan, Jaiden Vincent and Emma McMichael. **Below:** On Friday, Schiller joined with saxophonist Lisa Larimore for a community concert with proceeds going to the Homedale High School band program.



Winter royalty selected

Seniors Leavell Hicks, left, and Delmar Travis were named Homedale High School Winter Court queen and king at halftime of Friday's girls' basketball game between Marsing and Homedale. Hicks is the daughter of Tia McCarty and Barry Van Dyke. Travis is the son of Stacy Travis. Other queen candidates included Nadine Wright, Shelbie Criffield-VanWassenhove and Nicole Keller. Also in the running for king were Adam Taylor, Andy Greeley and Brad McCain.

Coffee's on



Next phase of business opens

Owner Sequoia Trautman, a 2007 Jordan Valley High School graduate, whips up some hot chocolate during Saturday's grand opening of Coy's Coffee on Main Street in Marsing. Trautman has sold plants from the location — the old Exxon gas station between Logan's Market and the Whitehouse Drive-in, for four years. She finally put her plan in motion to run a coffee shop, too. She plans to offer coffee, cocoa, smoothies, ice cream and baked goods. The coffee shop will be open at 6 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Trautman said closing would be 3 p.m. "or sometimes later."



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Santa Brunch prize highlighted

Homedale Elementary School students, from left, fourth-grader Kevin Villasenor, 10, third-grader Quade Shippy, 8, second-grader Joanna Ramirez, 7, and first-grader Lexi Heck, 7, pose with the bicycles that will be raffled during Saturday's Santa Brunch at the school.

OCHS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Making the rounds

Santa made the trip to Murphy on Saturday to check up on a few of the children he'll visit in a few short weeks.



Try before you buy

Melba resident Budd Landon tastes one of the flavors at The Daisy Patch Gourmet Jams and Jellies booth Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Society's Christmas Bazaar in Murphy. Budd and his wife Sandra bought a jar of the good stuff from vendor Colleen Means, right.



Stirring up another batch

Above: The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson volunteer firefighters came prepared with backup supplies for Saturday's benefit chili feed held in conjunction with the Owyhee County Historical Society's Christmas Bazaar. Louis Monson pours some of the reserves into a pot for cooking as supplies ran low on Jack Young's famous — and hot — chili.

Popular Charlie Brown trees sell fast

Left: Owyhee County Historical Society member Jim Hyslop trims lower branches off a Charlie Brown Christmas tree that was donated to The Owyhee Avalanche's gift drive for the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents. Hyslop said 60 trees were sold in the first two hours of Saturday's opening day of the OCHS Christmas Bazaar in Murphy. "I might have to go back up there and cut some more," Hyslop said after bringing about 139 down from the area around Silver City for the annual sale.

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Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

Stingy Mustangs off to a 2-0 start

Defense has set the tone in the first two games of the Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball season.

The Mustangs collected a pair of non-conference victories against out-of-state opponents, holding each to four points in a quarter at some point in the contests.

Jordan Valley (2-0 overall) plays host to 1A Western Idaho Conference member Rimrock at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 33, Notus 30 — The Mustangs compensated for a sluggish offense with stingy defense, holding the visiting Pirates of the 1A WIC to single-digit scoring in each quarter until the fourth.

"This was a combination of very good defense and poor execution of offense," Mustangs coach Mike Workman said. "Our timing is off offensively. We need to get in a better flow."

Nate Elsner, one of six seniors on the roster this season, scored all nine of his points from the floor to lead Jordan Valley. Tyrel Lucas

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MHS football plans banquet

The Marsing High School football team will hold its postseason awards banquet Thursday.

The celebration of the team's appearance in the 2A state semifinals will take place at 7 p.m. inside the Marsing schools cafeteria.

Coach Jaime Wood's team won the school's first conference championship in football in 15 years and went farther in the state playoffs than any team since Wood played on a state finalist squad in 1990.

The Huskies were 10-2, winning the 2A Western Idaho Conference championship and piecing together a seven-game winning streak and victories in the first two rounds of the state playoffs. Eventual state runner-up Declo ended Marsing's season with a 36-0 victory on Nov. 10 inside Holt Arena in Pocatello.

The cafeteria is located at the school district complex on 8th Avenue West just south of the elementary school.



Sophomore Elise Shenk (32) looks to pass over Marsing's Kathlynn Welch as Homedale teammate Morgan Nash cuts downcourt Friday.

HHS hoops team handles Huskies

Trojans control all aspects in rivalry game

Speed and balance was the winning formula Friday night for Homedale High School against its intra-county rival.

Four players hit double figures, and the Trojans were able to get out and run in a 60-38 non-conference girls' basketball victory over Marsing.

Homedale opened up its fast-paced offense in the third quarter, mounting a 17-7 run to take control of the contest.

Elise Shenk led the way with 14 points, including a pair of three-

point goals.

"I think fatigue was part of it, which causes us mentally to kind of space out and not concentrate," Huskies coach Tim Little said. "It's common, and that's one of the areas we need to improve on."

"When we get tired, we have to raise our concentration level, and when we get down, we can't try to get it all back at once."

The Trojans (5-3 overall) controlled the game with crisp shooting and strong rebounding. Homedale connected on 10 more field goals than the visitors, and Stephanie Villarreal and Tory Lane collected five rebounds each to lead the Trojans' attack on the glass.

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New kid on campus helps Trojans start right

Homedale boys win from foul line in OT

Ricky McBride probably won't have much trouble fitting in at his new school if he keeps playing basketball like he did Thursday.

The 6-foot-1 transfer from Vallivue scored six of his 15 points in the extra period as Homedale High School opened the boys' basketball season with a sloppy but effective 67-63 victory on the road in Vale, Ore.

Four of the senior's points in OT came from the free-throw line as Homedale tallied nine of its 15 points from the charity stripe. He was one of four Trojans to reach double figures in Casey Grove's varsity coaching debut. He also collected eight rebounds.

Grove's first game was a roller coaster with Vale erasing a four-point deficit in the fourth quarter to force the extra period.

"We played pretty bad," Grove said. "Our help-side defense was terrible and we didn't rebound very well at all; however, the kids showed some fight and never quit."

Senior guard Hayden Krzesnik led the way with 17 points, while Adam Abrego canned 13 and Britt Eubanks put together a strong all-around game with 10 points and nine boards.

"Hayden, Ricky, Britt, Adam all had good games," Grove said.

Abrego sparked what defense Homedale mustered with eight steals, which Grove said was the most he had seen in a single varsity game in his four years at HHS.

Krzesnik was 5-for-5 from the foul line and he hit two of his team's three shots from behind the three-point arc.

Homedale connected on just 20 of 32 free throws.

Vale got 26 points from Logan Skerjanec, while Austin Lattin added 24 points.



Trey Lane looks for an interior passing lane Thursday during Homedale's season opener in Oregon. Photo by John Braese / Malheur Enterprise

Wrestling hits the mat
Strong, deep Trojans begin another quest

One of the largest turnouts in his Homedale High School tenure has wrestling coach Toby Johnson thinking big.

"With our talent, our depth and our lineup, we will be one of the stronger teams in the league," the 16th-year head coach said. "We'll push the defending state champions (Weiser), and by the end of the season we hope to be one of the strongest teams in the state."



Toby Johnson

Homedale opens the season Friday and Saturday with the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

The Trojans will get a first-hand idea of how good they are when they tackle Weiser in a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet on Jan. 8 at home.

With talent spread throughout the 13 weight classes, Johnson is facing

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New coach leads Huskies into opener

Jon Nelson has reason to be optimistic heading into Marsing High School's season-opening wrestling meet.

The first-year coach has been on the job only two months, but he was greeted by three times as many athletes to the start the season as the Huskies ended last season with.

"I believe this is a start to a great program here at Marsing," the former volunteer assistant said.



Jon Nelson

Marsing sent six of the seven wrestlers on last year's final roster to the state tournament. Three of those athletes, however, graduated a couple months after the state meet.

Nelson, who succeeds Rick Folwell as coach, doesn't seem too worried about losing the experience, though.

"We lost three seniors to

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Sports

New faces abound in HHS boys' basketball program

Transfers dot roster
fronted by small
group of returners

There's a good side and a not-so-good side when it comes to transition in a basketball program.

For the Homedale High School boys' squad there may not be much adjustment needed because new coach Casey Grove has been in the system already, and he's dealing with several new faces.

On the flip side, the presence of several new faces also brings the chore of building experience.

"We have many kids who have no varsity experience," Grove said.

Another weakness is a lack of size, the coach admits, but he has a remedy for that.

