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### Crowded field enters Homedale parade



Members of Job's Daughters and invited guests wave from the championship float during Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays parade on East Idaho Avenue. For more photos, see Page 11.

## Job's Daughters win top prize

Poodles shivered, children screamed and horses trotted Saturday in what organizers were calling one of the best Homedale for the Holidays parades in recent memory.

A strong contingent of classic cars helped stretch the annual holiday parade down a good portion of Idaho Avenue as children darted out from the sidewalk to scoop up candy tossed from passing floats and vehicles.

"We had great participation, and a lot of people turned out to watch," Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker said.

Bethel 31 of Job's Daughters won the top

prize in parade judging with their vision of "Santa's Workshop," which included two alpacas disguised as reindeer.

The runner-up float was the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation entry portraying Santa riding out of a mine shaft in an ore cart. This year's theme was Celebrating the Spirit of Owyhee County, and judges said the OHR float was the strongest representation of that.

Third place went to Les Shank, who drove a 1923 Ford Model TT truck with his brother-in-law Don Leisen and four poodles as co-pilots. Shank and his wife Jenny live outside Homedale.

## Murphy Post Office to remain open, but with reduced hours

A public meeting was held last Thursday at McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum to discuss the results of a survey sent to 216 customers of the Murphy Post Office.

"A little over 50 percent of the people returned their surveys," Vikki Tyson, postal administrator for Murphy, said.

Tyson also serves as postmaster for the Melba Post Office.

The surveys were sent by the U.S. Postal Service in order to determine the best course of action for maintaining service in the

small rural community.

The survey allowed respondents to choose from four options:

- Keep the post office open, with revised service hours.
- Examine closing the post office and providing roadside mailbox delivery and retail services.
- Conduct a study to discontinue the post office and provide services through a contractor, generally a local business.
- Conduct a study to discontinue the post office and provide

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The lines started early for the Santa Brunch on Saturday at Homedale Elementary School. For more photos, see Page 9.

## Santa Brunch dubbed overwhelming success

The inaugural Santa Brunch exceeded expectations Saturday at Homedale Elementary School.

The Parent Teacher Organization fundraiser brought in gross receipts of \$5,600, chapter president Jamie Kraupp said Monday.

"We are thrilled with how well it went for our first year and very

appreciative to the community for all of their support and all the volunteers that made it happen," Kraupp said.

"We're looking forward to ironing at the kinks and doing it again next year."

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## Race ready to retire in Grand View

Longtime clerk served 14 years, three mayors

Grand View is approaching the end of an era at City Hall.

"I'm 66," says retiring city clerk Lani Race. "I'm done."

Race is set to retire on Dec. 26, 14 years and two months after she started the job.

"I was always going to retire at 66," she said. "I gave them six months' notice because there is such a process of advertising and applications and resumes and interviewing."

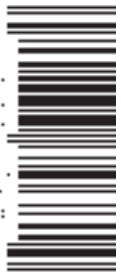
Oreana resident Teena Lewis

began training last month to succeed Race. The city council approved Lewis on Oct. 10 after sifting through nine applicants.

"She's very capable," Race said. "I'm excited for her."

Although Race is ready to retire to her piece of land outside Grand View with her husband of 16

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More than dress rehearsal



Above: Homedale High School Drama Club member Lauren Wright portrays Dr. H. Q. Crankspea from "The Robbed Reindeer" on Thursday at Homedale Elementary School. Below: Milo Daves giggles as he watches.



# Hearing set on building permits fee increase

Building permit fees are likely going up in Owyhee County, and a public hearing on the issue is set for 11 a.m. Jan. 7 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The topic of building permit costs has been ongoing since Owyhee County entered into an agreement with Canyon County for building inspections. As recently as the BOCC meeting on Nov. 26, Dan Hunter and Kevin LoPiccolo with the Canyon County Building Department attended the board meeting to help determine a fee structure for exchange of services between the two counties (including fees for past inspections).

At that time, it was again suggested by Hunter that Owyhee County adopt Canyon County's building permit fees.

Mary Huff, Owyhee Planning and Zoning Department administrator, told commissioners during their weekly meeting Dec. 3 that some Owyhee County building fees are lower than Canyon County's, but in general that is not always the case.

"On the low end, Owyhee's fees may be higher, but as you go up the scale, the fees get incrementally higher with Canyon," Huff said.

In an email the day after the commissioners meeting, Huff explained that by "low end" she meant a building project such as a porch. Fees for similar, smaller projects would go down under the Canyon cost structure, and she cited some examples.

"A \$2,000 project (possible example of a porch) would go down approximately 13 percent or \$9.25. A \$40,000 project — such as a small addition, a pole barn, or any project that was \$40,000

## Huff: Permit count not affected by economy

So far in 2012, 86 building permits have been issued in Owyhee County, according to Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff, the majority of them for residential building projects.

Huff said that figure has not deviated despite the economic

downturn.

"Permits have remained pretty consistent over the past couple of years," she said.

Huff said she was not aware of any permits that were obtained pre-recession then put on hold until an uptick in the economy. —GB

in construction costs — would go down approximately 2 percent or \$12.75," Huff said.

However, people undertaking larger projects of \$100,000 or more would see building permit fee increases under the Canyon County fee scale.

A \$100,000 project would go up approximately 17.5 percent or \$212. A \$300,000 project would go up approximately 28 percent or \$1,045. A \$1 million project would go from \$5,608 to \$11,330.

"However, in my time with the county, we have never had a home built with a \$1 million valuation," Huff said. "The average home project in Owyhee County is about \$225,000; the cost of the building permit would go up approximately 42 percent or \$1,271.25."

Commercial building permit fees will be subject to the same increases, Huff said.

"There is not a different fee schedule for commercial projects," the P&Z administrator said.

In some instances, according to Huff, the fees are almost identical between the two counties.

One thing that would remain the

same is the cost of a plan review. For each building project, there is a plan review that is required, which is 16 percent of the building permit fee.

"That 16 percent is not changing from what it is. In other words, there is no increase proposed to the plan review percentage," she said.

At the Dec. 3 BOCC meeting, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery presented options to the commissioners other than continuing the building inspection agreement with Canyon.

"You could advertise for a new inspector, or (as is the case in a few Idaho counties) you could say no building permits are required, but I don't recommend that course," Emery said.

It may make it difficult for homeowners to get a loan or to sell property if a building inspection hasn't been performed, he said.

The attorney said a hearing should be set for citizen input.

"Public comment is appropriate," he said. —GB

## Marsing City Council to meet tonight

The Marsing City Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 tonight at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St.

The agenda will include discussion of opening up for re-bid the building of a security fence around the city's sewage lagoon.

During Monday's meeting of the

Board of County Commissioners, Jim Desmond, emergency services and Homeland Security grants coordinator for Owyhee County, said Marsing had received a bid for a six-foot-high security fence around the lagoon; however, Homeland Security — through which some of the funding would

come to help build the fence — requires at least an eight-foot-high fence around wastewater sites.

According to Marsing city clerk and treasurer Janice Bicandi, the agenda will also include: approval of a computer software upgrade proposal for city hall from Boise-area tech firm Valli Information Systems; annual review and approval of 2013 liquor, beer, wine and amusement licenses for Caba's Lounge and The Pour House; and annual review and approval of 2013 beer and wine licenses for Alejandra's, Spot Pizza and Logan's Market. —GB

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**Chamber children help with drawing**

*Emma Parker, daughter of Homedale Chamber president Gavin Parker, hands Gary Evans the turkey he won during the Chamber's drawing, which was held at Homedale Elementary School on Saturday in conjunction with the Santa Brunch.*

**Nampa man ordered to jail for third DUI**

**Little jail time for domestic violence conviction**

A Nampa man has been ordered to serve 13 days in jail for driving under the influence on an Owyhee County highway.

Ricky Darrell Mayberry, who was born in 1966, initially was supposed to go into a treatment program after his misdemeanor DUI conviction. Now he must report to jail by Jan. 31 to begin a sentence imposed by Magistrate Dan C. Grober.

Idaho State Police Trooper Joshua G. Hurley arrested Mayberry on May 4. It was Mayberry's second DUI arrest since 2011. He has been arrested in Canyon County twice for the offense, including 1989.

The balance of Mayberry's sentence included \$1,152 in fines and court costs, two years of probation and a one-year suspension of driving privileges. Grober also handed down a one-year jail sentence, but suspended all but 15 days of it and credited Mayberry for two days served.

**No additional jail time for domestic violence**

Caldwell resident Arturo W. Rosales, year of birth 1992,

has been placed on two years' probation after reaching a plea agreement.

Rosales originally was charged with felony domestic violence with traumatic injury and misdemeanors including destruction of a telecommunications device, littering and two counts of injury to a child.

County prosecutor Douglas D. Emery dropped all charges and amended the domestic violence count to a different felony.

Grober ordered Rosales to pay \$332.50 in court costs and fines and imposed a six-month jail sentence, 173 days of which were suspended. Rosales also received credit for seven days served in Owyhee County Jail.

Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Moe booked Rosales into the Murphy jail on Aug. 2 after the man allegedly punched his wife in the presence of their two young children outside their vehicle, which was parked at the corner of U.S. Highway 95 and Hogg Road.

A two-year no-contact order was imposed one day after Rosales' arrest.

Court records indicate that Rosales spent 11 days in jail and was ordered to pay fines and fees amounting to \$454 in Canyon County after his Sept. 8 arrest for violating a no-contact order.

**California marijuana suspects heading for January sentencing**

**Three men reach plea deals; \$150K warrant out for fourth suspect**

Three California men caught allegedly bringing a load of marijuana into Idaho through Owyhee County will be sentenced next month.

A fourth suspect remains at large, and authorities have issued a \$150,000 warrant for his arrest.

County prosecutor Douglas D. Emery confirmed Thursday that Fresno, Calif., residents Sergio Alejandro Bejar, Timothy Daniel Juarez and Christopher McMurray will appear before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey for sentencing at 9 a.m. on Jan. 11.

The men, all in their 20s, each face up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possessing in excess of three ounces of marijuana.

Emery said the plea deals all three men agreed to do not include any agreement on sentencing, and both sides will argue appropriate punishment during the sentencing hearing.

The three men will be sentenced only on the sole count of marijuana possession. All other charges

brought were dropped as part of the plea agreement, Emery said.

Originally, the trio was charged with felony criminal conspiracy and misdemeanors for possessing drug paraphernalia as well as a felony charge of trafficking in marijuana.

Emery previously said that the trafficking charge was reduced because of the uncertainty of proving the exact amount of marijuana the men were transporting into the state.

The fourth suspect, another Fresno-area resident named Ernesto Franco, remains at large. He also faces a felony possession charge after originally being booked on a misdemeanor offense and released.

The four men were in a Dodge Charger that Bejar allegedly was driving at a high rate of speed on U.S. Highway 95 on Oct. 26 when Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy David Green made a traffic stop.

A search by Green and the county's K-9 unit uncovered about 4½ pounds of marijuana in various bags in the car. Emery later said that the fact that the sheriff's office scale was not certified and that the weight of the plants change as the leaves dry led to a decision to reduced the felony, with Green's concurrence.

—JPB

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# Plea hearing slated for mother accused of killing toddler

## Wilder man facing felonies

Two people each facing a string of felony charges are due in a Murphy courtroom Friday morning for arraignments.

Veronica Thea Herrera, the 29-year-old Homedale mother accused of killing her 2-year-old daughter, is scheduled to enter a plea on several charges.

The charges listed for attention at the hearing include first-degree murder, four counts of injury to a

child, failure to notify authorities about the death and destruction of evidence.

The charges stem from an indictment handed down by an Owyhee County grand jury in mid-November. In indicting on a first-degree murder charge, the grand jury also offered an alternative count of second-degree murder.

The second major arraignment scheduled Friday involves a Wilder man who faces five felonies, including two counts of rape.

Gerado Arias-Flores was bound over after a Dec. 3 preliminary

before Magistrate Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

In addition to the rape charges, Arias-Flores stands accused of burglary and domestic battery with traumatic injury.

Homedale Police Officer Andrew Arnold arrested Arias-Flores early last month after the man allegedly broke into his girlfriend's house on two occasions and raped her.

Both arraignments are scheduled during the 9 a.m. session before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey.

# Marsing High School organizations launch food scavenger hunt

## FFA urges other clubs to help during holiday

The Marsing FFA chapter once again has challenged other Marsing High School clubs in a contest to help the community's needy.

The FFA's sixth annual food, toy and blanket drive began a seven-day run Monday.

Members of each club will go door-to-door this week looking for donations from the community for holiday care packages.

The group that brings in the most food items will receive a barbecue lunch cooked by the FFA chapter officers.

"We thought challenging everybody else would get more involvement," FFA chapter president Tanner Fisher said.

The school organizations, which

includes the FFA and probably the band, choir, the Business Professionals of America chapter and the Student Council, will engage in a scavenger hunt, tracking down food items that are most wanted and most frequently used during the holiday season.

The food drive started Monday and runs for seven days.

Fisher, who is a junior at Marsing, said the group has a goal of 1,000 food items.

"People who need the food can directly contact the school, and we simply make sure they have what they need when they need it and we quietly get them the things that they need," Fisher said.

He added that small teams of students will be available to collect food from out in the community, or residents can drop food off at the school.

Earlier this year, proceeds from a FFA-sponsored dance were dedicated to help with the food, toy and blanket drive.

