

# The Owyhee Avalanche

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### Santa Brunch sets a record



#### Benefit raises \$8,000

**Top:** Lexie Heck, 9, takes aim at 13-year-old Collin Dobler during the Snowman toss at Saturday's Santa Brunch at Homedale Elementary School. **Left:** Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus take a photo with 9-year-old Kara Stimmel and her 6-week-old sister Kinslee. For more on Santa Brunch, see Page 13.

## Water woes could continue without significant moisture

by Sean Chaney

Talk to just about any Owyhee County farmer or rancher and most of them will say that 2014 was a very bad year. Producers in the area were only given 1.7 acre-feet of water for the season. That is the worst on record since 1992 when they had to deal with 1.5 acre-feet of irrigation supply.

Ron Abramovich is a hydrologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service out of Boise. Looking ahead to 2015, he's most concerned that

there was no carryover from last year in the Owyhee Reservoir and producers used every drop available.

Ron Kiester knows the issues involved all too well. He's recently retired but served for years with the South Board of Control in Homedale. That office serves the Gem Irrigation District in the Homedale-Marsing area and the Ridgeview district in an area in Oregon west of Homedale.

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## Congress ends PILT anxiety with late vote

Long-term solution still nowhere in sight

Federal lawmakers extended crucial revenue replacement for rural counties through a series of bills at the tail end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

In an email sent to his Owyhee County counterparts, Valley County Commissioner Gordon Cruickshank reported on last-minute appropriations legislation moving through Congress.

Hours after Cruickshank sent his email Thursday, Congress authorized \$442 million to fully fund PILT for Fiscal Year 2015 as part of a \$1.014 trillion omnibus spending bill.

It was another example of a one-year reauthorization that at the same time alleviated county commissioners' worries about

the funding source but also reset the clock of concern on whether a long-term solution would be reached.

In June, Owyhee County received more than \$1.3 million compensation for the hundreds of thousands of acres of federal land within its boundaries that is exempt from property taxes.

The county has received an average of \$1.22 million per year for the past seven years. Every cent of the PILT money has gone into the general fund in recent years. Previously, some of the money was put aside in a trust for future county building needs.

Cruickshank said that appropriations committees in both the Senate and House of Representatives approved \$372 million in discretionary spending to fully fund PILT for the FY 2015 payment.

Another \$70 million was included in the National Defense Authorization Act.

## Judge fines jury duty no-shows

Rare crackdown shows importance of service

A Third District judge levied a handful of fines Friday for folks who skipped out on a jury summons.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said the fines handed down by Judge Molly J. Huskey ranged from \$10 to \$25 depending on the excuse a particular defendant gave for not following through with his or her civic duty. Some defendants received no

fines, Barkell said.

Ten people were called before Huskey inside a Murphy courtroom Friday morning. All were charged with criminal contempt for failing to report for jury duty, which is a misdemeanor.

Barkell sat in on the proceedings.

She said Huskey reminded the defendants that the size of the county makes it imperative that people perform their civic duty when they receive a jury duty summons. The judge pointed out that a lot of people in the county court system spend a lot of time putting together the jury qualifica-

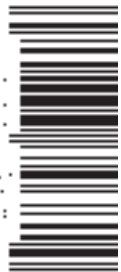
tion forms and summons and that the process is an expense to the county's taxpayers as well.

A person can mark which days they would be unavailable for jury duty when they receive a juror qualification questionnaire, which is the first step in setting up a jury pool.

Prospective jurors can communicate directly with the court, too.

"If they know that they are going to have a surgery or will be traveling out of town on vacation, they can call and be excused for the time they will be gone," Barkell said, adding that folks

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Idaho Stampede contributes to Hope House

The Idaho Stampede continued its commitment to Marsing's Hope House recently with an \$11,650 donation. From left, Stampede president and general manager Steve Brandes, Hope House director Donnalee Velvick-Lowry, Stampede head coach Dean Cooper, assistant coach Andrae Patterson, Don Schow of Western Idaho Freightliner, Greg Kitteridge from Cummins Rocky Mountain, Mike Musgrave from Western Idaho Freightliner, assistant coach Travis Walton and Ron Lowry of Hope House. The donation brings the Stampede's total support for Hope House to \$55,000 in the past five years. This year's donation was made possible by Stampede managing investor Bill Ilett and other Boise Sunrise Rotary Club members, and, Jim Tulloch and and Gary Multanen of Best Bath Systems.

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✓ Jury: Skipping can draw misdemeanor

should call as soon as they find out there is a possible conflict.

A doctor's note is required for medical circumstances.

Barkell said anyone selected to serve on a jury who finds they have a scheduling conflict because of a medical emergency or other emergency must call the court to be excused. Only the judge of a particular trial can excuse a juror if the call comes within 10 days of a trial.

Every jury summons has a phone number, and jurors must call after 5 p.m. on the day before a trial to make sure the proceedings are still scheduled, Barkell said.

Barkell said the county sends out about 500 juror qualification questionnaires every three months. The questionnaire is the preliminary step that helps county jury commissioner Lena Johnson, a deputy clerk at the courthouse in Murphy, select a pool of prospective jurors for the 90-day term.

The questionnaires are mailed to registered voters via addresses listed on their driver's licenses. Barkell said it's important for folks to keep their driver's license information updated so the county doesn't send out dead-letter qualification forms.

People receiving the questionnaires must fill them out and return them to the courthouse within 10 days of the date of mailing.

The form is used to determine U.S. citizenship, county residency and the English literacy of the prospective juror.

The form also asks if there are any circumstances that would disqualify a person from serving as a juror, including a felony conviction or jury duty in the previous two years.

Individuals who are 70 or older can serve on a jury, but they can also ask to be disqualified.

Once qualification is determined, jury summons are sent to random individuals in the pool. The number of summons sent for a given trial is at the discretion of the presiding judge, Barkell said.

Money remains major matter for Homedale trustees

School board finalizes plant facility levy date

The Homedale School District board of trustees took steps to try to finance the future and protect funding resources at its last meeting.

School board members set March 10 as the date for the plant facility levy election. The current levy will expire next year, and trustees are looking for an affirmative vote to renew at 10-year levy that will bring \$150,000 per year.

The money is used to make repairs and upgrades to buildings.

Revenue from the current levy will be used during the Christmas break to replace hot water storage tanks at Homedale High School. District transportation and maintenance director Tom Muir said the project comes not a moment too soon because the three-inch main line coming from the tanks has started to leak.

Muir also told trustees that a remote monitoring system for the heating units recently installed at the high school will cost \$6,000 to implement. Idaho Power Co., also has a \$6,000 rebate available that will reimburse the district for the system that will allow Muir to check in on the performance of the heating units through his computer.

The trustees also opened

proceedings to trademark some of the district's athletic logos through the Idaho Secretary of State's office.

Superintendent Rob Sauer said the steps were necessary to ensure the district receives proceeds from logo apparel sales by third-party vendors.

"We had a school board member and business owner contacted by a vendor," Sauer said.

He said some vendors are contacting community members directly to solicit participation, but high school athletic officials don't know who the vendors are.

The trademark move would protect the district against situations where vendors are pocketing the proceeds from logo apparel sales and not sending any money on to the district.

Sauer also recently participated in a meeting with state legislators ahead of the 2015 session.

He said administrators talked about the need for more flexibility in the funding provided by the state so districts could apply money where it's most needed.

Currently, school districts receive some discretionary funding to be used anywhere in the operation of the schools, but a lot of the money much be used for specific causes such as drug-free programs and school safety.

"I understand their point, and there is some value in the (current formula), but we would like to see some additional flexibility," Sauer said.

Chamber cancels meeting

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce has cancelled this month's meeting because of its proximity to Christmas.

The Chamber usually meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant,

18 N. 1st St. W.

Because this month's luncheon is only two days before Christmas, the business organization decided to forego a meeting.

The next meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

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# Lawmen ask folks to be alert during holiday season

Although the incidents of burglaries appear to be down from previous holiday seasons, law enforcement officials are still issuing a warning.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller recently cautioned business owners and residents alike to be careful with how they handle their cash during the holiday season. He also suggested the folks keep their cellphones in their pockets when they are out in public.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said deputies have responded to six burglary calls since the first of November, which he says seems light for this time of year. The burglaries have ranged for business and residential theft to a vehicle break-in in a store parking lot.

Still, like Eidemiller, he cautions

people to be alert and cautious. "Over history, burglaries tend to be on the rise during the holidays," Bowman said. "It's pretty typical for burglary rates to go up in November and December."

Folks should lock their vehicle doors and try to keep packages and purses out of sight if they are stored in a car for any amount of time.

With crooks aware of gifts under the Christmas tree, residents also must be vigilant in locking their doors to cut down on opportunity, officials said.

"There has been no dramatic increase, but it is the season," Bowman said. "People are buying stuff, and they have it at home wrapped or unwrapped under the tree."

There have been a few incidents of shoplifting at stores in Homedale and Marsing, too.

## Homedale adopts fee hikes

The Homedale City Council unanimously approved three fee resolutions that were subject to a previous public hearing.

At last Wednesday's meeting,

the council established a \$10 chicken coop registration fee, increased the base irrigation maintenance fee to \$87.08 and hiked bartender permit fees to \$25.



**Homedale musicians celebrate the holidays**

Homedale High School music director Sam Stone, left, conducts the Homedale High School band during its Christmas concert last week at Homedale Middle School. The high school and middle school choirs and bands performed.



### Toy Drive Tournament

with Farmer's Inn & Fisher's Saloon

Saturday December 20th

Fisher's & Farmer's are teaming together to help local families for the holidays! We are hosting a Pool and Dart Tournament to raise money for gifts for families in need, as well as accepting donations of toys and food items for Christmas dinner.

This is an awesome opportunity to help our community and brighten Christmas morning!

\*You can sign up at either bar for the tournament, and drop off toys or food at either bar.

\*\*If you would like to be on the list to receive help, you can go to either bar and we will get your info\*\*

We hope everybody can rally together and make it an amazing Christmas for all!

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✓ Water: Reservoir has long way to go

Historically, annual water allotments there generally run from 3.25 to 4 acre-feet for agricultural interests. He says what is happening now is a total nightmare for farmers during this waiting game to see what snowpack levels will bring, and it makes for some horrible decisions on what crops they might be able to put in the ground.

Kiester adds that many people forget that the Owyhee watershed stretches clear to Nevada and has a very slow runoff. It only gets worse from there; 130 percent of snowpack is ideal, and the South Board isn't able to do anything to assist producers if that number isn't met. He says there's only one silver lining: farmers are quite aware of what happened last season so they won't be surprised with another potential bad summer.

Abramovich said the Owyhee range is different than the Boise mountains where he does most of his data analysis. He said the Owyhees are low- or mid-elevation, while Boise's runoff comes from higher points. Also, the Owyhee basin has a slower melt, which requires more rain to deliver water to reservoirs.