"We are going to run, run, run, and run some more," he said. "With our lack of size, we have to be able to wear the other teams

down physically.

"I promise that we will be in the best shape out of any team we play all season."

Three players return from last year's 4-17 team that lost in the 3A District III Tournament's play-in game.

At the core of the returners is 5-foot-9 senior guard Hayden Krzesnik.

"I expected Hayden to be one of our main leaders on and off the court," Grove said, adding that he'll be a key component on both offense and defense.

"He has worked extremely hard in the offseason both on his game and his strength."

Xavier Hernandez (6-0, wing, sr.) and Trey Lane (5-11, guard, jr.) round out the key returners, and Grove anticipates both will impact the game on both ends of the floor.

A slew of seniors, including two transfer students and four players rising from Grove's last junior varsity squad, head up the long list of newcomers.

Adam Abrego, a 5-9 guard, and Ricky

McBride, a 6-1 wing, come to Homedale from Caldwell and Vallivue, respectively.

"Adam brings a lot of varsity experience to our program," Grove said. "He is a very smart basketball player."

McBride already has made his presence felt with double-digit scoring and clutch free throws in last week's season-opening overtime victory over Vale, Ore.

"Ricky played with us this summer and made an immediate impact," Grove said. "He is another player that has a motor that doesn't stop."

The coach expects defensive intensity and a lot of offensive second effort from McBride.

The tallest players on the floor will be posts playing their first year of varsity ball — 6-3 senior Antonio Sturgeon and 6-2 junior Britt Eubanks.

"Tony is an extremely athletic player. He runs the floor like a guard, which is nice to have," Grove said.

Sturgeon and Eubanks fall into the mold of most of the other Trojans in that they

spent the off-season working on their skills and strength. Grove said football players such as Eubanks and Nathan Leslie (a 6-1 junior post) have benefitted from the strength program instituted by HHS coach Matt Holtry.

"Coach Holtry has done a good job of putting muscle on the football players, and Britt is a product of that," Grove said. "Britt has a low-post game that is getting better by the day along with a great mid-range jumper."

Rounding out the Trojans' roster are 6-1 senior posts Andy Greeley and Alex Albor as well as 6-foot senior wing Reed Maggard.

Leslie has grown six inches in two years and added 50 pounds of muscle, Grove said.

"Nathan is going to provide us with a big, strong body down low, who plays great defense and rebounds well," Grove said.

Angel Cardenas (5-8, guard, jr.) is expected to provide a defensive spark off the bench.

— JPB

Jake Black's big second half
sparks Rimrock in opener

Only five players broke into the scoring column, but that was enough for a season-opening victory for the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boys' basketball team.

Jake Black scored 17 of his game-high 21 points in the second half in the Raiders' 49-44 win over Canyon Springs from Caldwell.

Canyon Springs held a 23-18 edge at halftime in the non-conference game played in Bruneau.

Three-point goals from Black and Jared Lemieux launched Rimrock's comeback bid in the third quarter.

Making his varsity debut, Lemieux converted three of his four foul shots and finished with 12 points.

Austin Meyers added 14 points and ripped down 22 rebounds, but missed on nine of his 11 free throws.

Nick Nelson and Cristian

Gomez sank three three-point goals apiece, scoring 15 and 11 points, respectively for Canyon Springs. Teammate Kevin Fernandez chimed in with 10 points.

Tyler Stacey collected 13 rebounds for Canyon Springs.

Hannah pointed out that the Raiders must work on their free-throw shooting and ball-handling. Rimrock players hit just seven of 24 foul shots, and committed 25 turnovers.

Area athletes pitch in at GFA

A Homedale athlete has helped the Greenleaf Friends Academy girls' basketball team to a fast start this season.

The Grizzlies, coached by Bruce Johnson and led by his daughter, Madison, are 4-0.

Hannah Radford of Homedale has done her part.

She scored eight points at home on Nov. 26 when the Grizzlies thumped Canyon Springs of Caldwell, 42-11.

On Friday, Radford chipped in with six points in a 43-40 win over Garden Valley.


There are two athletes with ties

to Homedale and Marsing helping out with the Greenleaf boys' team this season.


J.B. Bermudez-Koch from the Marsing area has emerged as the Grizzlies' leading scorer. He's averaging 18.5 points per game in Greenleaf's 1-1 start.

Bermudez-Koch scored a team-high 19 in Friday's 58-53 loss to Garden Valley. He led all scorers with 18 on Nov. 26 when GFA beat Canyon Springs, 60-31.


Homedale product Dalton Penrod scored 12 against Canyon Springs. He put in eight points, including a three-pointer, Friday.




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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Ricky McBride, Senior, Boys' Basketball

The play — In his debut with the Trojans, the 6-foot-1 senior transfer from Vallivue scored six of his 15 points in overtime for a 67-63 win in Vale, Ore., on Thursday night. The son of Richard & Tracy McBride knocked down eight of 11 free-throw attempts, including hitting four foul shots in the extra period. He also collected five of his eight rebounds on the defensive end of the floor and was 3-for-4 in field-goal shooting.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 6 at Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 6 at Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Thursday, Dec. 6 at Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling


Friday, Dec. 7 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 10 a.m.

Boys' Basketball


Varsity
Friday, Dec. 7 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 11, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing boys are all grown up

Coach anticipates great things from veteran squad

JW Chadez wants to add some octane to his Marsing boys’ basketball team.

“I really want to speed the game up this year,” the Huskies’ fifth-year coach said. “We have the depth to do it, so I hope we can put some points up on the board.

“We are going to fly around and make things happen.”

Marsing is coming off a disappointing 10-13 season that saw the Huskies swept from the 2A District III Tournament in two games last season.

Chadez gets his first chance to see his new brand of basketball against an opponent tonight when Marsing travels to face Parma.

Marsing hits the floor with several veterans of the Huskies’ state semifinal football team, including front-line players Jason Galligan (6-foot-5, wing/post, senior) and Miguel Leon (5-7, point guard, senior).

“I think we will have a great all-around team atmosphere,” Chadez said. “I have a great group of kids who believe in each other.

“I will look for Jason Galligan

and Miguel Leon to stand out some just because they are four- and three-year starters.”

Galligan has been a varsity starter since his ninth-grade year, and Leon joined the big club as a sophomore.

“Jason plays above the rim and came on strong in the second half of the season last year,” Chadez said. “He’s also a tremendous shot-blocker, one of the best I have seen at this level.”

Galligan averaged 16 points per game during the second half of the 2011-12 season.

Chadez will lean on Leon to spark his new offensive vision.

“Miguel has a huge heart and motor,” the coach said. “He can score and distribute the ball. He’s a great leader and will be one of the best at his position in the league.”

Senior Josh Larsen, a 6-3 post, will add to the Huskies’ height in the frontcourt.

“Josh is my most improved player. I think this will be a breakout year for him,” Chadez said.

The coach said that 5-9 junior wing/guard Jose Acuna is a fluid ball-handler and shooter and could develop into a great scorer.

Another returner who will provide defense is 5-7 junior wing Yovani Zerapio.

“He never stops working and never seems to get tired,” Chadez said.

Among the varsity newcomers is 6-2 senior post Roy Olvera, who made his mark on the football field earlier this fall.

“Roy will give Jason and Josh a rest off the bench, and he’ll use his big body to bang inside,” the coach said.

Two juniors (5-7 Les Loucks and 6-0 swingman Dylan Breshears) add to a roster that has the strategist in Chadez finally breathing a little easier.

“I finally have a core group of seniors and juniors to fill our varsity squad,” Chadez said. “We no longer have to rely on freshmen and sophomores to help carry the load.

“We have played the best competition in the state the past two years, and it is really going to help our team succeed.”

Experience and a 10-player-deep bench has Chadez looking optimistically toward the grueling 2A Western Idaho Conference season, which begins Dec. 15 at home against Nampa Christian.

“I think we are well-rounded this year,” he said. “If we stay healthy, I don’t see a huge hole in our team.”

— JPB

Trojans run through SRV-WIC duals

Wrestlers wrap up season Saturday with district meet

The Homedale Middle School wrestling team tuned up for the district meet with a strong showing during a Saturday tournament in Oregon.

The Trojans won all five of their meets during the 3A Snake River Valley conference-2A Western Idaho Conference Duals in Ontario.

Homedale’s run through the tournament included a 50-24 victory over a team comprised of wrestlers from Marsing, Adrian and McCall’s Payette Lakes.

Sparked by wins from Caleb Meligan and Jordan Packer, Homedale edged New Plymouth, 30-25, in the biggest dual of the day.

