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County commerce: A look ahead





Marsing Feed and Supply employee Bailey Anderson walks into the store that opened its doors on Main Street in November.

New ventures ring in new year

Chamber leaders optimistic for economy despite 2014 closings

by Sean Chaney

The year was a mixed bag for the business communities in Marsing and Homedale, but 2015 will see a couple new ventures in the area.

Mountain View Equipment's newest location at the corner of U.S. Highway 95 and South Main Street should be ready for business on New Year's Day, according to company vice-president and general manager Randy Stewart.

Stewart says Mountain View recently sold its Caldwell facility and put up the new Homedale building to better serve customers in the area. The 13,000-square-foot building on the site formerly occupied by Valley

Machine Shop also includes roughly 2½ acres of property for equipment displays and storage space.

He calls this a "large and aggressive" move for the company, and the location will employ about 20 people in sales, service and delivery departments.

Stewart says the biggest hurdle Mountain View faced was the arctic blast the area saw

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2014: A look back Year marked by triumphs, transition

Preserving natural resources and natural beauty were focal points for Owyhee County residents in 2014.

Agricultural producers made their water stretch as irrigation officials worried through another year of drought.

The low water in the Owyhee Reservoir forced officials to cut water allotments by more than half compared to a normal year, and farmers tried to keep crops viable with just 1.7 acre-feet of

By the end of the growing

season, South Board of Control manager Ron Kiester was grateful for the producers' prudent usage. It would be the last great worry for Kiester in a long career with the South Board. He retired after 30-plus years in the fall.

Ranchers in the Bureau of Land Management's Owyhee Resource Area continued their battles with the federal agency to head-off massive grazing allotment reductions. The

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Museum director to start Monday

Original hire withdrew acceptance earlier

The Board of County Commissioners has hired a University of Idaho graduate to run the county museum.

At their Dec. 22 meeting, county commissioners approved Meridian resident Amy Johnson as the new director for the Owyhee County Historical Museum. County clerk Angie Barkell said Johnson will start the job on Monday.

Johnson was hired after commissioners interviewed three candidates on Dec. 17, more than a week after another man who had accepted the job pulled out of consideration.

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South Board hires manager

The South Board of Control has found its new manager.

Board chair Rick Smith confirmed Monday that Clancy Flynn from Othello, Wash., has been hired to succeed Ron Kiester.

Flynn, who will begin looking for housing in the area, starts in the position for the irrigation district on Jan. 20.

Kiester retired at the end of November after more than 30 years with the Homedale-based irrigation district.



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New Year's Day closures scheduled

New Year's Day brings another closed until Tuesday. round of holiday closures for Owyhee County's various governmental agencies and other services.

Emergency services — All emergency service agencies, including Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Homedale Police and various fire, medical and ambulance services will be in operation Thursday.

County government - Owyhee County offices will close at 3 p.m. today for New Year's Eve. All offices will be closed Thursday for New Year's Day, but both the courthouse in Murphy and the Marsing county annex will reopen on Friday.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold its first regular meeting of the new year at 9 a.m. on Monday.

City government — City Hall in Marsing and Grand View will be closed New Year's Day with Homedale and Marsing reopening at 8 a.m. on Friday. Grand View City Hall, which is typically closed on Fridays, will reopen on Monday morning.

Garbage service — Westowns Disposal Inc. customers who usually have Thursday or Friday pickup will have their service delayed by one day.

Banks — US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are closed Thursday.

Homedale, Marsing, Jordan Valley and Adrian schools — Students return from winter break on Monday.

Bruneau-Grand View School District — Students return from break on Tuesday.

Owyhee County Historical Museum — The museum is

Homedale Public Library — The library will be closed New Year's Day, but will reopen at 11 a.m. on Friday.

Lizard Butte Library - Marsing's public library is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and will be closed New Year's

Eastern Oregon County **Library** — Grand View's public library is closed until Monday.

Bruneau Valley Library - This library is closed

Homedale Senior Center — The senior center will be closed on New Year's Day and will reopen Tuesday.

Marsing Senior Center — The senior center reopens Monday.

Rimrock Senior Center — The senior center in Grand View is typically open only on Tuesday and Thursday each week, but will be closed Thursday.