His first streamflow projection will be made at the end of December and should be issued by Jan. 1. That prediction will be based on consistency of flows between January and June, last year's snowpack water content and precipitation levels between

Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. Abramovich's office also factors in barometric pressure associated with El Niño or La Niña weather years.

Owyhee Reservoir has a "dead storage" of 400,000 acre-feet, which is mainly maintained by seepage. It currently has just 5 percent over that. Jay Chamberlin is the manager of the Owyhee Irrigation District in Ontario, Ore., which operates the north end of the Owyhee Project. He says the reservoir holds 715,000 acre-feet above the "dead storage" level. Ideally, that would serve the area for two years with average allotments.

The reservoir was at six percent of its usable capacity Monday or 40,441 acre-feet above the "dead storage" mark.

Abramovich says a large part of the problem is that the range didn't get enough storms tracking from California to Nevada. He thinks the Boise range might do fairly well this winter, but he's doubtful if that will be the case for the Owyhees.

Chamberlin admits he will be nervous all winter long because he doesn't like the long-range forecast. Chamberlin says 2014 was actually the third bad year in a row and says local communities are starting to notice a decline in sales and even problems with domestic wells.

Fifty thousand acres of crops in the area started to get into trouble in July, and producers using stored water really took a hit. His district

needs 500,000 acre-feet to serve all the needs and last year 15 to 20 percent of the acres in the are served by the north project sat idle.

Owyhee County corn growers had it worst in 2014, according to Chamberlin, and Marsing alfalfa farmer Jim Briggs agrees. Briggs says corn requires full irrigation for an entire season, which was impossible to provide in 2014.

Sugar beets and onions are also very thirsty commodities, and many area farmers had to put in other crops or move them to the older part of the Gem Irrigation District. It has a more reliable water source because Old Gem's canals are fed by pumps drawing from the Snake River.

That made things difficult for Briggs because those higher and more aged areas typically get their water allotments considered first. He considered wheat over his usual alfalfa, while many of his peers opted for barley. His final crunch time on a decision for what to do this time around is late spring, but he freely admits that, "Right now is highly pessimistic."

In the end, it is a case of wait and see and cross your fingers.

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**Classifieds!**



Quilt winner announced

Quilt maker Romona Andrus, left, presents raffle winner Gary Weaver his prize on Dec. 9. The Homedale Senior Center's annual holiday bazaar on Dec. 6 and quilt raffle raised \$1,900, including \$1,295 from raffle ticket sales. Senior center coordinator Shirley McAbee said the bazaar brought in 200 customers and increased revenue from 2013. The Homedale Farmers Market Christmas Event was also held Dec. 6 and Saturday, and McAbee said organizers will also make a donation to the senior center. Submitted photo.

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## B2H Transmission Line Project

Boardman to Hemingway

The Bureau of Land Management, in coordination with other federal, state, and local agencies, has released the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (B2H). The DEIS is publicly available for a formal 90-day comment period through March 19, 2015.

Seven open houses are scheduled in communities throughout the project area. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact individually with project staff, learn more about the DEIS, ask questions about the National Environmental Policy Act analysis and decision process, discuss concerns, and submit written comments. General information about the project, agency roles, schedule, and concurrent permitting processes will be available. This information will also be made available via an online open house at [boardmantohemingway.com](http://boardmantohemingway.com).

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Tuesday, January 6	Pendleton, OR	Convention Center, 1601 Westgate
Wednesday, January 7	La Grande, OR	Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th Street
Thursday, January 8	Baker City, OR	Best Western Sunridge Inn, 1 Sunridge Lane
Friday, January 9	Durkee, OR	Durkee Community Hall, 28716 Old Highway 30
Monday, January 12	Ontario, OR	Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Avenue
Tuesday, January 13	Marsing, ID	Marsing Senior Center, 126 2nd Avenue W

Visit the **online open house** at [boardmantohemingway.com](http://boardmantohemingway.com) from December 19 - March 19







# Categorize expenses to start a budget

To take charge of your money, you must understand your spending patterns. Expenses fit into three categories

— fixed (regular), flexible (changing) expenses and periodic.

A fixed expense is a set amount of money that must be paid at a regular time. Once you commit to a fixed expense, it cannot be easily changed. Late or missed payments can cause problems such as late fees, eviction, legal action, or utility shut-offs. Shop for the best value before committing to any fixed payment.

Some common fixed expenses include:

- Housing — rent/mortgage
- Insurance — health, life, property, vehicle
- Savings
- Utilities and services — electricity, garbage removal, gas, oil, sewer, water
- Vehicle payment



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A flexible expense is one that you can change. It is easier to cut spending in the flexible expenses category. You can decide how much to spend and when to spend it. Flexible expenses are not frivolous or unimportant. Flexible expenses may include the following:

- Food
- Clothing
- Transportation — gas or oil, maintenance, bus, rail, taxi
- Phone or cell phone
- Household — maintenance, furnishings, cleaning supplies
- Health and medical
- Child care or elder care
- Personal expenses — haircuts, cosmetics, laundry, dry cleaning
- Education
- Other — allowances, church, gifts
- Recreation and entertainment
- Cable or Internet

For bills that come due periodically, like car insurance, or

holiday spending, figure out an average. Some examples of periodic expenses are:

- Vehicle registration
- Vehicle servicing and tires
- Property taxes
- School supplies
- Holiday gifts
- Birthday gifts
- Tuition
- Subscriptions — newspapers, magazines, cable
- Dues — unions and clubs
- Vacations

Once you have tracked your income and expenses, you are ready to develop a plan for future spending.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). The office is located at 238 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing. “Dollar Decision\$: Making a Spending and Saving Plan,” by Marsha Lockard and Marilyn Bischoff is the source for this week’s column.

# Calendar

## Today

### Story time

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

### Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Homedale Elementary School cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

### Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

### Advent Services

6 p.m., supper, 7 p.m., services, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

## Thursday

### Senior center exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

### Adrian City Council meeting

7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

### Three Creek School Christmas program

7 p.m., ‘What? No Santa,’ Three Creek School, 49913 Three Creek Road, Rogerson. (208) 857-2281

## Friday

### Story Time

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

### Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

### Homedale mobile food pantry

10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

## Saturday

### “Reflections of Christmas”

9:30 a.m., music and worship, Homedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder.

### Adult game night

7 p.m., \$1 cover, Rimrock Senior and Community Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

## Sunday

### Young Life meeting

6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 764-1048 or (817) 229-6850

## Monday

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

## Tuesday

### Senior center exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Senior center pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

## Wednesday

### Story time

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


### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

### Christmas Eve services

6:30 p.m., Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

# Owyhee Then & Now



Michael F. Hanley IV

## Tales of the I.O.N. Country

### I'll fix that (Orrin Day)

I interviewed Orrin about his going to work for my father at the Hanley Ranch on Little Butte Creek in southern Oregon's Jackson County:

"I went to work for Mike at Butte Creek right after I came from South Dakota in 1932. Nobody was hiring then because of the Depression, but Louie Wyatt at the Lake Creek Store told me that a friend of his on Butte Creek could use a good man. When Mike came down, Louie told him that I would work, and Mike said he couldn't pay a good man what he was worth but he'd put me to work. He told me he would be leaving for eastern Oregon and I could work on the fences or anything else that needed it.

"I had a heck of a time with his team. They were balky and wouldn't start a load, so when Mike came back I told him I couldn't do a thing with them and he said, "I'll fix that." He came up to the ranch with two bay broncos that were rodeo bucking horses. Guess he bought them cheap, but after I worked them a few times they worked good. I used them with the balky sons-of-guns, and with the broncos to start the load, they pulled like heck. Those broncos were dandy leaders.

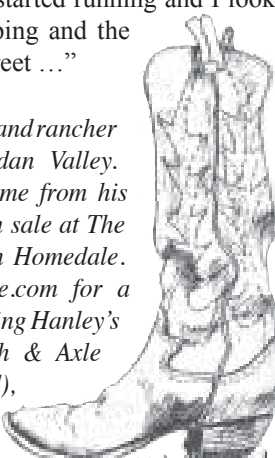
"When Mike came back after another trip to eastern Oregon, he saw what I'd done with the team and doubled my wages and said, "I wish I could pay you more."

"Mike was the best hand with a Martin Ditcher I've ever seen. He could cut a ribbon with it. I was driving the four horses lined out in the lick field and Mike had the ditcher handle. Everything went OK until the ditcher hit a root and the team laid into it and the handle threw Mike about 12 feet. The team caught on and got so they wouldn't hit the roots and would wait until we pulled the ditcher clear.

"Somebody talked Mike into taking the team to the Pendleton Round-Up, and I drove them in the Westward Ho Parade on a set of big logging wheels and pulled a log down the street.

"The next year, Medford celebrated its Golden Jubilee and they were looking for a four-horse team to pull the bandwagon. Mike volunteered his team and me to drive them, and I tried to tell him I didn't think it was a good idea. You know Mike, when he got an idea, nothing could change his mind, so I was at the head of the parade with the bandwagon. We got along OK until the tuba started. The broncos spooked and started running and I looked back to see the band jumping and the tuba bouncing down the street ..."

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



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# Homedale man latest beneficiary of Crafts for a Cause effort

TVCC alumni continue work of late founder

Some local residents are carrying on the work of Treasure Valley Community College's former education director.

When Joyce Davis died unexpectedly on Nov. 18, a group of TVCC Education Alumni Women — including Homedale mother and daughter Robyn Page and Rebekah Page — decided to continue the Crafts for a Cause of Idaho project that Davis had begun.

Crafts for a Cause of Idaho began in March 2013 when women gathered once a week to create crafts inside Davis' "cabin," a small house on her property.

The crafts are sold at various bazaars and festivals with 100 percent of the proceeds going to causes.

Currently, the Crafts for a Cause objective is to raise funds to buy a new mode of transportation for Jonathan Page, a Homedale man was left with anoxic brain injury and spastic quadriplegia after a near drowning 10 years ago in Oklahoma. Jonathan is in need of a lift van to accommodate his new power wheelchair. The lift van with a raised roof, extended

side door and lift/ramp system would replace the old van that requires Jonathan's dad, Samuel, to lay his son in the chair on his back in order to get Jonathan into the van to make trips to doctor appointments, therapy and other destinations.

Crafts for a Cause has sold items at the Indian Creek Festival, Winter Wonderland and Fourth of July celebration in Caldwell as well as at the Homedale Senior Center holiday bazaar.

The organization also recently opened a store at 217 S. Kimball Ave., in Caldwell in space donated by TVCC Caldwell. The store will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 10.

Previously proceeds have benefitted the Valley Crisis Center for women who have been abused; Veterans Farm of Wilder, which is a farm to help military veterans assimilate back into society after deployment; and two single mothers fighting cancer.

In all, Crafts for a Cause has donated more than \$5,000 in less than two years. Davis also matched the contribution dollar-for-dollar.