“They are really strong this year,” HMS coach Toby Johnson said of the Pilgrims. “That match was highlighted by a huge pin by Caleb Meligan over one of their best kids.

“Jordan Packer also came through with a gutsy one-point

win at 82 pounds.”

Meligan went 8-0 during the day, and other unbeaten included Shane Keller and Quentin Thornton (both 5-0) and 3-0 Jacob Furlott.

“Quentin Thornton had the best day of his career,” Johnson said. “Overall, we really wrestled tough. We are very excited about our possibilities at district.”

The 3A District III championship meet comes Saturday in Weiser.

Other victories for Homedale on Saturday came against Vale, Ore. (43-19), Payette (47-18) and Parma (40-15).

Jordan and Jesse Packer were among four wrestlers to win four of their five matches. Adrian Monreal and Jake Deal also posted 4-1 marks.

Korbin Osborn went 4-2, and Craig Romriell had three wins in six tries.

James Legacie and Drew Taylor also saw action for the Trojans.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week



Ashley Hull, sr., girls’ basketball

The Play — Hull put averaged 17 points in three games as the Huskies went 1-2 but came away with their first win of the season. The daughter of Angela and Glen Richardson and Cary Hull capped her week with a 25-point outburst in a non-conference loss to rival Homedale on Friday. Hull scored 12 points Thursday when Marsing beat Nampa Christian in its 2A Western Idaho Conference opener.

Girls’ Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 6 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 6 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 6 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Dec. 7 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
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Boys’ Basketball

Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 7, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
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Saturday, Dec. 8 at Homedale, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
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Sports

Marsing opens WIC defense with much-needed win



Ashley Hull drives against a Parma defender during Marsing's non-conference matchup on the road. Photo by Dan Pease

Comeback vs. NC marks only victory of week

Marsing High School finally found the formula to fight for a girls' basketball victory Thursday at home.

Down by five after 24 minutes, the Huskies scored 15 points in the fourth quarter for a narrow 42-38 come-from-behind win over Nampa Christian.

The win marked the beginning of the 2A Western Idaho Conference season for the two-time defending conference champions.

"It's tough to say if something clicked or if they were just able as a group to push through that barrier and take one step past that instead of backing down," Huskies coach Tim Little said after Marsing ended a season-opening three-game losing streak.

"Nampa Christian is a talented team, and they made some crucial mistakes at the end. We had to go out and get it, and that's what I saw in the fourth quarter for the first time this year."

The Huskies came out strong in the final period and turned the game around to a seven-point lead

at one point.

Post player Destiny Reynolds returned to the lineup after missing most of the first three games after suffering a concussion in the season opener against Parma. She scored eight points and went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line as Marsing seemingly cured its foul-shooting problems for at least one night.

The Huskies nailed 70 percent of their chances at the line (20-for-27).

"Seventy percent is higher than what our goal is," Little said. "In games like that, especially like that, hitting those free throws was the difference."

Kathlyn Welch scored nine points as the Huskies didn't rely solely on Ashley Hull's consistent offense for the first time this season. Welch had a good all-around game with five rebounds, two assists and two blocks.

Hull still led Marsing with 12 points, including 7-for-8 from the foul line.

Marissa Hardy also pulled down eight rebounds, while Lacey Usabel collected five boards.

Laci Kamper put down eight of her team's nine successful free throws and racked up 25 points for the Trojans before fouling out.

"Her and Katie Rhodes were kind of our focus," Little said, adding that Hardy was tasked with defense on the Nampa Christian standout. "We held Rhodes to two buckets, all in the first quarter, and she only scored a free throw in the next three."

"That was the difference. Our post defense was our focus with her."

Nov. 27: Parma 52, Marsing 31 — The Huskies didn't have their full complement of players while the Panthers from the 3A Snake River Valley conference seemingly already had hit their stride.

"Parma definitely looked like they were in midseason form," Little said. "They looked very crisp and executed well, and we were having difficulty, especially with their bigs."

With Reynolds still sidelined with concussion symptoms, the typically physical Parma squad took advantage.

Freshman Shelby Dines scored six points and grabbed six rebounds for the Huskies. Ashley Hull scored 14 points, including Marsing's only three-point goal.

The Panthers' Makayla Sackett led all scorers with 13 points. Teammate Landri Timmons collected 10 rebounds.

✓ HHS: New Trojans coach impresses counterpart in season's early going

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"I think (the Trojans) execute very well," Little said. "I think (first-year coach Joe Betancourt is) doing a great job with them, playing to their strengths."

"It seems like, especially in the second half, they played with a lot of confidence. If you can get that with girls' basketball, with girls executing with confidence,

you're going to have some success."

In what has become a troubling trend for Huskies coach Tim Little, Ashley Hull was the only Marsing player to contribute significant offense.

The senior was 9-for-11 from the foul line and led all scorers with 25 points. The rest of the Huskies' lineup connected on

just five of 13 attempts from the free-throw line.

Destiny Reynolds scored six points for the second-highest point total for Marsing (1-4 overall). Lacey Usabel dished six assists, and Marissa Hardy paced the Huskies' rebounding with four boards.

"I felt like the first half, even though we looked a little tired

from the night before (a win over Nampa Christian), we were doing OK for the most part," Little said.

"But in the second half, we had some letdowns, and Homedale hit some big shots and just dug ourselves a hole that we couldn't get out of."

A freshman, Lane continued a strong week for the Trojans. In

addition to her rebounding performance, she scored 11 points and dished four assists.

Morgan Nash was perfect in eight chances from the foul line and finished with 12 points, while Homedale teammate Kaylee Rupp led the inside game with 11 points.

— JPB

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a bit of a new adventure this season.

"Last season, we had many of our wrestlers stacked up in the same weight classes," he said. "We had trouble filling the weights and gave up too many forfeits in duals."

"We should have a full lineup this year with several (junior

varsity sports filled as well."

More than 30 athletes file into the HHS wrestling room each day for practice, with returning state meet placers Devin Fisher (fourth at 113 pounds) and Brad McCain (fifth at 195) leading the way.

The Trojans lose only two state placers from last year's team as 220-pounder Bodie Hyer and 170-pounder Ismahel Mendoza

have graduated.

Back for more, though, are state qualifiers such as Michael Deleon (120), Andrew Randall (126), Cole Jeppe (126) and Tano Montes, who hasn't locked in a weight.

Other top returners include Jovan Cornejo (160), Curtis Stansell, Luis Garza (113), K.J. Atkins (152), Jed Jones (220), Colton Grimm (170) and Jae

Dowell (132).

Three transfer students also add to the depth and experience. Senior 113-pounder Tyler Hardy won a 5A state championship with Caldwell as a freshman. Colton Osborn (152) is a sophomore also from Caldwell, and junior Michael Crumrine (145) comes to the Trojans from Valley of Hazelton.

The burgeoning middle school program also provides more talent this year with district champions such as Andy Montes (98), Nash Johnson (106), William Elordi and Jakobee Osborn (heavyweight) embarking on their high school careers. In all, there are 14 freshmen on the HHS roster this season.

— JPB

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graduation, but we were able to fill their spots with tough, eager freshmen and sophomores," Nelson said.

In fact, there are only two seniors on the club, including Dillon Danner, who wrestled to fifth place at the 1A-2A state meet in February.

Nelson thinks this team is stronger than last year's squad.

"I believe we can send 10 or more to State and be really happy with a top 10 finish as a team," he said.

Of the 19 wrestlers in camp, 10 are either freshmen or sophomores. Third-year wrestler Austin Williams leads a contingent of seven juniors. Other veteran wrestlers include Brad Labit and Noah Grossman, both of whom are beginning their third years on

the squad.

In some ways, Nelson can identify with his young Huskies.

Although he has been involved as a volunteer assistant coach in many programs since coming out of Phoenix High School near Medford, Ore., in 1983, this is Nelson's first high school head coaching job.

"I'm scrambling a lot," he admits, "but I've been fortunate

that the athletic director (Tim Little) has been helping out on things."

Nelson also tipped his cap to Sarah Grossman, the mother of wrestlers Brett and Noah. She's helping out with various paperwork, fundraising and ordering singlets, he said.

The fundraisers include selling Papa Murphy's pizza cards, manning the concession stand

at some basketball games and Saturday's event at The Spot Pizza during which the team received a portion of the proceeds from the night's business.

The season begins Friday and Saturday in the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

"I'm looking forward to see how we do as a team and individually at tournaments," Nelson said.

— JPB

Sports

Adrian sweeps PC tourney titles

Paxton Shira averages double-double in boys' run

Bench play and defense were hallmarks as Adrian High School rolled to the Prairie City Tournament's boys' basketball championship Saturday.

