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returns Thursday and Friday



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Community gives back for Christmas



Community outreach helps Homedale, Marsing families

Clockwise from upper left:

Marsing High School wrestler Adrian Garcia helps sort canned food during Saturday's Hope Tree organization event at the MHS gymnasium. About 50 families in the Marsing area received assistance.

Marsing basketball players Roy Olvera, left, and Jason Galligan tighten bolts on a bicycle destined to a Hope Tree recipient.

Owyhee Gardeners president Judy Mackenzie, right, gazes at Tristen, infant daughter of Homedale residents Kade and Stephenie Thomas, after delivering gifts to the family in their temporary Wilder residence.

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Weather wreaks havoc

Silver City,
Bachman roads
closed for winter

The Bachman Grade and Silver City Road were closed for the winter Thursday, according to Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn. The Board of County

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New Year's closures set

Government offices, banks, libraries and other institutions have announced their hours of operation for New Year's Eve. Only grocery stores Paul's Market in Homedale and Logan's Market in Marsing will be open on New Year's Day.

New Year's Eve schedules are as follows:

City halls — Grand View City Hall will be open during its regular hours from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

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2012: A look back

County government saw change, challenges during year

2012 punctuated by loss, triumph

January

Familiar faces in city government — Two new mayors took office in the county, but both

were familiar to city politics in Homedale.

Paul Fink succeeded Harold Wilson as Homedale mayor.

Aaron Tines started his second term on the city council, and Steve Atkins was sworn in for the first time.

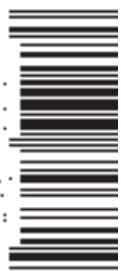
Keith Green began his second term as Marsing mayor with

Stella Bush beginning another city council term and Chris Even starting his first term on the board.

Former Homedale city councilperson Tammy Payne

assumed mayoral duties in Grand View, taking over from Paul Spang. Opal Ward and Donald (Bill) Mead also started new terms

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BOCC salutes longtime employee

Dave Miller was treated to cake during recognition of his retirement at the Dec. 17 county commissioners meeting in Murphy.

County road boss retires after 24 years

Miller credited with improving roads, saving cash

During the past 24 years, Dave Miller worked to keep the roads in Owyhee County's District 3 in good, drivable condition. On Friday, he's hitting the road and heading into retirement.

Everything he knew about road repair, he said, he learned working on farms for 20 years after high school.

He did "a little bit of everything" to maintain county byways.

"I'd run equipment, put together road jobs — pretty much everything to do with highway maintenance," he said.

He was also a stickler for weeds, according to Murphy's Dick Freund, former District 3 county commissioner.

"He'd keep the weeds down on the roads, and kept good control of them along the highways," Freund said. "I never got any complaints about him or his crew."

Miller ran a three-man crew consisting of himself, Kurt Lahtinen and Don Best. The small work force added some roads and upgraded others.

"We graveled a lot of dirt roads out in the hills," Miller said.

By his own estimation, one of the biggest projects he undertook was rebuilding Mud Flat Road, just out of Grand View.

Freund agrees.

"Mud Flat Road was probably the toughest to maintain,"

he said. "It's so long and so rough. People drive it fast and it gets 'washboardy,' and in the summertime when it dried out and would be in need of repair, Dave would go out and grade it and try to get it smooth.

"He worked right alongside the other guys. They maintained everything clear down to Riddle — all the county roads down in that direction to the Nevada border. And the road that goes from Bruneau to Three Creek. They kept that well maintained. The Air Force uses it constantly, and they had to keep that road up."

Lahtinen credits Miller with teaching him a lot about road repair over the 22 years he worked with him.

"He's easy to work with, and he's a good boss," Lahtinen said.

One of the things Freund praises Miller for most is his wise use of funds.

"He didn't waste the taxpayers' money; he used it wisely," Freund said. "He worked to keep the roads good for the people who use them."

Miller admitted he's going to miss his job but said it's time to move on — to skiing, hiking and scuba diving.

"I like to play and do all the things I enjoy doing," he said. "I have a lot of interests, and it should keep me out of trouble."

Lahtinen and Best will continue working to keep county roads in good shape, and Best will replace his former boss as supervisor.

—GB

Former standout 4-H's to share horse-judging knowledge at clinic

You can judge a horse by its well-shaped head. Just ask Mandy Brasher and Kortney Bahem.

Bahem and Brasher are back in their respective hometowns of Homedale and Marsing, gearing up for the Dust Devils 4-H Club horse-judging clinic set for Saturday at Badiola Arena.

The two women are something akin to superstars when it comes to 4-H and knowing a good horse from a bad one.

Bahem, 22, got a full-ride scholarship to study horse judging at Casper College, a community college in Wyoming. After graduating, she was recruited to judge for Colorado State, where she's now working toward obtaining dual degrees in equine and animal science.

Brasher, also 22, graduated from Dartmouth with a degree in human biology. She's applying to medical schools now and during her "gap year" is working at a psychology lab at the College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Even with her prestigious science degree from an Ivy League school, she's still never too far from a horse.

"I give my boss riding lessons," Brasher said. "She chased some cows the other day."

Both women grew up on farms, rode horses as children, and joined local 4-H clubs while very young. They were part of an Owyhee County 4-H horse judging team that finished third in the nation in 2009 in Jackson, Miss.

"Throughout college I've been on judging teams, which essentially is kind of preparation to go out and become a professional judge," Bahem said.

She will graduate from college in May and said her judging experience will serve her well in her profession.

"A judging background helps in



Homedale's Kortney Bahem, left, and Marsing's Mandy Brasher stand with their horses last week.

evaluating livestock, knowing the good from the bad in cows, and the same with horses," Bahem said.

A horse-judging background may not entirely align with Brasher's goal of becoming a physician, but a rural background offers some pluses.

"Growing up on a ranch, I was always doctoring our cows," she said.

She found it too sad to be a veterinarian, she said, because animals have to be put down occasionally, whereas all measures are taken to preserve the lives of humans.

"I'll be trying to save people rather than putting animals to death," she said.

Brasher said she didn't find it difficult to fit in with her Dartmouth classmates, despite her small town rural Idaho background.

"Being a farm girl at Dartmouth was kind of hilarious. There were not a lot of Idahoans and not a lot of farm community people," she said.

But people found her ranching lifestyle interesting.

"I explained branding and rodeos to both domestic and foreign students. It was tons of fun," she said. "I was surprised

how many people had never heard of 4-H or FFA."

During Saturday's horse-judging clinic, Bahem and Brasher will share the breadth of their knowledge of equines and how to judge them.

They will offer head-to-toe instructions on what to look for when judging horses.

In part, according to Brasher, participants will learn how to judge the soundness of a horse's legs and body; how well the animal is proportioned; and how to assess the overall beauty of the animal and how refined it is.

"The clinic is geared toward helping beginners understand and the experienced gain more confidence and ability," Dust Devil 4-H leader — and Kortney's mother — Sylvia Bahem said.

A \$10 donation gets participants into the clinic, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon and will be followed by a reason takings in the afternoon. No concessions will be available, but bottled water will be provided. Participants may bring a sack lunch.

For more information about the event, contact Sylvia Bahem at (208) 249-6889 or sbahem@frontiernet.net.

—GB

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Second defense counsel granted for mother accused of murder

Herrera trial rescheduled from January to May

The trial date for the mother indicted on charges of killing her toddler and burning the body has been pushed back.

Additional defense counsel measures also have been granted, and the county will pay for a second public defender, an investigator and a psychologist.

“The hard expenses are yet to be seen, but if the case proceeds to a two-week (or more) trial, it is conceivable that those defense expenses could be substantial,” Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said.

Emery confirmed Thursday that Homedale’s Veronica Thea Herrera won’t go to trial on an assortment of six felonies and a misdemeanor until May.

Herrera was scheduled for a Jan. 29 trial on felony charges of first-degree murder or the alternative second-degree murder, four felony counts of injury to a child, a felony of destruction of evidence and a misdemeanor of

failing to notify authorities of a death.

After a Dec. 18 telephonic hearing, a trial date has been set for May 14, and it is anticipated the proceeding will last at least nine days.

Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan presided over the hearing from his chambers in Caldwell. During the hearing, county public defender William Wellman was granted his requests for a second defense counsel — Tyler Rounds from the Caldwell firm of Lovan, Roker and Rounds — as well as a private investigator. Psychologist Chad Somke, Ph.D., has been appointed to evaluate the defendant and assist the defense, Emery said.

Homedale Police arrested Herrera in August after she made a report to Nampa Police that she had done something to her 2-year-old daughter.

She remains in Owyhee County Jail and is being held on a \$1 million bond. Herrera is next due in court on March 22 for a pretrial conference, with a status conference scheduled for April 26.

— JPB

Nativity scene’s new home



Homedale figures land in Rockville

Rockville, Ore., resident Mike Greeley installed the old City of Homedale Nativity scene beside his small community’s grade school last week. Greeley’s Homedale High School Industrial Arts students teamed with Katy Belanger’s art students to create a new Nativity scene for Homedale. Photo by Liz Cunningham

HHS hit list’s alleged author acquitted

The juvenile at the center of a rumor that spurred a mass exodus from Homedale High School in September has been acquitted.

According to court records, the 16-year-old boy arrested Sept. 12 in the wake of an alleged hit list targeting classmates received acquittal from a jury Dec. 13 on the misdemeanor charge of threatening

violence on school grounds.

Also on Dec. 13, Magistrate Dan C. Grober acquitted the boy on an amended misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace. The boy originally was accused of loitering on school grounds to the detriment of the educational process, a misdemeanor.

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Marsing Elementary effort gives holiday food boxes to 50 families

Marsing Elementary School wrapped up its annual food drive last Wednesday, with distribution of boxed goods to Marsing families in need of a little help this holiday season.

Project coordinator Pete Smit, administrative assistant for the Marsing School District's 21st Century After-School Program, said the bounty of food in each box goes beyond just one meal and includes items such as hams, potatoes, apples and cake mixes. It's all compliments of the largesse of members of the Marsing community.

The elementary school works

with Logan's Market, Symms Fruit Ranch, Wilson Sage Hens, FFA, the LDS Church and the Marsing Rural Fire Department, each of which donates either money or merchandise.

There is well over \$1,000 worth of food in the combined boxes, Smith said.

"From the school we get to see a lot of families. We're helping kids with coats, backpacks, then we progressed into coordinating these food boxes for the holidays," he said.

The school does an assessment through the district as to the number of families that would

benefit from food donations. The families are then contacted to make sure they're interested. The program has grown from its original 15 families to 50 this year.

"We're seeing a greater need, with the tough economic times," Smit said.

The families come to the school to get their boxes, and Patty Garcia, district-wide family liaison, helps set the schedule for pick-up.

"She's been around here forever, and she's got a good handle on it," Smit said.

—GB



Pete Smit and district family liaison Patty Garcia sort food boxes.

MRW helps other volunteers

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District is helping out other emergency responders these days.

MRW's Louis Monson reports that the volunteer quick response unit of the district has loaned its backup ambulance to Marsing.

"Their ambulance is out of service due to an engine problem, and we had not put ours in service yet, because we were preparing to use it as additional quick response unit," Monson said. "This does not affect our service because we still have our primary QRU vehicle in service."

The fire district has donated an older, unused ambulance to District 3 Amateur Radio Emergency Services. That group, which serves an area that includes Owyhee County, will convert the ambulance into a mobile communications command center, Monson said.

Monson also reminded community members that the organization is always looking for volunteers to become firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

MRW officials also expressed their gratitude to those who participated in the organization annual chili feed fundraiser earlier this month at the Owyhee County Historical Society's Christmas Bazaar.

Monson announced the winners from the raffles, too. Barbra Young won the weeklong use of a condominium during the McCall Winter Carnival. Laura Coontz won the handmade quilt.

Copies of the MRW's 2013 calendar, another fundraiser, are still available at the Owyhee County Historical Museum's bookstore.

Monson said that the organization is looking for advertisers for the 2014 calendar.

The next MRW event is its Fire House Chili Cook Off scheduled for March 16 at the OCHS's Spring Bazaar.

Family who lost Homedale home to fire gets support

Gardeners group latest to help

Every year the Owyhee Gardeners choose a family to help during the Christmas holiday. Then the club gathers food, clothing, gift certificates — whatever it thinks will benefit its chosen family most.

"We take a look at their situation and what's gonna work and play it by ear," Judy Mackenzie, president of Owyhee Gardeners, said.

This year, the group chose the couple who were burned out of their Homedale home Nov. 19: Kade and Stephenie Thomas and their two young children, Wyatt and Tristen.

On Thursday, Mackenzie and Owyhee Gardeners member Sharon McIlveen delivered boxes and bags of gifts and goods to the home the Thomas family is currently living in at Wilder.

Kade Thomas was holding his baby daughter, Tristen, who underwent surgeries earlier this year for a heart condition known as an atrial septum defect. He said the infant is doing well and won't face another surgery for a couple of years at least.

Grateful for the presents and food from the Owyhee Gardeners, the family said they have been blessed by the kindness of so many people.

The home they are living in belongs to Travis Kraupp, who is letting them live in the house until a new one is built for them. He also provided all the furniture for the residence.

HDR Engineering in Boise donated a pile of presents so big the Thomases were not able to fit them all under their Christmas tree.

"Every church in the community has donated something to us, too," Kade Thomas said.

—GB



Wyatt Thomas gives Judy Mackenzie a hug after receiving gifts.



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Wish Tree fulfilled



Volunteers arrange, deliver presents

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller lugs a rocking horse to his patrol car as he and HPD Sgt. Mike McFetridge prepare to join membes of the Homedale Fire Department to deliver Wish Tree presents Saturday. Photo by Teresa Ryska

Death notices

MARION LOUISE JAMES, 96, who taught in Marsing and Melba schools for 27 years, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at a Meridian assisted living facility. A memorial open house was held Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012 at Alsip Funeral Chapel.

CARYLEN LOUISE (JOHNSON) RILEY, 81, a Kuna resident who grew up in Homedale, graduated in 1949 from Homedale High School and later resided in Nampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012. A celebration of her life for family and friends will be held in the spring. No services will be held at

this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

JACK ALLEN YORK, 88, who ran a dairy in the Marsing area for 35 years, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at his home in Carey.

A viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 at the Carey LDS Church on North Main Street. Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 at the Carey City Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Arco.

Rangeland fire training to start

A pair of rangeland firefighting training classes begins next week in Marsing and Jordan Valley.

The Bureau of Land Management will present the five-week courses for the newly formed Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association.

The Marsing trainings will be held Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning next Wednesday. They will take place at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., until Feb. 6. No session is scheduled for Jan. 16.

Training in Jordan Valley begins Jan. 3 and will be held each Thursday from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. until Feb. 7. No session is scheduled for Jan. 17.

The training will be held at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall on U.S. Highway 95.

The trainings are free, but attendees must provide their own lunches.

Certification through these trainings is mandatory if a person wants to fight wildfires on BLM ground.

You don't have to be a member of the ORFPA to take part in the trainings, but membership is encouraged. Property owners or anyone interested in helping fight rangeland fires in the western portion of Owyhee County can join

for a \$200 annual membership.

For more information, call ORFPA secretary/treasurer Eric Morrison at (541) 586-3000 during the day or at (208) 583-2269 in the evening.

Association president Doug Rutan also can be contacted at (208) 583-4444.

Call Morrison or Rutan for more information about the ORFPA.

The association has board members strategically located throughout the coverage area as well. Todd Gluch is the vice-president, and directors include Craig Baker, Rohl Hipwell, David Mackenzie, Mike Stanford, Ed Wilsey and Kenny Kershner.

McAbee completes Navy recruit training

Navy Seaman Kimberley E. McAbee has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

The 2012 graduate of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) Academy in Wilder is the daughter of Homedale residents Shirley and Gene McAbee.