For more information on the store or Crafts for a Cause, call Rose McDonald at 570-7916 or Rebekah Page at 250-4021.

Donations are also accepted.

# Harvest Share returns for Jordan Valley stop

The Oregon Food Bank-Southeast Oregon Services Rural Harvest Share program is planning a December visit to Jordan Valley on Thursday if produce is available.

No stop in Arock is listed.

The Harvest Share, which features free fruits, vegetables and sometimes bakery products, is open to anyone.

The Harvest Share program will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St.


(aka U.S. Highway 95).

Regardless of produce availability, the OFB-SOS staff will man the Jordan Valley Community Mobile Food Pantry from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

While the Harvest Share program is open to everyone, the food pantry does have income requirements and is open only to Oregon residents.


For more information, call OFB-SOS in Ontario, Ore., at (541) 889-9206.

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<b>Mud Flat</b>						
12/09	0.0	0	3.3	47	33	39
12/10	0.0	0	3.3	48	33	40
12/11	0.0	0	3.3	51	39	45
12/12	0.0	0	3.3	50	33	41
12/13	0.0	0	3.3	36	27	31
12/14	0.0	0	3.3	35	20	27
12/15	0.0	0	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
12/09	0.2	0	3.2	51	40	44
12/10	0.2	0	3.2	52	38	44
12/11	0.3	0	3.2	48	40	43
12/12	0.3	0	3.2	49	30	41
12/13	0.2	0	3.2	33	25	29
12/14	0.2	0	3.2	34	21	25
12/15	0.2	0	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>South Mountain</b>						
12/09	2.9	7	7.3	51	39	44
12/10	2.7	6	7.3	50	43	46
12/11	2.5	5	7.3	48	43	45
12/12	2.2	4	7.3	45	29	38
12/13	2.2	5	7.4	29	23	26
12/14	2.0	5	7.4	32	21	25
12/15	1.6	5	7.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 6 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 183 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 9 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 40,441 acre-feet of water on Monday.

**Note** — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 8 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

# Advent service slated at Mt. Calvary

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Homedale continues its Christmas season services tonight.

The second Advent supper and service will be held at 6 p.m. today at the church, 621 W. Idaho Ave. After a 6 p.m. supper, Pastor Sean Rippey will lead the Advent service at 7 p.m.

An offering or tithe will be accepted.

Next Wednesday, the church will host Christmas Eve services at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (208) 337-4248 or church president Kelly Aberasturi at (208) 249-4405.

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# Homedale FFA shows appreciation for community, teachers

Chapter adopts family for annual Gift of Green service project

by Jennifer Bautista  
chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter continued the annual Gift of Green tradition recently.

On Friday, seven chapter members shopped to fulfill the Gift of Green list for a local family.

The Homedale FFA chapter forms a committee who are in charge of setting a budget for “Gift of Green” and collaborating with elementary school counselor Randee Garrett to find an under-privileged family to give gifts and Christmas dinner to.

This year’s committee agreed on setting the budget to \$100

dollars per child with chairman Wiley Cooper approving it.

All chapter members were welcome to go on the shopping trip to Target and Old Navy.

The gifts will be wrapped and delivered to the family sometime this week.

It’s just another way the Homedale FFA chapter attempts to spread holiday cheer.

Earlier Friday, Homedale’s FFA officers treated Homedale High School teachers to a breakfast during a staff in-service event.

The officers arrived early to the high school on Friday morning to prepare the pancake, egg, and sausage breakfast that was served in the teacher’s lounge.

The breakfast was the officers’ way of showing the teachers how much all the members appreciate them and to give them a warning about the FFA members’ absences this upcoming spring so they won’t be surprised.



Homedale FFA members Kari Woods, an eighth-grader (left), and chapter secretary Madi Fisher, a high school junior, shop at Target on Friday for the Gift of Green. Submitted photo

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## FFA advisor cited for ag ed work

Homedale FFA first-year advisor, Sue Poland, was one of six people from around the country honored with a National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Outstanding Service Citation last month.

Poland received recognition during the NAAE annual convention, which was held Nov. 18-22 in Nashville, Tenn.

The regional citations are sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

When Poland began her teaching career in 1982 at Douglas High School in Minden, Nev., she was the only female agriculture teacher in the state. During her time at Douglas High, she worked with school district officials and local businesses on several projects, including buying a stock trailer, starting a

19-acre school farm and developing a school-run flower shop. She also wrote the first wild-life management curriculum endorsed for lab science admission to the University of Nevada.

After moving to Cambridge in 1993, Poland helped that high school’s ag program achieve a science endorsement. She also coordinated tech-prep agreements with three area community colleges and created dual-enrollment courses with the University of Idaho. She also served as a mentor to several student teachers and early-career instructors.



Sue Poland

In 2011, Poland returned to Nevada as state supervisor for agricultural education, in which capacity she oversaw the development of 12 sets of standards and matching assessments. She planned and executed professional development workshops to help ag teachers develop their skills in industry certification, grants management, and award application processes among other areas.

Poland also has been recognized by the Nevada Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association for her contributions in that state.

She served as NAAE Region I vice president from 1999 to 201 and as the Nevada consultant on the NAAE member services committee.

Poland was appointed as consultant for the National FFA Board of Directors in 2001.

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HMS student earns \$100 for A's

Homedale Middle School seventh-grader Matthew Randall, center, receives a certificate from Zions Bank representative Shauna Hoge, left, as his mother, Machele, stands nearby. Randall was the quarterly winner of \$100 in the bank's Pay for A's program, and he is now eligible for the year-end grand prize of \$1,000. Each school year, Idaho schoolchildren ages 13-18 can bring their current report card into any Zions Bank location and receive for each A either a \$1 deposit into their savings account or 50 cents cash. The quarterly \$100 winner is selected from the pool of those who bring their report cards into a branch.

Beet hauler crash  
KOs Murphy phones

No citations were issued when a semi truck heading to an Owyhee County sugar beet dump crashed and interrupted phone service in Murphy.

The phone system at the Owyhee County Courthouse as well as residential service was affected following the property damage crash before 11 a.m. last Wednesday.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, a Trans System semi and trailers driven by 34-year-old

Payette resident Jason Hammond ran off the road and hit a phone box on Idaho highway 78.

Bowman said Hammond was driving the 2013 Freightliner and empty trailer and pup trailer east into the county when he lost control. The semi traveled 210 feet off the highway, taking out a phone box, fencing and road signs, according to the sheriff's dispatch log.

Hammond apparently was en route to pick up a load of sugar beets at the Grand View dump.



Vandals destroyed windows in two buildings at a pipeline substation in extreme southern Owyhee County. OCSO photo

Vandals mar, burglarize  
remote pipeline station

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a vandalism case in a remote corner of the county.

Broken windows and missing tools were reported at a substation for a natural gas pipeline in southern Owyhee County near the Nevada border about 20 miles west of the Shoshone-Paiute Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

The vandalism was reported on

Dec. 8, and sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said deputies began piecing the case together in the days that followed. The pipeline is owned by Williams Partners LP.

The thieves apparently dug under a fence to get into the property then used rocks to break windows in two different buildings.

No damage to equipment was reported, Bowman said.

Caldwell Basque club helps out  
Homedale's holiday causes

Meat delivery  
funded by annual  
January dance

Two Homedale men made annual deliveries to help out the community Thursday.

Representing Euzkaldunak Charities and the Caldwell Basque Club, Ric Uria and Ray Bicandi presented three organizations with meat to fill holiday care packages.

Euzkaldunak spent \$10,000 on the meat, which was purchased from Paul's Market. Other organizations in Parma, Caldwell and Nampa also received help.

The largest donation went to the Hands Around Homedale effort that provides food to the families of Homedale School District

children.

The donation to the school district included 12 turkeys, 42 hams and 51 gift packs, which each contain two whole chickens, two packages of hot dogs and two one-pound pork roasts.

The school district distributed meat, canned goods and fruits and vegetables Friday afternoon at the elementary school.

Meat was also delivered to the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene and the Homedale Friends Community Church.

Nazarene Pastor Chuck Ryan said the church gives the donated meat to families in need whose plight is brought to the attention of the church in many ways.

"It lasts us several months," Ryan said of the Euzkaldunak donation.

Elderly folks on a fixed income

also receive assistance.

"If we have a chance to help people out, we'll do it," Ryan said. "Meat is expensive these days, and we're trying to keep protein in their diet."

One of Euzkaldunak's biggest fundraisers of the year takes place next month.

The 47th annual Caldwell Basque Dinner and Dance will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the O'Connor Fieldhouse in Caldwell. The dance starts at 9 p.m.

There will be music and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$35 per person.

For information on the event or to buy tickets, call Mark Araquistain at 867-9151, Brennan Gabiola at 989-1952, Chris Clary at 473-0683 or Tim Quintana at 989-3868.



Homedale schools counselor Randee Garrett, right, accepts a meat donation from Ray Bicandi, left, and Ric Uria from Euzkaldunak Charities and the Caldwell Basque Club on Thursday at Paul's Market.

Uria and Bicandi help Mountain View Church of the Nazarene pastor Chuck Ryan, left, load up the church's freezer with meat that will be used for care packages for people in need during the holidays and beyond.



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# Students rally for Homedale families again

*by Aaliyah Tijerina*

Homedale School District collected 60,000 pounds of food such as apples, potatoes, canned foods for the annual Hands Around Homedale food drive.

Volunteers separated the food into boxes that were distributed to 60 families Friday. Plenty of help was offered at the elementary school from fifth- and sixth-graders, teachers and Honor Society and Sources of Strength members from Homedale High School.

Close to 500 canned and non-perishable items were collected at the high school. Similar food drives were held at the elementary and middle schools.

Students from throughout the district rally every year for the Hands Around Homedale program to help families at Christmas.

The Sources of Strength group, a program whose goal is to spread the message of hope, put the high school drive together this year.

For this year's project, a box was set up in every fourth-period classroom so students or teachers could bring as many

items as they wanted. To make it interesting, and to get all the students involved in helping, the high school sponsored a contest.

Casey Grove's Business and Intro to Web class received a pizza party for collecting the most food. His students donated 168 items.

The high school teachers and students enjoy the feeling of helping.

"The Christmas season is a good time of year to have this kind of opportunity to remind us all of what Christmas stand for," English teacher Alex Willson said.

Willson's class collected 94 non-perishable items, which was the second-largest total for the school. He said the students were joyful about giving and were happy to help regardless of the award.

The food was delivered to Homedale Elementary School on Thursday, and care packages were built Friday morning. Families assisted by the Hands Around Homedale program picked up their boxes of holiday food Friday afternoon.