Anyone interested in donating to the food drive and needing more information can contact the FFA through its advisor, Mike Martin, at mmartin@marsinghschools.org or by calling the ag shop at (208) 896-4111, ext. 188.

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## ✓ Race: New clerk already in training

years, Calvin, she's not going to leave Lewis high and dry.

"It told her that I was going to teach her her resources, but she could call me for six months," Race said.

"This job, there's no deputy clerk. This job takes a full year to understand how it goes. I'm going to teach her who to go to for answers."

Race has been a mainstay at the City Hall building on Boise Avenue, serving in three different mayoral administrations. She also serves as the city treasurer and the secretary/treasurer for the town's water and sewer association, which remains a separate entity from the city.

Although Race has been a constant in her position, the political transition has required her to adapt, much like she did when she first arrived on the job after working in a supervisory role in the Seattle area for years.

"You have to learn their personality, and they have to learn yours," Race said of each new mayor. "I would say it was a smooth transition, with

adjustments."

Tammy Payne currently fills the mayoral position in Grand View. She's in her first term after succeeding two-term chief executive Paul Spang.

"Tammy is a go-getter," Race said. "She has a high interest in the city. She loves this little city. She volunteers hours and hours of her time doing grants and helping people around the city."

"She's a go-getter. When she walks through the door, you get your pencil on paper."

Spang became mayor after Allen Long, who hired Race in 1998, two years after she arrived in town from the Seattle-Tacoma area.

"When I came here, and after a while of being married, I wanted a job and I wanted to apply for this job and I got it," she said.

The communication style between Spang and Long took some adjustments, she said.

"You would leave a message for Allen because there was no email and he worked nights," Race said.

"With Paul, we had email back and forth, and I'd call him, too."

Originally from Amarillo, the drawl of Race's native Texas still creeps into conversation despite the fact that she has lived for long periods in Grand View and, before that, the "big city" of Tacoma, Wash.

That fiery Texas panhandle demeanor cropped up every once in a while early on in the job, but Race admits the small-town girl inside her eventually re-emerged.

"I had a big-city attitude, but the citizens of Grand View won me over, and they were just so nice and kind. I learned to be kinder and softer."

Grand View the city also won Race over, and nowadays, she says, it seems she's not alone.

"It seems like it's grown even though the population census went down," Race said.

"It has changed. People are becoming more aware that they want Grand View to look nice and there have been some people that have worked towards that."

—JPB

## Franklin Hart ends long off-and-run in GV office

The impending departure of city clerk Lani Race isn't the only change in Grand View's government these days.

Water and Sewer Association board president Franklin Hart resigned from his posts on the water and sewer board and the city council last month, and ballots to fill four positions are due back to City Hall at 5 p.m. today.

Opal Ward, Marie Hipwell, David Buffington and Tammy Payne are the four people up

for re-election in the water and sewer board election.

Buffington became interim president for the association board of directors after Hart's resignation.

The council appointed Mary Bradeen to succeed Hart during its Nov. 14 meeting.

Hart had served on the board off and on for the past 40 years, Race said.

The council and water and sewer association meet again at 6 p.m. today at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

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## ✓ Murphy: Changes expected next year

postal boxes through another post office.

Twenty-six people attended the meeting, which Tyson deemed a good turnout.

It was decided to keep the post office open but to cut back daily hours to four and maintain the same two-hour Saturday schedule.

The post office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, according to Hope Reinerston, postal employee

at the Murphy Post Office.

She said those hours will not start until the end of January and possibly the first part of February.

Currently, postal hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

People in attendance at Thursday's public meeting greeted with relief the news that their post office would remain open.

"They wanted to keep their post office because that helps

keep the town's identity. They're the county seat in Murphy; that's important to them," Tyson said. "They were also concerned about jobs; they wanted everybody to keep their jobs."

Bill Chaus, district postal manager based in Salt Lake City, Utah, attended the meeting.

A similar plan is being studied for the Bruneau Post Office, but no survey or public meeting has been announced.

—GB



Lindsey Love, left, moves some tins as Tracy Fisher waits for more food to finish cooking in the Homedale Elementary School kitchen during Saturday's Santa Brunch.

## ✓ Santa: Volunteers make the difference

The "kinks" merely were more people than anticipated creating a mad dash to make sure enough food was available.

Kraupp estimated that more than 500 people showed up for the event, which also included a couple raffles and a silent auction.

Organizers prepared enough food for 250 people, but there were about 300 advance tickets sold plus a walk-up rush after the Homedale

for the Holidays parade.

"We are just so grateful to an amazing community and the amazing volunteers," Kraupp said.

The line stretched along the west side of the elementary school as people waited to attend the brunch or visit Santa and watch the turkey raffle, both of which were arranged by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

Kraupp said a meeting has been

scheduled so the Santa Brunch committee can start planning for next year and finalize a strategy to utilize the proceeds collected this year.

There is talk that a reader board for the elementary school is near the top of the wish list.

Teachers and principal Terri Vasquez are among those serving on the committee, Kraupp said.

—JPB

## Adrian's Witty earns degree, enters ISU

Adrian High School graduate Jayna Witty has entered pharmacy school after earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore.

The daughter of Marshall and Darla Witty now attends classes at Idaho State University's Meridian campus, according to her mother.

Witty was a frequent Dean's List honoree while at EOU.

## Senior menu

### 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

## School menus

### Homedale Elementary

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  
 Dec. 18: Mini corn dogs, carrots, pears  
 Dec. 19: Burrito, Spanish rice, corn, pears

### Homedale Middle

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  
 Dec. 18: Nachos or baked potato, veggie cup, applesauce  
 Dec. 19: Toasted cheese or rib-b-que, corn, apple

### Homedale High

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  
 Dec. 18: Polish sausage or corn dog, potato chips, salad bar, fruit choice  
 Dec. 19: Enchilada or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

### Marsing

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)  
 Dec. 18: Spaghetti, Italian breadstick or beef nuggets, green beans, salad bar (6-12)  
 Dec. 19: Pepperoni pizza or baked potato, tossed salad, salad bar (6-12)

### Bruneau-Grand View

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  
 Dec. 18: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit  
 Dec. 19: Corn dog, baby carrots, fruit, rice crispie treat

### COSSA

Dec. 12: Chicken nachos, tomato, cheese, lettuce, refried beans, tropical fruit  
 Dec. 13: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cauliflower, oranges & apples  
 Dec. 14: Baked mac & cheese w/ham, broccoli, bread, fruit medley  
 Dec. 17: Chicken, bean & rice burrito w/cheese, corn, pears  
 Dec. 18: Sweet & sour chicken, fried rice, broccoli & carrots, mandarin oranges  
 Dec. 19: Navajo taco, lettuce, cheese, tomato, refried beans, fruit

## GV church offers play, dinner

### Holiday presentation an annual event

A Grand View church on Sunday continues a holiday tradition dating to its founding.

The concept has changed a little and expanded some over the years, but Valley Christian Fellowship has held a Christmas program of some sort every year since the congregation was developed 20 years ago.

The community dinner and Christmas program is free and open to the public.

It starts at 6 p.m. Sunday at the church, 37866 State Hwy 78 in Grand View.

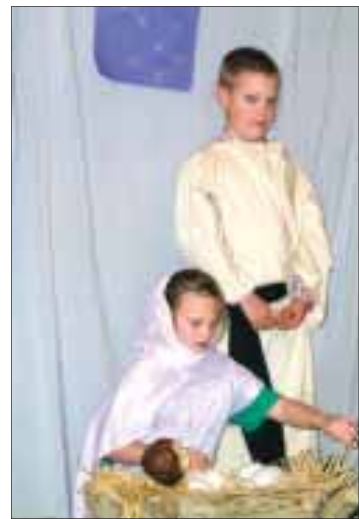
"It's just a thing we're doing for the community," founding pastor Nate Good said.

The whole family is invited

to the event, which includes a Nativity play entitled "Light Dawning." Members of the congregation have been rehearsing their parts for the play, and had the latest such gathering Sunday night.

Good said the church added the community dinner about 10 years ago. While there has been a Christmas program every year since he arrived in town, it hasn't always included a play, he said.

For more information on the event, call the church at (208) 834-2655 or Terese at (208) 834-2602.




Timothy Hook and Lainey Jenkins play Joseph and Mary in "Light Dawning," a Christmas play to be presented Sunday by the Valley Christian Fellowship in Grand View. Submitted photo

## Death notice

AGNES M. SMITH, 94, of Homedale, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at a Caldwell hospital. A viewing will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Graveside services will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.




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# Calendar

## Today

### 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

## Thursday

### 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

### Story Time at Homedale Public Library

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

## Saturday

### Homedale Running Club

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

### American Legion Christmas Party and Dinner

5 p.m., free, food drive items accepted, American Legion Post 32, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

### Senior center dance

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

## Sunday

### Christmas program and dinner

6 p.m., free and open to the public, Valley Christian Fellowship, 37866 State Hwy 78, Grand View. (208) 834-2655 or (208) 834-2602

## Monday

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

## Tuesday

### Foot clinic

8 a.m., \$10, appointment necessary, Homedale

Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Senior center Christmas dinner

Noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### El-Ada commodity distribution

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

### Homedale schools band Christmas concert

6:30 p.m., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale

## 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

### El-Ada commodity distribution

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

### Christian Life Club

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

### Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

### Job's Daughters Bethel 31 meeting

7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

## Thursday, Dec. 20

### Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

### Homedale Elementary Christmas concert

6:30 p.m., first- and second-graders, Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale

## Friday, Dec. 21

### Story Time at Homedale Public Library

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

## Saturday, Dec. 22

### 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 per person, bring finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

## Monday, Dec. 24

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

## Tuesday, Dec. 25

### Community Christmas dinner

2 p.m., free, Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808


## Wednesday, Dec. 26

### 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



*Owyhee  
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*Michael F. Hanley*

## Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

### Truckers

*17 December 1999, continued*

This week, Mike Hanley continues his tale of Pete Larrinanga, a former sheepherder who hauled cattle in Jordan Valley a half century ago for Chertudi Truck Line:

Pete was famous for his unique style in backing up to the loading chute. When about a yard from it, he'd pop the clutch, CRASH! If he didn't break off the posts, the chute would take on a distinct tip to the rear, which became his trademark. He knocked our chute over, so I rebuilt it with a big concrete ramp in front. It was christened when Pete hauled a load of cattle to the sale. He backed up as before and popped the clutch. WHAM! The block didn't move and neither did the truck. From then on, he eased up to it. Pete also did a number on most of the gate posts he encountered at barnyards and corrals.

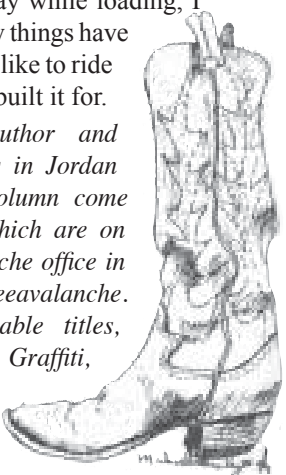
Another feature that Pete was known for was his use of a hot shot. He wasn't very agile, so he couldn't climb up and over the chutes to load so he'd stay on the outside and goose the cattle when they went up. After being kicked down the chute, I watched Pete closer than I did the cattle.

Chertudi's came once with three trucks and trailers and, like most ranches, our corrals weren't designed for big rigs. One driver, a heavyset redhead with a cigar, backed the truck and trailer in and loaded. The next driver, a new one, tried to back his rig in and couldn't. Joe Swisher, our cow boss, told the third driver, longtime Chertudi man, Les Reeves, that the cattle were shrinking by the second and he would appreciate it if he would back it in for him. Les replied, "You wouldn't let someone else ride your bridle horse would you?"

"To heck with that," Joe said. "If you won't back it in, then I will."

When trucks come to the ranch now, with their trailers and long double-decked semis, they easily pull up to the chute designed especially for them. Off to the side is the chute I built for Pete. Today while loading, I looked at it and thought how things have changed and how much I'd like to ride once again with the man I built it for.

*— 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](http://www.owyheeavalanche.com) for a list of available titles, including Hanley's Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Starford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.*



## Marsing seniors plan benefit dance

Two local veteran musicians are teaming up to play a dance Saturday to raise money for the Marsing Senior Center.

Vince Bingham, who plays regularly at the Caldwell Senior Center, and Howlin' Coyotes frontman Dale Borge will team up to provide live country and western music for the dance.

The event runs from 6 p.m. to

9 p.m. on Saturday at the senior center, 218 Main St., in Marsing. A \$4 donation will be requested, and the dance is open to all ages.

For more information, call 896-4634.

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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](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com) (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

# Food drive held at Homedale Legion post's annual holiday dinner

American Legion Post 32 in Homedale has woven a food drive into its community Christmas party and dinner this year.

The 35th annual party and dinner presented by the Legion and Auxiliary takes place at

5 p.m. on Saturday at the Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

The dinner is free, and Santa Claus will be on hand to visit with the children.

The Legionnaires also are looking for

non-perishable food items.

Community members who plan to attend the Legion's community dinner are asked to bring food items.

The food will be donated to the El-Ada

Community Action Partnership's Owyhee County food pantry.

El-Ada's food pantry is located in the organization's Homedale office on Colorado Avenue.

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# Homedale council considers curbing last-minute items

The Homedale City Council will take steps to formalize agenda items tonight during its first meeting of December.

At the behest of a couple council members, Paul J. Fitzer has drawn up a resolution outlining how citizens and groups should go about getting issues placed on the agenda for a given meeting.

The idea is to eliminate last-minute additions that may catch some council members off-guard because they haven't had time to research a particular subject.