During the eight-week program, McAbee completed a variety

of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to

succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Snowball fight planned for Story Time

A boy's faith in one snowflake turning into a flurry is the subject of this week's Story Time at the Homedale Public Library. "Snow" by Uri Shulevitz will be read as part of a program beginning at 10:15 a.m. Friday at

the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The program is a "snowy" pajama party, according to organizers, complete with indoor snowball fights and games. There also will be crafts, songs and snacks.

For more information, call

the library at 337-4228 in the afternoon. y is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Anniversary

Meyers to mark their 50th in Grand View

Cecil and Ila Meyers of Grand View will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013.

A potluck dinner and reception will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., in Grand View. Everyone is asked to bring a dish and pictures from the past to share.

The couple was originally married on Jan. 9, 1963.

The couple's children and spouses will host the event, including Marty and Norma Meyers of Mountain Home; Gina Meyers of Mountain Home; and David and Christine Meyers and



Cecil and Ila Meyers today (left) and at their 1963 nuptials.

Tom and Michelle Meyers of Grand View.

In addition to their four



children, Cecil and Ila have 19 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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.

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 3

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

ORFPA fire training
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free, start of mandatory five sessions, Jordan Valley Lions Hall, U.S. Highway 95, Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000, (208) 583-2269 or (208) 583-4444

Friday, Jan. 4

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

Saturday, Jan. 5

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

Marsing Lions bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird; 7 p.m., regular game, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Monday, Jan. 7

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

Tuesday, Jan. 8

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

Eastern Owyhee Library Board meeting
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Thursday, Jan. 10

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

Friday, Jan. 11


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

Saturday, Jan. 12

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

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael Arritola



Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

The Jordan Valley PD, Part II

Paul Arritola was the type of individual legends are built around, and as the legend grew so did pressure on all citizens of the Jordan Valley area, be they town residents or those in the country. We knew Paul wouldn't favor anybody and would cite his mother if she made an infraction of the law. His dedication to ticketing traffic offenders, in particular southern Californians, and making money caused the hullabaloo.

One afternoon, I was eating at a Marsing, Idaho restaurant on the Snake River, when four men at the next booth were discussing Arritola's law enforcement. One of them referred to Paul as, "That son-of-a-gunnin' Jordan Valley cop" and asked the others if they knew him. I was trying hard to duck behind my hat and hope nobody recognized me. Paul and I grew up together and are good friends, but I felt he was more able, at over 6 feet and better than 200 pounds, to defend his honor than I.

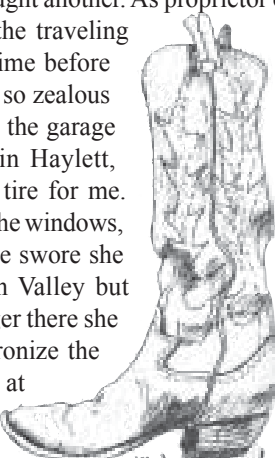
I caught my breath when I looked over at the waitress, who smiled back. As I listened to them, I thought about relationships in our small community and I'm sure all, or certainly the vast majority of others, are the same. We may not always get along, but when the chips are down we stick together and even though these people were strangers to me, I knew the longtime Marsing citizens would understand my feelings right then. I remembered the speed trap that they had some 25-odd years earlier, which my dad and many others from Jordan Valley, were caught in. I still slow down going through their town because of that memory, as do my neighbors.

When I left Marsing, I went on to Caldwell and stopped at an implement dealer and while waiting for my parts, heard two farmers discussing Paul. Neither had been cited by him, but a friend of a friend had and that was enough. From there, I went on to a hardware store and as I was waiting at the checkout stand a lady, who was visiting with the clerk said she had a nice vacation visiting family in California and it was just ruined, "when that big, dumb cop in Jordan Valley gave me a ticket on the way home."

I finally had enough and asked her if she was indeed speeding when she passed through, and she said that wasn't the point. She only puffed up when I told her that we Jordan Valley people valued our children and property as much as anybody and felt the best way to put Arritola out of business would be for all vehicles to slow down and obey the traffic signs. I reminded her that California had only recently passed into law the so called "Proposition 13" to limit property tax. I then told her Arritola was Jordan Valley's answer to Proposition 13 in that those who used the service paid for it. She snorted, "Well, I don't think much of it," and walked out.

Chief Arritola finally decided his law services were no longer needed and the city fathers evidently felt the same.

While still serving the town, he bought the Jordan Valley Gift Shop, which had formerly been Dr. Jones' office, but he sold that business and bought another. As proprietor of Long's Garage, he served the traveling public which only a short time before had criticized him for being so zealous in his duties. I was down at the garage waiting for him and Marvin Haylett, his hired man, to fix a flat tire for me. While Marvin was washing the windows, the lady commented that she swore she would never stop in Jordan Valley but since "that cop" was no longer there she thought it unfair not to patronize the businessmen. I looked over at Paul as he pumped gas into her car, and he winked back.



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

Wilson Butte 4-H'ers deliver to Ronald McDonald House

Members of the Wilson Butte 4-H club recently delivered a truckload of supplies to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise.

The Ronald McDonald House is a non-profit charity offering a “home away from home” for families whose children are hospitalized. Guests are offered a place to stay at no cost while the children receive medical care.

In addition to the supplies for the guests, the Wilson Butte 4-H'ers sent 19 boxes of cookies for each room and staff members.

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Homedale sets agenda protocol

Disposal of old truck on hold

Anyone who wants to put a routine item before the Homedale City Council now must do so in a timely fashion.

The council has unanimously adopted a resolution outlining procedures for meetings, including setting a deadline for getting items on the agenda for meetings.

Agenda items must be provided to Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram at least 48 hours before a given meeting.

The city council normally meets at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday of the month.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer drafted the resolution in an effort to provide more formality and ensure due process.

Councilman Tim Downing urged the council to provide as

much information as possible when agendas are published.

Fitzer agreed.

“If it’s an enigma to you guys, it’s probably an enigma to the public and probably has to be more verbose on the description,” he said.

During their Dec. 12 meeting, the councilmen voted to cancel Thursday’s upcoming meeting because of its proximity to Christmas. Last month, the council had voted to cancel the November meeting that annually falls on Thanksgiving, but kept the December calendar intact.

While the council acted on the resolution for a timetable on agenda items, members voted to table further action on getting rid of the city’s old Chevrolet dump truck. Mayor Paul Fink said he wanted to see what the market was for the equipment before sending it to auction or disposing of it in another way.

Fink also said he would like to see the city clear a minimum of \$5,000 for the 1980s vehicle.

Bill Pastoor from Westowns Disposal Inc., the city’s garbage contractor, stood for questions during the meeting. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said he has heard complaints about the speed of garbage trucks when crews pick up trash on Tuesdays. Councilman Aaron Tines also brought up that garbage has been falling out of trucks during pick-ups.

Pastoor said the driving issue would be addressed at the company’s next safety meeting. He told Tines that drivers are instructed to stop and pick up any garbage that falls out of the truck’s bin.

Fink also said that he would like to see one elected official from the city attend the Homedale Public Library board meetings, which take place each month at 10 a.m. on the Monday before the first city council meeting.

—JPB

Another successful year



Community provides dozens of gifts

Staff from Homedale’s Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation swooped into The Owyhee Avalanche office on Thursday to collect gifts community members had provided during a monthlong Christmas gift drive for the center’s residents. Every resident was guaranteed to receive at least one gift when OHR held its annual Christmas party Monday.

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✓ Weather: Sunday drives not so pleasant

Commissioners will meet Monday to formalize the closure by resolution, Sherburn said.

Bachman Grade was snow-covered and icy on Sunday, and Idaho highway 78 iced up around 1 p.m. According to Owyhee County dispatch, a vehicle went off the road at Sinker Creek at about 1:15 p.m. The road was shut down at 3 p.m., just long enough for the vehicle to be towed away.

No injuries were reported.

Also, a semi spun around between milepost 34 and 35 on Idaho 78 at about 4:45 p.m. A tow truck was called to help get the truck to the top of hill so that chains could be put on.

An accident blamed on weather conditions occurred at about 5:40 p.m. on Idaho 51 about six miles north of Grasmere, dispatch said. The vehicle slid on the icy roads, but no injuries were reported.

Sometime between 1 and 5 p.m., slick road conditions on the top of Highway 95 required one truck attempting to get up the hill to pull off and put on chains. Following that, the trucker was able to proceed with caution, according to dispatch.

Road conditions from Marsing to Murphy were good on Sunday; from Murphy to Oreana they were very poor, and remained bad as of Monday morning, dispatch said.

—GB

✓ Closures: Grocery stores open both days

Homedale City Hall will maintain its regular 5 p.m. closing time.

Marsing City Hall is closed all day.

County offices — The Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will be open until 5 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners cancelled its regular Monday meeting on Dec. 24; however, the BOCC will meet on New Year’s Eve morning to formally close two county roads for the winter.

Emergency services — Owyhee County dispatch will be available as usual, as will the sheriff’s patrol, Homedale police patrol and volunteer medical and fire services.

Banks — US Banks in Homedale and Marsing will work their regularly scheduled hours Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with no change. The US Bank in Grand View will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday.

Post offices — The U.S. Post Offices in Homedale and Marsing will close at noon.

The post office in Grand View will close at 2:30 p.m., its regular closing time each day.

The post office in Murphy will

close at 12:30 p.m.

The post office in Bruneau will be open from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Libraries — Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed.

Homedale Public Library will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed through Tuesday.

Bruneau Valley Library will be closed Monday in keeping with its usual weekly schedule.

Grocery stores — Paul’s Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on both New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

Logan’s Market in Marsing will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on New Year’s Eve and from 8 a.m.

to 8 p.m. on New Year’s Day.

Schools — After closures for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, area schools will re-open as follows:

Homedale schools will re-open Jan. 4.

Marsing schools will re-open next Wednesday.

Bruneau-Grand View schools will re-open Jan. 3.

Adrian schools will re-open Jan. 8.

Jordan Valley schools will re-open next Wednesday.

Avalanche — The Owyhee Avalanche will close at noon; classified ad deadline is 8 a.m. Monday.

—GB

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Wilder resident jailed for driving drunk with child in vehicle

Caldwell man gets community service, probation for Homedale DUI

Two Canyon County men arrested for driving under the influence have received their sentences.

On Dec. 10 in Murphy, Magistrate Dan C. Grober sentenced Wilder resident Sammy William Powell to three days in jail and two years probation for his DUI arrest last summer.

It was Powell's second DUI in seven years.

Grober gave Powell credit for two days served and suspended the remaining 175 days of a six-month jail sentence.

Powell's driving privileges also were suspended for 180 days, and he was ordered to pay \$750 in fines and fees.

Powell, who was born in 1986, also had a child in his vehicle Aug. 5 when Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Snyder arrested him.

Powell must pay \$300 restitution and received a suspended six-month jail term for a misdemeanor injury to child charge.

Court records show Powell served four days in jail for a 2005 DUI conviction in Canyon County.

In one of the first cases handled by new Homedale city prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer, Caldwell resident Alan Hancher was sentenced on misdemeanor DUI and drug paraphernalia possession.

Grober presided during the Dec. 5 hearing.

Hancher, who was born in 1959, entered a guilty plea to misdemeanor DUI and the paraphernalia possession charge in exchange for dismissal of a misdemeanor count of drug possession.

Grober ordered him to serve 12 months probation and 16 hours of community service. Hancher also must complete a 32-hour treatment program and pay \$816 in court costs and fines.

He also had his driver's license suspended for six months, but has received restricted privileges.

Hancher was given credit for one day served in county jail, and the remainder of a six-month jail term was suspended.

Hancher was stopped by Homedale Police on Sept. 23 for speeding, which led to the DUI charge. He was fined \$90 for the speeding infraction.

Grant informs commissioners of costs of working with policy firm

Health & Welfare willing to pay county for civil paper service

Owyhee County Sheriff-elect Perry Grant approached the Board of County Commissioners during its regular weekly meeting Dec. 17 regarding funding for Lexipol, an organization that provides policy and risk management solutions to law enforcement agencies, including written manuals on police procedure.

OCSO hasn't worked with Lexipol since 2009, and Grant told the commissioners startup fees and other costs are high.

"I definitely got a bit of a shock," he said, after looking at the cost of working with the organization.

For example, to enact Lexipol's policies will cost \$5,950, and a detention manual costs \$4,515.

"It isn't that it's expensive, but it's a contract. I wanted to make sure the commissioners know the cost," Grant said later in a phone interview. "This is in the budget, but I thought the commissioners should know. It would eat up most of the training budget. I wanted to know if there was another (option)."

"Until we get the first half of the taxes, there's nothing there,"

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn told Grant during the meeting, referring to available revenue.

Dec. 20 was the deadline for the county to recover first-half property tax payments.

The suggestion was made to contact Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) to see if there is some way to negotiate with Lexipol. District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said he would call the organization, and District 3 Commissioner and board chair Joe Merrick said a decision about helping with Lexipol's costs would be put on hold "until we get more insight."

The value of working with Lexipol, according to Grant, is it helps reduce law enforcement agency liabilities.

"The department policy manual is updated by attorneys, not us," he said.

Grant also addressed the commissioners regarding a contract the sheriff's office has received from the Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare for payment of serving civil papers. Grant made board members aware that OCSO must first bill Health and Welfare for



Perry Grant

the cost of serving papers and then be reimbursed by the agency.

"Health and Welfare will pay up to \$5,500. We charge \$55 per paper, so we'd never come up to the \$5,500 in a fiscal year," Grant said, but acknowledged making up the costs of paper-serving through H&W would benefit OCSO.

"For Health and Welfare, we serve a lot of parental rights papers, child support papers, stuff like that. Sometimes we might serve two, and some months we might serve 10," Grant said.

In other BOCC business, the commissioners approved an agreement with Bonneville Blueprint Supply Inc. in Boise for a GPS device atop the county courthouse.

Jim Desmond, county emergency services coordinator, said the firm will place "a little flat GPS antenna on the courthouse about the size of a Frisbee."

The device will help the county obtain much more accurate location information for both surveyors and 911 responders. A time frame has not been set for placement of the device.

"The next step is up to Bonneville Blueprint," Desmond said.

The county would ordinarily pay \$100 a month for the device but will receive a credit from Bonneville Blueprint each month it does not use the service.

—GB

No further jail time — yet — for domestic violence conviction

Court dismisses one charge against Wilder man

A Caldwell man has been placed on two years' probation after his guilty plea to a reduced domestic battery charge.

Daniel Bart Palmer, whose date of birth is listed as 1976, could still serve jail time after his participation in a treatment program is reviewed at a hearing scheduled for June.

Magistrate Dan C. Grober sentenced Palmer on Dec. 10 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Originally charged with felonies for aggravated assault and domestic battery in the presence of a child and a misdemeanor for destroying

a telecommunications line, Palmer entered a guilty plea to an amended misdemeanor charge of domestic battery in the presence of a child.

Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery dismissed the telecommunications destruction charge. The felony domestic battery charge was not included in the amended complaint.

Grober suspended 178 days of a six-month jail term and gave Palmer credit for two days served. The balance of the jail term could be reinstated, however, pending the outcome of the review hearing.

Palmer, who was arrested Aug. 21 by Homedale Police Chief Jeff

Eidemiller, also must pay \$650 in fines and court costs.

Judge throws out domestic battery charge

A Wilder man facing a series of felonies will be arraigned Friday on one fewer charge after a Third District Court judge threw it out because of a lack of probable cause.

District Judge Thomas J. Ryan made his ruling during defendant Gerado Arias-Flores' Dec. 3 preliminary hearing in Murphy. One of two domestic battery with traumatic injury felonies was dismissed.