*From left: Sierra Bowman, Alec Egurrola, Tori Nash, Carlie Purdom, Hattie Mertz, Morgan Nash, Elise Shenk, McKenna Calzacorta and Michelle Castro were among the Homedale High School Sources of Strength members who helped sort food boxes Friday at the elementary school. Photo by Aaliyah Tijerina*

## Animals help Santa get ready at Story Time

Children will get a peek at how Santa Claus prepares for his globe-trotting, present-giving trek at the Homedale Public Library's Story Time.

"Albert's Christmas," which is written and illustrated by Leslie Tryon, will be read at 10:15 a.m. on Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The book tells the story of Albert the goose and his animal friends as they help Kris Kringle prepare for his journey after the elves have started their vacations after making toys all year.

Albert and his friends do many things to get Santa Claus ready, including freshening up the big man's beard and clearing the runway for the sleigh.

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

For more information, call the library at 337-4228. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The library will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25 for Christmas, but will reopen the next day.

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## Other Homedale happenings



### Apples are in season for Christmas

Bob Purvis, left, of Purvis Nursery and Orchard, which is located northwest of Homedale, slices a piece of GoldRush apple for former longtime Owyhee County resident Jim Zimmerman at the Homedale Senior Center on Saturday. Zimmerman now lives in Glenns Ferry, but brought his family to the second day of the Homedale Farmers Market Christmas Event.



### George D. VanDerhoff Homedale American Legion Post 32 serves dinner

Christmas came early Saturday as members of the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Auxiliary dished up ham, turkey and all the fixings for anyone who was in the mood for a free holiday meal.



# More Santa Brunch success



**Above:** The children who sold the most advance tickets for Santa Brunch earned a trip to Owyhee Lanes for bowling and lunch, which was donated by the business. From left: second-grader Miguel Albor, Aliya Hibbs, Homedale Fire Department Sr. Officer Tom Pegram, kindergartener Joanna Love and Heleena Criffield. Miguel and Joanna each sold \$50 in tickets and chose Aliya and Heleena, respectively, as their guests. Third-place winners who sold \$45 in tickets and earned popcorn and candy from the elementary school store included Ema Lee, Rylan Love and Shawn Lee. **Below:** Miguel lets fly with a well-placed roll as he waits for his lunch.



Maria Sanchez and the 40-inch flat-screen TV she won Saturday.



Homedale Elementary third-grade teacher Margo Phariss, in white, serves a hash brown to first-grader Jazmin Hurtado as her mom moves down the line. Other teacher serving include, from back, Christine Ketterling, Tammy Glaser and Laura Eubanks. While elementary teachers served the food, many parents helped prepare the breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls and fruit. Lindsey Love supervised food preparation.



**Above:** Homedale Middle School students Devin Kent, left, fifth grade, and sixth-grader Joey Egusquiza were among the student volunteers who wiped down tables throughout the day. **Right:** Zone 2 school trustee Stacy Woods checks out the silent auction items Saturday during Santa Brunch.



## Rockville schoolchildren stage Christmas performance

Students from the Rockville school performed their annual Christmas program, “The Friendly Beasts,” on Thursday under the direction of teacher Sharon Green and aide Theresa Greeley. The children sang several Christmas carols and a potluck meal was held afterward.

**At left:** Becky Mackenzie, left, filled the role of a camel, while Tina Gammett, center, served as narrator and Jill Gammett played an angel

**At right:** Abby Green, left, played a cow and Lacey Gammett played a sheep.

Photos by Chantel Brundage



New Plymouth ends  
Homedale win streak

# Avalanche Sports

Marsing girls get first  
conference win



Homedale High School's John Collett, left, yells after pinning Payette's Brian Heleker to win the 161-pound championship Saturday at the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore. Photo by Machele Randall

## Homedale's Collett leads five local medalists at Calhoun meet

John Collett didn't let his opponent's resume rattle him Saturday in the championship round at the Calhoun Classic.

The Homedale High School junior capped an impressive run to the 161-pound championship with a third-round pin of Payette's Brian Heleker in the final at the Nyssa, Ore., tournament.

Heleker was runner-up at 152 pounds in the 3A state tournament last season.

Collett was one of four Trojans to collect medals in the season-opening Calhoun Classic, which began Friday.

Junior Andy Montes, who won the 98-pound state championship last season, debuted at 113 pounds with a fourth-place finish.

Andrew Randall and Nash Johnson finished

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The Homedale Middle School wrestling team celebrates its 3A Snake River Valley conference championship Saturday. Photo by Machele Randall

## HMS pins conference crown

Trojans put 12  
in title matches

Six individual champions helped carry Homedale Middle School to the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship Saturday.

Two of the champions — Jaegar Rose at 110 pounds and Drew Deal at 117 — won conference titles for the second time in their careers. Rose beat teammate Spencer Fisher for his weight class championship.

Homedale dominated the day, scoring 293 points to win the

team championship by 61 points over runner-up Ontario, Ore.

A dozen Trojans wrestled for championships, and other champions included Isham Farris (89), Matthew Randall (96), Michael Babcock (103) and Jesse Martinat (185).

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## Trojans sweep Huskies on the hardwood

Girls stay hot  
despite cold night  
shooting

Homedale High School made the most of its opportunities against Marsing to win its sixth consecutive girls' basketball game.

The Trojans held the rebounding advantage on the Huskies' backboard and scored significantly more points off turnovers.

The visiting Trojans prevailed, 47-42, on Dec. 9 despite having a worst shooting night than the rivals who had beaten them by six points on Nov. 20 in Homedale.

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Boys' defense,  
shooting leads  
to fifth straight

Homedale High School rode its stifling full-court press to a fifth consecutive boys' basketball victory Saturday.

Marsing ball handlers couldn't handle the Trojans' pressure defense, committing 27 turnovers in a 58-29 loss on the Huskies' floor.

Homedale (5-1 overall) posted its largest margin of victory of the season and allowed the fewest points in six games this year. The Trojans, who were ranked third in the first Class 3A state poll released Dec. 9, have won by no

— See *Boys*, page 17



Marsing's Rodrigo Acuna dribbles at the top of the key against the defense of Homedale's Miguel Montejano on Saturday night.

## Adrian rules all-league football selections

Braden Fillmore  
earns first-team  
status for JV

As could be expected from a state championship team, Adrian High School dominated the All-1A High Desert League all-conference football team.

Curiously, the Antelopes' head coach didn't get coach of the year, although Paul Shenk led Adrian to a 12-0 record that included a 4-0 league mark and the first state football title in school history.

Stub Travis, whose Crane club went 3-1 and lost the league title on the final night of the regular

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✓ Girls: Second-chance points propel HHS

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Homedale (7-1 overall) steadily pulled away even though the Trojans hit only 33 percent of their shots for the game (17-for-51) and were outscored by a 2-to-1 margin from the three-point line.

Marsing shot 35 percent (14-for-39), but could corral only seven offensive rebounds. Homedale controlled the Huskies' glass with 18 boards.

Still, the Trojans led by nine points, 34-25, after three quarters.

While Marsing rebounders gobbled up seven more boards than their counterparts on Homedale's end, the Trojans scored 11 second-chance points compared to none for the Huskies.

Tory Lane claimed the Trojans' only three-point goals (they were 2-for-11) and scored 14 points. She had a team-high five steals as Homedale came up with 14 thefts that contributed to Marsing's 19 turnovers.

Homedale, which committed 12 miscues, scored 16 points off Marsing turnovers. The Huskies managed to score only two points off Trojans turnovers.

Shannon Clover and Shelby Dines scored 14 points apiece for Marsing (3-2), which suffered its second consecutive loss. Freshman Emerson Sauer scored seven points and had a team-high four steals.

Clover hit two three-pointers, and Dines and Sauer each dropped one. Dines led the team with nine rebounds.

Tristan Corta had another solid game for the Trojans, scoring



Marsing freshman Emerson Sauer tries to move past Homedale's Morgan Nash during last week's rivalry game. Photo by Dan Pease

nine points on 4-for-5 shooting while Gardenia Machuca led Homedale in the category with seven.

NP's OT effort ends Homedale girls' streak

Pilgrims avenge lopsided loss

The team that represented the zenith of the Homedale High School girls' basketball team's dominant run ended the streak Saturday night.

New Plymouth came up with a little dominance of its own, scoring 10 of the 11 points put on the scoreboard in overtime for a 55-46 non-conference victory.

Homedale (7-2 at week's end) saw its six-game winning streak end against the team it beat, 60-15, in Homedale on Nov. 25.

Junior Tory Lane scored 14 points to lead the Trojans against New Plymouth on Saturday. Elise Shenk hit two three-point goals for the bulk of her 10 points.

Hattie Mertz scored seven points, while Tristan Corta put in five points.

New Plymouth connected on seven of 10 free throws in the final 19 minutes of the game, while Homedale hit only four of 11 foul shots in the second half and overtime.

The Trojans held a 23-20 lead at halftime after shooting 38 percent from the floor (10-for-26). An 8-for-26 showing in the second half and overtime left the door open for New Plymouth. The Pilgrims shot 39 percent (9-for-23) after halftime and 38 percent for the game.

New Plymouth also muscled its way to the victory. The Pilgrims out-rebounded Homedale, 31-27, and outscored Homedale, 20-10, in the paint. New Plymouth's bench outscored Homedale's reserves, 15-8, and the Pilgrims had six second-chance points to none for the Trojans.

Taylor Frates led all scorers with 15 points for New Plymouth. Seven of her eight rebounds came on the Pilgrims' glass.

Brittany Verigan added nine points and five offensive rebounds.

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## Athlete of the Week

**John Collett, jr., wrestling**

The Play — Collett highlighted the Trojans' season-opening performance in the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore. He dominated throughout the two days of preliminary matches in the 160-pound bracket before pinning Payette's Brian Heleker in the third round of their championship match Saturday. Heleker was a runner-up at last season's 3A state tournament.

Boys' basketball  
Varsity  
Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament, Nampa  
Thursday, Dec. 18 at Skyview, 7:30 p.m.  
• If win Thursday: Friday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore.-  
Columbia winner, Nampa H.S., 4:30 p.m.  
• If lose Thursday: Friday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore.-  
Columbia loser, Columbia H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20 in Nampa, opponent, time and location TBA

Junior varsity  
Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament, Nampa  
Thursday, Dec. 18 at Skyview, 3 p.m.  
• If win Thursday: Friday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore.-  
Columbia winner, Skyview H.S., 7:30 p.m.  
• If lose Thursday: Friday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore.-  
Columbia loser, Nampa H.S. auxiliary gym, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20 in Nampa, opponent, time and location TBA

Frosh-soph  
Saturday, Jan. 3, home vs. Baker, Ore., 1 p.m.

Girls' basketball  
Varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 18, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Nyssa, Ore., 2 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 18, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Nyssa, Ore., 12:30 p.m.

Frosh-soph  
Thursday, Dec. 18, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Nyssa, Ore., 11 a.m.

Wrestling  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament, McLoughlin H.S., Milton-Freewater, Ore., 10 a.m.