The resolution will set a time table and deadline by which people must submit issues to be heard at the next scheduled meeting.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said City Hall already has forms for people to fill out when they want to speak before the council. The forms help provide background on an issue so council members are prepared for the discussion.

Pegram said the resolution will not prevent emergency issues from being brought before the

council, but it will cut down on the chance that an agenda will have to be amended during a meeting for items that otherwise could be handled at a future meeting.

Generally, the council meeting agenda is finalized two days before a scheduled meeting.

The council meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday and fourth Thursday of each month at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

In addition to the agenda resolution, Fitzer also will present the council with a resolution to surplus the city's 1980s Chevrolet dump truck. The council recently approved the purchase of a newer dump truck for the public works department.

The council also will consider a contract that will allow the Homedale Public Library to subscribe to the Idaho eBooks service.

Bill Pastoor, owner of Westtowns Disposal Inc., also is scheduled to come before the council for his regular progress report.

Departmental reports also are planned.

# More from Santa Brunch



**Above:** From back to front, teachers Laura Eubanks and Margo Phariss, school secretary Pam Gibbens and kitchen staffer Maria Obregon whip up breakfast burritos in the Homedale Elementary School kitchen Saturday.

**Left:** Fourth-grade teacher Stuart Emry fills out a raffle ticket during Saturday's Santa Brunch at Homedale Elementary School.



**From left:** Ryker Johnson, Tucker Favinger, Kash Leavitt and Andrew Mast show off their tribal masks. **Not pictured:** Jacob Kennington. Submitted photo

# Cub Scouts immerse in Native American culture

Boys in a Homedale Cub Scout pack recently completed a monthlong project to learn Native American customs.

Pack 409 Den leaders Don and Donna Reed led the five boys through the education unit, during which they built masks, rain sticks, jewelry and drums.

The Cub Scouts also receive material to read up on customs and the authentic materials used to build the items they would recreate. Donna Reed also led lessons with verbal instruction.

The Cub Scouts involved included Kash Leavitt, Tucker Favinger, Andrew Mast, Ryker Johnson and Jacob Kennington.

The boys used paper towel rolls, rice, foil and rabbit fur strips to build rain sticks.

They glued colored brad nail heads onto water chestnut cans to create bracelets.

The masks were made with newsprint and flour paste. Plastic kitchen bowls were used as molds

to shape the masks.

During the final meeting for the project, the boys built drums out of No. 10 metal cans and plastic lids.

Pack 409, comprised of boys from Homedale's First Ward, meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Homedale LDS church on West Idaho Avenue.

Den meetings are held each Tuesday after school at the church.

Scouts from the Second Ward comprise Pack 509.

The next event is the Blue and Gold banquet in February, which is attended by both Cub Scout packs. One pack will spend a month preparing decorations for the celebration, while the other will learn recipes to prepare the food for the meal.

For more information on Cub Scouts, contact Donna Reed at 337-5819.

— JPB

# New art exhibit at Lizard Butte

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library have hung works from an award-winning artist inside the Marsing library this month.

The Lizard Butte Library artist of the month is Kaye Gyllenskog, who covers a wide range of styles in her paintings and drawings.

Working from realistic to abstract, Gyllenskog has received numerous ribbons for her artwork. For the past two years, she has received Judge's Choice ribbons at the Old Fort Boise Days art show in Parma.

Born in Vancouver, Wash., Gyllenskog spent her early school years in Portland. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Elementary Education and

Secondary Art Education from Oregon State University.

Kaye taught grade school for a short time, then went back to OSU and got a post baccalaureate degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis on oil painting.

In 1977, she moved to Alaska and taught art at Prince William Sound Community College in Valdez. Here she also started her own business she named Phoenix Fine Arts and Graphic Design, which dealt with commercial art ranging from logos to murals.

After years in Alaska and traveling, Kaye resumed her training in commercial art at Portland Community College.

After her 2003 retirement, she

and her husband Jerry moved back to Idaho.

She joined the Parma Art Guild and started painting again in 2004. A president of the guild, she ran the art show for three years.

Besides painting and drawing, Kaye is involved in band and orchestra at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. She says that art and music have enriched her life and she hopes to continue to improve her skills and grow artistically.

The library, located at 111 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.



No word yet on whether Homedale kindergarten through sixth-grade music teacher Tony Bradshaw will don the tree hat on Dec. 20 like he did for a show last week at the senior center.

# Homedale schools Christmas concerts set

Homedale student-musicians are set for two Christmas concerts next week at Homedale Middle School.

On Tuesday, the various incarnations of the Homedale schools band and choir will perform under the direction of Jessica Bohacek.

On Thursday, Dec. 20, first- and second-graders from the elementary school will present their annual holiday concert with guidance from Tony Bradshaw.

Both shows start at 6:30 p.m.

# Marsing fifth-graders learn flag etiquette

Proper care for the American flag is part of the fifth-grade curriculum at Marsing Elementary School this year.

A group of fifth-graders will rotate throughout the year, retiring the flag from the pole in front of the school and folding it properly. School secretary Angie Malmberg said the daily exercise teaches the fifth-graders flag etiquette.

On Thursday, 10-year-old William Moore was joined by Irving Estrada, 11, and Isaac Peebly, 12. The three struggled against high winds to lower the flag and put it away without the flag touching the ground.

The group, which usually includes a fourth member in Eric Berends, hauled the flag to the school's covered entrance to get shelter against the wind. Once folded, the flag was brought into the office and presented to Malmberg for safekeeping.



Fifth-graders, from left, William Moore, 10, Irving Estrada, 11, and Isaac Peebly, 12, seek shelter against Thursday's windy conditions to fold the American Flag at Marsing Elementary School.

# Desserts needed for community Christmas

Another holiday brings another community dinner to the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View.

A free Christmas dinner for the community will be served beginning at 2 p.m. Christmas Day at the senior center, 425 Main St., in Grand View. The food for the dinner has been donated, and Patty Waltz and the staff of the Y-Café will prepare the meal.

Dessert donations are being sought, and volunteers also are needed to clean up after the dinner. For more information, call Karon Nichols at the senior center, (208) 834-2808.

The senior center also played host to a free community Thanksgiving dinner last month.

# Top 4-H alumni returning home to teach horse clinic

Two former standout 4-H'ers return home later this month to present a horse judging clinic.

Homedale High School graduates Mandy Brasher and Kortney Bahem will lead the clinic, which will be held inside Badiola Arena on U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale.

The Dust Devils 4-H club will sponsor the clinic, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 29.

"The clinic is geared toward helping

beginners understand and the experienced to gain more confidence and ability," Dust Devils 4-H leader Sylvia Bahem wrote in a press release.

A \$10 donation gets participants into the clinic. There will be no concessions available, but bottled water will be provided. Participants may bring a sack lunch.

RSVP to Sylvia Bahem at (208) 249-6889 or sbahem@frontiernet.net.

Bahem also expressed appreciation to

Ben and Lori Badiola for the use of the arena.

With two mares and two geldings on hand, Brasher and Kortney Bahem will conduct a "head-to-toe" clinic, covering what to look for and how to judge. A reason takings will be held after lunch.

Brasher is from Marsing, while Bahem hails from Homedale. The two clinic presenters comprised two-thirds of an Owyhee County 4-H horse judging team

that finished third in the nation in 2009 in Jackson, Miss. Marsing's Evon Timmons from the Wilson Butte 4-H Club, was the third member of that team.

Brasher and Bahem went on to college and have studied abroad. Brasher graduated from Dartmouth College in 2011, and Bahem continues her studies at Colorado State University in pursuit of a double major of Equine Science and Animal Science.

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# VFW to honor essay winners Thursday

Students who wrote winning essays in contests sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be honored this week in Marsing.

Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065 members will hold a dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St.

The Voice of Democracy essay winner, Marsing High School se-

nior Lacey Usabel, will be unable to attend because she is playing in New Plymouth with the Huskies' girls' basketball team.

Usabel won \$100 as the school-level and post-level champion in the Voice of Democracy contest. Her essay answered the question "Is our Constitution still relevant?"

She was the only high school

essayist to enter.

In the Patriot's Pen contest for middle schoolers, participants wrote on the topic, "What I would tell America's Founding Fathers."

The school-level champions included Samantha Gray in Homedale, Sam Galligan in Marsing and Lidia Stephenson in Parma.

Stephenson won an additional \$50 as the Post champion, while Galligan was second (\$35) and Gray third (\$25).

Ben Holloway was runner-up at Homedale Middle School and earned \$35, while Lindsey Burks finished third (\$25).

At Marsing Middle School, Tiffany Bagley was second (\$35), and Zoe Kish finished third (\$25).

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# The Spirit of Owyhee County



*Above:* Les and Jenny Shank's poodles warm up to the idea of riding in Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays parade.

*Right:* Closing out the parade, Santa Claus waves to children from a float advertising the Santa Brunch.



*Les Shank drives the 1923 Ford Model TT truck that took third place. Fellow Homedale resident Don Liesen and poodles Snickers, Bijou, Lepeche and Keoni are along for the ride. Shank owns the truck with his wife Jenny.*



*Santa rides out of a mine shaft in an ore cart in Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation's second-place float in Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays parade. The theme this year was Celebrating the Spirit of Owyhee County.*



*Above, left:* Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065 members Dan Carlson (left) and Merrill Tallman toss candy from the bed of fellow Marsing resident Dick Burman's Chevy pickup truck. *Above, right:* Driving a 1958 Chevrolet sedan delivery, Bob McDonald leads a throng of classic cars and hot rods. *Below:* Children throw candy from a Homedale fire truck.



# Homedale's food, gift drive winding down for 2012

## Holiday care packages to be distributed Friday

Taking a page from another group looking out for the community's less fortunate, some Homedale High School students have dispersed boxes in local businesses to collect food.

Much like the Wish Tree does with its tagged tree throughout town, Homedale's National Honor Society members have put out holiday-decorated boxes in several businesses to round up food items for the annual Hands Around Homedale food drive.

"We still have one more week of collecting, and we are hoping that a lot of people contribute so we can make a big impact this year," chapter advisor, and HHS English teacher, DJ Kessler said.

The food drive, which is spearheaded by students and student groups in all Homedale schools, continues through Friday.

On Friday, the food collected will be transferred to the elementary school kitchen where volunteers will sort the items and add Paul's Market meats donated by the Caldwell Euzkaldunak

Charity Organization and other vegetables from local producers to create care packages for dozens of Homedale families.

"I sorted the boxes at the elementary last year; and this year, as a member of the National Honor Society, we're actually getting people in the community involved," senior Elizabeth Albor said.

The families will pick up the food boxes later Friday.

The food drive was initiated by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of the late Poke Henson decades ago.

"This is a cool tradition started a long time ago," NHS member senior Emilee Hann said. "It's good to keep it going and we need the community's help."

Friday is also the final day to donate toys and clothing — wrapped or unwrapped — to designated areas to fulfill tags on the Wish Trees. Members of the city's emergency services community will distribute those items to families on Saturday, Dec. 22.

Wish Tree volunteer Diana Uranga Maxwell said the Beta Sigma Phi sorority-led drive still has may tags unfulfilled.

"Any help would be greatly



The Homedale High School chapter of the National Honor Society is taking part in the Hands Around Homedale food drive. Students and their advisors shown here include, from left, Jackie Martinez; Debbie Flaming, student services specialist; Emilee Hann; DJ Kessler, English teacher; and Elizabeth Albor.

appreciated," she said, adding that most gifts usually are turned on the final day of the drive.

Wish Tree tags can be found on Christmas trees standing in Paul's Market and Moxie Java Bistro as well as on a wreath at the Homedale Post Office and along the restaurant counter at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Similarly, the HHS National Honor Society members took gift-wrapped boxes to local businesses and asked if they could be placed in prominent locations.

Kessler and HHS student support specialist Debbie Flaming organized the box idea.

Boxes can be found at City Hall, Homedale Drug, the post

office, Matteson's, Moxie Java, Owyhee Family Dental Center, Paul's, Rebecca's Market and US Bank.

"I like how we're gathering these items to help families in need so they have something to eat this holiday," senior Jackie Martinez, another Honor Society member, said.

# OCSO personnel work overtime for traffic patrol

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is seeking a \$20,000 grant from the Idaho Transportation Department to help pay overtime for deputies patrolling for impaired drivers.

Impaired driving refers to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

At its regular weekly meeting Dec. 3, the Board of County Commissioners was informed of the grant request by OCSO Deputy Scott Snyder, who said that in a recent 19-day period, officers made 117 traffic stops, handing out citations for minor traffic offenses from driving without insurance to not wearing seatbelts.

There was one DUI citation in that time frame, Snyder said.

In all, according to Snyder, traffic fines netted \$5,597 for the county during that period.

Collectively, the officers accrued 61 hours of overtime during

the 19-day stretch, though many of the tickets were given out during officers' normal working hours, Snyder said.

Referred to as traffic mobilization grants, ITD offers the money to help law enforcement officials crack down on impaired driving. Snyder said ITD focuses on the holiday season when people attend more parties and imbibe more alcohol, but spring and summer are also a primary focus.

In other business, county assessor Brett Endicott reported on the status of lighting for Owyhee County Courthouse security. Town & Country Electric of Nampa resubmitted a bid for lighting the courthouse exterior, including the flagpole. The first bid did not allow for a rebate from Idaho Power because the utility did not recognize the type of lights Town & Country proposed.

"Idaho Power says there's been

no testing on the lights to say they're better," Endicott said.