The Antelopes (2-1 overall) amassed 18 steals and Adrian's reserves outscored their Prairie City counterparts 19-4 for a 60-37 victory.

The outcome seemingly was never in doubt as the Antelopes held a 28-16 lead at the break and built on the advantage with a 21-9 run through the third quarter.

Paxton Shira turned in his second double-double of the tournament, collecting 14 points and 10 rebounds in 24 minutes. He also had a team-high seven steals.

Kurt Nielson led Adrian with 14 points, and Emmanuel Dominguez added nine points.

Jett McCoy snagged eight rebounds and put in eight points.

Cole Hoberg scored 15 points for the Panthers (1-1), who like the Antelopes play in the 1A High Desert League.

Friday: Adrian 57, North Lake 38 — The Antelopes used defense and balanced scoring to pick up their first victory of the season in the Prairie City Tournament.

"The boys had a nice game," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "I was really pleased with our defensive effort."

Paxton Shira posted 14 points and 11 rebounds in just 16 minutes of action. He also led the team with five assists, five steals and three blocked shots.

North Lake committed 27 turnovers with Adrian point guard Emmanuel Dominguez coming away with three steals and 11 points.

Adrian's other point guard, Kurt Nielson, scored 13 points.

The Antelopes owned a 29-13 lead at halftime and scored 20 points in the first eight minutes of the second half.

A pair of guards led the Cowboys (0-1) with Joshua Hand putting down 15 points and Brad Libolt scoring 13.

Thursday: Liberty Charter 71, Adrian 60 — Dominic Hulsey fired in 30 points as the 1A Western Idaho Conference Patriots spoiled the Antelopes' season opener at home.

Trailing by 11 at halftime, the Patriots from Nampa rallied with 46 points in the second half.

"I felt we played very good the 1st half but were not able to control our fouls in the second half," Ishida said. "We have a few things to work on, but I was impressed with the hustle and effort against a good team."

Adrian took only 17 attempts from the free-throw line, knocking down nine of them. Liberty Charter, on the other hand, connected on 31 of 52 tries from the stripe.

Senior Paxton Shira scored 12 points to lead three Antelopes in double figures. Tommy Shenk and Tyler Reay put in 11 points each.

Shenk led Adrian with eight rebounds, and Reay added six.

Purnell's double-double highlights girls' effort

Adrian High School rose up in the final eight minutes to win the Prairie City girls' basketball tournament championship.

The Antelopes (2-0 overall) rode a fourth-quarter surge to a 39-32 victory over the tournament hosts. Prairie City entered the final quarter with a slim 27-25 advantage.

Madison Purnell scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to pace Adrian's effort. Teammate Quincy Pendergrass had nine points, eight rebounds, three steals and four blocks.

Prairie City opened the game with a 14-6 run, but Adrian got within four points, 20-16, by halftime.

The game was sloppy, with neither team shooting particularly well. Adrian hit 31.6 percent (12-for-38) of its shots to overcome 24 turnovers. The Panthers, meanwhile, were just 9-for-44 (20.5 percent) from the floor and gave the ball away 20 times.

Friday: Adrian 45, North Lake 13 — Dominating beginnings to both halves put the Antelopes on pace for an easy season-opening win in their Prairie City Tournament opener.

Purnell scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds in just 12 minutes on the floor. Adrian led 17-4 after one quarter and pushed its lead to 41-8 with a 17-2 start to the second half.

North Lake converted just five of its 39 field-goal attempts (12.8 percent) and committed 29 turnovers.

Nichole Orosco and Pendergrass collected four steals each for the Antelopes. Teammates Olivia Walker, Jillian Nielson and Rebecca Furtado had three steals apiece.

Orosco scored eight points with six rebounds, and Alandra Hartley chimed in with seven points. Kellie Barraza came off the bench to grab six rebounds.

Mollie Phillips scored four points for the Cowgirls from Silver Lake.

HHS girls beat Melba with strong 4th quarter

Homedale High School rebounded from a sluggish third quarter Thursday to beat short-handed Melba in girls' basketball.

Tory Lane hit five of her six free throws and led all scorers with 13 points as the Trojans posted a 45-42 non-conference victory at home.

The Mustangs (1-5 overall) were without four players because of a flu outbreak.

Homedale saw a 23-16 halftime lead vanish when Melba went on an 11-2 run through the third.

The Trojans rallied, however,

with 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Hattie Mertz and Destiny Long scored eight points apiece for Homedale.

The pair was 6-for-8 from the foul line as Homedale connected on 15 of 27 attempts.

Melba, meanwhile, converted 22 of 35 free throws, but was held to 10 field goals.

Nicole Hoagland led Melba with 12 points.

Sophomore Elise Shenk added 11 points for Homedale before fouling out.

JV girls lose opener



Andi Warn, left, drives against a Notus defender on Friday, one night after Jordan Valley opened its girls' basketball season with a 46-26 loss to McDermitt, Nev. No result was available for the Notus game. Submitted photo

Mustangs: Rimrock next

From Page 16 and Ben Telleria joined Elsner with three-point goals.

Nelson and Blaine Moran collected seven rebounds each, and Elsner dished four assists.

"Neither team shot well, and open shots were hard to come by," Workman said.

"It's nice to come out on top, but there's lots of room for improvement."

The Pirates received two-thirds of their scoring from two players — Bryan Frahm with a game-high 11 points and Casey Wilbur with 10.

Friday: Jordan Valley 53, McDermitt, Nev., 41 — Moran's 15 points and 11 rebounds led a

balanced attack for the Mustangs in their season opener on the road.

Sophomore Lee Stanford was perfect in his three attempts from the field for six points.

Jordan Valley went on a 13-4 tear in the third quarter and led by more than 20 points at times.

"The defense did a good job holding them to four points in the quarter," Workman said. "Our young kids played the fourth quarter, and played pretty well also."

Ty Coble fired in a game-high 17 points for the Bulldogs.

Ty Warn nailed one of Jordan Valley's three three-point goals as part of his eight-point night.



Jordan Valley's Nate Elsner, left, works on a Notus defender as his coach, Mike Workman, stands watch from the Mustangs' bench. Submitted photo



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Cocoa Crusted Roast Beef with Chocolate Red Wine Au Jus

Serve with ChocolatRouge Dark Red Wine, a full-bodied red wine with hints of dark chocolate.

Serves 6

- 3 pounds boneless rib-eye roast, tied with butcher's string
- Coarse salt and ground pepper
- 4 large shallots, peeled and sliced in quarters
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 cup ChocolatRouge Dark Red Wine
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 500°F. Season beef with salt and pepper, then place in large roasting pan and sear all sides of roast on high heat until brown. Place roast in oven and cook for 30 minutes.

Remove meat from oven; reduce oven temperature to 350°F.

Place shallots around beef and coat top of roast completely with cocoa powder; cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted into thickest part of beef registers 130°F (for medium-rare), about 40 more minutes. Transfer beef and shallots to platter and cover with foil.

Add wine to roast pan; cook over medium heat until syrupy, scraping bottom of pan, about 3 minutes. Add beef broth and mustard; cook until reduced by half, about another 5 minutes. Strain into a small bowl and add any accumulated juices from beef. Season with salt and pepper; transfer au jus to a gravy bowl and serve with beef and shallots.

Hazelnut Chocolate Cheese Board Spread

Serve with ChocolatRouge Sweet Red Wine, a soft, velvety blend of red wines and natural rich chocolate flavors.

Serves 8

- 8 ounces blanched hazelnuts (1 3/4 cups), toasted
- 1 teaspoon coarse sea salt
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 4 ounces 60 percent semisweet chocolate, melted
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- Parchment paper
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder, for dusting

Puree 7 ounces (about 1 1/2 cups) toasted nuts and sea salt in food processor until mixture is coarse, almost paste. Add confectioners' sugar, melted chocolate and ricotta cheese, and pulse until fully combined.

Spoon mixture into round parchment-lined ramekin or container. Then cover and refrigerate for about 1 hour or until firm.

Once chilled, gently remove from ramekin and dust top with cocoa powder. Chop remaining hazelnuts and press into top of chocolate. Cut into wedges and place on cheese board.



Rouge Milkyway

End the meal with a chocolate take on traditional eggnog:

Gently heat or froth two cups of whole milk.

Add four ounces of ChocolatRouge Milk Chocolate Wine.

Garnish with 1/2 teaspoon of grated nutmeg.

A Deliciously Different

HOLIDAY MEAL

FAMILY FEATURES

Who says you have to wait until the end of the meal for a taste of chocolate? Make this holiday season unforgettable for family and friends by adding a sweet touch to each course of the holiday meal, from appetizer to entrée and even your wine.