Arias-Flores still must answer for a felony domestic battery charge and two felony counts each for burglary and rape.

He's scheduled for a 9 a.m. arraignment Friday in Murphy.

Homedale Police arrested Arias-Flores in November after he allegedly broke into his girlfriend's Homedale residence and raped her twice days apart in October and November.



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BOCC OKs new radios for coroner

Jim Desmond, county emergency services coordinator, addressed the Board of County Commissioners at its regular Dec. 10 meeting regarding the purchase of radio equipment and radio programming equipment in the amount of \$1,142 for the Owyhee County coroner's office.

The need for new equipment involves the radios' ability to transmit on the 700-megahertz band that will be federally mandated in the coming year and that is already used in some neighboring counties.

"The coroner has a radio that can't be narrow-banded, and some radios that can. We have to replace the one and have to have programming and service work on the ones that can," Desmond said.

The request was approved.

—GB

Colleagues applaud Correa's dedication

LEP coordinator named Homedale district's employee of month

Angela Correa has been named the Homedale School District's employee of the month for her work helping students navigate challenges.

Finding out exactly what part of the district she's in, however, is a challenge in itself.

"Angela Correa wears so many hats she should be a fashion designer," Homedale High School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said in presenting Correa for the employee of the month award at the December school board meeting.

"Figuring out what building to call, and what classroom she might be in is a challenge for me."

Asumendi-Mereness said that her colleague's work schedule takes a couple months to nail down because Correa spends



Angela Correa

time figuring out where she will be needed most, either with the district's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students or students of migrant families or as advisor for the Future Hispanic Leaders of America.

"These students, because of Angela's leadership and encouragement, are very involved in opportunities for Hispanic youth in the Treasure Valley," Asumendi-Mereness said.

Correa, who is married to middle school teacher David Correa, has worked in the Homedale district for 12 of her 28 years in the teaching profession.

"I feel honored," she said. "I feel like it really should go to a lot of people because I work with various teams in the buildings.

"There's no way to do the job

any more without being collaborative and working with parents as well."

Asumendi-Mereness said Correa takes time to make sure students know about scholarship opportunities, are aware of the benefits of working with TRiO and generally have a level playing field for post-secondary opportunities.

"Her efforts for equality are tireless," Asumendi-Mereness said. "If you've ever had the opportunity to work with Angela, you had better bring your 'A' game. She attends meetings well-prepared to advocate for her students."

Based out of the middle school as the district's LEP coordinator, Correa said she focuses her time at the middle school and the high school. She said that the number of English-language learners she helps is smaller than the population her elementary school colleagues encounter, but "they might have profound educational issues" that she helps them to

overcome.

Colleagues also credit her with being a vital conduit between the schools and families, regardless if a given family's student is in one of her programs or not. Correa said she strives to add another level of guidance and support for the students' learning.

"Angela is a huge asset to not only the building, but the district," middle school principal Amy Winters said.

Winters said Correa checks students' grades and also helps them complete homework and projects and prepare for tests. The principal adds that Correa works during her lunch break and into the evening.

"She is one of the most devoted, hard-working people I know," paraprofessional Rebecca Emery said. "I am so impressed with her organization and commitment to her students.

"She is going so many different directions and has so many responsibilities, but she never forgets the 'one.'"

—JPB

Homedale students herald Christmas season in song, music



Christmas concerts were held last week at Homedale Middle School. **Clockwise from above:** The middle school choir performed separately under the direction of kindergarten-through-sixth-grade instructor Tony Bradshaw before some combined with the high school choir under the hand of HHS music director Jessica Bohacek, who also led the band during a Dec. 18 concert. Santa Claus visited with first- and second-graders on Thursday during their concert, which was directed by Bradshaw.



Marsing school trustees review drug-testing policy

During their December meeting, Marsing school trustees reviewed the district's drug-testing program at the request of Marsing High School athletic director Tim Little.

Superintendent Tracia Craig said no action was taken, but Little's recommended revision will have a second reading. No timeline has been set.

The tests are "really expensive," according to the superintendent.

"It's not a good use of money since we never have any results (that indicate drug use)," Craig said.

In an email to The Owyhee Avalanche, Little said he personally believes the policy

is a positive thing for the district.

"I just asked the board to look at the policy and try to make it more realistic to implement and more cost-effective without losing the integrity of why the policy was put in place — to reduce the number of students that represent the school from using illicit drugs," Little said.

He feels the testing works in curbing drug abuse.

"I believe that the drug policy is a major factor in why there are so few positive results," he said.

The AD explained the tests are mandatory at the high school level for all participants of clubs, athletics, band and other

school programs, such as FFA, band and choir, Academic Decathlon and Business Professionals of America.

According to district policy, everyone gets a test at the start of their season — such as the start of football season — then a random 10 percent get tested during the season. Little said that for sports, for instance, he assigns a number to each participant and uses a random number generator to determine who gets a random test.

The five-panel tests, which screen for five drugs, run about \$3 each.

"I don't have the numbers in front of me right now, but I believe we did around 350 tests last year," Little said.

The district's written Policy and Procedure Manual defines an illicit drug as: "Any controlled substance as defined in Idaho Code, except those possessed and/or used pursuant to a valid prescription."

The illicit drug categories are: marijuana; amphetamines, which includes meth; opiates, which includes drugs such as heroin; anything in the cocaine family, including crack; and benzodiazepines such as anti-depressant drugs like Valium.

"Once the policy has been revised according to the recommendation, the board can look at it and see which parts they want to revise again," she said.

—GB

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with the Grand View council, with Mead serving as a new member.

By the end of the year, Grand View was facing more change in city government. Helana (Lani) Race retired as city clerk and treasurer, and Franklin Hart resigned from the council and as president of the Grand View Water and Sewer Association board of directors.

Teena Lewis replaces Race at City Hall, while Mary Bradeen was appointed to complete Hart's council term on Nov. 14.

New chair leads BOCC — District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick was appointed the new chairman when the Board of County Commissioners reorganized. He succeeded District 1's Jerry Hoagland, who had led the board since 2009.

Homedale man sentenced to prison — Martin Lee Young, 53, was sentenced to 7½ to 15 years in prison after his conviction for lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16.

New bridges open — Work was finally completed on the county's two major bridge projects as traffic began to flow over the spans crossing Reynolds Creek and Jordan Creek.

New BLM field manager takes over — Loretta Chandler was introduced as the new Owyhee Field Office manager for the Bureau of Land Management. A new assistant field manager, Michele McDaniel, would come on board later in the year.

MHS grad dies in I-84 wreck — Taylor Sauer, 18, a 2011 Marsing High School graduate, died in a three-vehicle accident while returning from a wrestling tournament. The community came together later and built Taylor's Corner, an outdoor classroom. Her parents, Clay and Shauna Sauer, testified before the Idaho Legislature prior to the passage of a state law banning texting while driving.

The family also makes anti-texting-and-driving outreach presentations.

HMS team returns to Future City nationals — A team of Homedale Middle School eighth-graders won the regional championship for the second

consecutive year, earning a trip to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Murphy is Capital for a Day — Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and other state government leaders discussed topics ranging from sage-grouse to paying the legal bills for Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry in their water rights fight with the federal government. The county seat became the second Owyhee County town to host the governor as part of his outreach program.

No insurance means no state inmates — With the sheriff's office losing liability insurance coverage, the Idaho Department of Correction stopped placing inmates in the county jail. There were only six state inmates in the Murphy jail when the decision was made. The county commissioners also found compliance issues during their quarterly jail inspection.

Marsing farmer named conservationist of the year — Second-generation producer Jim Briggs earned the annual distinction from the Owyhee Conservation District for his efforts on the family's 400-acre Marsing-area farm.

February
Four-day school week arrives — The Marsing School District board of trustees instituted a four-day school week for the district, in part to guard against further fiscal erosion if state support dips even more. The vote came after district employees and patrons were surveyed.

Marsing auction nets \$80,000 — Volunteers and community-minded bidders banded together to make the 51st annual Marsing Disaster Auction a success.

Owyhee left whole in new District 23 — The legislative reapportionment gained finality, with all of Owyhee County staying in a new District 23 that features the western part of rural Twin Falls County and all of Elmore County. In November, Bert Brackett would retain his seat as state senator, defeating District 22's Tim Corder. Pete Nielsen and Rich Wills, both veterans of District 22, won election to become the new House



Lee Savell gets emotional while directing his farewell concert with Homedale Elementary students in April. Savell was one of many Homedale School District employees who either retired or found work elsewhere after the close of the 2011-12 school year. Photo by Tony Uranga

of Representatives members from District 23.

HHS principal named woman of the year finalist — Luci Asumendi-Mereness landed on the Idaho Business Review's 2012 Women of the Year finalist list, a group of 50 influential businesswomen from around the state.

Chapter added to mob man's story — Marsing resident Kelly Verceles, a friend of Jay Shaw (a.k.a. mobster Enrico Ponzio), committed suicide at his friend's Hogg Road home. Verceles died nine days before he was scheduled in court to face burglary charges related to the home.

HHS senior wins poetry contest, teacher honored — Angel Jr. Salazar won \$500 as champion in the 2012 Love What's Real contest. Salazar's teacher, Melinda Garcia, was later honored as Poetry Teacher of the Year by the Center for Healthy Teen Relationships.

Producers fight for FSA office — Dozens of farmers and ranchers turned out for a public meeting to voice their displeasure over the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plan to consolidate the county's Farm Service Agency office with a two-county branch in Caldwell. Despite the concerns, the government followed through with the plan later in the year.

Another big auction in Bruneau — Folks crammed into the Legion Hall for the Bruneau Boosters annual auction and spent \$20,000 on items.

Former deputy sues county — Owyhee County eventually settled Russ Turner's claim for unpaid compensation. He filed the lawsuit in the midst of his bid for the Republican nomination for county sheriff. A \$10,000 settlement was reached later in the year.

March
Rimrock student qualifies

for geo bee — Bruneau seventh-grader Julianne Mori scored among the top 100 students in the state to earn a spot in the state geography bee.

Feds salute Owyheean's conservation work — District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, Murphy resident Karen Steenhof and Grand View rancher Donna Bennett received plaques from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials for their work to help preserve sage-grouse habitat.

Turnout high for county's first GOP caucus — Five different locations hosted more than 500 presidential caucus-goers bent on deciding the Republican nomination (the county voted for Rick Santorum, while Mitt Romney won statewide). The Democratic caucus was held in Marsing in April with a decidedly lighter turnout.

Bruneau-Grand View school buses parked — After the failure of an \$850,000, two-year supplemental levy election, the school board voted to eliminate some positions and do away with student transportation. After a public outcry, the board revisited its bussing decision and made some modifications.

HHS student begins busy 4-H year — Lydia Aman represented Owyhee County at the 4-H national convention in Washington, D.C. In November, she'd make a trip to Atlanta to attend the 4-H national congress.

Marsing district cuts ties with administrators — High school principal Wade Pilloud and middle school boss Paul Webster were informed "the district was moving in a new directions" when they learned their contracts wouldn't be renewed. Later in the year, Norm Stewart was hired to fill a consolidated role at both campuses.

Marsing deputy clerk resigns — After 10 years, Christy Martinat tendered her stepped down, citing

"circumstances out of my control" and a desire to spend more time with her grandchildren.

April
American Legion Auxiliary 32 picks Girls' State candidates — Three seniors-to-be, including Homedale's Brenda Uriarte and Stephanie Villarreal and Brittany Garcia from Wilder, were selected to attend Syringa Girls' State at Northwest Nazarene University, which took place in June. The Auxiliary sponsored the girls' trips.

Jordan Valley FFA pulls down big state awards — Blaine Moran earned an Oregon FFA State Degree and Jordan Matteri was named the Oregon State Star in Agribusiness during the state convention in Hermiston, Ore.

Savell ends animated run in Homedale — With tears and his usual flair, Homedale Elementary music teacher Lee Savell bid farewell with a concert for his third- and fourth-graders.

Adrian FFA wins district title — Members of the Adrian FFA chapter brought home the top prize in the Snake River District Shop Skills Contest, with Dylan Osborn tying for second individually.

Homedale schools lose superintendent — Tim Rosandick ended a seven-year stay in the Homedale School District office, returning to head up the Caldwell district at which he had worked for years prior. Homedale trustees would dip into the State Department of Education to hire Rob Sauer to succeed Rosandick.

HHS student wins national title in Chicago — Two seniors and a sophomore — Deena Emry, Katie Price and Esteban Lejardi — represented Homedale at the Business Professionals of America national competition.

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Investigators remove the Kelly Verceles' body from Enrico Ponzio's abandoned Marsing home in February.

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Emry followed up her state championship in Interview Skills by bringing home the national championship.

Women Infant Children clinic relocates — The Southwest Health District announced that the Owyhee County WIC clinic would move eastward up the road into a larger building on Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

May

Grant prevails in crowded GOP sheriff's field — Perry Grant, a veteran of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, won the Republican Party nomination, beating four other men. In November, Grant would defeat independent candidate Richard "Dick" Freund to earn the right to succeed Daryl Crandall as the county's top cop.

In other primary elections that served as general balloting for lack of Democratic opposition, Joe Merrick and Jerry Hoagland won new terms as commissioners, and Douglas D. Emery earned another four years as prosecuting attorney.

Educators retire — Marylin Boss stepped away after nine years as the lone instructor at the tiny Three Creek School.

In Marsing, Jan Odlum, Nancy Belknap and Elaine Theiss retired from service at the elementary school and John Cossel retired from his longtime post as high school counselor.

Colleen Paxton and JoAnn Morris ended their teaching careers in Homedale.

Jan Bianchi joined Lee Savell in retiring from Homedale Elementary.

New faces on Homedale P&Z — Following Herb Fritzley's retirement and the death of Art Trogdon, the Homedale City Council appointed Vonnice Harkins, Travis Kerbs and Stacy Woods to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Quick action saves Homedale man's life — Travis Hyer, 27, fully recovered after he was badly wounded in a farming accident and crashed his pickup while driving himself to get medical attention. The rapid response by Homedale emergency services volunteers and police was credited



Evelyn Loveland, left, and her sister Frankie Dougal listen to a speaker during Evelyn's 100th birthday celebration in July in Jordan Valley. Photo by Marshall Abbot

with saving Hyer.

High school seniors move on — Graduation ceremonies were held at Homedale, Marsing, Jordan Valley, Rimrock and Adrian high schools.

June

Columnist returns for Outpost Days — Cowboy humorist Baxter Black was the headliner for Outpost Days in Murphy for the second time in three years.

Area health professional students to nationals — Amanda Cook and Katie Price, two Homedale High School graduates, and Mackenzie Whittaker from the COSSA Academy, competed at the Health Occupations Students of America national convention. Price won the state title in extemporaneous writing.

Plane crash rescue makes headlines — Three members of a California family were rescued from an Owyhee County mountainside outside Silver City after crashing while en route to visit Mountain Home.

FSA office closure becomes reality — Producers began to prepare for a shift that could include hundreds of miles of travel as the USDA finalized plans to consolidate the Owyhee Farm Service Agency office with its Caldwell outpost.

Marsing FFA wins state championships — Members of the Marsing FFA chapter brought home state titles in Marketing and Agriculture Communications.

High schools earn bronze — Homedale and Marsing high schools were cited in the annual U.S. News and World Report

ranking of the nation's secondary schools.

Hot time for Grand View Days — While the town held its annual festival, the volunteer firefighters were chasing calls. Three fires broke out during the weekend, including one sparked on a Snake River Island by the city's fireworks show.

July

Fritzley ends long stint on Homedale P&Z — Herb Fritzley, whose first exposure to Homedale city planning came 35 years ago, resigned.