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# Go Trojans



# Sports



Flanked by Marsing teammate Emily Tank (4), Shannon Clover brings the ball up the floor Saturday against Nampa Christian. Photo by Dan Pease

## Marsing girls post emphatic WIC win

Marsing High School evened its girls' basketball conference record Saturday with a resounding victory over Nampa Christian. The Huskies hit six of 15 three-point goals on the Trojans' floor in a 55-17 2A Western Idaho Conference blowout. Shannon Clover dropped four of eight three-point attempts en route to 19 points for the Huskies (4-2 overall, 1-1 in conference at week's end). Shelby Dines scored eight points and collected eight

rebounds. Freshman Mackenzie Farrens didn't take a shot, but pulled down six rebounds. Marsing led 12-3 after eight minutes and cemented control of the game with a 19-4 run through the third quarter. Another ninth-grader, Emerson Sauer scored eight points and notched a team-high four steals for Marsing. Sheyanne Glorifield scored seven points, missing only once in four attempts from the floor, and grabbed five rebounds.

## ✓ Calhoun: MHS' Grossman takes fourth

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fourth at 132 and 138 pounds, respectively. Marsing's Noah Grossman also finished fourth, losing the 220-pound third-place match, 6-2, to Nyssa's Brandon Sundquist. Grossman rallied from an opening-round loss to fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference wrestler Marcus Davis of New Plymouth. Davis finished sixth at 285 pounds in the 2014 2A state tournament. Marsing's other victory came from 160-pounder Alexandre Heidt, who got an injury default win over Melba's Isaac Riley. Other wrestlers competing for Homedale included Jacob Furlott (126), Shane Keller (145) and Colton Grimm (195).



Marsing's Noah Grossman finished fourth in his weight class Saturday. Photo by Sarah Grosman / Freeze the Day Photography

### JV tournament

Homedale's Pedro Vasquez pinned his way through the 120-pound class for a title in the Calhoun junior varsity tournament. Jesse Packer gutted through a nagging knee injury to finish third in his weight class for the Trojans.

Other HHS wrestlers included Anthony Beckman (113), Cobey Christoffersen (126), Coty Ford (145), and David Villanueva (160). Marsing's Joseph Ineck (138)

posted a technical fall against Ontario, Ore.'s Santana Alcoser, 19-3, in his first match. Jaden Kinney pinned Kuna's Grant Garrison for a victory in the 152-pound bracket.

## Missed chances haunt Huskies

Marsing High School boys' basketball team's missed free throws and inability to limit second chances left the door open for Payette on Thursday. The Pirates outscored their non-conference hosts by 10 points for a 53-45 overtime victory. "We gave up 22 offensive rebounds and shot 8-for-20 from the free-throw line," MHS coach Tim Little said. "Those two items

were the reasons why we lost." Payette tore through the four-minute overtime, outscoring Marsing, 12-2. The Pirates out-rebounded Marsing, 22-14, on their end of the floor. Jose Ponce was 3-for-4 from the foul line, but missed on five of six three-point attempts. He finished as Marsing's high scorer with 14 points. He also led the

team with eight rebounds. Rodrigo Acuna collected all six of his rebounds on Payette's glass. He scored six points, too. Dakota Hardy scored 11 points, while Seth Hardy added seven and Garret Briggs chipped in five to go with seven rebounds. Marsing was 3-for-22 from beyond the three-point line. The Huskies limited its turnovers to nine.



## MARSING HUSKIES

### Athlete of the Week

#### Shannon Clover, sr., girls' basketball

The Play — Clover shot 50 percent from behind the three-point line last week (6-for-12) while averaging 16.5 points per game as the Huskies' split two contests. In Saturday's 2A Western Idaho Conference win over Nampa Christian, Clover hit four three-pointers and collected three rebounds. She had four rebounds, three assists and 14 points in a loss to Homedale on Dec. 9.

**Boys' basketball**  
**Varsity**  
Friday, Dec. 19 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.  
**Junior varsity A**  
Friday, Dec. 19 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Parma, 6 p.m.  
**Junior varsity B**  
Friday, Dec. 19 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls' basketball**  
**Varsity**  
Thursday, Dec. 18, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.  
**Junior varsity**  
Thursday, Dec. 18, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
Friday, Dec. 19 at Justin Wolfe Invitational, Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at Justin Wolfe Invitational, Glenns Ferry, time TBA





Sports

Homedale-Skyview  
matchup spices up  
Elite Eight tourney

Trojans look to  
avenge last year's  
loss in semis

Two boys' basketball teams accustomed to winning clash Thursday to close out the first night of the Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament in Nampa.

Homedale takes on Skyview on the Hawks' floor at 7:30 p.m. in what will be the first of three games in as many days for the Trojans.

The game is a rematch of the Trojans' semifinal loss in the tournament a year ago. The Class 4A Hawks rolled to a 68-44 victory in the same gymnasium last year.

Coach Casey Grove's Homedale squad bounced back to finish third in the Elite Eight tournament last season.

Both Homedale and Skyview qualified for their respective state tournaments in 2013-14. While the Hawks were knocked out in two games, the Trojans finished as 3A runners-up after a harrowing 59-56 loss to Buhl in the title game.

The Trojans (5-1), ranked third in the Dec. 9 Class 3A state media poll, bring a five-game winning streak into this year's showdown, which comes in the opening round of the three-day tournament that will be staged at all three high schools in the state's second-largest city.

Skyview (3-1) has won two straight since a 44-33 loss to rival Nampa on Dec. 2. The Hawks received a first-place vote, but didn't crack the top five in the 4A state poll.

A win Thursday sends Homedale into Friday's 7:30 p.m. semifinal at Skyview against the winner of the Ontario, Ore.-Columbia opener. The Trojans also played Columbia last year.

The tournament concludes Saturday.

Homedale also has entered a team in the junior varsity bracket for the Elite Eight Tournament. That team's first game is 3 p.m. on Thursday at Skyview against the Hawks' JV.

**Thursday: Homedale 56, Cole Valley Christian 47** — Another scorer rose up to lead the Trojans.

Connor Carter scored 17 points in a 56-47 non-conference victory over Cole Valley Christian in Meridian.

Carter fired in four three-point goals to become the third different player to lead Homedale in scoring during the first five games of the year.

Cole Valley became the first opponent in Homedale's four-game winning streak to stay within 10 points of the Trojans.

**Dec. 9: Homedale 83, North Star Charter 66** — The Trojans kept their string of blowout victories going with their highest offensive output of the season in a non-conference home game.

Dillon Lowder led three players in double figures, hitting 10 of 17 shots for 24 points, which was two shy of the season-high 26 he opened with in a 67-64 loss to Nampa Christian on Nov. 29. Lowder came off the bench and connected on three of five three-point goal attempts against the Huskies.

Josh Tolmie was 6-for-9 from the floor, leading the starting five with 13 points.

Kincade Kincheloe and Kyler Landa led the reserves with 11 and eight points, respectively.

Homedale opened the game on a 26-8 tear then poured in 27 points during a fourth-quarter free-for-all in which the teams combined for 52 points.

Miguel Montejano dished eight assists and was one of three Trojans with three steals each. Lowder and Tolmie also had three steals apiece.

Benny Schamber led the rebounding with six boards.

✓ HMS: Six runners-up, too

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Six runners-up included Fisher (110), Kaden Binford (89), Caleb Vargas (96), German Albor (124), Jose Buenrostro (152) and Robert Nix (160).

Collecting third-place honors were 103-pounder Edgar Navarette and Ivan Cortez at 170.

Others taking to the mat for Homedale were Brady Trout (117), John Conner (124), Mathew Miklancic and Tell Morse (131), Weston Dorsey (138) and Brady Steinmetz (285).

"I am very proud of all these kids," HMS coach Toby Johnson said.

Johnson thanked his assistant coaches, including Ryan Nash, Jake Levinski, Joe Egusquiza and Martin Rose as well as Jeff Christoffersen and Alex Willson for their participation.

Other thanks went to Machele Randall, the team's Rallies Club and stats advisor Nick Ketterling, and stat girls Aleah, Megan, Kelsey, Zoie, Sophie and Madison.

Homedale plans club volleyball

In an attempt to strengthen the town's volleyball program, Homedale High School's coaching staff has formed a club team.

Storm Volleyball will hold pre-registration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Homedale Friends Community Church. A mandatory \$14 fee is due at pre-registration for AAU requirements. The \$14 is part of an estimated \$100 participation fee, but the final registration will be based up on the number of teams and players per team.

Registration fees must be paid

by Dec. 29.

The program is open to third-through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders and the teams will participate in the Treasure Valley Volleyball League.

The high school team begins its season Jan. 6. The team will be determined by age and skill level.

Four other teams will begin their seasons in February, including:

• **12U junior** — This team for third-graders and up begins its season Feb. 14. Players cannot be 13 before April 1, 2015.

• **12U** — Also starts Feb. 14,

and players can't be 13 before April 1.

• **13U** — This team starts Feb. 10, and players can't be 14 before April 1.

• **14U** — Also starting Feb. 10, this team is comprised of players who haven't turned 15 by April 1.

Teams will practice twice a week at the middle school and high school.

Call Diana Asumendi at (208) 936-5287 or Erica Dines at (208) 867-7411 for more information.

✓ Boys: Trojans win by double digits again

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fewer than 17 points only once during its five-game winning streak.

Marsing (0-3) trailed, 32-10, with 2 minutes, 22 seconds left in the first half after a 17-1 Homedale run that included 15 consecutive points.

Several points in the 15-0 run came off turnovers as Dillon Lowder scored six of his game-high 18 points.

"It was much the same story as a week ago," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "Turnovers and Homedale's full-court pressure caused us to get out of rhythm offensively and defensively."

The one time the Huskies were able to break Homedale's press in the second quarter, Lowder chased down Hayden Dines from behind and blocked his shot.

Lowder connected on eight of 11 field-goal attempts, including missing only once in nine attempts inside the three-point line. He was 5-for-7 from the floor in the first half, hitting his final four shots, and Homedale connected on 14 of its first 26 attempts (53.8 percent).

Connor Carter, who showed early aggression on the offensive boards, finished with seven rebounds and 15 points for Homedale. Eleven of his points came in an active first half.

Teammate Benny Schamber led the way with 11 boards, including seven on Marsing's backboards.

The Trojans widened their lead with an 18-8 spurt through the third quarter. Homedale held a 50-21 lead after 24 minutes.

Marsing junior guard Rodrigo Acuna tried to take the offense onto his shoulders late in the second quarter. He hit back-to-back jumpers about a minute apart in the final two minutes to fuel a 5-0 streak to halftime.

Acuna scores six of his game-high 10 points in the first half. Dakota Hardy added five points, and Nick Lankow chipped in four points and 10 rebounds. Lankow didn't score in the second half.



Homedale's Kincade Kincheloe puts up a shot over the defense of Billy Bowers during first-half action in Saturday night's game in Marsing.