You might think of chocolate as only a dessert option, but according to chocolate expert and historian Beth Kimmerle, using cocoa

as an ingredient accentuates the complex flavors of your savory foods, amplifying them on your palate. Here are some of her deliciously different recipes that are sure to delight your taste buds and satisfy your sweet tooth.

You can find more delicious ways to enjoy the holidays at www.ChocolatRougeWine.com.

Dark Chocolate Peppermint Trifle Cups

Serve with ChocolatRouge Milk Chocolate, made from rich cream, red wine and natural chocolate flavors.

Serves 6

- Chocolate sponge or chocolate pound cake, cut into pieces that fit neatly into cups

Syrup:

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup chocolate wine, such as ChocolatRouge Milk Chocolate

Mousse:

- 2 1/2 cups heavy cream, divided
- 12 ounces white chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped peppermint starlight mints or candy canes

Pudding:

- 8 ounces milk chocolate, finely chopped
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 3 large egg yolks, room temperature

Garnish:

- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped peppermint candies or candy canes

Make syrup: Bring sugar and water to a boil in small saucepan, stirring until sugar has dissolved. Add wine and cook for about 5 more minutes or until syrup consistency. Let sit.

Make mousse: Prepare an ice-water bath; set aside. Bring 1 cup cream just to a boil in small saucepan. Place white chocolate in a food processor; with machine running, pour in hot cream in a slow, steady stream, and process until smooth. Transfer to medium bowl set in ice-water bath. Let cool, stirring occasionally, until thick enough to hold ribbons on surface, about 15 minutes.

Whip remaining 1 1/2 cups cream and fold into chocolate mixture, then add in vanilla paste and candies. Cover and refrigerate until thickened and almost firm, about 4 hours.

Make pudding: Put chocolate into large bowl; set aside. Bring cream almost to a boil in a small saucepan. Whisk yolks in separate, medium bowl. Pour hot cream in a slow, steady stream, into yolks while whisking. Pour mixture back into saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 1 minute. Pour through a fine sieve into chocolate; whisk well until smooth. Set bowl in ice-water bath. Let cool, stirring occasionally, until thick enough to hold ribbons on surface, about 15 minutes. Cover and refrigerate until set, about 3 hours.



To assemble: Place 1/3 of the cake into bottom of 6 small cups (2 inches in diameter). Top cake with mousse and spoon on syrup. Top with pudding, then another layer of cake. Place remaining mousse on top; spoon with remaining syrup. Top with remaining pudding, then mousse.

Cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for several hours. When ready to serve, whip cream with sugar. Top trifle cups with the whipped cream, and sprinkle each with peppermint candies.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Kayo and the mare

Getting bucked off is always a possibility in the daily life of a journeyman horse trainer. They take on horses to break and ride. Kayo (an alias to protect the guilty) had gained a good reputation for skilled horsemanship. Already accepted to vet school at WSU, Kayo could probably teach the faculty a lot about horse psychology! One of the local horse traders brought over a six-year-old paint mare named Kahlua that had a bad reputation and needed some schooling. She liked to buck! Kayo knew the mare, having seen her being “aired out” in the local arena, where she had displayed her bad behavior. Kayo agreed to take her on. After five days in the round pen and another week of long rides in a nearby pasture, Kayo figured Kahlua was ready for the next step. It was late afternoon. Kahlua was tacked up in a western saddle and snaffle bit. Our trainer was wearing chinks and a cowboy hat, screwed down tight! They headed up the road toward the outskirts of town. Kahlua pranced a lot, taking everything in: tractors, trucks, traffic, bicycles, fences, driveways, kids and racket in general. They stopped often to acclimate. Kayo had a good feeling about the horse. I’m told good trainers have this sixth sense. They crossed the gravel road and headed back. One obstacle lay along their way, a construction zone. The workers were on a break and several were lined up along the tall chain-link fence just watching. A couple of them hollered hoorahs. Kahlua’s ears were circling like sonar dishes; she tensed up. Kayo noticed that the throatlatch was crooked and reached down to pull it back. At that moment, feeling the rider off-balance and distracted, Kahlua broke in two! Kayo’s head flew aft and then was slung forward ... twice! On the third pitch, Kayo flipped out over the swells, hooking the sleeve of both jacket and hoodie over the saddle horn! Kahlua did everything she could to shake off the baggage hanging on her left side! The audience was cheering the action as horse and rider bucked and banged into a picket fence, mail boxes, car bodies, sawhorses and signs reading “Caution: construction area: STAY BACK!” Finally, right in the middle of this three-ring circus, Kahlua, with one mighty Power Buck, peeled the jacket and hoodie off the flailing rider ... leaving our journeyman trainer flat out in the dirt! Kayo stood unsteadily and looked back over her shoulder at the hard-hatted enthusiastic audience. Kahlua was galloping home with the jacket, hoodie and sports bra still hooked over the horn flying like semaphore flags on a Coast Guard cutter! Kayo was bareback, her right arm hanging dislocated and limp. She pulled her chinks up under her chin, glared at the appreciative construction crew and marched down the road mumbling unflattering nicknames for Kahlua. — Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his new children’s Christmas book, “Reindeer Flu!”, other books and DVDs.

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington Award-winning teens show community awareness

Thirty-three years ago, Congress created the Congressional Award to recognize achievement, initiative and service in America’s youth. Communities nationwide have benefited from the more than 3.5 million hours of public service provided by participants in the program. This year, 52 Idaho youth were honored for their contributions to our communities. The Idahoans are from 20 Idaho communities, including Athol, Boise, Caldwell, Coeur d’Alene, Eagle, East Port, Hailey, Hayden Lake, Heyburn, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Kellogg, Ketchum, Kimberly, Meridian, Nampa, Potlatch, Sun Valley, Twin Falls and Weippe. Idaho’s medalists are credited with providing more than 17,000 hours of public service. Idaho ranks seventh among states for the number of Congressional Award earners. Through the program, youth 14 to 23 years of age earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals for achieving personally challenging goals. The Congressional Awards consists of four areas: Voluntary Public Service; Personal Development; Physical Fitness; and Expedition/ Exploration. This year, 15 Idahoans earned Gold Medals. Ester Frederick of Meridian is among the Congressional Award Gold Medalists. In achieving this honor, Ester dedicated more than 400 hours to Voluntary Public Service, including volunteering weekly at local libraries, assisting with the libraries’ Origami and Music and Movement programs. She also assisted faculty and students at the Amity Elementary School and helped organize materials and develop children’s educational materials with the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management. Ester worked to reach Physical Fitness goals by walking more than 220 miles and biking more than 319 miles. She also planned and carried out a family camping trip. Through striving to meet her goals, she further developed her work ethic, learned more about perseverance and overcoming obstacles, and gained experience in self-discipline and endurance. Gold Medal recipients receive their medals at a ceremony in Washington, DC. Additionally, each year, Idaho youth are presented Bronze and Silver Medals in a statewide ceremony hosted in the Idaho Capitol. I have been honored to join my Idaho congressional delegation colleagues, Sen. Jim Risch and Reps. Mike Simpson and Raul Labrador, in presenting awards at these ceremonies. For example, Megan Fox of Meridian earned a Congressional Award Silver Medal. She devoted more than 200 hours to volunteer service, which included crocheting blankets for newborn babies at St. Luke’s Hospital, assisting the music teacher at Victory Charter School, and spending time with residents at a local assisted living home. She also developed her pole vaulting skills, competed in track meets, participated on the cross country team and planned and carried out a camping trip. — See *Teens*, Page 23

Americans for Limited Government Who gets blamed if everyone’s taxes go up in 2013?