The commissioners were given a copy of the resubmitted bid. The cost of services from Town & Country are more than \$400 higher under the new proposal.

The old bid amount was \$1,675, while the new bid amount is \$2,096, according to Endicott. The Idaho Power rebate would be \$665 and would be returned to the county after payment of the bill.

That would bring the final cost of the lighting project under the new bid to \$1,431, Endicott said.

The county would save \$329 annually because of more efficient lighting, according to the assessor.

Endicott said it would take more than four years of energy savings to make up the cost of the project.

The commissioners approved

the new bid during their Dec. 10 meeting.

The subject of property taxes came up at the Dec. 3 meeting when county treasurer Brenda Richards addressed the commissioners. The county is still getting phone calls from residents regarding the large increase in their property tax bills, Richards said.

"The amount went from \$7,000 to \$16,000 for one older lady," she said.

The tax increase has been particularly difficult for people in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

"It's hitting them pretty hard down there," she said.

The loss of students in some schools means the Bruneau-Grand View School District gets less money from the state for its education budget.

"It's hard in sparsely populated areas. More money has to come from fewer people," she said.

"When outside funds go away, taxpayers get stuck," Endicott said.

Voters in the Bruneau-Grand View district also received a tax increase after passing a two-year, \$1.4 million supplemental levy in August.

Richards said she encourages citizens to get in touch with their legislators regarding tax issues.

Endicott said if property taxes on businesses are eliminated during the upcoming legislative session, lawmakers need to be aware of how that shifts the tax burden.

While he said he understood the idea behind giving businesses an incentive to come to or remain in Idaho by eliminating their property taxes, he said others have to take up the slack.

"You can't keep passing it on to small businesses and farmers," he said. —GB

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## Homedale library announces new hours

The Homedale Public Library changed the hours it is open last week.

The library, located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday

and Thursday; 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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## Story Time continues

"The Night Tree" by Eve Bunting will be read at Friday's Story Time at the Homedale library.

The reading for preschoolers begins at 10:15 a.m. and also includes craft time, songs and snacks.

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Adrian splits titles at its own hoops tourney

# Avalanche Sports

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Rimrock girls poised to return to glory

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## Trojans, Huskies finish in top 10 at Calhoun Classic

Homedale wrestlers pull down two championships

Championship performances by Brad McCain and Tyler Hardy propelled Homedale High School to a seventh-place finish at the Calhoun Classic wrestling tournament.

The Trojans had five top-four wrestlers, scoring 82.50 points.

In what could be a precursor to the 3A Snake River Valley conference season, McCain beat Fruitland's Christian Ketchu

at 195 pounds.

A senior transfer from Caldwell, Hardy opened his stint with the Trojans in

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## Marsing sweeps rivalry games

Girls

### Huskies turn back late-game surge

A little rest and relaxation helped Marsing High School's veteran girls' basketball players give a present to their younger teammates.

Senior Ashley Hull scored 21 points and the energy seemed to flow to the Huskies as they held on Homedale, 43-40, in a rematch in Marsing on Dec. 4.

"We're really pleased about bouncing back from the first Homedale game. That was good for our morale as a group," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "Some of the freshmen's comments were, 'I've never beaten Homedale.'"

When the Trojans wiped out Marsing, 60-38, on Nov. 30, Little suggested a possible letdown in the wake of his team's first conference game the night before.

Last week, the Huskies forced 17 turnovers.

"Intensity makes a big difference for us defensively," Little said. "Once we get intensity defensively, good things happen for us and it flows into our offense."

Marsing broke open a two-point game with a dominant third quarter during which freshman Shannon Clover scored the first points of her high school career. She finished with six points on perfect shooting.



Marsing High School's Miguel Leon applies pressure to Homedale's Adam Abrego as Huskies big man moves in to help Saturday on the Trojans' floor.

The Huskies' defense stymied Homedale's late-game surge, while the offense hit key baskets to stay out front.

Hull hammered home a three-point goal with 4 minutes, 40 seconds left as the Huskies fought to maintain a five-point lead throughout the final quarter.

The Trojans pulled to within a point twice, including once on clutch free throws from Destiny Long.

But Marsing's own Destiny — Reynolds — hit a post-up turnaround jumper with 2:20 remaining, and then Hull fed Reynolds for a layup off a Homedale turnover to rebuild a five-point lead that gave the Huskies enough to withstand a last-gasp rally in the final 25

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Boys

### Galligan's dunk keys Marsing's victory run

Saturday's Homedale-Marsing high school showdown was the type of boys' basketball game that begged for a dominant figure to emerge.

Miguel Leon did just that in the fourth quarter to push the Huskies to their first win of the season.

The junior guard scored 10 of his 16 points in the final stanza as Marsing pulled out a 55-48 non-conference victory on their rivals' floor.

The Huskies (1-2) opened the fourth quarter on an 8-2 run highlighted by three layups.

Marsing pushed its advantage to 10 points when Yovani Zerapio rolled in another layup on a transition play with 4 minutes, 50 seconds remaining. The basket capped a game-changing 13-4 spurt.

Marsing outscored Homedale, 35-24, in the second half.

The shift in power began to develop in the third quarter. Homedale (2-2) owned a 24-20 halftime lead behind a patient half-court offense that led to crisp jump shots.

When the shots weren't falling, 6-foot-3 senior post Antonio Sturgeon crashed the boards and completed a three-point play for a 19-16 HHS lead.

Two more free throws from Trey

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Marsing's Ashley Hull gets hammered by Homedale's Elise Shenk as another Trojans defender closes in during a Dec. 11 game in Marsing. Photo by Dan Pease.

## Emry takes down Montana track record

HHS grad starts indoor season strong in heptathlon

Observers were quiet about expectations for Austin Emry before the indoor track and field season began.

That's OK. The Homedale High School graduate decided to go out and make some noise for himself in the Uni-

versity of Montana's season-opening meet Friday and Saturday.

Emry, the son of Stuart and Lori Emry and a junior at the U of M, scored 5,623 points at the Candy Cane V heptathlon to set the Grizzlies' school record.

A junior who redshirted during the Grizzlies' indoor season a year ago, Emry was the only participant in the multi-event contest at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash.

He turned heads just the same with

one of the best performances of his career.

He set or matched personal bests in five of the heptathlon's seven events and eclipsed his previous best score by nearly 500 points. He also scored 145 more points than Andrew Levin did in 2004 while winning the heptathlon at the Big Sky Conference indoor championships and setting the previous school record.

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HHS graduate Austin Emry, right, clears a hurdle in 2010. Photo by Dean Hendrickson / University of Montana

# Sports

## Versatile Jordan Valley boys stay unbeaten

### Sausser scores 14 in girls' loss to Notus

Five players scored in double figures Friday as Jordan Valley High School rolled to a boys' basketball victory over Rimrock.

Ty Warn scored 16 points to lead the way in the Mustangs' 89-35 non-league victory against the visiting Raiders of the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

"We started fast with a big early lead," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "We got lots of minutes for everyone and played

consistently on both ends of the court."

Jordan Valley (4-0 overall at week's end) made up for a 3-for-11 outing at the foul line by canning 42 field goals on 53.2 percent shooting.

Jared Lemieux was 7-for-8 from the free-throw line and scored 21 points for the Raiders (1-5), who lost their fifth consecutive game. Lemieux hit four three-point goals before fouling out.

The Mustangs led, 50-13, after a 22-3 run through the second quarter. Warn drained a trey and grabbed a co-team-high nine rebounds.

Wyatt Trautman had 12 points

and nine rebounds, while Blaine Moran and Tom Nelson both went 6-for-7 from the floor as part of their twin 12-point outings. Braden Fillmore tossed in 14.

**Junior varsity** — Jordan Valley 61, Rimrock 28

**Saturday: Jordan Valley 51, Notus 42** — Facing another tight battle with a defensive-minded squad, the Mustangs were able to protect their possessions better than the first encounter, Workman said, and win in Idaho.

"We were much better on offense. We did a good job of keeping control of the ball," the coach said. "Less turnovers means more offensive opportunities."

Jordan Valley committed just 11 turnovers. Defensively, the Mustangs were called for only 14 fouls in 32 minutes.

"We executed very well down the stretch to pull away from a tight game," Workman said.

After both teams combined for 13 points in the third quarter, Jordan Valley put up 20 in the final period as Warn finished with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Ben Telleria knocked down five of eight shots, including two three-pointers, for 12 points. Jordan Valley took only 39 shots.

Bryan Frahm and Casey Wilbur led the Pirates with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

**Junior varsity** — Jordan Valley 46, Notus 34. Mustangs are 3-0.

### Girls

**Friday: Notus 44, Jordan Valley 30** — Sharayah Sausser scored 14 points, but the Mustangs remained winless after a non-league road game against the Pirates of the 1A WIC.

Morgan Caywood scored seven points, and Andi Warn added five for the Mustangs, who missed 12 of 22 foul shots.

Notus took control with a 17-5 second-quarter run after both teams played an even first.

Juli Tedford led the Pirates with 15 points.

## Rimrock girls' basketball team rolling once again

### Combined effort leads to three blowout wins

Kyla Jewett has announced her arrival in spectacular fashion.

Rimrock High School's junior guard averaged 17.7 points in the season's first three girls' basketball games as the Raiders put together a dominant week reminiscent of the days when coach Mike Chandler's daughters were patrolling the hardwood in Bruneau.

Now, Coach Chandler seems to have found a winning formula once again.

Jewett scored 18 of her game-high 20 points in the first half of Thursday's 61-22 shellacking of

Ambrose in Meridian.

The win was the third consecutive lopsided win to start the Raiders' season. Rimrock has outscored opponents by an average of 63-25.

Jewett also helped pace the defense with a co-team-high four steals (Desi Meyers also had four steals to go along with six assists).

But in a trend that mirrors the days of Ellie Cantrell and Shelby and Emily Chandler and Jackie Thurman, everyone is getting in on the act these days for the Raiders.

Bailey Bachman scored 14 points and collected a team-high eight rebounds. Meyers finished with nine points and hit one of the Raiders' four three-point goals.

Ten of the 11 players Mike Chandler put on the floor scored.

Jewett opened the night with two three-pointers and 10 points in Rimrock's 19-point first quarter.

Only three Ambrose players scored with Caitlyn Boeck putting in 14 points. Hatie West added six points, and Ellie Watts hit two of six free throws.

The Raiders (3-0 overall) opened the 1A Western Idaho Conference season after deadline Monday in Caldwell against Gem State Adventist.

**Wednesday: Rimrock 62, Sho-Ban 26** — Jewett scored eight points in a 22-point first quarter as the Raiders started fast and routed the Chiefs from Fort Hall.

Bachman scored 11 points

and grabbed eight rebounds as nearly every Rimrock player who got the floor for coach Mike Chandler scored in the team's home opener. Jewett led the way with 13 points.

The Raiders' defense stiffened in the second half, holding Sho-Ban to only seven points. The Chiefs missed on all eight of their foul shots, and their top scorers had no points after halftime.

Jewett paced the Raiders' defense with 12 steals. In all, Rimrock had 21 steals. By contrast, Rimrock's offense turned the ball over just seven times.

Hailey Boman scored half of Rimrock's points in a 12-point fourth quarter and finished with 10 points, all from the field.

**Dec. 4: Rimrock 66, Owyhee,**

**Nev. 27** — Jewett lit up the Braves for 20 points, and Bachman pulled in a double-double as the Raiders rolled in their season opener on the road.

Bachman scored 10 points and collected 13 rebounds in the non-conference win.

Rimrock blew open a one-point game with a 40-10 run through the second and third quarters and closed the game on a 17-7 spurt.

Desi Meyers, a junior guard, led the Raiders' opportunistic defense with seven steals. She also dished a team-high four assists.

Ariann Gordie hit a pair of fourth-quarter three-point goals to lead Owyhee with 10 points. Teammate Shania Haney hit a three-pointer and scored all eight of her points in the first quarter.

## MARSING HUSKIES

### Athlete of the Week

#### Jose Acuna, Junior, Boys' Basketball



The Play — The guard averaged 13 points per game as the Huskies opened the season. He was perfect in two three-point attempts Saturday and scored 14 points to help Marsing post its first win of the year, 55-48, over Homedale. Acuna also scored a game-high 22 points and hit four three-pointers in last Wednesday's 63-57 season-opening loss to Parma.

### Girls' Basketball

#### Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 13 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15, home vs. McCall, 3:15 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.

#### Junior varsity A

Thursday, Dec. 13 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15, home vs. McCall, 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

### Wrestling

Friday, Dec. 14 at Glens Ferry Duals, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15 at Glens Ferry Duals, 9:30 a.m.

### Boys' Basketball

#### Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 13 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.

#### Junior varsity A

Thursday, Dec. 13 at Payette, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 6 p.m.

#### Junior varsity B

Thursday, Dec. 13 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 4:45 p.m.



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# Sports

## Adrian goes 1-for-2 in own hoops tournament finals

### Boys knock off Nyssa for fourth straight win

Taking advantage of its opponents' poor execution, Adrian High School won the championship of its own boys' basketball tournament on Saturday.

The Antelopes rallied from an early deficit with a strong second quarter and then held on to beat Class 3A Nyssa, 49-45, in the title game.

Adrian (4-1 overall) took a four-game winning streak into Tuesday's non-league home game against Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Paxton Shira played the entire game, finishing with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Antelopes teammate Jett McCoy, meanwhile, pulled down 14 rebounds as the Bulldogs missed all eight of their three-point goals and were just 7-for-20 (35 percent) from the free-throw line.