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# Sports



Jordan Valley boys' basketball player Jett Warn looks for a clear passing lane. Photo by Tara Echave

## Warn girls' big weekend lifts Mustangs

### Jordan Valley boys split non-league games

A fast start carried Jordan Valley High School to a non-league girls' basketball victory in North Powder, Ore., on Saturday.

Andi Warn scored 16 of her 20 points over the second and third quarters during the Mustangs' 59-49 triumph against Powder Valley.

Playing its first road game of the season, Jordan Valley (2-1 overall) began the game on a 17-9 tear.

Morgan Caywood scored nine of the Mustangs' first 17 points on the way to 13 in the game.

Bailee Allen scored 17 points for the Badgers (2-2).

**Friday: Notus 68, Jordan Valley 62** — The unbeaten Pirates scored 20 points in the fourth quarter but needed late-game heroics to win a non-league game that had been tied, 48-48, after three quarters.

Alisha Rogers scored 19 points to lead four Jordan Valley players in double figures. Zoey Warn scored 17, while Andi Warn and Morgan Caywood scored 10 points each.

Jordan Valley trailed by two points at halftime, but rallied to send the game into its final eight minutes tied, 48-48.

The Mustangs were hurt by a 4-for-10 showing at the foul line.

**Boys**

**Saturday: Jordan Valley 61, Powder Valley 50** — The Mustangs played the first of four consecutive road games, beating the Badgers in a non-conference game in North Powder, Ore.

Coach Clint Fillmore's team will compete in the Union Booster Club Classic beginning Thursday.

The first of what could be a three-game stint in Union, Ore., begins with a game against the tournament host.

**Friday: Notus 43, Jordan Valley 38** — The perfect Pirates used a 17-9 run through the second quarter to get enough cushion to stymie the host Mustangs.

Jordan Valley received balanced scoring in the non-league contest with Nick Eiguren leading the way with nine points. Lee Stanford chipped in eight points, and John Echave added six.

Eiguren and Wyatt Stanford scored three-point goals for Jordan Valley.

## ✓ Adrian: Two-way first-teamer Reay earns 1A HDL Player of the Year

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season, was 1A HDL coach of the year.

Tyler Reay, a senior linebacker and wide receiver for the Antelopes, was named the league's player of the year. He also picked up first-team nods on both sides of the ball.

Reay was one of seven Adrian athletes to garner 13 first-team nominations.

Jett McCoy was a first-team selection in three facets of the game, including wide receiver, defensive end and kicker

Reagan Shira, who targeted McCoy and Reay all season, was named first-team quarterback and first-team defensive back.

Reagan's brother, Bryson, was tabbed as a first-teamer at running back and linebacker.

Adrian's offensive backfield

swept the first-team nominations as Morgan White also earned a spot to go with his first-team defensive end selection.

Colton Nielson was a two-way first-teamer at center and defensive lineman, and Chase Walker was a first-teamer on the defensive line and as a return specialist. Walker also was a second-team selection at running back.

Offensive guard rounded out

Adrian's first-team selections.

Braden Fillmore was Jordan Valley's lone first-teamer as a punter. He was also a second-team pick as a returner, running back and linebacker and got honorable mention as a kicker.

Rounding out the Adrian selections were:

**Second team** — Kenny Purnell, guard; Luke Campbell, linebacker; Mike Griffin, defensive back

**Honorable mention** — Zack Gifford, guard and defensive back; Robert Ramirez, linebacker; Pedro Santiago, defensive lineman

Other Jordan Valley picks included:

**Second team** — Russell Stanford, defensive lineman

**Honorable mention** — Jett Warn, quarterback and linebacker; Russell Stanford, guard; Lee Stanford, defensive back

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### Adrian basketball plays host to tournaments

Adrian High School junior guard Reagan Shira beats a Nyssa, Ore., junior varsity player to the basket for a layup during Saturday's final night of the Adrian tournament. The Antelopes lost, 52-47 to Monument/Dayville in Friday's opener, and no results from Saturday's game were provided.

In the girls' tournament, Adrian won the championship with a 65-26 shellacking of Harper/Huntington on Saturday. The Antelopes began the tourney with a 33-22 win over Monument/Dayville on Friday.

All scores were taken from the Oregon School Activities Association website.

Photo by Bob Radford



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

December 20, 1989

**Computer goal is reached**

Homedale Elementary School Principal Herb Fritzley reported Monday that district school patrons and students had exceeded the goal set by participating local merchants for receipt of the first two Apple computers for elementary classroom use.

School district parents and friends had turned in retail sales receipts from local stores totaling \$126,100 as of Monday, he reported. The deal offered by local merchants under the “Computer for Kids” program was to buy two Apple computers in exchange for every \$125,000 in sales receipts obtained from their combined stores.

**Paul’s to expand local store**

A plan to remodel and expand the local Paul’s Market was revealed to the Homedale City Council at its latest meeting on Dec. 13 by Stan Zatica, vice president of the grocery store chain headquartered here. Zatica submitted a rough draft of the company’s plan and sought the council’s approval to move a sewer line.

He informed the city authorities that the plan would not require the closure of the alley near the store to traffic, and said that all costs of moving the sewer line would be paid by Paul’s Market.

Edna I. Grimes, city clerk-treasurer, said later that the council members welcomed the news, and unanimously approved the relocation of affected sewer lines.

Contacted Friday about the development, Stan Zatica confirmed that the company’s tentative plan is “to remodel the store sometime in the next year to a year and a half.” The expansion will “bring the store out between 50-60 feet,” he said. Making the store bigger could possibly allow the installation of a hot deli section, he indicated.

**Miklancic up for Hall of Fame**

Fred Miklancic, a Homedale High School football standout in the early 1950s, is one of five athletes tapped for induction into the Boise State University Hall of Fame in ceremonies being planned in Boise next month.

Miklancic and the other four will be inducted into the prestigious group of BSU athletes at a public banquet on Friday, Jan. 19 at the Red Lion Inn, Riverside, with attendance limited to 250 people. Banquet tickets, priced at \$25 each, will go on sale early next month at the BSU Varsity Center ticket office, according to Carol Ladwig, assistant director of the BSU Athletic Department. The exact date for the start of ticket sales has not yet been set, Ladwig said.

Miklancic, who played fullback for the Broncos in 1953-54, helped his team secure a 17-2 win record, with one tie during two seasons of play. The school was then still a junior college and Miklancic won selection as a Junior College All-American before going on to play for the Ducks at the University of Oregon in Eugene during the remainder of his undergraduate football career. He now makes his home in Walla Walla where he is a geologist with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The only other current or former Homedale area resident ever named to the BSU Hall of Fame is HHS head football coach Jim McMillan, who was selected for the first induction group, Ladwig said.

**Job’s Daughters installs new officers**

In an installation ceremony conducted on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Masonic Temple in Homedale, Marci Carlston was coroneted as the new Honored Queen of Job’s Daughters of Bethel No. 31. Marci is a junior at Homedale High School.

With the theme of “Evergreen” and in colors of evergreen and pearl, the ceremony was based on The Story of Christmas.

Other new officers installed were: Jenny Johnstone-Senior Princess, Rikki Sargent- Junior Princess, Denise Doughty- Guide, Cara Carson- Marshall, Shauna Blessing-Recorder, Traci Bromund- Chaplain, Jen Blessing- 1<sup>st</sup> Messenger, Michelle Eason 5<sup>th</sup> Messenger.

## 50 years ago

December 17, 1964

**Jim Duncan to head C of C for next year**

Jim Duncan, vice-president of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, will be elevated to president next year succeeding Herman Koenig.

Homer Anderson, a member of the board of directors, was named vice-president, Kenneth Downing was renamed secretary-treasurer.

Anderson was re-elected to the board of directors at an election last week. Also named were Clint Smith and Leonard Flahiff. Holdover directors are Koenig, Victor Uria, Bill Bredy and Duncan. The board later met to name the new slate of officers.

Arthur VanSlyke, Central Cove, was chosen recently to replace the late Leslie R. “Buck” Selders to represent the Idaho State Horticultural Society, which joins with other farm organizations and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce in choosing an annual Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year.

**New bridge to be constructed at Indian Cove**

A new bridge will be built at Indian Cove next year, County Commissioner Kenneth Downing revealed this week.

He said the Owyhee County commissioners and the Glenns Ferry Highway District Monday entered into an agreement with Johnson, Underkofler and W. W. Briggs, consulting engineers of Nampa, to build a new Indian Cove bridge.

The new bridge, to be 620 feet long and 26 feet wide, will be of reinforced concrete and concrete piling, and erected just downstream from the present bridge.

**Mar-Pat bowling lanes new owners to hold open house**

Open house will be observed at the Mar-Pat bowling lanes Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m., by the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tolsma, who took over from Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Packer, Dec. 1.

Coffee, punch and doughnuts will be served, and door prizes will be drawn at 10 o’clock. Mr. Tolsma invites everyone to attend the open house.

“We are happy to come to Homedale and become a part of the community. We welcome everyone to our open house Saturday, whether active bowlers or not, to become better acquainted,” Mr. Tolsma declared.

He and his wife, Virginia have been residents of Meridian for 29 years and operated bowling lanes there for five years.

Their family consists of four boys, Ronald, 23, married, living in Meridian; Donald, 21, married, living at Sacramento, Calif; Tony, 17, a senior at Meridian high school; and Kim 11, who has entered the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Homedale.

**Four seniors to participate in TV quiz**

Four Homedale seniors, Mark Evans, Elaine Eidemiller, Ray Hunt and Dennis Robison were named this week to participate in a TV quiz contest.

They will meet a team from Melba High School on KTVB channel 7, Boise, at 5 o’clock today (Thursday). Another senior, Janet Kinder, is an alternate.

**Tree hunters forced home empty-handed**

A group of eight men set out Sunday, Dec. 13 to get a Christmas tree for the city, but were forced to return empty-handed after their vehicles became stuck in the snow near Wagontown.

Among the men were Kenny Downing, Larry Smith, Bob Ensley, Bill Blackman, Gary Hastriter, Verne Davis, Don Schaeffer and Bryce Peterson. Chuck Yost and his family later joined the group, but all were forced to turn back.

Kenny Downing reported that if weather permits, they will try to get a tree today or Friday, near South Mountain. If all goes well, the tree will be up and decorated some time Saturday.