by Bill Wilson

The ultimate leverage in the game of chicken now being played in the upcoming fiscal cliff is who will get blamed politically if everyone’s taxes go up at year’s end. Because, unless House Republicans can come to some sort of an arrangement with the White House before Dec. 31, that is exactly what is going to happen. The Obama administration is insisting that rates for the top two brackets be allowed to increase from 33 to 36 percent, and 35 to 39.6 percent. And if he doesn’t get what he wants, everyone else’s taxes will go up. That includes personal income tax rates going up from 10 to 15 percent, 25 to 28 percent, and 28 to 31 percent. Payroll taxes will increase from 4.2 to 6.2 percent for individuals, and from 10.4 to 12.4 percent for those self-employed. Capital gains taxes will rise from rates of 5 and 15 percent to 8, 10, and 20 percent. Estate taxes will jump dramatically and the alternative minimum tax patch will expire. Obama is betting Republicans will get blamed for this outcome, and declare it proof positive that the GOP only cares about the top 1 percent. In the Nov. 8 edition of the New York Times, pundit Paul Krugman warns that flying off the fiscal cliff could “easily” put the nation back into recession. And he thinks, “Mr. Obama has to be willing to let it happen if necessary.” He’s betting Republicans will be blamed. There are several ways to counter this. And to survive the fiscal cliff, Republicans must make the case for permanent tax relief to get us out of the economic jam we are in. This year, the economy is only growing at an annual rate of 1.76 percent, unemployment is still too high at 7.9 percent, and raising taxes on job creators will not make things any better. Obama wants Americans to bite the hand that feeds them. The GOP should also note that allowing capital gains taxes to rise per the Buffett rule at the end of the year will likely trigger a major selloff on stock markets as top investors seek to lock in the lower rate. They can point to recent turbulence in markets after the election as merely the tip of the iceberg. If markets crash at the end of the year, it will hurt everyone’s retirement accounts. Congressional Republicans would also be wise to point out that even if rates increase on couples making \$250,000, and individual filers making \$200,000 and above, it would only raise an additional \$42 billion of revenue in 2013 according to the Congressional Budget Office. That would reduce the \$1.2 trillion deficit by just 3.5 percent. We would come nowhere near balancing the budget, let alone being able to retire any portion of the \$16.1 trillion national debt — which has grown every single year since 1957. All of which makes raising rates on top salary-earners nothing more than a punitive measure. They need to say that they are not going to turn the American people against one another for the sake of class envy, that permanent tax relief for everyone is the only fair solution. Besides clearly messaging its position on a daily basis, the House should pass permanent extensions of current tax rates every single day during the lame duck session and send it to the Senate. When Harry Reid (D-Nev.) sits on the legislation, it becomes his fault for not acting on the only legislation that can end this crisis — and avert future ones. And at the end of the day, if Obama is comfortable flying off the cliff because he couldn’t stick it to the rich, he’s ultimately the petty one who deserves all of the blame when everyone’s taxes go up. — Bill Wilson is the President of Americans for Limited Government. You can follow Bill on Twitter at @BillWilsonALG.

Commentary

Financial management

Bad idea to tap retirement fund to retire debt

Dear Dave,
Is it a good idea for a married couple in their early 30s, who have a lot of student loan debt, to cash out one of their 401(k)s to pay it off?
— Marcy



Dear Marcy,
No way! You never cash out a 401(k) or IRA to pay off debt, unless it's to avoid a foreclosure or bankruptcy. Let's say you take \$50,000 out of your 401(k). Do you know what happens next? They're going to charge you a 10 percent penalty, plus your tax rate. If you make \$75,000 a year, that puts you in a 25 percent tax rate, plus the penalty. That's a 35 percent hit, and that's how much

of your money is going straight down the toilet.
Look at it this way. You wouldn't ask me if it's OK to borrow money at a 35 percent interest rate to pay off your school loans, right? That would be ridiculous, and this is just as dumb.
There are no shortcuts when it comes to getting out of debt, Marcy. Roll up your sleeves and get on a beans-and-rice budget where every dollar has a name.

This will enable you to save money and pay off that debt!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have our fully funded emergency fund in place, and we're debt-free, except for the house. She wants to return to school to get a master's degree and change careers. She'll be reimbursed up to \$7,000 a year. Can we use some of our emergency fund to get things started?
— Kevin

Dear Kevin,
I've got a better idea. Save up the money!
You guys are in great shape already. And to me, this

opportunity seems like a small investment with a fabulous return. I really like the idea.
But you have to be careful when it comes to things like this. You don't want to get into the habit of calling things emergencies when they're not emergencies. It's a great thing, but it's nowhere near an emergency.
I know she's excited about the possibilities, but I'd just roll up my sleeves, save a little extra for a while and cash flow the classes. She'll probably get reimbursed for the first classes right after she gets her grades, then you can use the reimbursement check to pay for the next classes, and the next check the next classes. Make sense?

I love the school idea, and I'm glad your wife has such a great opportunity. But I don't want you to take a chance on messing up the progress you've made in taking control of your finances. Just take your time and save for those first classes. You'll be glad you did!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Center for Visions and Values

The media begins its attack on GOP candidate Marco Rubio

by Dr. Paul Kengor

In a recent interview, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), effectively his party's presidential frontrunner for 2016, was asked, "How old do you think the Earth is?"
It's a question of utter irrelevance to the country's status and whether Marco Rubio would be a good president. Rubio's answer was excellent: "I'm not a scientist, man. I can tell you what recorded history says, I can tell you what the Bible says, but I think that's a dispute amongst theologians and I think it has nothing to do with the gross domestic product or economic growth of the United States. I think the age of the universe has zero to do with how our economy is going to grow. I'm not a scientist. I don't think I'm qualified to answer a question like that."
To any sensible person, this was a perfect response. Who could object?
Well, an editor for the *New York Times* — that flagship of faith and reason — judged Rubio's response "ludicrous." A writer at the liberal *Slate*, who no doubt Googled first, claimed authoritatively: "Our planet was formed 4.54 billion years ago. If Rubio suggested otherwise, it's because he's uninformed or stupid."
Ah, yes. I'm sure everyone at *Slate* knows the Earth is 4.54 billion years old.
As for myself, if someone asked me that question out of the blue, I couldn't answer. I've been a scientist, an agnostic/borderline atheist, and ultimately a Christian. I've taught Sunday School, lectured at colleges, collected data at top research labs, and everything in between. I've been published in scientific and political journals. I know, as Marco Rubio does, that theologians dispute this.
In fact, anyone with a serious, sincere interest in this

question knows this. But, of course, the question wasn't asked to Rubio out of serious, sincere interest; it never is when posed to a Republican.
Marco Rubio needs to understand two things at play here: 1) these types of questions will only get worse as he continues to campaign for president; and 2) these are not earnest questions. No, these are political booby-traps set by political partisans who work as journalists. They are used to try to caricature conservatives as extremists.
I recall a painful example when George W. Bush first became Texas governor. Bush was known as a committed Christian who had a late-in-life conversion. For the secular liberal media, this meant that Bush was a "fundamentalist." For liberal journalists, it also meant an opportunity.
And so, one journalist asked the governor if Jews get into heaven. Taken by complete surprise, Bush fumbled his answer. Afterward, he thought long and hard about it, and consulted Billy Graham. The next time Bush got the question he was ready. It was December 1999, when he was running for president, and when his opponent, Al Gore, wasn't (of course) getting asked any such questions by the liberal media. Bush's answer was a good one:
"[I] understand that people communicate with God and reach God in different ways. ... Obviously there's the big issue between the Christian and the Jew, the Jewish person. And I am mindful of the rich traditions and history of the Jewish faith. And I am mindful of what Billy Graham one time told me: for me not to try to figure out — try to pick and choose who gets to go to heaven. ... Billy Graham said, 'Don't play God.' I don't get to determine who goes to heaven and who goes to hell. That's not me. Governors don't do that."

That's a really good response: "Governors don't do that." They "don't play God." They don't decide who goes to heaven. Marco Rubio wasn't asked that same question, at least not yet, but his answer might be the same: "Sorry, man, I'm not playing God."
In fact, here's a further response Rubio might consider more generally: "Look, let's be honest: We both know what you're trying to do. You're trying to trip me up. I'm not a theologian. I'm not a minister. I don't want to be one, and the American public doesn't want me to be one. Let's stick to issues that concern people. And one more thing: Are you asking these same questions to any Democrats? Are you?"
Rubio should say it calmly, gently, and with a smile — but emphatically. He is running for president, and not running for reverend. He wants to be President Rubio, not Reverend Rubio.
Unfortunately, for Rubio, like all conservative Republicans who seek the presidency, it will be open season on his beliefs. Republicans are badgered on their faith in ways that liberal Democrats plainly are not. For the media, it's the same old double standard. I hope Marco Rubio refuses to tolerate it.
— Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science at Grove City College, executive director of The Center for Vision & Values, and author of the book, "The Communist: Frank Marshall Davis, The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mentor." His other books include "The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism" and "Dupes: How America's Adversaries Have Manipulated Progressives for a Century." A longer version of this article first appeared at American Spectator.