Adrian erased a six-point Nyssa lead with a 20-8 run through the second quarter. The Antelopes maintained momentum through the second half, and the Bulldogs wound up turning the ball over 29 times.

Tommy Shenk had five of Adrian's 12 steals. Tyler Reay scored nine points and snagged eight rebounds.

Michael Smith put in 10 points to lead Nyssa (1-3), which beat 1A Prairie City, 56-41, for its first win Friday.

**Friday: Adrian 54, Harper 37** — Three players reached double figures, and the Antelopes outscored their 1A High Desert League counterparts, 36-11, over the second and third quarters in the Tip Off Tournament opener.

Paxton Shira led the way with 14 points and 14 rebounds. Kurt Nielson added 11 points, and Reay put in 10 points.

McCoy was a contributor again with eight rebounds. He also scored five points and had three steals.

The Antelopes held a 17-5 edge on Harper's backboard, and 25 Adrian steals contributed to the Hornets' 38 turnovers.

Tyler Freitag scored eight points to lead Harper, which led by a bucket after the first quarter but was swamped by Adrian over the next 16 minutes.



Adrian's Emmanuel Dominguez finishes at the net with a finger roll against Harper's Tyler Freitag. Photo by Bob Radford

### Girls lose battle of unbeatens to Nyssa

Unbeaten teams met in the girls' basketball championship game for the Adrian Tournament on Saturday.

Nyssa High School emerged as the winner against host Adrian, 60-30, for its sixth consecutive victory.

The loss ended a season-opening three-game winning streak for the Antelopes (3-1).

The Bulldogs, who play in the 3A Eastern Oregon League, broke the game open with a 28-6 run through the second quarter. Both teams had played to a 13-13 tie in the first quarter.

Nyssa (6-0) opened the third quarter on a 13-2 tear.

Madi Purnell scored eight points for Adrian, and teammate Quincy Pendergrass added seven points.

The Antelopes connected on just nine of 23 free throws (39.1 percent), while a considerable portion of Nyssa's edge came from the foul line as the Bulldogs went 23-for-37 (62.2 percent).

Junior Francesca Rodriguez scored 16 points for the Bulldogs, and Katlyn Hashagen added 11.

Former Jordan Valley and Homedale girls' varsity coach Jeremy Chamberlain is an assistant on Nyssa coach Danny Pratt's staff.

**Friday: Adrian 49, Harper 33** — The Antelopes limited the Hornets to a free throw in the first quarter and rolled out to a commanding lead in the opener.

Both teams combined for 47 turnovers, but Adrian managed to keep its miscues to 24 and made up for the lack of execution with opportunistic offense.

Pendergrass had seven of Adrian's 18 steals and finished with seven points and five rebounds.

Purnell scored 15 points and grabbed four boards, while teammate Nichole Orosco scored eight points with eight rebounds and four steals.

Mackinzee Chandler scored 13 points for Harper (3-2), which came into the tournament on a season-opening three-game winning streak. The Hornets lost, 43-32, to Prairie City in Saturday's consolation final.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Tyler Hardy, Senior, Wrestling



The play — In his first competition for the Trojans, Hardy worked his way through the 120-pound bracket to win the Calhoun Classic championship in Nyssa, Ore. The son of Elena Gomez and Jeff Hardy joined Homedale this season after transferring from Caldwell, where he won a state championship as a freshman.

Coach's comment — "Tyler was pretty dominant in his weight class. He had an impressive performance against some tough opponents."  
— HHS coach Toby Johnson

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Thursday, Dec. 13 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 14, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 13 at Parma, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 14, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph  
Thursday, Dec. 13 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.  
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Frosh-soph  
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## Wrestling

Friday, Dec. 14 at Glens Ferry Duals, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 15 at Glens Ferry Duals, 9:30 a.m.

# Sports

## Sho-Ban's three-point threats take down Rimrock boys

Three players scored all of Rimrock High School's points as the boys' basketball team suffered its fourth consecutive loss.

Austin Meyers put in 21 points, but the Raiders couldn't keep up in a 73-46 non-conference loss to Sho-Ban in Bruneau last Wednesday.

Jared Lemieux scored nine of his team's first 11 points and finished with 13. Teammate Jacob Black added 12.

Rimrock fell behind early, 18-11, and the Chiefs took control with a 24-12 run to open the second half.

The Raiders were unable to make up any ground from the foul line. Lemieux was 2-for-10, and Meyers hit only three of his 11 chances.

"We are doing a good job of getting to the free-throw line," Rimrock coach John Hannah said. "We are averaging 20 free-

throw attempts per game, but are only hitting six of those attempts. We have got to improve our free throws."

Meyers finished with a double-double, snatching 15 rebounds. Porter Simper collected all eight of his rebounds on the defensive glass.

The Chiefs' Talen Samera fired in six three-point goals to lead all scorers with 26 points. Christian Silk scored 18 points — like Samera, all from the floor — with a pair of treys sprinkled in.

Rimrock committed 23 turnovers.

"We have to do a better job of taking care of the ball," Hannah said.

Rimrock sought an end to the four-game losing streak Monday night after deadline in their 1A Western Idaho Conference season opener in Caldwell against Gem State Adventist.

**Dec. 4: Owyhee, Nev., 80, Rimrock 24** — The Braves already led by eight points when they blew open the game behind Braxton McKinney's 18 points in the second quarter, according to the Elko Daily Free Press. Owyhee drained seven three-point goals in the second quarter, half of the home team's total in the non-conference game.

The Braves shot 48 percent from the three-point line and 60 percent overall from the field (32-for-53).

McKinney finished with 25 points, and Skylon McKinney poured in 24.

Rimrock committed 27 turnovers.

"Owyhee plays a hard, pressing defense and they shoot the ball extremely well," Rimrock coach John Hannah said. "In their transition game, they don't even try to take the ball to the basket. They

pull up at the three-point line and sink it.

Jacob Black scored eight points to lead Rimrock, but was held to a pair of free throws after the first quarter. Austin Meyers chipped in with six points, including five of his team's seven points in the fourth, and pulled down a team-high seven rebounds. Cristian Ayala had six boards and three steals.

Meyers and Lemieux shot 14 percent (3-for-21) from the field.

"Through the course of the season, a team will have nights where the ball doesn't drop and the other team is red hot," Hannah said. "We just need to keep some composure and work through it."

### Winless in Dietrich

**Dec. 1: Oakley 41, Rimrock 37** — The Raiders wrapped up a tough stay in the Dietrich Holiday Tournament with a narrow loss in

the third-place game.

Rimrock opened with a sluggish first half and, despite Austin Meyers' nine-point fourth quarter, was unable to close the gap entirely.

Meyers and Jake Black finished with 11 points each, but were held to a total of three points in the first 16 minutes. Meyers also had nine rebounds as Rimrock.

Myck Sagers scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Hornets.

**Nov. 30: Rockland 39, Rimrock 33** — The Raiders owned a slim halftime lead, but the Bulldogs' Rex Permann awoke to score 15 of his game-high 23 points after the intermission.

Rimrock's Jared Lemieux put on a clinic from beyond the three-point arc, knocking down four big shots en route to a team-high 17 points. He scored 15 of his team's 18 second-half points.

## HHS takes 3A Oregon girls' champs to wire

### Turnovers tell tale after HHS rallies

Homedale High School narrowly lost to a two-time state champion Thursday night, but the result could bode well for the upcoming girls' basketball conference season.

The Trojans clawed back, but couldn't complete their comeback in a 55-53 non-conference loss to host Vale, Ore.

The Vikings, who have won the past two 3A Oregon state titles, are 4-0 this season with three victories over 3A Snake River Valley conference clubs (they played a fourth Tuesday after deadline).

Of those three victories against Homedale, Weiser and Fruitland, the Trojans had the best chance at a win.

"We got off to a very slow start but really settled down and played well in the second half," first-year Trojans coach Joe Betancourt said.

Vale has beaten three SRV teams, but had its toughest test against the Trojans. The Vikings pounded Weiser, 54-23, on Dec. 1 and handed Fruitland its first loss of the season, 37-29, on Dec. 4.

Homedale (5-5 overall) proved

to be a different animal.

After entering the final eight-minute stanza down by three points, the Trojans took a one-point lead midway through the fourth quarter.

But, much like their rivalry-game loss Dec. 4 against Marsing, the Trojans were bitten by miscues late.

"We had a couple turnovers towards the end that lead to points for them and we could never get the lead back," Betancourt said.

"It was a great game, and the girls played really well on the road against the back-to-back state champs."

Homedale had a balanced performance led by Kaylee Rupp, who logged a double-double with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Elise Shenk scored 16 points and grabbed three rebounds for Homedale.

Freshman Tory Lane continued her recent streak of good play with nine points, two rebounds and two assists.

Morgan Nash chipped in eight points and three assists, while Destiny Long put in eight points.

Bailey Gregory scored 14 points, and Megan Williams added 13 to pace the Vikings, who play in the Eastern Oregon League. Vale is 49-4 since the start of the 2010-11 season and has appeared in the past three state championship games.

Homedale opens the 3A Snake River Valley conference season at home Thursday against what Betancourt calls "an improved and confident" Parma before playing host to Vale in a rematch on Friday.

"Both games I'm confident we can win," the coach said.

## Marsing can't break through vs. Parma

### Huskies live on outside in losses

Marsing High School opened the boys' basketball season with two games punctuated by offensive struggles and a penchant to stay away from the paint.

Coach JW Chadez's squad lost both games, which came against non-conference foe Parma.

On Friday, the Huskies failed to break into double digits in any quarter in a 38-29 setback in their home opener.

Parma inched ahead with a 12-6 run through the third quarter. The Panthers were ahead, 16-14, at halftime after both teams played even in the first quarter.

Les Loucks led Marsing with nine points, including a pair of three-point goals as the Huskies

scored more than half of their points from behind the three-point line.

Jason Galligan managed seven points for Marsing.

Parma won its fourth consecutive game to start the season behind 10 points each from Seth Larson, Justin Condie and Jordan Condie.

**Wednesday: Parma 63, Marsing 57** — The Huskies' offense went cold in the fourth quarter in their season opener as host Parma took advantage for a come-from-behind non-conference victory.

Marsing owned a narrow 51-49 lead heading into the final eight minutes after starting the game in aggressive fashion with 39 points in the first half.

Marsing held an eight-point lead at halftime, but couldn't hold

off the Panthers.

The game was contested from long range with both clubs combining for 21 three-point goals, which accounted for more than half of the game's scoring.

Touted as an inside threat because of his size, Marsing's Jason Galligan scored 12 of his 14 points on three-pointers. Junior guard Jose Acuna showed early glimpses of his ability as a scorer. Four of his nine field goals came from beyond the arc, and he scored all of his game-high 22 points from the floor.

Parma connected on eight of 10 foul shots and received three treys apiece from Seth Larsen (14 points) and Justin Condie (13 points).

Jordan Condie scored 18 points to lead four Panthers in double figures.

## Huskies scrap to girls' win vs. CV

### Concussion ends Welch's prep career

Tim Little has wanted to see more than his star get in on the act, but the Marsing High School girls' basketball coach was happy to see Ashley Hull hit a shot just the same Thursday night.

"Ashley probably only had two or three attempts from the floor all night, but she knew what we needed and got it done," he said.

Hull scored her only points with 32 seconds left to tie the game, and Destiny Reynolds muscled her own rebound back for the go-ahead basket 20 ticks later as the Huskies edged Cole Valley Christian, 37-35, to stay unbeaten in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Reynolds and Lacey Usabel

paced the offense, scoring 22 points for the Huskies. Reynolds scored a game-high 12 points, while Usabel added 10 points and grabbed five steals on defense.

Usabel set up Reynolds' winning shot when she made a steal with 20 seconds left.

"Lacey again had an all-around solid night with 10 points, five steals, two assists and two rebounds," Little said.

Sierra Rice scored a game-high 16 points to pace the Chargers.

Usabel and Hull were on the floor throughout the game, partly because of the absence of senior Kathlyn Welch, whose prep career has been cut short by a concussion Nov. 30 against Homedale.

"With Kat out of the rotation, it's hard to get Ashley and Lacey off the floor," Little said.

Welch is the second Marsing player to miss time because of a

concussion this year. Reynolds was out 2½ games after hitting the floor hard Nov. 15 vs. Parma.

The coach said the two concussions don't equate to an increase in the injuries or an indictment on the girls' game in general.

"Concussions and other injuries like (anterior cruciate ligament tears) are really high in girls' basketball," the coaching veteran said, "and I think now that people are more educated with it and more sensitive to (concussions). It's not just a bump on the head."

Even with the injuries, Little hasn't seen a change in the Huskies' on-court demeanor.

"The girls are aggressive, and they're not going to back down," he said. "The last thing they really worry about is themselves. The good thing about this group is they're not afraid to get on the floor and mix it up a little bit."

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## New Plymouth hands Homedale boys their first setback

### 80 percent foul shooting fuels win over Melba

Homedale High School's offense took a while to kick in Friday, and New Plymouth sent the boys' basketball team to its first loss of the season.

Hayden Krzesnik scored 15 points, but the Trojans only visited the foul line 11 times in a 57-45 non-conference loss on the

Pilgrims' floor.

Chase White was 6-for-10 from the free-throw line and knocked down a pair of three-point goals to lead New Plymouth with 24 points.

Krzesnik and Trey Lane drained treys for the Trojans, who trailed by 10 points at halftime and were down 43-30 heading into the final period.