"It is a great loss to the P&Z commission to lose Herb," Planning and Zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem said at the time. "He has a tremendous amount of knowledge about Homedale City and planning and zoning issues."

Mortician sworn in as county coroner — For the first time in nearly 25 years, Owyhee County has a new coroner.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved eight-year deputy coroner Aaron Tines to finish out Harvey Grimme's sixth four-year term, repeating the same process by which Grimme rose to the position in 1988.

Homedale Ambulance marks 50 years — Getting friends and neighbors emergency medical care has come a long way in the past 50 years for the Homedale Ambulance service.

"We had no EMT training," original member Tom Morris said. "We just used common sense, and it worked pretty well."

Morris, who was on the first crew for the service in 1962, was among nine alumni who joined most of the current crew to celebrate the service's golden anniversary with a potluck.

Jump Creek blaze consumes nearly 1,500 acres — Bureau of Land Management officials determined that the illegal use of fireworks caused a fire that burned nearly 1,500 acres in the Jump Creek Canyon area outside of Marsing.

Hundreds honor Evelyn Loveland's 100 years — A trip dinner for several hundred people was served July 15 at Evelyn Loveland's 100th birthday

celebration at the Jordan Valley park. The guest of honor arrived in a horse-drawn carriage

Fire season hits Owyhee hard — Lightning strikes sparked a handful of wildfires in and around Owyhee County early in July, stretching local resources and affecting highway traffic.

Because of the rash of fires in the Bureau of Land Management Boise District, volunteer crews from Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson and Grand View were called out to handle the Milemarker 43 fire on Idaho highway 78 on July 9-10.

Salove leaves legacy of service — Chris Salove, a prominent Marsing businessman and community supporter, died of natural causes in July. He was 52.

From the storefront reader board of Marsing Hardware and Pump, Salove had championed numerous community events and congratulated students and teams from Marsing High School for the past 11 years.

Commissioners proclaim 4-H Week — The centennial of 4-H ramped up locally with the proclamation of July 16-20 as Owyhee County 4-H Week during the county commissioners' July 16 meeting.

County pays former jailer nearly \$50,000 — Allegedly wrongful termination after Sheriff Daryl Crandall never formally fired him, former detention deputy CJ Stappler was awarded \$48,550.

Viola Black honored during fair — The original 4-H horse leader led again as the grand marshal for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade.

Quintana becomes new Homedale school board chair — In the annual reorganization, Tim Quintana succeeded Kurt Shanley, who had served as chairman for seven years.

Caldwell cowgirl is queen — Bonnie Crisci was named the 2012-13 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo queen, making her first official appearance in the parade.

August

Owners away as fire threatens home — While out of state, Jenna and James Clair received one of the most harrowing phone calls for homeowners. A brush fire was threatening their Marsing home near milepost 4 on Idaho highway 78 — and they were Arizona.

But, according to Donnalee Velvick from the nearby Hope House, quick action from firefighters — both Marsing volunteers and Bureau of Land Management — the flames were kept away from the home the Clairs have owned for six years.

AG: No charges for Crandall — The Attorney General's Office in August found "insufficient"

evidence to support criminal charges against Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall.

Although county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery warned at the time that civil action could be possible, no lawsuits had been filed by year's end.

Marsing mayor objects to levy increase — Over the protest of Mayor Keith Green, the Marsing City Council included a 3 percent property tax increase in the fiscal 2013 budget it ratified Aug. 8.

Church celebrates 54-year pianist — Local church musician Judy Phelps had played the Homedale Presbyterian Church's piano since the church's 1958 inaugural service. On Aug. 19, the church celebrated her contributions with a special service marking her retirement.

First Taylor Sauer Memorial Scholarship awarded — Clay and Shauna Sauer of Marsing presented Homedale High School graduate Bodie Hyer with the inaugural Taylor Sauer Memorial Scholarship Award, namd in honor of their daughter who was tragically killed in a car accident in January.

Mother charged in toddler's death — A Homedale mother was charged with destruction of evidence after police investigated the suspicious death of her 2-year-old daughter in mid-August.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery filed a felony destruction of evidence charge Aug. 22 against 29-year-old Veronica T. Herrera.

Herrera was later indicted on several felonies, including first-degree murder. She faces a May trial.

Homedale's COSSA levy on ballot — Homedale school patrons voted to renew a 10-year levy for the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency, which officials said helps students

continue their education beyond high school and prepare for good careers.

Bruneau-GV patrons OK levy — Patrons approved a \$1.4 million two-year supplemental levy that supporters said was extremely vital to maintaining services in the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

Earlier in the year, voters had rejected a smaller levy.

Jordan Valley celebrates 101st anniversary — Jordan Valley residents joined together to celebrate 101 years of township with their Centennial Celebration with a parade, yard sale and small community fair.

HHS classmates, WWII veterans visit D.C. on Honor Flight — Two Homedale High School classmates — Ray Mansisor and Shirley Thomas Law — were among the first batch

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Marsing paid tribute to one of its driving forces, Chris Salove, upon his passing in July.



Daryl Crandall

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of World War II veterans to visit Washington, D.C. as part of the inaugural Honor Flight of Idaho.

Homedale gets new elementary school principal — Terri Vasquez embraced the small-school community during the first day of classes in Homedale in Aug. 22.

The new elementary school principal went from classroom to classroom to introduce herself to her new students and discuss expectations for the year.

September

Longtime rancher enters Buckaroo Hall — Burt Brown became the latest Owyhee County buckaroo inducted into the Winnemucca, Nev.-based museum.

Homedale High School enrollment up — While August enrollment in the Homedale School District was down for at least the third consecutive year, Homedale High School saw a big bump in student registration.

Overall enrollment was down 2.8 percent from a year ago, according to superintendent Rob Sauer. There were 1,198 students enrolled district-wide in August, 35 fewer than the same time in 2011 and 3.3 percent (41) less than 2010.

However, the high school had 24 more students than it did at the same time last year, with a reported 380 ninth- through 12th-graders enrolled.

Commissioners declare drought — Owyhee County commissioners issued a drought disaster declaration during the first week of September, asking Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter for assistance. The move opened the door for farmers and ranchers affected by the dry conditions get low-interest federal loans.



Enrollment dips throughout Marsing School District — Marsing schools’ hallways were just slightly less bustling this school year than in years past. Overall enrollment is down for 2012-2013, with a total of 851 students enrolled for the fall semester versus 874 in 2011.

Homedale spends nearly \$50K on pool — The City of Homedale launched plans in September to carry out one of the biggest overhauls in the 50-year history of the city pool.

A request for bids published in The Owyhee Avalanche showed that the city was ready to embark on a \$47,000 upgrade project on the 50-year-old pool.

By the end of the year, contractors had rebuilt the decking around the pool, its filtration system and the pool’s underwater surface.

Officials stress communication after “hit list” walkout — Life at

Homedale High School returned to normal Sept. 21, one day after students left in droves because of a rumor that a student was making his way back to campus to fulfill a hit list.

Luci Asumendi-Mereness led an assembly to discuss the circumstances that caused about one-third of the school’s students to check out of class by noon Sept. 20.

“We did have a good day at school today,” Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer said. “We had a good assembly this morning where Luci shared information with the students.”

Fair’s livestock buyers set records — Several records fell at the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale in August.

A record number of add-ons helped drive the gross revenue of the Aug. 11 auction to a record \$278,833.

Buyers provided \$79,308 in add-ons, another record, to the youngsters who showed 193 animals. Only 183 animals were listed in the auction.

Cross-country cruise hums through Homedale — Alabama resident Doug Wothke was one of dozens of motorcycle enthusiasts who rode down Idaho Avenue on Sept. 19 as part of a cross-country trek for pre-1930 motorcycles.

The Pre-1930 Motorcycle Cannonball Endurance Run ended in San Francisco, completing a two-week journey that began Sept. 7 in Newburgh, N.Y.

Homedale grad leads taxpayers’ group — Ben Davenport, a 1997 Homedale High School graduate, succeeded longtime Associated Taxpayers of Idaho president Randy Nelson.

October

Homedale infant undergoes surgery at Stanford — The infant daughter of a Homedale couple received treatment in California for a heart ailment in October.

Tristen Thomas, the daughter of Kade and Stephenie Thomas, was born with an atrial septum defect on June 26 at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif. Her parents were in Palo Alto because doctors knew surgery soon after birth would be necessary to help Tristen.

After Tristen came home to Idaho, the family’s Homedale house burned. No one was injured.

Power outage doesn’t stop county commissioners — The Board of County Commissioners conducted their business by candlelight on the morning of Oct. 17 in Murphy. Idaho Power said a general equipment failure knocked out power to 206 customers from Murphy to Reynolds Creek for nearly three hours.

Homedale Middle School secretary ends long career



The marching bands from Homedale High School (top) and Marsing High School (above) had their share of success during the competition season, winning awards in Caldwell and at Bronco Stadium.

— After working at Homedale Middle School for 33 years, Linda Miklancic saw many a Homedale resident grow to adulthood and send their own children through her registrar’s office.

Following what she calls the “Rule of 90,” an unwritten rule that suggests retiring when the sum of one’s age and years of service equal 90, Miklancic made her retirement official on Aug. 31.

Marsing senior center gets helping hand — The community stepped up to help after a senior center official asked the city council for help. American Legion Post 128 commander Alan Davis was part of a delegation that donated \$500 to Meals on Wheels. Later, Hope House residents helped repair the center’s roof.

Homedale teen builds burnout buckets for Eagle project — Aiden Fogg began his scouting career at 8 years old. Nine years later, he put the finishing touches on his Eagle Scout project, rounding up \$450 in donations and providing the Homedale Fire Department with containers filled with necessities for folks who have been displaced by fire.

Homedale district hires highway director — Stewart

Constantine, a Parma man with previous experience at a similar job, was hired as the first director of highways in Homedale.

Owyhee County enlists Congress in Gateway West battle — County commissioners took steps to deploy the clout of Congress in its fight to keep a proposed Gateway West powerline off private ground in Owyhee County. They asked the Idaho congressional delegation for help in getting the BLM to accept the county’s preferred alternative route.

Beet harvest starts early, yields record crop — Amalgamated Sugar Co., decided to start the harvest early. Farmers pulled beets out of the ground and dumped them in piles in Homedale, Marsing, Murphy and Grand View, as well as Adrian and Wilder. After a few days, the harvest paused and the beers were brought to Nampa for processing.

According to Marsing piler operator Randy Bunn, the beet harvest this year is the largest on record, five percent bigger than the 2011 harvest.

Homedale council salutes boys for helping elderly man — Two seventh-graders who helped an elderly man who had

fallen received certificates of appreciation from the Homedale City Council. The council honored Homedale resident Collyn Fink and his friend, Luke Beck of Baker City, Ore.

“Record” absentee requests reported — Even with no county races to speak of, the Owyhee County elections office did brisk business during the election season.

Deputy clerk Jamie Wylie said a record number of 400 absentee ballots were requested for the Nov. 6 general election.

Trojans, Huskies march to district band awards — Saving its best performance for the last, the Homedale High School marching band musicians dominated their division Oct. 27 in Boise. The 41-person Trojans Marching Band snagged the 3A division’s overall championship at the District III Marching Band Festival.

Marsing placed second overall in Division 2A while taking home championships in three subcategories.

Gem Irrigation gets new directors — Ryan Criffield and Chris Landa were appointed directors for the Gem Irrigation

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District and South Board of Control, succeeding Greg Purdom and Tim Leavitt, who declined to seek re-election.

November

Merchant marks milestone — Matteson’s Owyhee Motor Sales on Main Street in Homedale marked 60 years as a family-owned business with a Nov. 9 open house.

HHS pitches in for deployed teacher — The Homedale FFA chapter sent “soldier boxes” to Mark Thatcher’s Navy Reserve unit in Kuwait as a service project this holiday season. A lifelong Homedale resident, Thatcher had begun his 16th year as a Science and Math teacher at the high school when he was called up for an eight-month deployment.

Ill-advised field burning triggers 320-acre blaze outside Wilson — A man burning brush in 35 mph winds Nov. 7 most likely sparked a large fire along Idaho highway 78, authorities said. Personnel from four different volunteer firefighting agencies fought the fast-moving, 320-acre blaze for about two hours.

Jordan Valley mayor elected again — Jake Roe’s lengthy tenure as mayor of Jordan Valley will continue at least through a fifth term. Appointed 13 years ago after his predecessor resigned, Roe was re-elected for the fourth time in November.

Kristin Armstrong exhorts Homedale youth to “Go On” — With examples from her own life, Olympic gold medalist Kristin Armstrong encouraged students at Homedale High School to follow their dreams, even when it isn’t easy. Armstrong addressed the student body Nov. 14 as part of the “Go On: Make a Plan” program founded in Idaho by the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

New Bruneau-GV schools boss resigns after month — After having accepted the position of part-time interim superintendent of Bruneau-Grand View School District in October, Kelly Murphey resigned from the position unexpectedly on Nov. 12. Health and travel demands played a role in Murphey’s decision.

Irrigation district election comes down to coin flip — With the flip of a coin, Ridgeview Irrigation District got a new director Nov. 19. Adrian-area alfalfa farmer Harold Bruning called “heads” and prevailed over incumbent John Lax in a tiebreaking ceremony at the South Board of Control office in Homedale.

Former building official sues county — Owyhee officials learned they might be heading for another legal fight when Mark



Homedale High School students Angel Chavez, left, and Pedro Vasquez get lost in leaves while bagging yard waste in November at Bette Uda City Park during a community cleanup by TRiO and Homedale Neighborhood INC members.

Ottens filed a tort claim regarding alleged non-compensated work and lack of due process.

December

Bruneau-GV school board chair resigns amid recall effort — Dixie Black, an eight-year member of the school board, resigned weeks after district patrons John Morrison and Lisa Martinez launched a recall drive.

Black’s departure left the school board two trustees short, although a quorum was maintained. Trustee Joe Merrick resigned earlier in the year.

HHS artisans deliver new Nativity scene to city — The City of Homedale’s Nativity scene went up during the last week in November after two groups of high school students finished a year-long project to provide a new of wooden figures to put up for the season. The old Nativity scene was donated to the Oregon community of Rockville.

Santa Brunch dubbed overwhelming success — The inaugural Santa Brunch exceeded expectations Dec. 8 at Homedale Elementary School. The Parent Teacher Organization fundraiser

brought in gross receipts of \$5,600, chapter president Jamie Kraupp said.

Job’s Daughters win top prize — Poodles shivered, children screamed and horses trotted Dec. 8 in what organizers were calling one of the best Homedale for the Holidays parades in recent memory.

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.

Race retires in Grand View — Grand View will see the end of an era at City Hall on Dec. 26 when City Clerk Helana “Lani” Race retires after 14 years and two months. Race, 66, is the longest serving clerk in town history. Teena Lewis of Oreana is the new city clerk.

HMS’ student-driven food project nets 2,000 items — Students in two home rooms enjoyed perks after excelling in Homedale Middle School’s food drive. As part of Hands Around Homedale, seventh-graders Megan Houser and Lauryn Fisher spearheaded the food drive, which resulted in 2,000 items.



Pre-dawn wind wreaks havoc
Sustained high winds blew through Homedale beginning Thursday morning, knocking over a sidewalk umbrella at Frosty Palace on East Idaho Avenue (above) and felling a large tree across Johnstone Road (below). The tree collapsed over the roadway, forcing Homedale Police to re-route traffic to Homedale Middle School as city maintenance personnel moved the tree to the side of the road.