## 140 years ago

December 19, 1874

ALMOST A FIRE. About half-past eight o’clock last night, Silver City was startled by that dreadful of all cries, “Fire! Fire!! Fire!!!” and flames were seen bursting from the roof of Leslie’s photograph building adjoining the Avalanche office on the north. Fortunately the night was calm, and the crowd that instantly collected soon succeeded in extinguishing the flames before much damage was done. Had the wind been blowing as it frequently does here, the greater portion of our town would doubtless now be in ashes. The fire caught from the stove-pipe and was the result of carelessness in letting it fill up with soot which sooner or later was bound to burnout. If people will not be more careful, the expenses of a City Government had better be inflicted on our town in order that measures for mutual safety can be enforced. Silver City has had many miraculous escapes from the fire fiend, but will fall a prey to the devouring element one of these days, if something be not done to check the criminal carelessness that so extensively prevails.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. The old Board of County Commissioners held its last meeting yesterday afternoon and accepted the official bonds of the incoming Sheriff, C. M. Hays, and of the Assessor-elect, R. S. Miles. Several bills against the county were allowed, and an order made to procure firewood for the use of the Court House and jail. The new Board will hold its first meeting on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1875.

AFRAID OF TELEGRAPHS. The editor of the Idaho World was recently asked to sign a petition in behalf of granting Territorial aid to extend the Nevada and Northern Telegraph line from Silver City to Idaho City. He said he would like one of “them things” well enough but he had “hearn tell that telegraph wires always brought smallpox and spotted fever, and he was afeard of the Idaho City folks ketchen sicknesses.” That editor deserves some sort of a testimonial for keeping so faithful a guard over the sanitary condition of his subscribers.

TELEGRAPH TO SOUTH MOUNTAIN. Completion of the Line - General Rejoicing in South Mountain – First Messages Sent over the Line.

About dark last evening the telegraph line was completed and put in working order between Silver City and South Mountain. The distance between the two places is about 25 miles, and our South Mountain neighbors are now in direct telegraphic communication with the outside world. Time and space are annihilated, and they now can hold instantaneous converse with every potion of the civilized globe. South Mountain rejoices over the event, and so do we. As soon as the line was in operation we received the following dispatch:

South Mountain, Dec. 18 – Editor Avalanche: We congratulate yourself and the people of Silver City on the completion of the telegraph line to this place. All here are rejoicing. Signed: S. M. Wessels, Jos. Boyer.

Within a minute’s time the following relay was flashed back:

Silver City Dec. 18 – S. M. Wessels and Jos. Boyer: Your congratulations are received, and on behalf of the people of Silver City and for myself, I rejoice with you and the good people of South Mountain over the completion of an enterprise which places you and them in direct telegraphic communication with the big outside world. Signed: W. J. Hill, Editor Avalanche.

Other telegrams were received, but want of space forbids their publication to-day. Every locality of any importance in this county is now reached by telegraph – Silver City, Fairview, Empire City, Flint District and South Mountain – and this desirable result has been brought about by the generous liberality of the citizens of the county and the indomitable energy of A. P. Minear, President of the Company, and Platte Burr, contractor and builder of the lines.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Cowboy Christmas Carol



This is the story of Tiny Slim Crachett, a genuine reprobate  
Who squandered his money and wasted his love until it was almost too late.  
He was just your typical cowboy, honest, brave and sincere  
And he lay on his bunk one Christmas Eve night belching up nachos and beer

When a vision appeared at the foot of his bed. He stared at the apparition,  
“Must be that microwave pizza I ate,” he blinked and shifted position.  
“I ain’t no pizza you commonbred fool! Your brain’s as dull as your knife.  
“I am the ghost of Christmas past, and, cowboy ... This is your life!”

The scruffy old ghost looked down at the cowboy, “I’m here for a couple of things;  
“To find some reason to salvage your soul and, in doin’ so, earn me my wings.  
“I’ve jotted some notes from the big tally book regarding your skipping on bail.  
“It says that your mother posted the bond. Is it true that she went to jail?”

“Well,” said the cowboy, “it was just for a year. I had to move in with my aunt!  
“But I got her a job when she made parole pullin’ hides at the rendering plant.”  
“Yer worse than I thought! It’s a hopeless case and me, with my wings on the line.  
“I’ve checked through yer records for somethin worthwhile. There’s really not much I can find.

“You rattle around in your sister’s ol’ truck with no visible means of support  
“If sorry and worthless came bottled in pints, you’d be good for a quart!  
“You gypo some cows and ride a few colts, do day work if all else fails.  
“Shoot pool and drink beer, rope three days a week, trade chronics at all of the sales.

“Your past is a trip through the cat box of life, a sordid collection of wrecks.  
“You’ve broke enough hearts to frighten DeBakey and written so many bad checks  
“Were they laid on the ground in a line end-to-end they’d reach further than you could point!  
“Though time is a teacher, you’ve failed the grade. I can’t see a thing that you’ve loint

“But what the heck. It’s Christmas, a time of goodwill, so I’m willin’ to skip the above  
“If we can find a single good deed you’ve done that shows kindness and love.”  
“Humm ... kindness and love...?” thought Tiny Slim Crachett, his mind beginning to race,  
“Once a rumor got started that Mother’s old farm was covered with toxic waste.

“For the sake of my mom, I rallied the press. To a man they took up her cause!  
“Greenpeace rowed up and camped on the lawn, the feminists all burned their bras!  
“I handcuffed myself to the Frigidaire! And went on a hunger strike!  
“But alas we failed. She was forced to sell at less than I would have liked.

“Thank goodness I’d just got my real estate license ’cause the place brought near ‘43’  
“Though it cost the ol’ lady twenty’two thou for commission and realtor’s fee.  
“So there’s my good deed. As simple as that you can count on me in a pinch.  
“Our problem is solved, I’m home free and clear and your wings are a lead pipe cinch!

“So, let’s drink a toast to Mom and the angels, and you, though you’re a late bloomer,  
“And hope they never find out it was me who started that ugly rumor!”

## Center for Rural Affairs Put family farmers back into Farm to School program

by Wyatt Fraas

Farm to School programs appeared in the 1990s with a three-way focus: fresh, local foods in schools; agriculture and nutrition education in classrooms; and purchases that support local family farms. Years since have seen these programs grow to include 40,000 schools and 23 million students.

However, the focus has slipped from “local family farms” to “local food.” Schools and program administrators alike don’t know the difference between nearby corporate, industrial farms and smaller, family farms that derive their income from the management and daily labor on their own land. It’s far easier for schools and administrators to define “local” than it is to define “family farm.”

Family farmers, schools, and rural communities are losing out. Family farmers lose out on income from sales when schools don’t make the distinction between food grown by a farm family and food grown by a corporation. Schools lose out when they don’t choose a farmer who can demonstrate how crops and livestock are raised. And communities lose when food dollars go to a corporation headquartered elsewhere instead of to a local family business that buys its supplies right there in the community, where the money can recirculate. In fact, family farms generate among the highest economic multipliers of all industries, which should make them the darling of economic development directors.

Hazy Farm to School program goals are a part of the problem. Goals should define a preferred local food supplier to ensure “local family farms” are truly supported.

— Wyatt Fraas and his wife live outside Coleridge, Neb. He can be contacted by email at [Wyattf@cfra.org](mailto:Wyattf@cfra.org). Established in 1973, the Lyons, Neb.-based Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action-oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

### Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

## From Washington — Sen. Mike Crapo

# New Congress should get serious about tax reform

One of my top priorities in the new Congress remains reforming our nation’s overly burdensome tax code as part of creating a competitive, national economy that encourages innovation and job growth. As I travel our state, many Idahoans ask me can Congress find consensus to reform our tax code and to pay down our massive national debt. The answer is we are making some progress on key principles, but we need Idahoans and all Americans to push for agreement to get the job done.



Congress cannot continue to kick the can down the road. The temporary tax policies enacted by Congress create inefficiency. Subject to renewal, their expiration and sometimes retroactive extension create uncertainty for American families and businesses. Plans to increase jobs and expand are put on hold when unclear tax liability lingers. While many of our international competitors have taken steps to create strong and stable incentives for research and development (R&D) in their tax codes, U.S. companies continue to be disadvantaged in their long-term planning, as the U.S. R&D credit has faced continued year-to-year uncertainty as to its status. While different U.S. businesses and industry may have their own particular priorities when it comes to comprehensive tax reform,

one area of unanimous agreement is that, if Congress can succeed in providing some much-needed certainty and stability, it can lead to a surge of new growth and investment for American businesses and American jobs.

We need to move away from the current tax code with its shortcomings, inefficiencies and waste. The most efficient and simplified tax system would be to transition to a low unified flat tax. If this is not achievable, we should completely redesign the tax code with an emphasis on lower rates, broadening the base, reducing complexity and eliminating anti-competitive provisions. In either approach, the tax reform process must take into account

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# Commentary

## Financial management Reward daughter’s turnaround with some financial help

**Dear Dave,**  
Our daughter wasn’t very responsible with money until she read your books. Now, she has really started turning her life around. Recently, she learned she needs to have some expensive dental work done. Because she just started trying to manage her money well, she doesn’t have enough saved up for the procedure or dental insurance right now. Do you think we should help by loaning her the money?

— Dianne

If she has invested her time and money into what I teach, I’d say she’s pretty serious about getting her finances in order.  
If it were me, I’d make the money for dental work a gift, not a loan, for turning her financial life around. In your description you never mentioned anything about your daughter being lazy or unwilling to work. You talked about a young lady who’s just starting to build her life, and you’re rewarding smart choices. I think that’s a great idea and will have a major positive impact!

— Dave



**Dear Diana,**  
I’ve learned, after years of writing books, doing a radio show and trying to educate folks about their finances, you can’t make people listen to you. Even with what I do for a living I don’t throw my opinion around unless someone asks.  
I think you’re smart for realizing there are some boundaries here. But there’s no reason you can’t create a situation where he can ask your opinion. You might begin with talking about some of the mistakes you’ve made in the past. This could help him connect with you, and feel more comfortable opening up about his own situation. Once he realizes you haven’t repeated the same mistakes, and have a better life for it, he might just ask how you did it. Then, the door is open!

But you can’t become preachy every time someone does something dumb. That will only hurt their feelings and cause them to tune you out completely.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. Dave’s next book, The Legacy Journey, is now available. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

**Dear Dianne,**  
I like what you’ve told me about your daughter. She doesn’t need to worry about dental insurance, though. You almost never get back what you put into those policies. It’s the kind of stuff a good emergency fund will cover.

**Dear Dave,**  
My brother and I recently received an inheritance after our mom died. He’s never been very good with money, so I was proud of him when he used his portion to pay off his debts. But then he

went out and financed a van that I know he still can’t afford. I’m afraid he’s falling right back into the same old money problems, but I don’t know how to talk to him about it.