Ricky McBride scored eight points and led Homedale with six rebounds and five steals. He also had four assists as did Krzesnik

and Adam Abrego.

Lane and Abrego scored seven points each for the Trojans.

**Dec. 4: Homedale 60, Melba 36** — Progress was made and first-year coach Casey Grove got to try out his bench during a non-conference victory in the Trojans' home opener.

"It was good to get everyone some playing time," Grove said. "That doesn't happen very often."

Britt Eubanks came off the bench to score 13 points, hit a

three-point goal and snag three rebounds in 16 minutes.

Abrego led the Trojans' 80 percent free-throw shooting (12-for-15) by hitting all his chances and scored a game-high 17 points.

"We pushed the ball very well, especially in the second half, due in part to Ricky McBride," Grove said.

"Adam, Ricky and Britt all had outstanding games."

McBride scored six points and handed out a team-high five assists.

Lane collected eight points and eight rebounds.

The Trojans rolled out to a 14-8 lead in the first quarter and cracked the game open with a 22-11 run to start the second half.

Melba managed only an 18.2 percent field-goal percentage in the first half and finished 10-for-46 (21.7 percent).

Chris Young led the Mustangs' starters with nine points and five rebounds, while Joaquin Alvarez subbed in with seven points and four boards.

## Undermanned HMS wrestles to third in SRV tourney

### Christoffersen collects second straight title

A small band of Homedale Middle School wrestlers turned in a mighty performance Saturday.

Eleven of 12 Trojans placed in the top five at the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship meet in Weiser.

Homedale was just four points out of second place in the team standings, which were

topped by Ontario, Ore., with a record-tying 318 points. The Trojans scored 318 to win the title a year ago.

"They wrestled fantastic, and (fellow assistant coach Jake Levinski) and I were thrilled at how they did," HMS assistant coach Ryan Nash said. "To take that small of a team and come that close to getting second was phenomenal."

Nash and Levinski coached the middle school squad as HMS head coach Toby Johnson was overseeing high-schoolers at

the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

"Jake helped us all year and he did a fantastic job," Nash said. "We appreciate his help."

Leading the Trojans' charge was top-seeded Caleb Meligan. The eighth-grader won his second consecutive district title, taking the 110-pound division.

Seventh-grader Jordan Packer defeated HMS teammate Korbin Osborn, and eighth-grader, to claim the 82-pound crown.

Eighth-graders Jacob Furlott (103), Eddy

Rodriguez (117) and Shane Keller (138) were runners-up in their weight classes.

Jesse Packer, a seventh-grader wrestling at 96, and eighth-grade 131-pounder Jake Deal each picked up third-place medals.

Craig Romriell, another eighth-grader at 117, finished fourth.

Seventh-grader Cobey Christoffersen (96) and eighth-grader Quentin Thornton (138) tied for fifth place.

James Legacie, a seventh-grader wrestling at 124 pounds, also competed Saturday.

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impressive fashion, rolling through the two-day tournament for the 120-pound championship.

Three Homedale wrestlers placed fourth in their weight classes, including Michael Deleon at 120 pounds, Jovan Cornejo at 160 and Colton Grimm at 182.

Other Trojans getting into the mix included Luis Garza at 113, Devin Fisher at 126, John Collett at 145, Curtis Stansell at 170 and Tano Montes at 195.

Marsing put one wrestler in the championship round and also counted a bronze medalist during its ninth-place showing in Nyssa, Ore.

The Huskies scored 45 points. Mountain Home won the team championship with 175.5 points, and Fruitland finished second. Another of Homedale's 3A SRV foes, Parma, was fifth, while Marsing's 2A Western Idaho Conference rival, New Plymouth, was sixth.

Four wrestlers in the finals and a solid performance all around pushed Homedale High School to the narrowest of championships in the Calhoun Classic junior varsity tournament.

Homedale scored 138 points, beating Kuna by a half-point.

"Everyone's contribution is pretty important when it's that close," coach Toby Johnson said. "That one kid that wins one match and scores one point becomes a hero."

The Trojans' march to the team title was highlighted by a head-to-head battle at 113 pounds. Freshman Nash Johnson began his high school career in championship fashion with a win over teammate Riley Christoffersen.

Jakobee Osborn collected the Trojans' other individual championship at 285 pounds.

Colton Osborn was Homedale's other silver medalist, reaching the championship match at 170.

Andy Montes (106) and Manny

Macias (285) won third-place matches, while Jairo Hurtado was fourth at 120 pounds.

Also wrestling: Matt Thatcher (106), Andrew Randall and Jacob Christensen (126), Abran Albor (138), Dylan Sharp and Coty Ford (145), KJ Atkins (152), Tyson Furlott (160), Colton Grimm (182) and Erik Martinez (195).

Marsing's JV scored 20 points and finished 14<sup>th</sup>. Adrian was listed in a tie for 17<sup>th</sup> with Mountain Home.

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seconds.

"We just didn't play as well as we did against them the week before at our place," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said. "We turned it over 17 times and didn't seem to play with the same type of energy as before."

Freshman Tory Lane scored 15 points and picked up three steals to continue her strong play for the Trojans. Morgan Nash kicked in six points and five assists, and Elise Shenk scored seven points.

Homedale was within two points again twice in the final 25 seconds with Nash nailing a three-point goal and Kaylee Rupp banking in a shot from the interior.

Hull connected on three of four free throws during that span to keep the Trojans at bay.

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Lane pushed the advantage to five points before Marsing began to chip away with baskets from Jose Acuna and Jason Galligan late in the first half.

"We played about 2½ quarters of good basketball," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "Marsing is too talented to only play 2½ quarters of good basketball."

Galligan heralded the final shift in momentum with a steal and a dunk with 17.7 seconds left in the third quarter for a 36-33 Marsing lead.

The 6-5 senior post finished with 18 points and he grabbed all six of his rebounds on Homedale's end of the floor.

Acuna put in 14 points and Marsing teammate Dylan

Breshears added five points.

Marsing connected on 66.7 percent of its shots in the second half, knocking down 14 of 21 chances.

The Trojans actually shot better in the second half than they did before the break, but Homedale hit only nine of 23 chances in the final 16 minutes and shot 35.6 percent (16-for-45) for the

game.

Ricky McBride finished with a double-double, leading Homedale with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Adam Abrego hit one of the Trojans' three three-point goals en route to 10 points, while Brigg Eubanks had five offensive rebounds and scored nine points. Trey Lane added seven points and six rebounds.

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Emry ran the 55-meter hurdles in 7.63 seconds, a PR by more than three-tenths of a second, matched his career best in the pole vault at 15 feet, 1 inch and ran a personal-best 2 minutes, 53 seconds in the 1,000 meters.

"Austin looked really good today," UM multi-events coach Adam Bork said.

"He hurdled just like he has been in practice, he looked great in the pole vault, and he ran a great 1,000 meters, which can be

tough when you're running by yourself."

Emry's total is the second-best heptathlon score in Big Sky Conference history, just 108 points behind the 5,731 Montana State's Asa Staven scored to win the title at the 2012 Big Sky indoor championships.

"Austin's training will continue, but we'll be getting into more technique work, and he'll get more speed work just by competing in the relays at our indoor meets," Bork said.

"I think he can improve 50 points per event, minimum, which would get him close to 6,000 points. And you put him in a big competition like nationals and the adrenaline would add even more."

Duke junior Curtis Beach won the NCAA title last March with 6,138 points.

Emry is coming off a breakthrough outdoor season, including a third-place finish in the decathlon at the Big Sky championships and NCAA West Region qualifying marks in both the high jump

and long jump.

Bork said almost everything is in play for Emry as the indoor season starts.

"Austin's success at conference last year has made him a different person," Bork said. "He's been training harder this fall than he ever has, and he's definitely in the best shape of his life."

"He's as strong as he's ever been, he's fit, and he has a level of confidence in his workouts he hasn't had before. I expect a lot from him this year."

# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Pellets vs. piles



Henry David Thoreau wrote a whole book about a pond and never got wet. He simply took the time to ponder. I, too, find myself pondering life's mystery; like what is the purpose of a dewclaw? To measure the dew?

Why do horses have canine teeth? Were they once carnivores? How do sheep tell each other apart? Why do ants think they can drag a kibble of dog food back to the hill? Do they lack depth perception?

But last night I lay awake pondering why cows make pies instead of pellets. If they did, make pellets I mean, would they be like an elk, which is larger than a deer; or just sheep size? Or, what if they were as big as road apples and elongated like a rat?

It would be dangerous to walk behind them! I imagine the diligent hard-working cow veterinarian in the process of preg-testing, routinely lifting the cow's tail, sighting in and getting bonked in the head by a fecal projectile!

The paramedics would haul him to the emergency room. The admitting-room nurse would write down CBC (Cow Biscuit Concussion) and ask about his insurance. Under the category of Trauma, his policy would cover horn goring, hoof stomping, poll butting, tail slashing, cow kicking, bumper gumming and cud spitting, but no CBC.

Had bison evacuated two-foot-long logs, think how much easier it would have been for the Indians and the settlers crossing the prairie. "Send young William out to gather an arm-load of dried buffalo sticks for the cooking fire, we'll have a wagon train of fun!"

The shape of herbivore poop has had a significant influence on the development of certain human populations.

Because deer, antelope and elk poop was pelletized, it forced the Native Americans to invent the rake, the sieve and the game of marbles (eventually leading to casino ownership), instead of the wheel. Therefore they had no Iron Age, Industrial Age or Technological Age, they had the Pellet Age.

I wonder if, by selective breeding and genetically inserting sheep DNA in cow chromosomes, could we manipulate cows' colons to form pellets? If we can conquer this technology we could move on to dog and cat pellets, hamster BBs, skunk shot, badger ball bearings ... but, I would stop before messing around with bird cloacal manipulation ... it could be dangerous. We would have to carry armored um-shields instead of um-brellas and duck hunters would have to wear safety helmets!

I'm getting confused ... where is Henry David when I need him?

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee 12-12-12: A dozen to watch



Even in the rush-to-get-it-done world of newspapers, I try to take a moment to remember each day for its uniqueness.

That doesn't always happen, of course, but if there ever were a more subtle reminder of how precious each day is, consider this:

Today, Dec. 12, 2012, is the last time in the next 100 years that the month, day and year will synchronize in such a way: 12-12-12

We here at the Avalanche haven't heard of any special events set to commemorate the final "synch-up" of the century, but perhaps a good way to salute the day is to count a few — well, 12 — of the people and events worth watching in the coming year.

**Owyhee County's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary** — Canyon County just finished celebrating 120 years. I haven't heard anything on what's in store for Owyhee's milestone, but there's still time to bake a cake.

The actual anniversary date is Dec. 31, 2013.

Perhaps this will be something the talented folks at the Owyhee County Historical Society will delve into in preparation for Outpost Days.

**Perry Grant becomes sheriff** — The 37-year-old will take the oath of office in a few weeks, closing a tumultuous chapter in the long history of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

As noted in this space previously, Grant has a fantastic opportunity to right the ship and put the county's law enforcement agency back in the good graces of the citizens as well as neighboring entities.

**Toby Johnson, Homedale wrestling coach** — In his 15<sup>th</sup> year at the helm, the Trojans' wrestling coach is one of the longest-tenured active head coaches in the county. He's also one of the most successful.

With a kind and quiet demeanor that many wouldn't expect from a wrestling coach, Johnson has molded several state champions and is looking toward one of the best years during his time at Homedale.

Judging from the weekend's start at the Calhoun Classic, he may get it.

**Tim Little, Marsing girls' basketball coach** — Also the Huskies' athletic director, Little leads a strong group of coaches who have fired up the fan base in Marsing.

The veteran coach is low-key, but showcases knowledge for the game and compassion for his players all while holding a cool confidence that the Huskies will pull out a third straight 2A Western Idaho Conference championship.

**Owyhee Cattlemen's Association 135<sup>th</sup> annual summer meeting** — Not long after the county's birth, the area's ranchers got together to form a protection league of sorts.

It has grown into the OCA, an organization that attracts U.S. senators and other dignitaries to its annual meetings.

Next year's July convention in Silver City is a milestone event, but you can be sure that there could be other reasons for fireworks. Namely, anything to do with the Bureau of Land Management.

**Bruneau-Grand View school board** — With chair Dixie Black facing a March recall, a negative spotlight once again shines down on the school district. Two other recall elections were launched earlier this century, and the recall supporters are batting .500 so far.

The question of leadership radiates within the district, too, as the trustees work with a superintendent-for-hire

— See *Dozen*, Page 19

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington Congressmen can help citizens deal with federal agencies



Rachel, a student at Boise State University, was preparing to visit a brother stationed in England when she ran into some issues getting her passport approved in time for the trip because of errors by a government agency. After my office worked with the agency on Rachel's behalf, Rachel received her passport in time to visit her brother.

Sheryl of Lewiston, a high-functioning, permanently disabled constituent, contacted me for assistance when a federal agency was requiring repayment of disability assistance she had received. After discussions with agency staff, it was found that Sheryl did not actually have an overpayment and the issue was resolved without further burden for Sheryl.

Like these Idahoans, if you find yourself in need of help with a personal issue that involves contacting a federal agency, I am happy to assist you. There may be times when emergencies arise, such as when a passport is needed to assist a family member who is ill in a foreign country, your company is having difficulty getting Medicare reimbursement, or some other unexpected event occurs that requires attention. If this happens, please contact the staff in one of my regional offices to discuss your situation, after which I will contact the agency on your behalf to assure that you have been given every consideration available by law.