Adrian student’s senior project helps dozens of children
Adrian High School senior Nichole Orosco beams as she stands next to the packages gathered for the Oregon Department of Human Services Foster Care program. With guidance advisor Stephanie Allison, Orosco headed the DHS Foster Care Christmas Drive to gather gifts as her senior project, and Adrian’s students and community sponsored 33 children. The school’s student body officers and leadership class helped wrapped gifts. There are a record number of Malheur County children in foster care this year. AHS Photography

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Homegating

PLAYBOOK

Tips to make a game day party fun for everyone

FAMILY FEATURES

Game day is no time to be sidelined in the kitchen. Do a little pre-game planning so you can spend less time cooking and more time cheering on the home team.

Keep it simple — Instead of taking up space with a lot of dishes to hold condiments, use muffin pans. Each well in the pans can hold a different topping for your burgers, hot dogs or chili. Put a spoon in each for easy dipping. It's simple, fun, and you'll have fewer post-game dishes to wash.

Set up a dipping station — Have a selection of salsas and guac available so everyone can have their favorite. From Wholly Salsa's classics to the new red pepper mango or roasted tomato varieties, fans can find a salsa to cheer about. And for guacamole lovers, try Wholly Guacamole's all-natural, gluten free varieties. In addition to chips, set out some of these tasty dippers:

- Bell pepper slices
- Baked mozzarella sticks
- Shrimp
- Pita chips
- Bagel chips
- Jicama sticks
- Mini rice cakes

Make sure you have enough — Don't disappoint guests by running out of munchies or drinks. Here's how to figure out how much you need to prepare:

- If you're having 8 to 10 guests, figure on three different appetizers. For up to 16 guests, plan four or five appetizers.
- For non-alcoholic drinks, plan on two 16-ounce cups per person. Plan on about two glasses of wine or three beers per person.
- To have enough ice for drinks, as well as to keep drinks cold in a cooler, get about a pound and a half of ice per person.

These game day recipes will score big with the crowd at your house. You can find more delicious ways to homegate at www.eatwholly.com.



Homegating Snackers

- Yield: 10 to 12
- 1 tube pre-made pizza crust (thin)
 - 1 7-ounce package Wholly Guacamole dip
 - 1 red bell pepper cut into small strips

Roll out uncooked pizza dough on counter. Use football or other shaped cookie cutter to cut pizza dough and place on cookie sheet sprayed lightly with oil. Cook dough according to packaging instructions. Allow to thoroughly cool. When cool, spread with guacamole and use cheese shreds and pepper to create football laces and markings.

Optional: Plate on a bed of shredded lettuce, and use sour cream to create field yard lines.

Avocado Cream Cheese Dip

- Serves: 6
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
 - 1 7-ounce package Wholly Guacamole
 - 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
 - 1 lime, juiced
 - 1 tablespoon cilantro, minced
 - 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 - 2 cups sour cream
 - 3 tablespoons chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, pureed
 - 1 cup 3-cheese blend shredded cheese
 - 1/2 cup green onion, sliced
 - 3/4 cup Roma tomatoes, cored, seeded and diced
- Allow cream cheese to soften and warm to room temperature, about 30 minutes. Whip cream cheese at medium speed for 3 minutes to fluff. Add guacamole and beat for another minute. Season mix with 1/4 teaspoon salt, half of lime juice and cilantro. Transfer mixture to a 9 x 9-inch pan, and dust with chili powder. Mix together sour cream, chipotle, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the rest of the lime juice. Add to pan as the second layer. Top with cheese; garnish with green onion and tomatoes.

Guacamole Chicken Taquitos

- Yield: 28 taquitos
- 1 orange, juiced
 - 1 lime, juiced
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 - 2 teaspoons chili powder
 - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 6 tablespoons canola oil, divided
 - 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs
 - 1/3 cup minced yellow onion
 - 2 tablespoons cilantro, minced
 - 1 7-ounce package Wholly Guacamole
 - 28 corn tortillas
- Mix together orange juice, lime juice, salt, pepper, chili powder, cumin and 3 tablespoons canola. Add to chicken and marinate for 20 to 30 minutes. Heat remaining canola oil over medium high heat. Remove chicken from marinade. Reserve marinade for later. Cook chicken for 3 minutes on one side. Flip over and cook for another 3 minutes. Add reserved marinade, turn heat to low, and allow to simmer for 20 minutes. Uncover, and continue cooking for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool for 15 minutes. Shred chicken into a separate pan. Coat with a little of the reduced sauce — don't use all of it or the taquitos will be oily. Mix chicken with guacamole, cilantro and onion. Warm tortillas, between wet paper towels, in the microwave (about 5 at a time), or by dipping them into a hot pan with a few tablespoons of oil. Add about 2 tablespoons filling to each tortilla. Roll up and skewer with a toothpick to hold it together. For best results, prepare deep fryer according to manufacturer's instructions, and fry in batches for 2 minutes. When all taquitos have been fried, warm them up in a 350°F oven for 10 minutes.

Former Husky signs to play at Portland St.

Avalanche Sports

Homedale boys take Nampa consolation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2012

Marsing opens hometown title quests Thursday

Husky Holiday Classic on tap; unbeaten Homedale girls to play in junior varsity tourney

There are milestones to be had Thursday and Friday at the Husky Holiday Classic. While the Marsing High School boys' basketball team goes in search of a third consecutive championship in its own tournament, the girls' squad looks for the first title in the Tim Little era. Both teams draw tough opening-round matchups vs. Liberty Charter of Nampa. The varsity tournaments will be played at

the high school gymnasium on Main Street, while the junior varsity slate of games will take place at the middle school gymnasium on 8th Avenue West. This is the major fundraiser for the Marsing basketball program. Admission for all games at both sites per day is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Concessions will be available. The road to a three-peat for JW Chadez's boys' squad begins at 8 p.m. Thursday against the third-ranked 1A, Div. I team in the state, Liberty Charter (5-1). Marsing is 3-4 after trouncing 2A Western Idaho Conference opponent Melba, 57-27, at home Friday night.

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Homedale's Brad McCain takes control of his 195-pound bout with Marsing's Juan Ramirez.

Homedale wins home opener

Marsing, Adrian get mat time before local fans

Wrestling fans from three different communities converged on the Homedale High School gymnasium last Wednesday for the first local action of the season. In the only dual meet of the night, Homedale beat Marsing, 57-30, in a matchup that featured dominant performances from both rosters. Adrian High School wrestlers also got in some mat time during the non-conference extravaganza. The Trojans won their first dual meet of the season behind a raft of pinfalls and forfeits. In the only match that went



Adrian's Shane Miller, in white, looks to his coaches during his victory over Marsing 145-pounder Trevor Romans. the distance, Homedale's Rusty Vance squeaked by Marsing 145-pounder Josh Sullivan, 10-7. Six of the Marsing-Homedale matches didn't make it out of the first round: • At 152 pounds, the Huskies' Dillon Danner pinned Dylan Sharp in 31 seconds. • Homedale's Curtis Stansell continued his tear at 170 pounds.

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Scrappy Trojans take bruising SRV girls' win from Wolverines

Nash's free throws keep Weiser at bay

As if they hadn't already served notice that things are different this season, the Homedale High School girls' basketball players showed that no opponent's lead is safe in their conference home opener. Presented with a 12-point deficit against a physical Weiser squad, the Trojans rode the efforts of Kaylee Rupp and Tory Lane to a 49-46 3A Snake River Valley conference win Dec. 18. Morgan Nash shook off visible frustration from the free-throw line and sank three straight free throws, including two with 13.3 seconds left, to help the Trojans hold on. Homedale (6-7 overall, 1-1 in conference) bounced back from being on the short end of an identical 49-46 scored against 3A SRV-leading Parma a week earlier. During a 3½-minute span over the second and third quarters, Rupp, a junior forward, and Lane, a freshman guard, scored six points apiece to help the Trojans



Freshman Tory Lane takes a shot over the Weiser defense while heating up in Homedale High School's clutch conference girls' basketball victory.

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Mustangs crush Cove to maintain perfection

A 32-point second quarter outstripped its opponent's entire output as Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball won its eighth consecutive game to start the season Saturday. With balanced scoring, the Mustangs crushed Cove, 84-28, on the final day of the Crane Christmas Tournament. "We were hoping for a well-contested game, but Cove was missing several key starters," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman

said. "Overall, the young players played very well." Cove (4-4) lost for the third time in five games. The Leopards already trailed by 10 points when the Mustangs went on a 32-11 spurt through the second quarter. Senior Jordan Jones led Jordan Valley with 13 points. Blaine Moran added 10 points and seven rebounds. Moran, Ben Telleria

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Stingy Huskies hold two-game lead in WIC basketball standings

Marsing girls end first half perfect

Thursday was a good day to be a Marsing High School girls' basketball player. All 14 players on the varsity roster got into the game, and the Huskies throttled North Star Charter, 58-17, to gain a two-game advantage in the 2A Western Idaho Conference standings. "Everybody got in and played,

which is a good thing," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "And all but three of our 14 players scored." Marsing (7-4 overall, 6-0 2A WIC) now holds a two-game lead over Cole Valley Christian and New Plymouth as the conference takes a break for the holiday. The Chargers knocked off the third-ranked Pilgrims, 45-38, on Thursday, putting both teams at 4-2 in the conference standings. Marsing won its first-half games against both squads.

Marsing returns to conference play on Jan. 8 on the road against Nampa Christian. The Huskies took a little time off for Christmas, but return to practice today. "We've got little things to fix, but taking three days off helps us more than hurts us," Little said. "We've been playing hard, and we've been pushing pretty hard, especially with our main rotation of eight kids."

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Sports

HHS boys collect Nampa tourney consolation final

Homedale High School won its final two games of 2012 to take the Today's Dentistry Elite Eight boys' basketball tournament consolation championship in nampa. The Trojans routed Spring Creek, Nev., 61-36, to claim a prize. Ricky McBride led the way with 18 points.

On Friday, McBride put in 17 as Homedale edged Ontario, Ore., 54-45, to reach the consolation final at Nampa High School.

The Trojans took control of a deadlocked game in the fourth quarter to be the 4A Tigers.

Trey Lane added 13. Homedale outscored Ontario, 19-10, over the final eight minutes for their third win if four games. No details were available on Saturday's game vs. Spring Creek.

Thursday: Nampa 67, Homedale 46 — Lane knocked down three consecutive three-point goals in the span of a minute in the fourth quarter, but the Trojans couldn't make up a huge deficit against the Elite Eight Tournament host team.

In all, Lane hit four treys in the final period to account for the bulk of his team-high 17 points.

Nampa, which plays in the 4A Southern Idaho Conference, broke open the game with a 17-3 outburst fueled by Homedale turnovers late in the second half.

Antonio Sturgeon converted one of his four offensive rebounds 1 minute, 41 seconds into the second quarter for one of Homedale's



Xavier Hernandez takes a shot against Nampa on Thursday.

two field goals in the quarter. He finished with eight rebounds and that basket as the Trojans rarely went inside.

Nampa led by 25 points before Angel Cardenas hit a free throw 21 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Ricky McBride scored 11 points for Homedale.

Edgar Alvarado scored 14 points for the Bulldogs, and teammate Austin Blackwood put in 12.

Rimrock girls' win streak ends

Raiders on break until Jan. 4 doubleheader with boys at GFA

Playing an Idaho juggernaut twice in a matter of five days could make or break the psychological makeup of a basketball team.

From the outcome of last Wednesday's game against Richfield, Rimrock High School's girls' team seems to be on the right track for a special season.

Less than a week after playing a strong second half in a 13-point loss to the perennial 1A, Div. 2 state tournament participants, the Raiders pushed the Tigers (7-3) to the limit in a 47-42 loss on the road.

The two losses to Richfield ended Rimrock's season-opening six-game winning streak.

Rimrock started slow, trailing 19-11 at halftime, but coach Mike Chandler's squad scored 19 points

to start the second half and inched to within a basket, 32-30.

Richfield kept the Raiders at arm's length through the fourth quarter to win.

The Tigers haven't missed a state tournament since the 2002-03 season. Richfield won back-to-back championships in 2009 and 2010, finished as runner-up in 2011 and was the consolation champion last season. Rimrock beat Richfield in the opening round of the 2003-04 1A tournament.

The Raiders (6-2), who closed 2012 on a two-game losing streak, returns to action Jan. 4 with a 1A Western Idaho Conference doubleheader with Rimrock boys' team against host Greenleaf Friends Academy. The girls' varsity game starts at 6:30 p.m., and

the boys' contest closes the night beginning at 8 p.m.

Dec. 14: Richfield 40, Rimrock 27 — The Raiders lost in Bruneau to kick off a quick home-and-home non-conference series with the 1A, Div. 2 powerhouse.

The Tigers scored half their points in a 20-9 opening to the second half and held a 38-21 lead heading into the fourth. The Raiders rallied to hold their visitors to just a field goal from Brianna Erwin over the final eight minutes.

Bailey Bachman led all scorers with 14 points for Rimrock. She also had eight rebounds.

Kyla Jewett scored her five points in the second half and dished five assists.

Kaitee Scott scored all nine of her team-high points in the first half for Richfield, while teammates Danielle Edwards and Sam Edwards scored eight points each.

HMS coach hired; HHS coach retained

There will be a new face in team huddles when Homedale Middle School seventh-grade boys' basketball starts after Christmas break.

The school board approved the hiring of fifth-grade teacher Evan Curry as the coach for the 7B squad. Current 7B coach Thomas Thomas will transfer to lead the A team.

Mark Boothby also was officially hired as the junior varsity coach for the Homedale High School wrestling team during the trustees' Dec. 10 meeting.

A former HMS teacher, Boothby continues his long-standing role as an assistant for wrestling coach Toby Johnson.

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Homedale Trojans

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tory Lane, fr., girls' basketball

The play — The guard scored in double digits Dec. 18 and turned in some crucial plays down the stretch as the Trojans knocked off Weiser for their first win of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season. Her steal turned away one threat in the fourth-quarter, and she had an assist on the basket that gave Homedale its winning margin.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 3 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 27 vs. Glens Ferry, Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing Middle School, 6:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28 vs. Marsing or Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing Middle School, 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

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

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 5 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 5 at Marsing, 3:15 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Saturday, Jan. 5 at Marsing, 2 p.m.

Wrestling

Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 8, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing boys' basketball team turns in strong week of work

Huskies hammer Mustangs, challenge state's top squad

Jason Galligan led the charge Friday night as the Marsing High School boys' basketball team charged past visiting Melba.

The 6-foot-5 senior scored 11 points and added 11 rebounds and five assists in the Huskies' 57-27 2A Western Idaho Conference blowout victory.

Chris Young tossed in 11 points for the Mustangs (2-7 overall, 1-2 in conference), who found themselves down 20-4 after the first eight minutes.

Jose Acuna scored a game-high 17 points for Marsing (3-4, 2-1), while teammate Yovani Zerapio pitched in six. Les Loucks, Jesus Lino and Miguel Leon scored five

points apiece for the Huskies. Marsing owned a 51-22 advantage heading into the final period. **Dec. 18: Cole Valley Christian 66, Marsing 52** — The Huskies hung with the state's top-ranked 2A team until the fourth quarter.

The host Chargers outscored Marsing, 18-8, in the final eight minutes in Meridian to win for the ninth time in 10 games this season.

The Huskies trailed Cole Valley by a point, 28-27, at halftime.

Leon unloaded Marsing's three three-point goals and finished with 21 points.

Galligan added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Huskies.

Cole Valley's Trevor Thomas bested Leon from the three-point line by one shot and led all scorers with 24 points.



Jason Galligan



Former Marsing High School football player Tyson Heller, left, signs his letter of intent along with teammate Delency Parham on the Santa Barbara City College campus. Photo courtesy of SBCC

Former Marsing player heading to Portland St.

Heller played QB for his dad with Huskies

Former Marsing High School player Tyson Heller is one of two Santa Barbara City College athletes who will play football in the Northwest next season.