✓ Teens: Challenging themselves, while inspiring others to contribute

From Page 22

In earning a Congressional Award Bronze Medal, Janice Witherspoon of Jerome contributed more than 100 hours of service. She knitted and sold hats to raise funds for a local cause, and she walked and played with animals at a local animal shelter.
To improve her public speaking and other abilities, she joined her school's debate team and competed in state tournaments, improved her time for walking/running a mile and planned a family trip. A full list of Idaho's 52 2012 Congressional Award recipients can be accessed through

my website: http://www.crapo.senate.gov/services/congress_awards.cfm
While established by Congress, the Congressional Award Program is coordinated and administered by the Congressional Award's national office. Those who would like additional information or wish to participate can get details directly through the Congressional Award Program's website: <http://www.congressionalaward.org>
Young people throughout our communities are providing outstanding public service and working hard to reach their

goals. They are challenging themselves, learning from their achievements and inspiring their peers to contribute to community and national efforts. I commend Idaho's youth for the time they are spending bettering themselves and our communities.
— 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. To view his responses to issues of interest, visit <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

35 years ago

December 8, 1977

Tax districts choose members

HOMEDALE- John E. Kushlan was re-elected Commissioner for a term of four years from the Owyhee County subdivision of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District at the election held Monday afternoon. Twenty-seven ballots were cast; all for Kushlan. Holdover commissioners of the fire district are Jim Murray and Chuck Yost.

James Cossel and Russell Dines, incumbents, were re-elected to four-year terms as commissioners of Gem Highway District in Precincts 1 and 2. Twenty-five ballots were cast in the election held Monday at the Marsing Senior Citizen Center.

Everett Clark polled 25 votes as commissioner of the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District from the Opaline area at Monday’s election for a four-year term.

Six votes were cast for Allie Pennington for four-year term as commissioner of the Riverside Cemetery District, Grand View, Monday.

Two commissioners, Leroy Beaman and Cecil Meyers, were chosen for four-year terms in the Elmore-Owyhee County Rural Fire Protection District with 9 votes each at the joint election with the cemetery district.

December 5 the Chattin Flats Precinct of the Mountain Home Highway District voted for Highway District Commissioners. The results are as follows:

Sub –district No. 1 (Four Year Term): Harold F. Kniefel, 37; Don McWilliams, 0.

Sub-district No. 2 (Four Year Term): William A. Robbins, 36; Ralph Groefesema, 1.

Local finalist competes for \$25,000

HOMEDALE- Mrs. Lucille H. Bredy was announced as a finalist in the 28th Pillsbury Bake-off contest, which will be held at New Orleans, La., on February 18-21, 1978.

Marsing varsity battles to overtime win

MARSING- The Marsing boys varsity basketball team opened the season with a 58-52 overtime victory against the McCall Vandals, on December 2.

The starting five for the Huskies were John Miller, guard; Ralph Robbins, guard; Ted Blackstock, center; Darrell Merritt, forward; and Cliff Salinas, forward. Others on the team are Craig Clapier, Steve Koteles, Dave Ineck, Rob Bartles, and Joe Usabel.

High scorer of the game was Darrell Merritt with 20 points; seconded by John Miller with 16 points.

The fourth period ended in a 48-48 tie, thus bringing in an overtime situation. During the 3-minute overtime period, the Huskies scored 10 points limiting the Vandals to only 4 points.

Marsing has a very happy coach, Steve Jones.

Two county teams win

Homedale and Rimrock each recorded victories and jumped into the lead of the Western Idaho Conference standings Tuesday night in high school basketball action.

Homedale thumped Nampa Christian 79-44 and Rimrock edged past Melba 45-41. Both Homedale and Rimrock emerged with 2-0 records, while Melba and Marsing each took their first losses of the season. Marsing dropped a 57-51 decision to Notus.

Homedale hit 56 percent of its shots and had four players score in double figures against the Nampa Christian Trojans. Tony Stone led with 17 points, with Tom Pegram adding 16. Steve Christofferson, who hit eight points in the third period, tossed in 12, as did Keith Fisher.

Fisher also pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Homedale to a 34-26 margin

Brian Good hit for 14 points and pulled down nine rebounds to pace Nampa Christian’s attack.

Rimrock jumped to a big lead in the first half, then had to hold on against the Melba Mustangs. The Raiders, led by Mike Love’s 16 points, jumped ahead 33-24 at the half.

50 years ago

December 6, 1962

Kavemen cagers score 55-32 win over Trojans

Hitting on seven of their first 10 shots and piling up 12 points before Homedale scored, Kuna’s Kavemen ran to a 55-32 basketball win Saturday night at Homedale.

Ken Calhoun came up with 15 points to lead Kuna as the Kavemen hit on 58 percent of their shots. Homedale, starting slow, was able to make only three in every 10.

Kuna opened with a 21-10 quarter lead, then boosted the advantage by three before the half. The Kavemen were never threatened after that.

Homedale- Hinton 4, Bicandi 2, Kushlan 9, Shanley 5, Maher 1, Olsen 2, R. Cegnar 6, Hincks 3. Kuna- Reynolds 6, Calhoun 15, Rhodes 2, Butler 7, Davis 8, R. Calhoun 6, Tucker 9, D. Rhodes 2.

Bruneau loses to Nevadans

Gerry Scarbrough scored half of the Bruneau points at Owyhee, Nev., Saturday night as Owyhee clipped the Bobcats 50-18 in an inter-state cage battle.

In the junior varsity game, Owyhee eked out a 27-25 win in a double overtime.

Interest shown in organizing Girl Scout troops

Considerable interest in organizing Girl Scout troops in Homedale was displayed Wednesday when 30 mothers representing girls of all ages attended a meeting at the junior high school.

Virginia Bailey, representing the Girl Scouts of America, talked to the mothers and told them of the history of Girl Scouts. Miss Bailey also informed the group that any assistance in setting up local troops will be given from the head office in Boise.

A training class for all interested people will be held Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., December 13 and 14 at the armory. Anyone interested in having Girl Scouts in Homedale is urged to attend. This is not only for those who will be leaders but for everyone interested in any phase of the Girl Scouts.

A committee of three was appointed to help with the organization of these troops. They are community chairman, Hester Tuttle, troop organizer, Norma Vance and troop consultant, Bobbie Simon.

Dog leash law discussed at city council meeting

Harley Martin and Manford Logan met with the city council at the regular meeting Monday night to discuss a dog leash law.

The council took the matter under advisement after a discussion of the dog problem in Homedale.

Over 200 dogs are now licensed in Homedale, City Clerk Kenneth Downing advised.

The attention of the council was focused on the state law regarding the sale of cigarettes or tobacco to minors and also the law regarding the possession of cigarettes and tobacco by any person under 18 years of age. Idaho law states that every minor person who shall buy, accept or have in his possession any cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form, or who shall buy, accept or have in his possession any cigarette paper or other paper or wrapper intended for the wrapping of tobacco in the form of a cigarette, or compounds of tobacco used in the filling or makeup of cigarettes shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100; and every person who shall give, sell or furnish, directly or indirectly, any cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form, or any cigarette paper or other paper or wrapper intended for the wrapping of tobacco in the form of a cigarette, to such minor persons, or shall permit such minor persons to frequent any premises owned, held or managed by him, for the purpose of indulging in the use of cigarettes or tobacco in any form, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 nor more than \$300, or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months.

140 years ago

December 7, 1872

LOCAL MINING RECORD. Ida Ellmore. — This is rapidly developing into a mine of large proportions. New and extensive bodies of ore are being found in several of the old levels running ahead north. The main shaft will be down for the 9th level in a few days, and the indications are very favorable for striking a large body of ore in this level. Superintendent Miller tells us that he is confident of being able to keep the Company’s mill steadily running for several months to come, on ore from this mine that will pay handsomely.

Golden Chariot. — The 5th and 6th levels south are rapidly improving as they pass the line of the gulch on the surface. The 7th level drift south is being run by contract. Ten stamps of the Ellmore mill are steadily running on ore from this mine.

LET YOUR WANTS BE KNOWN. — If our people desire legislation in their behalf, they should immediately make their wants known to the Owyhee legislators now assembled at the Capital. While we were over there this week all the members from this county expressed a willingness to attend cheerfully to any matters upon which they may be advised.

A HOAX. As referred to in our last issue the great diamond excitement has proved as complete a hoax as was the South Sea Bubble. Owyhee, too, has her diamonds, which can be gathered by the quart on Sinkers Creek. Perhaps we can dig up old Caleb Lyons diamond, and get up another first-class excitement.

DEATH OF HORACE GREELEY. — Horace Greeley died at half-past six o’clock P.M., November 29th being the last of the great trio of journalists who are now in the spirit land — Raymond and Bennett having passed on before.