While I cannot direct a certain outcome, I can help communicate the circumstances and request that the agency take appropriate actions to assist you. Additionally, due to jurisdictional constraints, I can only assist with

federal agencies. If your concern is with a state or local entity, you may wish to contact the appropriate jurisdiction for these issues. More information regarding assistance, including contact information, the required privacy release form and frequently asked questions, access my website at [www.crapo.senate.gov](http://www.crapo.senate.gov).

Any information regarding constituents that is garnered from correspondence, email and/or phone calls is considered confidential. The only exception to this is when a constituent expressly requests that their information be shared with another congressional office or government agency. This request falls under casework, and the individual requesting this service must complete a privacy release form. The examples above were used with the permission of the constituents involved with these cases.

Idahoans are, by nature, very independent, but sometimes you may find that you need help. My purpose in writing this column and providing the examples is to try to make sure that you know where to turn for help if you face similar situations.

Again, I am more than happy to assist with issues you might have with the federal government and look forward to being your advocate whenever possible.

— 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>.

# Commentary

## Financial management

### Plan to get out of debt could relieve Mom and Dad's stress

Dear Dave,

I have \$1,000 in credit card debt, a \$12,000 car loan and I owe my parents \$20,000. The loan from my parents is causing stress because all I can afford to give them is \$200 a month. They don't need the money, but they'd like to see it paid off soon. What can I do?

— Jacob

Dear Jacob,

If you're not already living on a written, monthly budget, that should be the first step. You say your parents don't need the money, right? So, they're not living on bread and water without your payments. I think the biggest thing causing them



stress is the fear that you're being irresponsible and living without a plan.

Make out a simple, realistic budget, and sit down with them to explain what you're doing and how you plan to address things. Start a debt snowball, and begin knocking out your debts smallest to largest.

By the time you pay off the credit cards and the car, you'll be able to give them lots more than

\$200 a month.

Just ask Mom and Dad to stick with you a while longer. I think it will make them feel better to see that you're serious about getting your finances in order!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I make about \$70,000 a year, and I have \$9,000 in student loan debt. I also have a car that would bring enough to allow me to pay off the student loans. Do you think I should sell?

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Nice name! Seriously, there are two questions I ask when it comes to selling a car to pay off

debt. One, is the value of your car and other vehicles — including motorcycles, boats and such — more than half of your yearly income? If so, then you have way too much money wrapped up in things that are going down in value.

So, unless you're talking about a super-expensive car, I'd say the answer on this one is no.

The second question is this: Can you become debt-free, except for your home, in 18–24 months without selling the car?

If the answer is yes, then I wouldn't sell the car. There's no reason to sell your car in this scenario, unless you just really hate the thing or need different transportation.

In this case, it sounds like your car is a reasonable percentage of your income. I'd hold on to it and just save like crazy to kill off this student loan debt.

With your income, it shouldn't take more than a year. Good luck, Dave!

— 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](http://daveramsey.com).

## Americans for Limited Government

### Bob Costas, Jason Whitlock gun debate: Ready, fire, aim

by Rick Manning

The human tragedy that occurred in Kansas City on Dec. 1, when a professional football player killed his girlfriend — the mother of his child — and then drove to the Arrowhead Stadium parking lot and committed suicide became magnified into a gun control debate when columnist Jason Whitlock and television sports commentator Bob Costas chose to turn their media platforms into a national debate on gun control.

In a radio interview after his column, Whitlock uttered the following statement, "A gun turns some kids listening to music into a murder scene. And uh, you know, if you don't have a gun, you drive home. You know, kids listening to some loud music, you don't like it, you go home and complain to your wife. But when you have a gun, you open fire, potentially, and take the life of a child."

In emotionally exercising his First Amendment right both in the Dec. 1 column and the radio interview, Whitlock makes some incendiary charges that he undoubtedly felt were important and groundbreaking.

If either he or Costas had bothered to look at fairly recent history, each of them could have found out what happens when law-abiding Americans become unencumbered by restrictive gun laws.

In the early 1980s in Florida, it was a time of Miami Vice with a drug culture out of control, and the homicide rate skyrocketing. From the early 1940s to the early 1960s, the homicide rate was steadily just above three homicides per 100,000 persons in the state. Yet after a steady rise through the '60s and '70s, Florida found itself with double

the number of homicides on a per capita basis.

Jim Crow law remnants left the ability to legally carry a concealed handgun up to the local county sheriffs, most of whom routinely denied virtually every applicant just because they could.

A brutal three-year legislative battle ensued between gun rights advocates and fear mongers who issued dire predictions that blood would be running in the streets if law-abiding Floridians were allowed to carry handguns concealed in public.

At the time, the same predictions and assumptions made years later by Jason Whitlock about the presence of a firearm being a primary cause of violent behavior ran amok among the media and other elites. The state's newspapers and broadcasts were awash in frightening predictions about the coming escalation of violence that would occur should concealed carry legislation become law.

Finally, against heavy odds, in 1987, the people were given a non-arbitrary process to legally carry concealed handguns, which went into effect in January 1988.

If Whitlock, Costas and others of their ilk from 20 years ago were correct, homicides should have spiked and Don Johnson's television show should have had another decade to run as Miami became the center of violence in America.

But that is not what happened. In fact, over the course of a few years, the homicide rate receded back to its historic levels of the early 1960s.

It got so bad for criminals seeking to avoid armed citizens that they took to targeting vehicles with rental car

license plates because they knew out-of-state visitors did not have a gun in their possession.

Those who believed that the mere possession of a handgun led to increased homicides in the 1980s had an excuse of not knowing better. Whitlock and Costas don't have that excuse.

In Florida, every year approximately 400 additional people are alive because the homicide rate was driven down by allowing law-abiding citizens to carry guns. In 20-plus years, that adds up to 8,000 people who were not murdered. We don't know their names, haven't seen their faces, and they don't even know who they are. Yet, we know they exist.

A human tragedy occurred in Kansas City, where a man committed a murder-suicide. It is a shame that commentators like Whitlock and Costas chose the intellectually easy and factually wrong strategy of blaming a cultural phenomenon.

In the wake of their embarrassing pronouncements, perhaps someone should start clamoring for a seven-day waiting period before the media elite can use their First Amendment rights to advocate the destruction of other freedoms. Of course, why would the self-righteous want to actually have facts before subjecting their readers and listeners to their emotional reactions?

— Rick Manning (@rmanning957) is the communications director of Americans for Limited Government. In the mid-1980s, he was a National Rifle Association lobbyist involved in the passage of Florida's life saving concealed carry law.

## ✓ Dozen: Young Owyheans ready to make their mark in chosen fields

From Page 18

and search for a new Rimrock principal.

**BLM nears decision on Gateway West, Owyhee permits** — The clock is ticking on both of these controversial issues with property rights at stake with the powerline and livelihoods in the balance because of the court-mandated permit renewal redux.

**Travis Hyer, Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers** — It became abundantly clear last week during the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation convention in Boise that young voices like Hyer's will become increasingly more important for myriad reasons as time goes by.

The young man's pragmatism will serve him well as he builds influence with the Farm Bureau organization and keeps the best interests of the county's producers in mind for another Hyer generation.

The fact that he's still civic-minded after nearly losing his life in a farm/car accident is a wonderful commentary on his will to move forward and help others.

**Shea McClellin, Chicago Bears** — The Marsing High School graduate will enter his sophomore season in the NFL next year. With the Bears' defense showing age and wear-and-tear, the first-round draft pick's role is sure to grow.

He has 13 tackles, including seven assists, and 2.5 quarterback sacks as a reserve this season, including three tackles in a 23-17 loss to Seattle two weeks ago.

**Austin Emry, University of Montana** — The Homedale High School graduate opened the indoor track and field season as the lone competitor in a heptathlon in Cheney, Wash. After his performance, there's a good chance he could be in a class by himself as the season progresses

toward the NCAA championships.

**Ryan Criffield and Chris Landa** — The Homedale residents will walk into their roles as irrigation board directors in January for the Gem district, replacing Tim Leavitt and Greg Purdom, respectively.

The job can be thankless, but is crucial in the administration of the canals and ditches that keep the main industry of the area humming along each year.

**Homedale's Santa Brunch** — Organizers were looking for a replacement fundraiser for the International Smorgasbord. Judging from the success Saturday, it would seem they've found it.

Everything seemed to go smoothly and come off without a hitch, which any volunteer knows is exactly how things should "appear." Never mind the mad churning under the surface that's hidden by the grace of the execution.

# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 35 years ago

**December 15, 1977**

### ASC community committees elected for 1978

Results of the election of ASC community committeemen for 1978 in Gem "A", Murphy "B", and Bruneau "C" communities were announced by Merville Robinson, Chairman of the Owyhee County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

Farmers elected to the committees include:

Gem "A" Community – James Cossel, chairman; Frank Dines, vice-chairman; Roman Usabel, regular member; Julian Landa, first alternate; Richard Kushlan, second alternate.

Murphy "B" Community – George Earll, chairman; Ernie Bahem, vice-chairman; Lewis Maupin, regular member; Sam Pittman, first alternate; Henry Brandau, second alternate.

Bruneau "C" Community – Clyde Hipwell, Jr., chairman; Dick Strickland, vice-chairman; Chester Sellman, regular member; Joe Kenworthy, first alternate; Ray Colyer, second alternate.

The ASC community committee chairman, vice-chairman, and third regular member automatically become delegates to the county convention, where farmers are elected to fill vacancies on the county committee. Alternate community committeemen become alternate delegates to the convention.

The County Convention will be held Monday, December 19 in the county ASCS Office in Marsing. After the county committeemen are elected, the delegates determine which of the regular committeemen will serve as committee chairman and vice-chairman for the coming year.

### 4-H recognition banquet held at Rimrock

John Rathbone of Marsing was selected recipient of the First Security Watch Award at the Annual Recognition Banquet, held in Grand View. John was selected for his outstanding 4-H projects in swine, entomology, weed fighter, photography, beef, bicycle, gun safety, foods, money management, skiing and welding.

Rathbone has received a number of awards and participated in many 4-H activities, including judging contests and demonstrations.

The event was held at Rimrock High School. Following a dinner, a fashion show of Simplicity clothes was held. Cindy Cegnar of Homedale was the mistress of ceremonies and commented the show, in which 4-H'ers from Owyhee County modeled the clothes.

### Homedale 69, Rimrock 62

Garry Matlock's Trojans captured an important victory last Friday night, but until the latter minutes, it was anyone's ballgame.

The Tros bested upriver rivals, the Rimrock Raiders 69-62.

The Raiders rushed to an early first quarter lead of four points (16-12), only to give in to the aggressive Trojans by a 32-26 halftime tally.

In the opening minutes of the second half, the determined Raiders came back to gain the lead again. Back and forth went the lead through the third and fourth quarter, until Trojan Dan Munsun put several points on the board, complimented by two Tony Stone free throws.

Homedale grabbed 46 rebounds, compared to the Raiders' 38. Turnovers were Homedale 23, Rimrock 19.

Gerald Pearson led the Trojans in scoring with 18 while Tony Stone finished with 15 points.

### 'round Homedale...

Patty McAteer and daughter Jenny, formerly of Homedale but now a resident of Caldwell after having moved from Spokane, was in the Homedale area last Friday. McAteers had dinner with Nellie Hammer and visited other friends.

Last weekend Mildred Dickson was with her daughter, Darlene Smith, and family in Caldwell. They went Christmas shopping and planned for the holidays.

## 50 years ago

**December 13, 1962**

### Chamber of Commerce elects 3 new directors

Three new directors, Merle Hamilton, Herman Koenig and Homer Anderson were elected at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon.

These directors and holdover directors Harper Saunders, Russ Sayers, Jeff Carter and Les Carter will meet soon to elect a Chamber president for 1963.

Norman Tolmie, chairman of the annual banquet to be held Saturday, January 12, reported that Cy Radcliffe, Boise, former Homedale businessman and speaker on the Knife and Fork circuit, will be main speaker. Dwight Jensen, Boise TV newsmen, will be master of ceremonies.

The committee hopes to obtain Miss Idaho, Irene Ammons, Nampa, for the occasion.

The banquet is sponsored by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce and Homedale farm organizations, and a "Young Farmer of the Year" award will be made again this year. Mack Tolmie won the first annual award last year.

Farm organizations were represented at the Chamber meeting as follows: ASC – Ray Mansidor, Stateline Grange – Bill Nafsinger, Owyhee County Farm Bureau – Glenn Faulk, Western Potato Growers – Ed Stansell, Intermountain Ag. Mkt. Assn. – Ronald Robinson, Homedale Farm Labor Assn. – Ed Chadez, Ida. State Hort. Society – Buck Selders, Beet Growers – John Cegnar.

Mack Tolmie and his uncle, Don Tolmie, Parma, were also guests. The farm representatives discussed the selection of this year's candidates for the young farmer award.

The Christmas lighting contest will again be sponsored by the Chamber in cooperation with the Idaho Power Company with \$60 in prizes.

A \$15 grand prize, and prizes of \$10 and \$5 in three categories – large outdoor lighting, small outdoor lighting, and indoor lighting will be given.

Each entry should be made on the coupon published in this issue of the Owyhee Chronicle.

### Homedale five trips Melba

Homedale's Glen Kushlan won a personal scoring duel with Melba's Steve Brandau as the Homedale Trojans outlasted the Melba Mustangs, 38-28, in a non-loop cage test at Homedale Tuesday night.