The 21-year-old son of Don and Wendy Heller signed a national letter of intent to accept an athletic scholarship to Portland State last Wednesday during a ceremony on his junior college's Southern California campus.

A quarterback during his days with the Huskies, Heller moved to Caldwell High School when his father ended his coaching stint at Marsing.

In two years with Santa Barbara CC, Tyson Heller played in 20

games and caught 48 balls for 502 yards and four touchdowns. The 6-foot-4, 255-pounder posted 313 yards and three touchdowns on 27 receptions as a sophomore. The Vaqueros were 4-6 in 2012.

The 2011 Caldwell High School graduate is the nephew of Santa Barbara resident Ron Heller, who played for three different NFL teams in a five-season professional career.

"This is my dream come true," Tyson Heller said. "My uncle played pro ball and college ball and I've always wanted to follow in his footsteps. ... I love the coaching staff at Portland State, the city is great and the players who hosted me (on his recruiting visit), it was like I already knew them."

The Vikings play in the Big Sky Conference along with Idaho State.

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✓ Huskies: Dines shines

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Senior Ashley Hull is leading the rotation. She scored 20 points against North Star in Eagle.

Lacey Usabel added eight points and eight assists.

Already leading by 24 points at halftime, 34-10, Marsing exerted its will during a 22-3 run through the third quarter.

Freshman Shelby Dines collected 12 rebounds, while Destiny Reynolds had 11 boards.

Mackenzie Willis scored seven points for North Star.

Dec. 18: Marsing 35, Melba 30 — The Huskies overcame a cold shooting night with defense to edge their 2A WIC rivals.

"It was a typical Melba game for

us, low-scoring," Little said. "Our defense played well for the most part and kept us in the game."

"We shot terrible, and I told the girls we're going to have those nights, and if we can play good defense that will be the neutralizing factor to poor shooting."

Marsing hit just 11 of 40 field-goal attempts and was 12-for-28 from the foul line.

Shelby Dines and Hardy scored seven points each, while Hull and Usabel put in six points apiece.

Hardy had three steals, and Dines had three blocks to go with nine rebounds. Reynolds collected nine boards.

Sierra Manzer scored 14 points for the Mustangs.

MARSING HUSKIES Athlete of the Week



Shelby Dines, fr., girls' basketball

The play — A 5-foot-10 post player, Dines had three blocks — the most by any Marsing player this season — in a crucial 35-30 win over Melba on Dec. 18. The daughter of Tim and Kerri Dines averaged 10.5 rebounds in two victories that put the Huskies two games in front in the 2A Western Idaho Conference standings.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28, home vs. Nampa Christian or Glenns Ferry, Husky Holiday Classic, 3 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Dec. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, middle school gym, 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28, home vs. Homedale or Glenns Ferry, Husky Holiday Classic, middle school gym, 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Wrestling

Junior varsity

Friday, Jan. 4 at Mountain View Tournament, Meridian, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5 at Mountain View Tournament, Meridian, 8 a.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28, home vs. Nampa Christian or Parma, Husky Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Dec. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, middle school gym, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28, home vs. Nampa Christian or Parma, Husky Holiday Classic, middle school gym, 3 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Saturday, Jan. 5, home vs. Homedale, 2 p.m.



Sports

Adrian basketball splits Crane Christmas tourney games

Boys lose two of three on week

Stifled by poor shooting and a lack of opportunity from the foul line, Adrian High School boys’ basketball lost the championship game of the Crane Christmas Tournament.

No player reached double figures in scoring, with senior Paxton Shira being held to nine points, in a 65-33 defeat at the hands of Monument/Dayville (5-4 overall).

The Antelopes (8-3) lost for the second time in four days after starting the season on a 7-1 tear.

Shira still got his usual rebound count, pulling down 13 boards, but Adrian connected on just 13 of 50 shots (26 percent) and was 3-for-5 from the free-throw line.

Jett McCoy scored eight points and collected nine rebounds in six minutes.

Friday: Adrian 69, McDermitt, Nev. 55 — The Antelopes’ reserves saw action in the Crane Christmas Tournament opener after a fast start.

Adrian led 21-8 after the first quarter and posted a 24-point third quarter.

“We had a good start defensively that

gave us fast break opportunity,” Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. “Our starters did a nice job tonight.”

Emmanuel Dominguez scored 13 points and played 22 minutes without a foul.

Shira just missed a triple-double. He had eight steals to lead the defense, which had 22 swipes total. Shira also scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Chase Walker came off the bench to score nine points, matching starter Juan Munoz’s total. Starter Jett McCoy and re-servist Danny Livas scored eight apiece.

Dec. 18: Notus 51, Adrian 43 – The Antelopes’ seven-game winning streak ended during a trip to Idaho.

Already trailing by three points, Adrian was held to two points in the second quarter as the Pirates from the 1A Western Idaho Conference went on an 11-2 run.

Notus’ Devin Krasowski led all scorers with 21 points.

The Antelopes’ Shira recorded a double-double with 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Dominguez chipped in 12 points.

Girls hold on vs. Monument/Dayville

Adrian High School held off its determined girls’ basketball opponent Saturday to salvage a win in the Crane Christmas Tournament.

After a fast start, the Antelopes battled toe-to-toe before prevailing, 38-32, over Monument/Dayville (2-6).

Adrian (6-2) bounced back after the end of its three-game winning streak the night before against McDermitt, Nev.

But it didn’t come without some drama. Monument/Dayville closed the game on a 15-9 run after entering the fourth quarter facing a 29-17 deficit.

Rebecca Levenseller, a senior reserve player, completed a breakout weekend with a team-high 13 points. Starters Madi Purnell, Quincy Pendergrass and Olivia Walker scored six points apiece. Purnell also logged seven steals, while Pendergrass came down with eight rebounds.

Alix Perkins scored 11 points to lead Monument/Dayville.

Friday: McDermitt, Nev., 51, Adrian 43 — The Antelopes took nearly twice as

many shots as their opponents, but had only half the success in dropping their opener in the Crane Christmas Tournament.

The Bulldogs took control with a 16-4 run through the second quarter, and the Antelopes converted only 15 of 66 shots (22.7 percent).

The Antelopes saw its three-game winning streak end.

Nichole Orosco led Adrian in all the major categories, but was one of three Antelopes to foul out. The senior scored 12 points, grabbed seven rebounds and snagged seven steals.

McDermitt’s Sharon Sherburn carded 20 points to lead all scorers. Teammate Lydia Northrup chipped in 10.

Dec. 18: Adrian 43, Notus 23 – Nichole Orosco had seven of her team’s 17 steals and led the way with 14 points in a non-league game in Idaho.

Purnell notched a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. She also had a team-high eight assists.

Julie Ledford scored 11 for Notus.

✓ Quests: Trojans’ unbeaten frosh-soph squad challenges tourney field

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The Marsing girls (7-4 overall and on a six-game winning streak) open the tournament against once-beaten Liberty Charter at 6:15 p.m. Thursday.

The Patriots (9-1) are perched just outside the state media poll top five, and Little sees the game as an opportunity to remain sharp while the second half of confer-

ence play awaits on Jan. 8.

“We want to keep getting better over the next 15 days until our next league game,” Little said Friday. “Fortunately, we open up with Liberty Charter. Liberty is a good 1A team, so there will be no letdown in competition.”

Liberty Charter crushed Council, 56-16, on the road Saturday night behind 28 points from Alivia

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Parma (6-2) and Nampa Christian, which won once in its first six games, face off at 4:30 p.m. to start the varsity boys’ action, while Nampa Christian (4-7) and Glenns Ferry (7-2) meet at 3 p.m. to tip off the girls’ tourney.

The second day includes championship games at 6:15 p.m. for the girls’ tourney and 8 p.m. for

the boys’ tournament. Third-place games will be held at 3 p.m. (girls) and 4:30 p.m. (boys).

In addition to Marsing teams in each of the four tournaments, local fans also will be able to follow a Homedale squad in the girls’ junior varsity tourney. The Trojans’ unbeaten frosh-soph team will pluck a handful of freshmen from coach Janee Brumfield’s junior varsity

squad to compete in Marsing.

Marsing’s JV teams take on Liberty Charter on Thursday (boys at 4:30 p.m., girls at 8 p.m.)

Homedale, 8-0 and coached by Julie Gregory, opens the girls’ tournament at 6:15 p.m. Thursday against Glenns Ferry.

Parma and Nampa Christian battle at 3 p.m. Thursday in the JV boys’ tournament opener.

✓ Trojans: Lane’s three-point plays help push Homedale to big SRV win

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erase the Wolverines’ 23-11 lead.

Fouled while hitting a leaning jumper, Lane converted a three-point play to tie the game, 26-26, with 5 minutes, 49 seconds to go in the third quarter.

She converted another three-point play to give Homedale a 32-31 lead with 2:15 left.

The seesaw battle didn’t end, though. Elise Shenk sank a three-point goal to put Homedale back out front, 35-33, with 1:02 left in the third.

The game grew increasingly rougher through the fourth quarter, culminating with Weiser cashing in on a technical foul when Shenk reacted after being hit hard by Weiser’s Rachel Lee while heading to the

basket. No foul was called.

Sondee Mink’s layup with 5½ minutes left put Weiser out front, 39-38.

That’s when Homedale’s scrappy nature kicked in.

With 4:15 remaining, Nash knifed through a couple of defenders and flipped a layup through the basket while crashing to the floor (without a foul) to give Homedale

the lead for good, 42-41.

Weiser kept knocking on the door, but with less than two minutes left, Nash intercepted a pass to set up Lane’s assist to Rupp for a crucial layup and a 47-43 lead.

Nash had converted only one of her previous seven free throws dating to the second quarter before hitting her final three attempts down the stretch.

✓ Opener: Martinez, Grossman, Williams pick up victories for Huskies

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89-second pin of Juan Ramirez.

• Marsing 138-pounder Armando Martinez put Coty Ford on his back at the 1:25 mark.

• Noah Grossman put the 220-pound match on the Huskies’ side of the ledger with a pin of Manny Macias nine seconds before the end of the opening round.

Homedale’s Tyler Hardy pinned

Marsing’s Katie Renz at the 2:35 mark of their 120-pound match.

Junior 160-pounder Austin Williams beat Homedale’s Jovan Cornejo with a pinfall at the 2:37 mark.

In the second-longest match of the dual, Homedale 132-pounder Devin Fisher pinned Ricky Sullivan 1:45 into the second round.

Daniel Hernandez (Marsing, 106) and Homedale’s Andy Montes (98), Riley Christoffersen (113), Michael Deleon (126) and Colton Grimm (182) all won by forfeit.

In an exhibition held in the middle of the Marsing-Homedale dual, Adrian 145-pounder Shane Miller pinned Marsing’s Trevor Romans 22 seconds into the

second round.

Home dates are typically few and far between for the region’s three wrestling programs.

The Trojans’ first action after the Christmas break is a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet against Weiser on Jan. 8. Homedale also wrestles at home on Jan. 15 against non-conference foe Melba and will have two 3A

SRV duals against Payette (Jan. 22) and Parma (Jan. 31) wrapped around the Jan. 26 Homedale Duals Team Tournament.

Neither Marsing nor Adrian has a home meet scheduled this season.

The Antelopes start the new year Jan. 4-5 at the Rollie Lane Invitational at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

✓ Mustangs: Girls’ basketball team loses both games at Crane tourney

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and Tom Nelson grabbed four steals apiece as Jordan Valley cam away with 21 thefts.

Ty Warn, Telleria and Nelson scored nine points apiece.

Cove’s Colton DeeMeerleer matched Jones with 13 points.

Friday: Jordan Valley 63,

Monument/Dayville 52 — Struggling to score inside, the Mustangs showed a versatile offense with nine three-point goals on opening night in Crane.

“This was a good, intense game throughout,” Workman said.

“Our perimeter shooting was good, but our inside game had

trouble finishing.”

Telleria hit a pair of treys en route to a game-high 14 points. Nate Elsner scored all nine of his points from beyond the arc, while Ty Warn put in three treys as part of his 11.

Braden Fillmore delivered 10 points.

Monument/Dayville put four players in double figures, including Jake Buce (12 points), Seth Blakeslee (11) and Colten Winters and Jamen Schafer (10 apiece).

Girls

Mustangs slip to 1-6 — Coach Clint Fillmore’s squad was unable

to capitalize on its first win, dropping a 30-23 decision to Monument/Dayville on Friday then closing the Crane tournament with a 55-45 setback vs. Cove.

The Mustangs snapped their four-game season-opening losing streak with a 43-27 win over visiting Mitchell on Dec. 15.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

35 years ago

December 29, 1977

Conservation poster winners win cash

Three seventh-grade students were presented with cash awards for their winning posters on “Water and Soil Conservation.” The winners were David Kubosumi, first-place winner receiving \$15.00; Carol Cooper, second-place winner receiving \$10.00 and third-place winner was Gilbert Garza who received \$5.00. The awards were presented during the annual Christmas Concert given Tuesday morning by the elementary music department. Presenting the prize money was Norm Tolmie, a director of the Owyhee County Soil Conservation, sponsor of the poster contest. The students entered the contest last year when they were sixth-grade students. The contest will again be sponsored by the Owyhee County Soil Conservation for sixth-grade students.

Eastern Star Christmas meet

A potluck was held preceding the Eastern Star Christmas meeting with 27 attending. Out-of-town guests and members from Sacramento, Calif., were Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Milne; Mae Clark and Betty Jo Clark from Meridian Chapter No. 66.

Dora Upton, Worthy Matron, reported that several attended the open installation of Silver City No. 13 AF & FM when Robert McArthur was installed as Worshipful Master with other officers for 1978.

Also visited was Job’s Daughters when Ronda Peterson was installed as Honored Queen of Homedale International Order of Job’s Daughters.

Marjorie Vance presented Marjorie Buck, Grand Representative, a bouquet of nosegays. Vance also presented silk carnations to Martha Campbell, Station of Ada.

After the meeting there was a gift exchange.

Pearson chosen as most valuable player

Gerald Pearson, a four-year letterman, was selected for the “Mr. Trojan” award as Homedale High’s most valuable football player on its state championship team.

It was one of eight special awards presented at the recent annual football awards banquet.

Pearson kicked the ball 59 times for 2,723 yards, had 39 tackles and 43 assists, caught 13 passes for 259 yards, scored eight touchdowns, kicked four field goals, tallied 29 conversions for a total 89 points.

In his career, he kicked the ball 241 times for a total of 10,868 yards.

He was selected All-WIC kicker and defensive lineman, WIC player of the year and Caldwell-Nampa area defensive lineman and kicker.

Phil Maupin, a three-year letterman, was selected as the most valuable offensive back. He carried the ball 317 times for 2,043 yards and 25 touchdowns for 150 points.

In his three years, he carried 861 times for 5,193 yards and made 59 touchdowns for 358 points.

He was selected All-WIC running back and All Caldwell-Nampa area running back and player of the year.

Maupin and Pearson both were selected for the third year to the All-Caldwell-Nampa area team.

Ben Badiola, a one-year letterman, was selected for the most improved Trojan award.

Brett Tolmie, a three-year letterman, was selected for the most inspirational Trojan award. He carried 86 times for 521 yards, completed 23 passes for 415 yards. His biggest play was a kickoff return of 82 yards for a touchdown in the West Jefferson A-3 state championship game in the first minute.

He was honorable mention on the All-Caldwell-Nampa area team and the WIC as quarterback.

Ron Baigrie, a two-year letterman, was selected as the most valuable offensive lineman. He was selected to the WIC team as offensive guard and the second team on the All-Caldwell-Nampa area team.