— Diana

## Americans for Limited Government Lame duck presidency will bring out true colors

by Rick Manning

President Barack Obama has been in office for just under six years, and for the first time in his presidency he doesn’t have to worry about appeasing an electorate.  
Now we get to see his true stripes and they are unlikely to be red and white.  
With a Republican-controlled Congress, it is highly likely this president will be consumed with writing regulations and making it as hard as possible for his successor to uproot the fundamental change of America that he promised.  
Just one proof of this zeal is that unlike the past two years of George W. Bush’s administration, which was spent trying to wrap up regulatory work that had been working through the system for years, President Obama’s Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of pushing new, grandiose regulations that would impose more than an estimated \$250 billion a year in costs to the U.S. economy.  
Using oversight and the funding process, Congress has to throw sand in the gears of this government-by-fiat approach embraced by this administration.  
Obama’s lack of trustworthiness is another problem for those members of Congress who want to pass legislation.  
Experience teaches that the president is a master at se-

lecting which portions of the law he chooses to uphold and those which he ignores. Congress can put any directives into authorizing legislation that they want, but the effect of Obama’s untethering himself from his constitutional responsibilities makes these edicts meaningless.  
In the past six years, Congress should have learned that the Obama Administration cares little about complying with requests for documents, and will stonewall any and every investigation, making oversight extremely difficult.  
They can no longer give the president the benefit of the doubt, and instead need to call a steady stream of political appointees before Congressional committees forcing them to either tell the truth or perjure themselves. Obama’s vulnerability is that these political appointees all know that they are likely to be out of the Executive Branch in 2017, and the last thing they want are legal bills to fight perjury charges when they are both unemployed and unemployable.  
Congress should know that Obama is completely out of touch when it comes to negotiating with foreign governments as evidenced by his failed Middle East policy that is leading to a nuclear Iran, and his agreement with China to further shackle the U.S. economy with onerous environmental regulations while allowing the Chinese pollution machine to continue unabated for more than a decade.  
The last thing Congress should do is provide this presi-

dent with power to negotiate any trade treaties without complete and full oversight. This means denying President Obama the fast track authority that would force Congress to decide whether to approve a massive trade deal on an up or down vote without being able to strip out onerous provisions.  
Finally, Congress should have learned that President Obama really only wants to go around the country and the world making speeches and is totally disinterested in the process of governing. Rather than grow frustrated at this fact, they should place individual appropriations bills on his desk on a regular basis with some key policy riders that force him to make a choice on them. They should include policy riders and cuts to his priorities that force a real discussion about the radical direction he is taking the country. If some of his policies are derailed through this process, it would be a huge win for those who believe in limited government.  
Congress knows who and what President Obama is at this juncture of his presidency. With his out-of-control EPA, National Labor Relations Board, Labor Department and pen-created amnesty, the legislative branch much reclaim its prerogatives over the next two years, or else they may be lost forever.  
— Rick Manning is the vice president of public policy and communications of Americans for Limited Government.

## ✓ Reform: Rebuilding code from clean slate would help boost economy

From Page 20  
the dynamic effects of pro-growth reform, which would lead to a measurable increase in economic growth and dynamic revenue.  
The Bowles-Simpson Commission, on which I served, outlined proposals that create fairness in the tax code, are pro-growth, and unleash the dynamic potential of our economy. Such comprehensive tax reform would eliminate much of the complexity in the current code and lower rates for all individuals, families and businesses. Embracing this new paradigm can help generate additional revenues and economic growth and put America’s tax code in a more

competitive posture.  
My tax reform principles build on the “clean slate” approach I first endorsed as a member of the Bowles-Simpson Commission. Basic framework principles must be resolved before we can effectively evaluate each credit, deduction and exemption in the current tax code to determine which provisions have a policy justification for being added back to the blank slate tax code, at the expense of proportionately higher rates for all taxpayers.  
Our tax code is too long, complex and anti-competitive to serve as the long-term foundation for the economic growth our country needs. Without structural reform, our

potential growth and revenues will be lost. Work must continue to deliver a tax code that meets the challenges of our modern economy. We must simplify the tax code and lower tax rates to help boost innovation and growth. I will continue to make comprehensive tax reform, along with structural entitlement reform, my top fiscal priorities as we move forward into the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.  
— 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.



# Public notices

## NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessments levied by the Gem Irrigation District in 2014, for 2015, by virtue of the public notice given by the Bureau of Reclamation under Owyhee Project contract requires that payment is due in full before water will be delivered.

This assessment will become delinquent and subject to a penalty and interest unless paid before 5:00 p.m. on each one-half due date. Provided the first half of the assessment may be paid on or before December 22, 2014 and the remainder, or second half paid on or before March 16, 2015, or the delivery of said water will be withheld.

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

Connie Chadez, Secretary/  
Treasurer, Gem Irrigation District  
12/10,17/14

## NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments of the Grand View Irrigation District 2014, Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2014. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier's check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District: Dixie McDaniel, Secretary, PO Box 9, Grand View, ID 83624  
12/10,17/14

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 019382-ID / APN: RPB0020002001CA On 3/16/2015 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: THE NORTH HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, ALL IN BLOCK 2, BUTTE TOWNSITE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT NOW ON RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AND NOW KNOWN AS LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 OF ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, OF REVISED MAP OR PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 1946, AND ALL IN LOT 5 OF SECTION 34 OF TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above

referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 117 1ST STREET N, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by VICTOR MARTINEZ AND FRANCISCA OCAMPO, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP., AN OP. SUB. OF MLB&T CO., FSB, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS as Beneficiary, dated 2/28/2007, recorded 3/2/2007, as Instrument No. 260038, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 4/1/2014 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 10/31/2014 is \$69,020.89, including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (858)750-7600 DATED: 10/31/14  
12/3,10,17,24/14

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 020919-ID NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On 4/6/2015 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 1 AND THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 2 OF BLOCK 5 OF THE REVISED TOWNSITE OF BUTTE, NOW THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE

OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 101 1ST STREET SOUTH, MARSING, IDAHO 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DAWN D PRICE, A SINGLE PERSON as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Beneficiary, dated 1/24/2013, recorded 1/29/2013, as Instrument No. 279797, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 1/1/2014 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 12/2/2014 is \$73,597.85, including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (858)750-7600 DATED: 12/2/2014  
12/17,24,31/14;1/7/15

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On March 19, 2015 at the hour of 10:30AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 3, Block 2, Owyhee

Addition To Homedale, Idaho, No. 1, Owyhee County, ID

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESSES OF: 718 Marion Drive, Homedale, ID 83628 also shown of record as 718 Marion Street, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Marty L. Thornton Jr. and Maggie L. Thornton, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded December 23, 1998 as Instrument No. 226985, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$72,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.125% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated December 18, 1998. Payments are in default for the months of May 2014 through and including October 2014 in the amount of \$572.21 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$62,230.61 in Principal; Interest is \$2,025.90, subsidy granted is \$36,275.52 and fees currently assessed are \$426.48 computed through October 29, 2014 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$10.4428. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$98,506.13, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 13, 2014  
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,  
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer,  
Phone 877-947-1553 File No.: 251456 / Customer Ref No. CSC Account No 14975421

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

11/26;12/3,10,17/14

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2014-354M IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

MAGISTRATE DIVISION  
In the Matter of the Estate of **L. LONNIE GODLEVSKY**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JUANITA F. GODLEVSKY has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate, at the law offices of WHITE PETERSON GIGRAY & NICHOLS, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, ID 83687 and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2014.

By Wm. F. Gigray, III, Phone (208) 466-9272 Fax (208) 466-4405 ISB No. 1435 wfg@whitepeterson.com, Attorneys for Personal Representative  
12/10,17,24/14

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE No. CV-2014-0390 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 Estate of HARRY LEE MELTON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, KAREN RANAE JOLLEY, at 3682 River Road, Homedale, Idaho, 83628, and filed with the above-entitled Court.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.

Karen Ranae Jolley, Personal Representative, 3682 River Road, Homedale, ID 83628

FRANK W. STOPPELLO, ATTORNEY AT LAW By Frank W. Stoppello, Attorney for Personal Representative, 620 West Hays Street, Boise, Idaho 83702 Phone (208) 336-1020 Fax (208) 336-1027 Idaho State Bar No. 1270  
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# The annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas gift project for the residents of Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center

Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local "Santas" need only to select one item. Gifts may be gift wrapped and tagged with the number and item selected

**Merry  
Christmas**

## MISC. ITEMS:

Make-up,  
hand held mirrors,  
pillows,  
lotion, candy,  
spill proof cups

**Gift  
Drive  
Ends  
Dec. 22**

M1: Tune up for car, xlg t-shirts, xlg sweatsuit, can of nuts

M2: Tube socks, t-shirts (l), long sleeve western shirt, aftershave, small tee! box

M3: Chave cream, underwear (44), short sleeve shirt (snap 3x long), sweats xlg

M4: Hooded sweatshirt (xlg), winter coat, undershirt, Spanish movies/music

M5: Socks, sweatsuit (xlg), cologne, CD player, country gospel music

M6: T-shirts (xlg), underwear (36), wrangler jeans size 38x30

M7: Flannel pajama pants (xlg), gloves lg, wool scarf, silver/gold chain

M8: 3x long sweatsuit, cologne, socks, xlg card shuffler/holder

F1: Perfume, slippers (m), hat & scarf

F2: Sweatsuit (xlg), country music, CD player, candy

F3: Sweatsuit (m), undershirts (s), lotions, Basque music, teddy bear

F4: Blouse (m), pants (m), clippers (m), music box, family picture frame

F5: Old fashioned poem book, Nicholas Sparks book, fleece scarf, book stand

F6: Pants (m), blouse (m), doll or stuffed animal, music box

F7: Baby doll, sweater (m), perfume, lotion, Bible (large print)

F8: Sweater (xlg), undershirt (l), slippers (7.5), perfume, lotion, candy

F9: Pants/blouse 3x, undershirts, perfume, lotion, murder mystery movies

F10: Sweatsuit 2x, relaxation CD, musical stuffed animal, books on CD

F11: Clippers 0, undershirts (m), chocolates, slacks/blouse (m), necklace

F12: Blouse (xlg), coffee mug w/lid, sugar free candy, giant bingo cards

F13: Large print books (all types), board game, jewelry

F14: Red blouse (m), knit dress pant w/elastic waist (m), flaring bracelets, #3 reading glasses

F15: Blouse/pants (1x), button up sweater 1x, musical stuffed animal, music box

F16: Jewelry, make-up kit, perfume, digital picture frame, crocheted lap blanket

F17: Pants/blouse (m), night gown, birds/flower décor for room, jewelry

F18: Stationary, necklace (23"), BSU gear (4x), lavender scarf, greeting/thank you cards

F19: Undershirts (l), perfume, animated animal, subscription to Avalanche, fuzzy blanket, blouse/pant (l)

F20: Blouse (l), soft chocolates, enlightenment books large print, book stand

F21: BSU gear 3x, cocoa butter lotion, perfume, hooded sweatshirt 3x

F22: Sweatshirt (xlg), E-cig, pajamas tops/bottoms (l), slippers (7)

F23: Western books, chocolate covered nuts, long sleeve blouse (xlg), book stand

F24: Pants/blouse (xlg), jewelry, pajama top/bottoms (xlg), slippers (l)

F25: Shirt/pants (m), clippers 0, hair accessories, perfume, beautiful stuffed animal, music box, blanket

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