The Trojans got off to a slow 7-2 first quarter lead and had widened it to 17-13 at the half with both Kushlan and Brandau hitting from the outside. Kushlan scored 13 and Brandau tanked 12 for the losers.

The Trojans hit 14 field goals in 60 attempts and the Mustangs hit 11 for 36. Both teams were cold from the foul line, with the Trojans getting eight for 29 and the Mustangs six for 22.

### Christmas tree erected in downtown area

Warren Stimmel and Spud Murphy went to the mountains near Silver City Thursday and cut a Christmas tree for the city which has been placed on the corner of Main Street and Idaho Avenue.

It is lighted each night along with the street lights.

A load of evergreen branches were cut to be placed on light poles in the city.

### Marsing wins season opener

Rick Tullis canned 16 points Saturday night to pace Marsing to a 46-38 win over Cambridge, top Class A Team in Treasure Valley last season.

It was the initial 1962-63 game for the host Huskies.

Dave Andrews, one of two vets back for the Bulldogs this year, netted 12, one less than team leader Lou Mort.

### Parker re-elected to irrigation board

Don Parker was reelected Tuesday to a three-year term as a director of the Gem Irrigation District from Division 3.

Parker, who was unopposed in the balloting, received 26 votes. He is also a member of the South Board of Control.

## 140 years ago

**December 14, 1872**

COLONEL SUSAN B. ANTHONY and fourteen other strong-minded females have been arrested in New York for voting. Colonel Susan has long been anxious to have her action at law against the State for depriving her of the elective franchise; now has her law suit, but the State is plaintiff. This is pilling on the outrage. Susan went to one of the registrars in the city of Rochester and demanded registration; like a man of gallant and chivalrous disposition, he said "Yea, yea," and now the lady must fight the word "male" in the State Constitution. Susan's constitution is by far the strongest.

WITHDRAWAL FROM CIRCULATION.—The one dollar gold pieces, it is announced, are to be withdrawn from circulation. In the time when gold and silver were the common currency of the country a very large number of them were in circulation, but these have been gradually absorbed until now not much more than twenty millions of them are out. These will be called in at once, re-melted, and coined into larger denominations.

POLITICAL HONESTY.—Politics is a science—the science of government. We know it is not exact science. We are not sure that it is a natural science, and yet it may be, for all history, from the foundation of the Roman and Grecian Empires, goes to show that politics is a great incentive to men to do evil, to develop the natural propensity of men to violate every natural rule of political, religious, moral or social law; for the strong to trample upon the weak, to keep them under subjection, and even deny them their natural as well as political rights and religious also. If the politicians of Rome had all been as honest and upright in their politics as was the immortal Cicero and Cato, the Roman Republic would have been standing to this day, as a grand and magnificent monument of what purity and honesty of purpose in politics can accomplish. But the cankerworm of chicanery, impurity, dishonesty, and morbid ambition will creep in, and then the decay of a great government is only a certain question of time, and not so very long time either. The same of Ancient Greece. All have passed away never to be revived.

Both of these once grand models of pure government are mere cyphers of the present day. And the same may be safely predicted to befall the once proud government of France. The same may be predicted of any government where justice and order and honesty are not allowed to prevail.

We will have more to say on this subject anon, and come nearer home.

THE HANDKERCHIEF LANGUAGE.—The young ladies at Saratoga are so closely watched by their parents that they can't flirt half as well as they used to. The fellows complain that they can't get five minutes talk with a young lady alone, and that accounts for so few engagements this year. They say they don't want to propose before the young lady's mothers. To foil the fathers and mothers, some of the fellows have invented the following language of the handkerchief.

Thus they can sit and talk for hours, and the savage and cruel parent can't understand a word. This is the new handkerchief language:

Drawing across the lips—Desirous of acquaintance.

Handing it to mother—Mother objects.

Putting it in the pocket—Meet me at the spring.

Letting it rest on the right cheek—Yes.

Letting it rest on the left cheek—No.

Drawing it across the eyes—I am sorry.

Taking by center—You are too willing.

Dropping—We will be friends.

Twirling in both hands—Indifference.

Drawing it across the cheek—I love you.

Drawing through the hands—I hate you.

# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

Pay authorization for part-time Prosecutor's Secretary approved at \$12.05 per hour. Approved a fee of \$1.00 for Access Idaho to register vehicles.

Approved a cost of \$50 per inspection for site visits made by Canyon County Building Department.

Approved contract with Lockbox for checks taken over the internet for payment of property taxes.

Adopted Ordinance 12-01 Amending Mechanical Inspections in Ordinance 10-04. Adoption of Resolution 12-28 Modifying the Mechanical Building Inspections. Letter of Support for Bruneau Legion in obtaining an IDBG Grant for a remodel. Approved installation of surveillance cameras from BHS funds for Homedale City Hall. Approved Notice of Mediation in Planning & Zoning Violation

Indigent & Charity: 12-54 approved, 12-47 denied. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.  
12/12/12

**NOTICE OF LETTING**

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on January 8, 2013, for the work of constructing a diversion road to keep one lane of traffic open during the construction of the bridge on SH-78, MP 23.2; SH-78, New Bridge at Scorpion Cr, Owyhee Co, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. A012(378), in Owyhee County, Key No. 12378.

[ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENT ENGINEER \*\*\*SHAWNA KING\*\*\* AT (208) 459-7429.]

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho

**A non-refundable handling and mailing charge of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) plus applicable sales tax** will be made for bid documents. Phone orders to (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430 shall be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Written requests shall be made by check or money order to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034.

Dated December 3, 2012  
TOM COLE, P.E., Chief Engineer  
12/12,19/12

**NOTICE OF HEARING NO: 12-7-02483-7 KNT IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT IN RE THE DEPENDENCY OF: Bryant, Riley Eugene DOB: 11-27-10**

TO: La Cresha Trashell Bryant, mother; David Darby alleged father; "Shorty" (Last Name Unknown), alleged father; Unknown father, and/or anyone claiming parental/paternal rights

or interest in the child and to All Whom It May Concern:

On October 22, 2012, a petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship was filed in the above entitled Court, pursuant to RCW 13.34.080 and/or RCW 26.33.310 regarding the above named child.

**[ FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 206-720-3293, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.]**

Said Petition will be heard on January 10, 2013, at the hour of 8:15 a.m., at King County Superior Court, Juvenile Department, 401 4th Ave North, Kent, WA before a judge of the above entitled court, at which time you are directed to appear and answer the said petition or the petition will be granted and action will be taken by the court such as shall appear to be for the welfare of the said child.

Dated December 7, 2012.  
BARBARA MINER, KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK  
BY: BLB, Deputy Clerk  
12/12,19,26/12

**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.  
12/5,12,19/12

**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

**CITY OF MARSING**  
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report  
**4th FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2011/2012**

| FUND                     | BUDGET AMOUNT         | Expended to Date    | % of Budget Expended | Revenue to Date       | % of Budget Revenue |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 01 General               | \$379,395.00          | \$221,438.00        | 58.40%               | \$237,912.00          | 62.71%              |
| Law Enforcement          | \$0.00                | \$0.00              | 0.00%                | \$0.00                | 0.00%               |
| 02 Roads & Streets       | \$146,350.00          | \$51,171.00         | 35.00%               | \$66,661.00           | 45.60%              |
| 03 Parks                 | \$21,231.00           | \$32,003.00         | 108.40%              | \$21,673.00           | 102.00%             |
| 05 Planning & Zoning     | \$18,500.00           | \$9,969.00          | 53.90%               | \$14,087.00           | 76.20%              |
| Sub-Total                | \$565,476.00          | \$314,581.00        | 55.63%               | \$340,333.00          | 68.20%              |
| 25 Water                 | \$617,100.00          | \$280,588.00        | 45.50%               | \$420,890.00          | 68.20%              |
| 29 Irrigation            | \$54,025.00           | \$4,199.00          | 100.30%              | \$35,415.00           | 65.60%              |
| 30 Sanitation            | \$94,550.00           | \$108,539.00        | 114.80%              | \$84,605.00           | 89.50%              |
| 35 Sewer                 | \$426,200.00          | \$245,638.00        | 57.60%               | \$240,459.00          | 56.40%              |
| Sub-Total                | \$1,191,875.00        | \$688,964.00        | 57.81%               | \$781,369.00          | 65.56%              |
| <b>TOTAL (all funds)</b> | <b>\$1,757,351.00</b> | <b>1,003,545.00</b> | <b>58.00%</b>        | <b>\$1,121,702.00</b> | <b>63.83%</b>       |

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.  
Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accounting procedures.  
Publish: **12-Dec-12**  
Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer

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11/21,28;12/5,12/12

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 9, 2012 File No.: 7763.10753 Sale date and time (local time): March 11, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 10103 Locust Ln Melba, ID 83641 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: Nathan Parkinson Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Co, a California Corporation Original beneficiary: Washington Mutual

Bank Recording date: 01/14/2005 Recorder's instrument number: 250604 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 9, 2012: \$281,222.93 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: That portion of residential Lots 2 and 3, Block 4 as recorded December 16, 1981 as Sunrise Sky Park Subdivision as Instrument No. 171169 in the Recorder's Office, Owyhee County, Idaho. Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 2, Block 4 and proceeding North 43 degrees 38' 00" West 79.00 feet; thence South 46 degrees 22' 00" West 260.14 feet; thence South 43 degrees 38' 00" East 79.00 feet; thence continuing South 43 degrees 38' 00" East 96.00 feet; thence North 46 degrees 22' 00" East 260.14 feet; thence North 43 degrees 38' 00" West 96.00 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](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7763.10753) 1002.233299-File No.  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 30, 2012 File No.: 7042.28188 Sale date and time (local time): April 2, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 3927-3929 Homestead Rd Homedale, ID 83628 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: Ronald E. Wolfley, an unmarried man Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB Recording date: 03/24/2008 Recorder's instrument number: 264335 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 30, 2012: \$111,848.80 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 the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of Boise Meridian, in Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 18; thence South 0 degrees 03' 14" East 1287.19 feet, along the East line of said Section 18, to the initial point of this description; thence continue South 0 degrees 03' 14" East 29.88 feet, to the North 1/16 corner on the said East line; thence continue South 0 degrees 03' 14" East 218.84 feet; thence North 87 degrees 27' 53" West 337.41 feet; thence North 2 degrees 41' 20" West 217.11 feet; thence North 88 degrees 32' 57" East 102.66 feet; thence North 85 degrees 41' 15" East 30.95 feet; thence North 82 degrees 05' 18" East 23.86 feet; thence North 81 degrees 36' 26" East 42.80 feet; thence North 87 degrees 06' 35" East 43.87 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51' 38" East 103.76 feet, to the Initial Point of this description. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7042.28188) 1002.235219-File No.  
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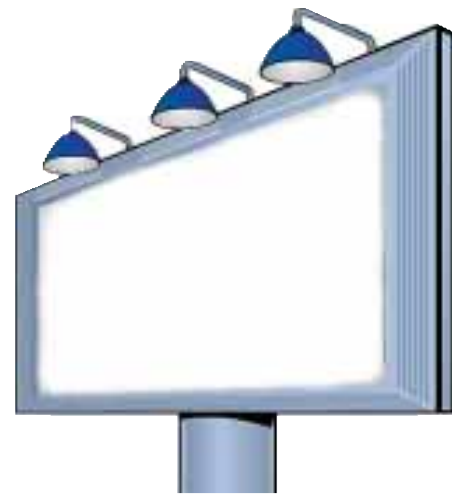
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 4, 2012 File No.: 7037.93988 Sale date and time (local time): April 4, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 220 W Montana Ave Homedale, ID 83628 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: Brandon Wright, a married man, as his sole & separate property Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First

Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., its successors and assigns Recording date: 06/30/2008 Recorder's instrument number: 265507 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 4, 2012: \$104,652.60 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: Lot 11 in Block 39 of Amended Townsite of Homedale, according to the official plat thereof, filed August 9, 1911 as Instrument No. 7284, of official records, Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7037.93988) 1002.235651-File No. 12/12,19,26/12;1/2/13



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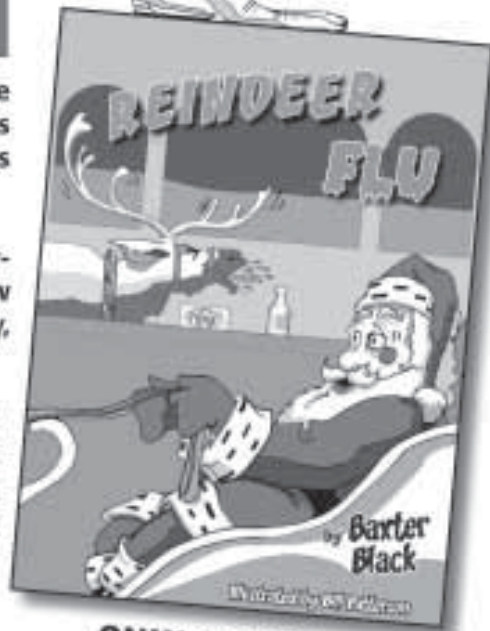
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11. (F) ~~Stuffed animal~~, music box, soft throw pillow
12. (F) ~~Lrg print puzzle book~~, crocheted scarf & hat, music box
13. (F) Camera, pretty doll, perfume, ~~stuffed animal~~
14. (M) ~~M-sweat suit~~, CD player w/oldies country music
15. (F) ~~Stuffed animal~~ soft throw pillow, ~~soft head bands~~
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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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