50 years ago

December 27, 1962

Ch mas lighting winners named

Winners of Christmas lighting contest were Carl Holmes grand prize overall; large outdoor, Wade Nichols, 1st; Clint Smith, 2nd; small outdoor, Warren Stimmel, 1st; Sam Phillips, 2nd; indoor, Dr. George Wolff, 1st; Morse Bidwell, 2nd.

Winners will receive their checks in the mail. Judges were from out of town according to Russ Sayers, Chamber of Commerce president.

The contest was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Power Co.

University ROTC lists Marsing trio

Three Marsing students are currently enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Idaho. They are Loren Case, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Case, Larry Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirk, and Milo Salmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Salmeier.

Deputy sheriff post accepted by Ballou

Chief of Police Everett Ballou has announced his acceptance of the job of deputy sheriff for Owyhee County, beginning Jan. 2.

Marsing is accepting applications for the position of police chief, officials said Monday.

Ballou will replace Tom Brunzell, present deputy sheriff under Sheriff Al Barberis. Brunzell was elected Owyhee County assessor.

Marsing swamps Melba by 55-28

Marsing’s Rich Tullis bit the basket for 14 points at Melba last Tuesday night to lead the Huskies to a 55-28 victory over the Mustangs.

The Huskies were leading 10-6 at the end of the first period. They increased it to 29-15 at halftime and added 16 points while they held the Mustangs to four in the third session.

Historical Society hears talk by oldtimer

The Owyhee County Historical Society met Friday evening, Dec. 21, at Murphy with 50 people attending.

Jim Daley of Nampa gave a talk and answered questions on the early days of Silver City and Owyhee County. Mr. Daley is an oldtimer who was born in Owyhee County.

Mrs. Mildretta Adams has a display in the museum room of the courthouse at Murphy of pictures and maps of early mining days of the Owyhee area. In the hallway she has a display of Chinese articles with a deluxe opium pipe she brought from Nevada which has been in the family for several years. Other articles are over 100 years old.

She will leave her display there until she moves them to Silver City next summer.

The society is planning an early spring field trip to the Settlers cave at Bruneau. The cave was used by the people of Bruneau during the Bannock Indian War of 1878.

Tom Hall of Bruneau presented the society with an old cheese cutter and tobacco cutter in behalf of the American Legion of Bruneau.

The Legion has the old Bruneau store for a hall and these cutters were in the basement.

Homedale locals

The family of Mrs. Emma Johnstone had Christmas dinner at her home Tuesday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John R. Johnstone and family, Nampa; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Muller and family, Star; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnstone and family and Mr. and Mrs. Julie Gaviola and family all of Marsing. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Johnstone and children of Washington D.C. called his mother Mrs. Emma Johnstone at 3 o’clock saying that it was snowing and in 3 hours time it had snowed 7 inches.

140 years ago

December 28, 1872

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION. San Francisco is now in telegraphic communication with Adelaide, South Australia, and the Mayors of the two respective cities have exchanged congratulations. According to the New York Observer, the distance from Melbourne by the route traversed by the telegraph is 16,000 miles, the largest distance ever traveled by a telegraphic dispatch. Since then the line has been extended to Adelaide, some distance further.

The Observer says: This telegram came across the Australian Continent, under the Indian Ocean, through the Sanda Islands to Hindustan; under the Arabian Sea, across the Isthmus of Suez, under the Mediterranean, across Western Europe to London, under the Atlantic Ocean to New York, whence it flashed across the American Continent to San Francisco, where it is published on the same date it was brought from Melbourne — sixteen thousand miles distant by its route. San Francisco lies in latitude 37 degs. 47 mins. north of the equator, and in longitude 122 degs. 36 mins. west of Greenwich. If the forwarding machinery was perfect a dispatch sent from Melbourne would reach San Francisco fifteen hours before the hour on which it was dispatched, on account of the difference of time.

WHERE THE NICKEL COMES FROM. Few people are aware that the nickel from which our smaller coins are made comes from a single mine, which is the only one in the country now being worked.

This mine is located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. It has been worked seventeen years, and developed to the depth of 200 feet. The length of this lode is between two and three thousand feet, and it produces from four to six hundred tons per month, employing in the working of the mine a force of 175 men. In the arts, nickel is rapidly growing into favor as a substitute for silver in planning steel, iron and other metals.

Its commercial demand is increasing, and as it is much cheaper than silver, it will undoubtedly be adopted in the manufacture of many articles as a substitute for that more precious metal.

One mine, the Minel-Motte tract, Missouri, was worked from 1850 to 1855. The ore was the sulphuret, associated with lead and copper. About \$100,000 was realized from the croppings of the vein. Croppings of nickel are also found in Madison, Iron and Wayne counties, Missouri. The refined metal is worth two dollars per pound.

COLONEL DAVID CROCKETT. From a chapter on Early Reminiscences in the Chicago Tribune we copy the following brief sketch of this famous character:

If the year 1853, the News Budget from Little Rock relates that amongst the hundreds of people, “Mostly from Tennessee, Alabama and North Carolina,” who were passing through that place for Texas by the great military road, crowding the ferry, and escorting large droves of negroes – “as many as three hundred passing over on one Sunday” – were Colonel David Crockett and his followers.

Crockett was at this time nearly fifty. The son of an Irish tavern keeper on the road from Virginia to East Tennessee, he grew up nearly illiterate; but his hunter’s habits, whimsical will and peculiarity, and a certain buffoonery not without shrewdness, made him the leader of a reckless settlement; and in course of time, when even such a society required organization, Crockett became a magistrate, was sent to the Legislature, and three times to Congress.

He was rash enough to oppose Gen. Jackson, the idol of the Mississippi Valley, and this sealed his fate in Tennessee. Shouldering his rifle and following his political supporters, he repaired to Little Rock, and after a brief delay pushed on to Texas.

At the capture of the Alamo, the following year, he was murdered by the men of Santa Anna, and his ashes were exhaled into the flavor of comic almanacs for twenty years.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense A look back with Baxter

We started out the year in Pasadena riding in the Rose Parade as part of RFD-TV’s 100 Palominos entry. I came home with flowers in my hair! It was one of five speaking programs I did (out of 65 in 2012) that were in California. The National Western Stock Show in Denver has been a big part of our lives for years. I see a lot of friends walking the barns and signing books and often do a program somewhere in town. We lived in Colorado for many years before moving to Arizona.

January-February also included two events I never miss, the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko and the National Cattlemen’s Association annual meeting, in Nashville this year. I spent time with my TV and radio sponsors. They include B&W Trailer Hitches, Sweetlix, IMI Global, The Beef Checkoff, RFD-TV and U.S. Farm Report. I’m a good boy and try to make myself useful!

March brought in the “Southern Alberta Cowboy Tour”, which was me! We hit all the big cities: Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal ... no, pardon me, Pincher Creek, Staveland and Youngstown! They’ve got more character in one community hall than all the legislators in Washington, DC and Ottawa combined!

I had the pleasure of being part of the Horseman’s Reunion in Paso Robles. I got to hang out with Bruneau’s Martin Black, Larry Mahan, Craig Cameron, Chris Cox, Pat Parelli, Bryan Neubert and Bill Ink, etc. Pretty exciting. Of course, being true horsemen, they paid me in horse. With a little more work I think I’ll be able to get on him without earin’ him down!

Summer flew by, Cindy Lou and I spent a few days in one of my favorite places, Acadiana, Louisiana. We got to see some friends who had hosted my son and I when we went down to help after the hurricanes. We also made the Florida Cattlemen’s meeting at Marcos Island then went home with one of the ranchers. I saw more rain in one day than I had seen all spring here at home! In June we pulled some calves off early and took ’em to town due to the drought. Then came the fires!

Since I met Cindy Lou at the Arizona Cattlemen’s Association back in the Dark Ages, we try to make the summer meeting. It’s sure ’nuf cowboy, and we feel right at home. Priefert Company has taken us into their “endorsee” category. We flew to Mt. Pleasant, Texas to meet the boss and see the shop. A great group; My kinda people! While we were there we got to see our son, who is goin’ to school in the area.

“On the Road Again.” Lewistown, MT, Tulsa, OK (saw my daughter, son-in-law, and year-old grandchild!), Dallas, Portland, Maine, College Station (the big Horse Initiative), the Ozark Farm Festival, Cincinnati, Washington State U., the Bell Ranch, Sterling, CO, Loomis, CA, shipped more calves and deer season (a nice 4-point.)

In the last four weeks before Christmas, I spoke to the Cattlemen’s Associations in South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico and Iowa ... salt of the earth!

I know that we as a nation are still tryin’ to drag ourselves out of the mess we have made of our country. In my travels this year, I have seen many thousands of people with their shoulder to the wheel holding us all together. They are the ones that still believe in Kennedy’s words, “Ask not what your (government) can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” Thanx for bein’ there for us all.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas, God Bless ya’ll, and pray for “Next year better!”

— Baxter

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington A view from the fiscal cliff



Americans are once again facing the consequences of presidential and congressional inaction. If we fall off the fiscal cliff in the coming days, then every American taxpayer will face a tax increase. Here is a review of some of the most damaging potential tax increases.

Income tax rates will increase to as high as 39.6 percent if the fiscal cliff is not addressed. The Tax Foundation analyzed how the fiscal cliff would affect typical families across the country and included Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston and Pocatello in its review. According to the report, the average family of four living in these areas would face a nearly \$3,000 tax hike. Additionally, the Congressional Research Service estimates that 69,663 more Idahoans, nearly eight times those currently affected, will face the Alternative Minimum Tax, which was originally targeted at wealthy taxpayers and has since ensnared many middle-income taxpayers.

The Death Tax, a frequently changing tax that is especially burdensome for family farmers and small businesses, would jump from its current maximum rate of 35 percent, with a \$5 million exemption, to 55 percent, with a \$1 million exemption. This tax on income already taxed when first earned and the uncertainty around its levels and applicability make it difficult for families to plan, which can result in the sale of their farms or small businesses to pay the unfair burden when they lose a loved one. It penalizes productivity and should be permanently and fully eliminated.

If action is not taken, the percentage of Idaho farms subject to this penalty would increase from 3 percent to 18 percent. Nationwide, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, there will be a 2,200 percent increase in the number of farmers and ranchers and a 900 percent increase in the number of small business owners who may be required to forfeit more than half of their assets

to the federal government through the Death Tax.

Beyond income tax hikes and Death Tax hikes, seniors would also be among those most impacted by a more than doubling of taxes on dividends. The tax would jump from their current rate of 15 percent to 39 percent. This increase combined with Obamacare’s 3.8 percent Medicare tax on passive income, including dividends, would nearly triple dividend tax rates for some Americans.

Many seniors rely on dividends for support during their retirement. The Tax Foundation analyzed Internal Revenue Service data and reported that the “lion’s share of dividend income — 48 percent — is earned by those over 65.” The Joint Committee on Taxation found that approximately 9 million seniors will be affected by the loss of an average tax benefit of \$1,700. In addition to the increased tax liability, seniors along with millions of other Americans will likely be impacted through a decrease in the value of their stocks held through mutual and pension funds, and 401(k) plans and other policies.

It is remarkable to think about how burdensome, complex, anti-growth and anti-competitive the tax code has become. Americans deserve immediate action to avoid the fiscal cliff and prevent the imminent tax hike, and we also deserve long-term comprehensive tax reform that provides Americans with some certainty. I will continue to press for tax reform as part of comprehensive plan to put our nation on a more competitive and productivity-friendly fiscal path.

— *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>.*

William Pendley Perry

The sage-grouse question Flawed science, conflict of interest still threaten ranching



by William Perry Pendley

During a three-day hearing in April before an Idaho federal district court on whether the court should restrict oil, gas and ranching activities over a vast area of land in western Wyoming, an expert summoned by the environmental group that had filed the lawsuit testified, “The Greater sage-grouse is one stochastic, catastrophic event away from extirpation in Sublette County.”

That the moment passed without the judge, lawyers and spectators convulsing into laughter indicates just how absurd what passes as scientific debate about the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has become. After all, everything on the planet is “one ... catastrophic event” away from annihilation.

In November, the Idaho court refused to impose land use limitations, but ordered the federal Bureau of Land Management to revise its resource management plans (RMPs) in the Wyoming region and the Craters of the Moon area of Idaho.

Therefore, the future of energy development in Sublette County, which contains two of America’s largest producing natural gas deposits, and the fate of family-owned ranching operations remain at risk.

But this is just the beginning; the Sublette County case involved only one of 16 federal planning areas, covering

25 million acres in six Western states, in the Idaho court. Worse yet, environmental groups demand the sage-grouse’s accommodation, regardless of the cost to humans and other species, all across its former range: 156 million acres in 11 Western states. In response to one such plan, an expert called the sage-grouse “the northern spotted owl on steroids.”

The Wyoming case, Rob Roy Ramey says, illustrates the plan by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and environmental groups — one of whose leaders asked, “[Why] sit in trees when there’s [the ESA to] make people do whatever we want?” — to narrow infinitely the ESA’s focus and to widen exponentially its application. Mr. Ramey, the wildlife biologist who blew the whistle on the junk science used to list “the so-called Preble’s Meadow Jumping Mouse (PMJM),” says problems with the ESA go far beyond a lack of effective peer review.

The problems begin for the ESA when the wildlife service defines a “species,” “subspecies,” or “distinct population segment” because the service has no consistent thresholds and its listing decisions are highly subjective. For example, the “so-called ... PMJM” did not qualify for listing, Mr. Ramey argues, because the degree of measured difference

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Commentary

Financial management

Wisdom should accompany thoughtfulness of charity

Dear Dave,
We're debt-free except for our house, and that's on a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. We also have an emergency fund in place. We'd like to give back this year with secret gift-giving a little extra giving. At what point should we start giving over and above what we tithe?

— Jeremy



doesn't take care of his family is worse than an unbeliever. I'm paraphrasing, of course, but in my mind, from a financial point of view, taking care of your family means having your emergency fund in place and being out of debt, except for your house. At that stage, you're beginning to build wealth and you can really help others while knowing those closest to you aren't going without.

My wife and I made the decision a long time ago to live on a certain

amount of money. We apply a formula to everything above that figure for tithing and taxes. The rest we allocate for giving, saving and spending. It works great for us, but be responsible and realistic with what you have. You don't want one of those areas to hinder the others.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
Do you have any advice for deciding which charities to give money this time of year?

— Danny

Dear Danny,
There are so many great organizations out there. It's virtually impossible to pick three or four and say with any certainty they're the best.

When it comes to choosing, I think the amount of diligence you put into the decision-making process should correspond directly to the amount of money you're giving. There's no reason to spend hours in exhaustive study over a \$20 donation. However, you'd want to put some time and thought into research if the amount is \$2,000.

In situations like this, I'd want to see full disclosure. I'd like to know the expense ratios of the organization and how much money goes toward administrative costs. Every organization has bills to pay and salaries to consider, but you don't want overhead to eat up 90 percent of every dollar donated.

Helping a good cause is wonderful, but you've got to be

reasonable and wise about these things. Don't feel bad about asking to visit a site and take a tour. Lots of times you can get a feel for what's going on by just walking around and gauging the people you encounter. Regardless, the bigger the gift, the more time you should spend investigating!

— 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.

Americans for Limited Government

Boehner unwilling to use his clout to end “cliff” crisis

by Rick Manning

America is witnessing a real-time modern-day Greek tragedy worthy of any of the great Greek dramatists.

The storyline: a man seeks power his entire life and when he finally attains it, he becomes unwilling to use it and dwindles into historic impotency.

As pundits predict doom will hit the U.S. economy on Jan. 1, we are witnessing a bleary-eyed House Speaker John Boehner desperately attempting to avoid the calamity while the president and his cohort, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, do nothing but wait for complete capitulation.

The situation is so bad that Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), who was a POW in Hanoi, has expressed sympathy for the Speaker and the situation he finds himself in.