Paul's Market — Regular hours will be observed on New Year's Eve, including 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the grocery and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the pharmacy. The store is open regular hours on New Year's Day, but the pharmacy will be closed all day.

Logans Market — The Marsing grocery store is open regular hours (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office - The office will be closed on New Year's Day, but will reopen

Deadlines for the Jan. 7 edition, including letters to the editor, display advertising, legal notices and classified advertising, remain the same.

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"Basically we're trying to find middle ground that doesn't hammer Idaho communities in terms of these rapidly changing water standard requirements, especially when one state can dictate to another state what the water quality is."

— Lindsey Nothern, Sen. Mike Crapo spokesman on similar situation in N. Idaho

Commissioners take stance against proposed EPA action

BOCC worries Idaho creek could be regulated by Oregon rules

County commissioners continue to keep a close watch on what they see as a rogue federal agency.

Commissioners are concerned about how the Environmental Protection Agency could be empowered if proposed regulations for Jordan Creek become reality.

Time is running out to provide comment on the EPA's proposed total maximum daily load for mercury levels in the Jordan Creek watershed. The public can provide comment on the federal government's proposal until Jan.

Written comments can be sent to Helen Rueda, EPA Oregon Operations Office, 805 SW Broadway, Ste. 500, Portland OR, 97205 or emailed to rueda. helen@epa.gov.

The Board of County Commissioners recently met with representatives from the offices of Sen. Jim Risch and Rep. Raúl Labrador to discuss the TMDL proposal, which came about after the EPA disapproved the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's TMDL benchmark in April 2011.

The EPA rejected the DEQ's TMDL, saying it didn't sufficiently protect the creek. The rejection put the onus on the federal agency to establish a TMDL.

The EPA has set TMDL targets

for the level of mercury that is found in fish tissue for human health concerns and the level of mercury found in the water out of concern for aquatic life in the watershed.

The EPA wants to see no more than 0.04 milligrams (mg) of mercury for every kilogram (kg) of fish tissue, which is nearly 10 times lower than the 0.3 mg/ kg ratio set forth in the DEQ

The EPA's draft TMDL for aquatic life is even more stringent at 0.012 micrograms (mcg) of mercury per liter of water. That TMDL is identical to the EPA's 2011 TMDL, but is nearly 300 percent lower DEQ's 0.3 milligrams-per-liter level established in 2010.

In thank you letters to Risch and Labrador, the county commissioners voiced concern that there is little data on the point sources for the mercury contamination in the watershed.

County commissioners are concerned about the point source because the proposed TMDL seems to focus on the influences of the Kinross-Delamar Mine remediation project while ignoring other possible point sources, such as cement factories in Oregon.

"Because of the agency's failure to locate the point sources of the mercury found in the

watershed as well as the large quantities of naturally occurring mercury and the large quantity of atmospherically deposited mercury, the agency will never achieve the goals set forth in the draft," the commissioners wrote in their letters to the congressional delegates.

Implementation of the regulations, the commissioners say, will be detrimental to the county's natural resource industries such as grazing, logging and mining.

The commissioners also worry that private property within the watershed will be affected by the regulations as well.

Commissioners also have voiced concern that the EPA is basing its proposed TMDL on State of Oregon water quality guidelines because Jordan Creek flows west across the state line. The commissioners' letter points out that Oregon hasn't enforced its own regulations.

Lindsay Nothern, Sen. Mike Crapo's spokesman, said staffers from his boss' office have been active in a similar dispute regarding water flowing from North Idaho into Washington

"Basically we're trying to find middle ground that doesn't hammer Idaho communities in terms of these rapidly changing water standard requirements, especially when one state can dictate to another state what the water quality is," Nothern said.





City council members on Grand View's new **P&Z** commission

Board holds next meeting Monday

Now that the Grand View Planning and Zoning Commission is seated, members will begin discussions about a comprehensive plan and other needs.

The P&Z commission meets at 6 p.m. on Monday at Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

City Clerk Tammy Payne said that a comprehensive plan and, if needed, a zoning ordinance are among the first pieces of business for the commission

Dan Thompson serves as chair of the board. He's a retired farmer who lives in the town's area of impact. Thompson has lived in the area since 1981.