THERE WILL BE AN AUCTION TODAY, commencing at 11 o’clock A.M. at the house recently occupied by W.D. Walbridge, near the Owyhee mill. Carpets, stoves, and household furniture of every description will be sold to the highest bidder. A conveyance will be in readiness to accommodate ladies who desire to attend the auction.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. What about a Christmas tree? Let us have one for the benefit of little folks.

Our old friend Fred Hibb is again driving stage from Silver City to the Sheep Ranch.

A “Third House” is being organized at the Capital with Cletus Barbour as Speaker. Fun plenty ahead.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of Idaho Territory will meet in Boise City next Monday, and wind up their deliberations with a ball.

Crowley & Glynn have leased Major Brookey’s Restaurant, and will dish things up in tip-top shape. Their advertisement will appear next week.

There are some tattling busybodies in Silver City, who would do well to mind their own business instead of continually meddling with that of others.

Capt. Ad. E. Smith, of the Northwest Stage Co., Theo V. Mathews, of the Boise and Idaho Stage Line, and Mrs. Geo. H. Twiehell, passed through here this week on a visit to San Francisco.

Andy Baker has taken the place of Charles Haybes in the management of the stage line from Boise City to Winnemucca. He is a clever, genial gentleman, and has the reputation of being a good stage man.

We are indebted to Mrs. M.E. Hollister, of Boise City, for a magnificent Thanksgiving turkey, which we neglected to acknowledge in our last issue. May the good lady live to enjoy many a Thanksgiving dinner.

Geo. H. Coe, esq. and family, will leave in a couple of weeks on a visit to the Atlantic States. Mr. Coe is a Forty-niner, and is certainly entitled to a brief respite from a busy life of 21 years on the Pacific coast.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2012

Approved payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$39,404 Road & Bridge \$6,833 District Court \$944 Probation \$1,828 Museum \$1,422 Indigent & Charity \$35,339 Revaluation \$403 Solid Waste \$8,533 Tort \$25,352 Weed \$150 911 \$2,492 Vessel \$9.

Approved Proposal with Town & Country Electric for \$1,675 to replace outside lights at the Courthouse.

Adopted Resolution 12-30 Destruction of Records in Clerk’s office. Approved purchase of radio’s for Homedale Fire from 911 funds in the amount of \$7,180. A coordination meeting was held with the Boise District BLM. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

12/5/12

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF GRAND VIEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER:

Effective January 1, 2006 the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for Arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. The two Well’s supplying water for the Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. was tested on **October 11, 2012 from the Filtration Room both Well # 1 and Well # 2 was 0.004 ppb, of which both well’s are now below the 10 ppb Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set forth by the EPA. This is not considered to be at the violation of the federal drinking water standard, however, EPA or DEQ have not released the testing requirements.** The Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. is still required to provide quarterly public notice of arsenic levels. Until such time as Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) notifies the Association that this notice is no longer required you will continue to receive this notice quarterly.

What happened? Arsenic is a natural deposit occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations.

What health effects? Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.

What is being done? On the second Wednesday of each month there are regular Water & Sewer Board and the City Council meetings at City Hall – 425 Boise Ave. at 7:00 pm. Questions are encouraged concerning your drinking water and other issues.

The Water Improvement Plant is up and running with great success.

What should I do? It will be each citizen’s choice to use alternative drinking water (e.g., bottled) or drink Grand View Association’s Water the choice is the total responsibility of each citizen. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your Doctor.

For more information, please contact Grand View City Hall - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, lunch 12:30 to 1:30 – (208) 834-2700 - Closed all major holidays.

Please share this information

with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. The City of Grand View has notified owners of properties to supply copies to their residence. (For example, people in apartments, manufactured home parks, businesses and schools) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Thank you, Helana (Lani) Race
Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. Secretary / Treasurer
**4th Quarter –For:
October, November, December 2012**
Date of reporting: November 27, 2012

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessments levied by the Gem Irrigation District in 2012, for 2013, by virtue of the public notice given by the Bureau of Reclamation under Owyhee Project contract requires that payment is due in full before water will be delivered.

This assessment will become delinquent and subject to a penalty and interest unless paid before 5:00 p.m. on each one-half due date. Provided the first half of the assessment may be paid on or before December 20, 2012 and the remainder, or second half paid on or before March 15, 2013, or the delivery of said water will be withheld.

Payment of the assessment may be made to the Gem Irrigation District, in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, Idaho, during office hours of any business day or mailed to P.O. Box 67, Homedale, ID 83628.

Connie Chadez, Secretary/
Treasurer
Gem Irrigation District

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 2, 2012 File No.: 7307.24965 Sale date and time (local time): March 7, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 5658 Old Bruneau HWY Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Marc Castor and Leann Castor, husband and wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for D.L. Evans Bank Recording date: 10/17/2007 Recorder’s instrument number: 262809 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 2, 2012: \$178,482.06 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at

public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: A parcel being a portion of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 34; thence South 89 degrees 37’ 06” East along the North boundary of the said Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, a distance of 317.59; thence South 19 degrees 36’ 09” East along the centerline of a 4-foot wide concrete irrigation ditch, a distance of 307.14 feet, thence South 88 degrees 14’ 17” West a distance of 419.64 feet to a point on the West boundary of the said Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter; thence North 0 degrees 13’ 20” West along the said West boundary, a distance of 304.36 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.24965) 1002.231149-File No.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2012-02731 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of KARL W.GROBER and OMA P. GROBER, deceased persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho.

DATED this 28th day of November, 2012.
/s/B. KARLENE KIENAST,
Personal Representative
DAVID E. KERRICK, ISB #2565, 1001 Blaine Street, Post Office Box 44 Caldwell, Idaho 83606. Telephone: (208) 459-4574 Facsimile: (208) 459-4573, Attorney for Personal Representative.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On March 12, 2013, at the hour of 1:00 o’clock PM of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho, 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:

Lot 3 of Block 1 of the original Townsite of Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof dated September 25, 1937 and filed August 17, 1938 as No. 56105 in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho

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 **12913 Delmar Avenue, Murphy, 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 Daryl Crandall and Jennifer Crandall, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 24, 2007, as Instrument No. 262194, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Midfirst Bank, recorded November 5, 2012, as Instrument No. 279136, 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 \$872.16 for the months of April 2012 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 \$105,133.62 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 7.0% from March 1, 2012, 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 7th day of November,

2012.
Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 7, 2012 File No.: 7043.22363 Sale date and time (local time): March 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 6116 Dunlap Road Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Stacey E. Eickhoff & Edward W. Eickhoff, Jr., wife & husband Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: First Horizon Home Loan Corporation Recording date: 08/11/2004 Recorder’s instrument number: 248787 and Modified on February 01, 2005 as Instrument No. 250762 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 7, 2012: \$194,202.60 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: A part of Lot 5 of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows: Beginning at a point 40 feet East of the Southwest corner of the half section line running through said Lot 5, which Point of Beginning is also described as a point 40 feet East of the point of Intersection of the North and South half section line and the South line of said section; thence in a Northeasterly direction 742 feet to the Fork of Snake River; thence Southeasterly along the bank of Snake River 567 feet to the South line of said Section 21; thence West 942 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7043.22363) 1002.233135-File No.

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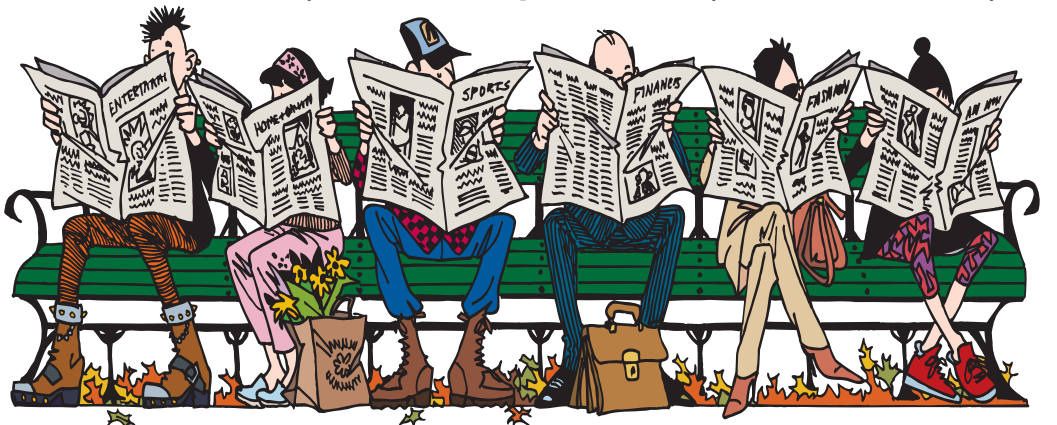


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