But I cannot muster much sympathy for someone who carefully constructed the very box he finds himself in.

The fiscal cliff involves two separate issues, a massive tax increase that automatically goes into effect at the end of 2012, and mandatory spending cuts that focus upon defense spending hitting at the same time.

Both events and their associated timelines are a direct result of deals agreed upon by Boehner, Reid and Obama.

Obama and Reid want taxes to go higher, and are even refusing to accept tax increases proposed by Boehner knowing that the complicit media will make it appear that it is the mean old Republicans who chose to tax the middle class to save the wealthy from paying a few additional pennies.

This, in spite of the fact that the very middle class tax cuts that Boehner will be blamed for killing, would never

have existed if not for the Bush tax cuts that Democrats have tried to end for the past decade.

It was Boehner who agreed upon the timelines that make a crisis appear imminent, because he was convinced that he would be dealing with a new, Republican president and Mitch McConnell as the Senate Majority Leader in 2013.

That basic miscalculation led to where the nation finds itself today, facing a so-called “fiscal cliff” with the Speaker unable to find a political trap door to escape.

Now, Obama and Washington, D.C. Democrats are taking almost sadistic pleasure watching the Speaker play the mime, feeling his way around the invisible box that he himself built.

Rather than providing a political out, they instead lay traps in the hopes that his fellow Republicans, who apparently are the only ones not aware of the game being played, will fall into them in a futile attempt at rescue.

The cruelty of the sport is almost sad, as proud men are lowered to groveling for scraps simply because they have refused to use the power they fought long and hard to obtain.

You see, the tragedy is that the way out of the box is apparent to everyone but the man who holds the power to use it.

Rather than accept the premises of Obama and Reid, the Speaker's redemption would be for him to rise up, Hulk Hogan-like, and tell them that unless taxes remain the same and intelligent cuts are made, there will be no appropriations passed beyond those for essential services, and the rest of the government will shut down in the spring.

Speaker Boehner could tell Obama and Reid that the

debt limit will not be raised in February or March, and the government will have to make cuts to accommodate it.

Boehner could refuse to allow a single dime to be spent implementing Obamacare, driving a stake through the heart of Obama's economy-sucking, health care-takeover law.

He has that power.

But because he has proven time and again that he is unwilling to use it, he is trapped in a glass box, pointed at by passersby and held up for the Obama-controlled media's amusement.

The tragedy is best summed up by the modern-day philosophers, The Eagles, who sing the following words in their song, “Already Gone,” “So often times it happens that we live our lives in chains and we never even know we have the key.”

I'd almost feel bad for Speaker Boehner, except as the Eagles note, he has the key, and I am rooting that he will finally use it and turn the tables on those who currently make sport of him.

He could still choose to rise to the occasion like a mythical hero, rather than withering before the challenge. Greatness itself emerges through trials like these.

At this moment in history, the pen is in Speaker Boehner's hand, the ending remains to be written. Will his story become known as a modern Greek tragedy or will he summon the uncommon courage to write a different ending?

Time will tell.

— Rick Manning is the Director of Communications for Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Ranching: Species labeling differs from one location to another

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between it and other purported subspecies of meadow jumping mice is less than that among mouse populations of the same subspecies. Mr. Ramey argues, only half-jokingly, that applying the wildlife service's approach to *Homo sapiens* would yield numerous subspecies and distinct population segments in mankind.

Moreover, as the Sublette County lawsuit shows, the wildlife service and environmental groups label a species “imperiled” in one location despite its vitality elsewhere. The sage-grouse, for example, is a game bird in Wyoming and Montana.

The groups make the same argument for species “peripheral populations” that are naturally at risk because the species have colonized historically inhospitable areas,

perhaps during unique climatic conditions. Finally, species advocates use national boundaries to create pockets of “imperiled” species that thrive across the border.

“Scientific findings” historically meant “reproducible” findings, but not for the wildlife service, which uses models to predict conditions 30 to 100 years hence. Furthermore, the agency increasingly relies on published studies that are incestuous or self-serving (e.g., posted online by environmental groups) and for which the underlying data are never made public. The service's greatest deficiency, however, is conflict of interest: Its work is the product of “species cartels” affiliated with group think, confirmation bias and a common desire to preserve the prestige, power and appropriations of the agency that pays or employs them. For example, in a recent sage-grouse monograph, 41 percent

of the authors were federal workers, and the editor, a federal bureaucrat, had authored one-third of the papers.

There is good news: Congress, at least one federal judge and conservation experts worldwide question the wildlife service's approach and call for reforms. But meaningful change will not come in time for areas targeted by environmental groups and like-minded federal bureaucrats.

— William Perry Pendley is president and chief operating officer of Lakewood, Colo.-based Mountain States Legal Foundation. This opinion piece was originally published by The Washington Times in May, and The Owyhee Avalanche revised a portion of it to reflect the Nov. 7 report on the MSLF website about Western Watersheds Project's failed bid to limit federal land use in Wyoming and Idaho.

Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

Approved early closure of the Courthouse in Murphy on Christmas Eve. Approved lighting project with Town & Country Electric. Bruneau/GrandView landfill appraisal presented. Adopted Resolution 12-31 Purchase of Equipment for Coroner Tines. Letter sent to BLM on NRC Recommendation on Visual Resources Inventory. Indigent & Charity 12-56 lien, 12-51 approval.
The complete minutes are on file in the Clerk’s office or can be viewed at owyheecounty.net.
12/26/12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

H E A R I N G O N C O N S I D E R A T I O N O F INCREASE IN FEES TO BE ASSESSED BY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY
On Monday, January 7, 2013, commencing at 11:00 am, in Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will hear public comments regarding proposed fee increases and proposed new fees assessed for the Department of Building Safety.
The Owyhee County Building Code requires fees to be assessed in accordance with provisions adopted by the jurisdiction for permit fees, plan review fees, inspection fees and the determination of value for the conduct of business. The fees currently charged have not been increased as costs of operation have increased.
At such hearing, the Owyhee County department head will outline the requested increases and will address the need for proposed increases. A list of the requested fee amounts is available at the office of the Clerk for review between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.
The Board is conducting this public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code §31-801, §31-819 and §63-1311A.
12/19,26/12;1/2/13

PUBLIC NOTICE

As of 1-2-2013 Grand View City Clerks Office Hours will be Monday through Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM. The new Grand View City Clerk is Teena Lewis.
12/26/12

NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

THE REGULAR HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2ND HAS BEEN CHANGED.
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH 2013, AT THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 102 E. COLORADO IN HOMEDALE, AT 7 P.M.
DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012
Terri Uria, Secretary
12/26/12

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.
[F O R F U R T H E R 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. CV2012-02773 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 FAE L. THOM and HERBERT L. THOM, 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 17th day of December, 2012.
/s/Randy Black, Personal Representative
DAVID E. KERRICK, ISB #2565, 1001 Blaine Street, Post Office Box 44 Caldwell, Idaho 83606. (208) 459-4574 Fax (208) 459-4573, Attorney for Personal Representative
12/26/12;1/2,9/13

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2013
LOCAL ELECTION CALENDAR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the following taxing districts will be up for Candidate Elections in Owyhee County during the calendar year 2013

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICTS	ELECTION DATE	CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINES
Bruneau/Grand View School District 365J 660 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Castleford School District 417J 500 Main Street Castleford, Idaho 83321	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Glenns Ferry School District 192J 800 Highway 30 Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Homedale School District 370J 116 East Owyhee Ave. Homedale, Idaho 83628	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Marsing School District 363J 209 8 th Ave W., Hwy 78 Marsing, Idaho 83639	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Melba School District 136J 520 Broadway Ave. Melba, Idaho 83641	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Pleasant Valley School District 364 28026 Juniper Mountain Rd. Jordan Valley, Oregon 97910	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Three Creek School District 416J 49909 Three Creek Highway Rogerson, Idaho 83302	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Gem Highway District 1016 Main Street Marsing, Idaho	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Homedale Highway District 102 E. Colorado Homedale, Idaho 83628	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Three Creek Highway District 56560 Blossom Rd. Rogerson, Idaho 83302	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Bruneau Valley Library 31013 State Hwy 51 Bruneau, Idaho 83604	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Eastern Owyhee Library 520 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
Lizard Butte Library 111 3 rd Ave. W. Marsing, Idaho 83639	May 21, 2013	March 22, 2013
City of Grand View 425 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
City of Homedale 31 W. Wyoming Homedale, Idaho 83628	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
City of Marsing 425 Main Street Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Bruneau Cemetery 30073 Hot Springs Road Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Marsing/Homedale Cemetery 4410 Cemetery Road Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery 17813 Oreana Loop Road Murphy, Idaho 83650	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013

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ANNUAL STREET AND ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR GRAND VIEW, IDAHO
AS REQUIRED BY IDAHO STATE CODE 40-207 and 40-708

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Beginning Balance as of	OCT 1, 2011	- \$241.00
Local Funding Sources:		
Interest Income		\$26.00
All Other Local Receipts - Idaho Power Franchise		\$6,937.00
State Funding Sources - HUR		\$15,476.00
Federal Funding Sources		\$0.00
Total Receipts		\$22,439.00
Disbursements:		
New Construction		\$0.00
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation		\$0.00
Routine Maintenance		\$2,223.00
Equipment		\$0.00
Administration		\$20,067.00
All Other Expenditures		\$2,675.00
Total Disbursements		\$24,965.00
Receipts Over Disbursements		-\$3,526.00
Closing Balance		-\$3,767.00
Funds retained for general funds and operations		\$0.00
Ending Balance		-\$3,767.00
Prepared by: Helana Race - Grand View City Clerk		

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 or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7042.28188) 1002.235219-File No. 12/12,19,26/12;1/2/13

PUBLIC NOTICE
US Ecology Idaho, Inc. (USEI) is hereby providing notice of a recent Class 2 Permit Modification in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 270.42(b). The purpose of this modification request is to amend the Environmental Monitoring Program and incorporate administrative changes to the Waste Analysis Plan at USEI’s Grand View facility. The required 60 day comment period shall begin on the date of publication of this notice in the Idaho Statesman. All comments should be addressed to: Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255 Attention: Ms. Kim Custer A Public Meeting shall be held regarding this Class 2 Modification request at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School in Owyhee County at 6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2012. Copies of the request for modification and supporting documentation are available for viewing and copying at the following locations: State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho US Ecology Idaho, Inc., 20400 Lemley Road, Grand View, Idaho Eastern Owyhee County Library, Grand View, Idaho The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) contact for request for permit modifications is Ms. Kim Custer at (208) 373-0130. USEI’s

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2013 LOCAL ELECTION CALENDAR		
Riverside Cemetery 22564 River Road Grand View, Idaho 83624	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Bruneau Fire District 32548 Belle Ave. Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Grand View Fire District 720 Roosevelt St. Grand View, Idaho 83624	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Homedale Fire District 20 W. Colorado Homedale, Idaho 83628	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Marsing Fire District 303 Main Street Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013
Murphy-Wilson-Reynolds Fire District 11606 State Hwy 78 Melba, Idaho 83641	November 5, 2013	September 6, 2013

Declarations of candidacy are available at the respective taxing district offices or at the County Clerk’s office at the Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650.

Charlotte Sherburn
Owyhee County Clerk

compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the IDEQ contact person. If you have any questions regarding this Permit Modification, please feel free to contact USEI’s contact person, Mr. Noel Bailey at (208) 834-2275, or Ms. Kim Custer with the Idaho Department Environmental Quality for further information at (208) 373-0130. 12/26/12

**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 or 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

**SUMMONS FOR
PUBLICATION
CASE NO. CV2012-02622
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**
COLLECTION BUREAU,
INC., an Idaho corporation,

Plaintiff
-vs-
DOUGLAS J GROSSMAN
AND SARAH A GROSSMAN,
INDIVIDUALLY, AND
AS HUSBAND AND WIFE,
Defendant.
TO: THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANT(S):
You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff. The nature of the claim against you is monies due and owing. Anytime after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s Attorneys, Mark L. Clark, PLLC, PO Box 846, Nampa, Idaho 83653; 208-463-2311. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
DATED December 11th, 2012
CHARLOTTE SHERBURN
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
12/26/12;1/2,9,16/13

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

At 10:00 o’clock A.M. (recognized local time) on April 16, 2013, on the front steps of Owyhee County Courthouse, located at, 20381 St. Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, First American Title Company Inc., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3 of Block 2 of Big Sky Estates No. One, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, City of Homedale, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee’s records, the street address of 506 East Selway Drive, Homedale, Idaho 83628 is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust for Idaho executed by, Debra L Mainarick, an unmarried woman, as Grantor(s), First American Title Insurance Company of Blackfoot, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of, The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust for Idaho was recorded July 14, 2006 as Owyhee County Recorder’s Instrument No. 257286.

The default for which this sale is to be made is as follows: 1) Failure to make the monthly payment of \$457.25 due for the 14th day of February, 2012, and a like sum of \$457.25 due for the 14th day of each and every month thereafter; and 2) Failure to comply with paragraph 4 of said Deed of Trust for Idaho, Borrower shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain priority over this Security Instrument. Specifically general taxes for the

first 1/2 of 2012 are now due and payable.

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. As of November 19, 2012 there is due and owing on the loan an unpaid principal balance of \$95,468.83, accrued interest in the amount of \$5,067.69, subsidy granted in the amount of \$15,710.80 and fees currently assessed in the amount of \$586.79 for a total amount due of \$116,834.11. Interest continues to accrue on the Note at the rate of 6.25% per annum with a per diem rate of \$16.3474 after November 19, 2012. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED December 7, 2012
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
/s/ Dalia Martinez, Trust Officer
12/19/26/12;1/2,9/13

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 TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, RUNNING BOARDS, ALLOYS, LOADED

MSRP \$53,005 - FACTORY REBATE \$3000
FMC REBATE \$1000 - DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$5010
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MSRP \$19,340 - FACTORY REBATE \$2,395
FACTORY REBATE \$500 ^^ - DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$950
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POWER EQUIPMENT GROUP, ALLOYS, LOADED

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GROUP, AM/FM/CD, SIRIUS SAT, SYNC**

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@10,500 miles per year, requires \$1649 cash or trade equity due at signing. Zero
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MSRP \$27,775 - FACTORY REBATE \$2,395
FACTORY REBATE \$500^^ - DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$ 1,485
STK # 131119 4CYL, AUTO, LEATHER, AM/FM/CD, SYNC,
POWER MOONROOF 18" ALLOY RIMS LOADED

**MSRP \$22495 - FACTORY REBATE \$1000
DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$500**

**NEW 2013 FORD FUSION STK # 13p1095 4 CYL, AUTO,
POWER EQUIPMENT GROUP, ALLOYS, LOADED**

**MSRP \$26,785 - FACTORY REBATE \$1000
DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$1000**

**STK# 13P1087 4 CYL, CVT TRANS, LITHIUM-ION BATTERY
PACK, POWER EQUIPMENT GROUP, AF/FM/CD, HEATED
SEATS. LOADED**

MSRP \$45,485 - FACTORY REBATE \$2500
FMC REBATE \$1000 - DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$2,990
STK# 131136 V6 ECOBOOST, 6 SPEED AUTO, SHO PERFORMANCE PKG, SONY SOUND
SYSTEM AM/FM/CD, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, HEATED REAR SEATS, LOADED

MSRP \$23,590 - FACTORY REBATE \$1500
FACTORY REBATE \$500^^
DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$1095

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 EQUIPMENT GROUP,
 AM/FM/CD, SYNC, LOADED

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FMC REBATE \$1000 - DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$1,050
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 AIR, ROOF RAILS, LOADED**

MSRP \$33,095 - FACTORY REBATE \$1500
FACTORY REBATE \$500^^ - DISCOUNT FROM MSRP \$21000
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