Thompson said he joined the P&Z because he wants to contribute to the community, and he wants people to know that even if you have a disability you can still contribute to your

Two of the P&Z members — Linda Araujo and Jim Burnett - also serve as Grand View city councilpersons.

Burnett is an agricultural truck driver and a retired contractor who has lived in the city limits for four years.

Araujo owns a small business and has been a Grand View resident for four decades. She also is a homemaker and a community

Araujo said she joined the P&Z to bring positive growth to Grand

Opal Ward, a former mayor and city councilperson, has lived in the Grand View community for 34 years. She's a retired businesswoman and farmer and a longtime community volunteer.

Local businessman Bob Swenson lives in the area of impact. Like Ward, he is a longtime community volunteer. He is retired from Simplot.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 10 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 476 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 10 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 71,999 acrefeet of water on Monday.

Note — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 3 p.m. Monday (Yearto-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

Homedale library's Story Time returns Friday

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After taking a break for Christmas the Homedale Public Library's weekly children's story program returns.

The next Story Time will feature "Gingerbread Friends" by Jan Brett at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Story Time takes place at 10:15 a.m. each Friday unless postponed because of a holiday.

All children are invited, and the

event always includes the story, songs, refreshments and crafts.

The library, located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., will be closed New Year's Day.

It's typically open from 1

p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through 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. For more information, call 337-4228.

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√ Museum: BOCC acts fast after second interview round

late November, but wasn't going to start the new job until Jan. 5, after he finished the semester of study at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Earlier this month, Asche withdrew his acceptance of the museum job because he was offered a better-paying job at ISU where he is a graduate student. Barkell said Asche had taken the he had assumed he didn't get in the spring.

Monte Asche had been hired in the ISU job. Ashce apparently interviewed for the job in Pocatello in August, but hadn't heard back in the months since.

> County commissioners began the search for a new museum director earlier this year after an agreement was reached with the Owyhee County Historical Society regarding an employee handbook.

The museum has been without a director since the county Owyhee County position because commissioner fired Joe Demshar





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Year: County commissioners stay the same; mayoral posts see change

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Owyhee 68 permit court saga with Joyce Livestock Co. was ongoing at year's end.

Ranchers and private property owners received better news on another front involving the BLM as the Boise District Resource Advisory Committee's subcommittee recommendation on sighting for Segments 8-9 of the Gateway West electrical transmission line was accepted. That meant that the Idaho Power-Rocky Mountain Power 500kilovolt power line proposal should cover primarily public land on its route through Owyhee County to a terminus at the Hemingway substation outside Wilson. The BLM's final decision isn't expected for another two years, though.

Owyhee County rancher Brenda Richards began a two-year term as Public Lands Council president, and the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association welcomed Homedale's Ken Bahem as its new president and named Riddle ranchers Pete and Nancy Jackson as the organization's newest honorary life members.

Another Owyhee rancher, Tim Lowry, and his wife Rosemary received the Farm Bureau President's Cup for their work to preserve their industry, including their role in beating the federal government in a protracted stock water rights court battle along

Political changes

Three new mayors took office in Owyhee country, too.

Gheen Christoffersen was sworn in as Homedale's new chief executive along with new councilpersons Vonnie Harkins and Kim Murray.

Franklin Hart took the oath of office as Grand View's new mayor, and the town also got a new councilman in James Burnett, while incumbents Linda Araujo and Marie Hipwell started new

In Marsing, Cory Percifield started his first term on the council and Aron Streibel was sworn in for his second.

Later in the year, Marie Kershner was appointed mayor of Jordan Valley after longtime chief executive Jake Roe resigned to take a job in Hells Canyon.

Both Jordan Valley and Adrian held city council elections in November. Mary Aguila won re-election and Sheila Quintero and Michael White earned first terms in Jordan Valley. In Adrian, Adele Dockter and Bob Radford won four-year terms, while S L "Mickey" Webb was elected to a two-year term.

Joe Merrick remained chair of the Board of County Commissioners in January. In

November, Kelly Aberasturi (District 2) and Jerry Hoagland (District 1) were re-elected to the board. Brett Endicott and Brenda Richards were re-elected county assessor and county treasurer, respectively. Angie Barkell (county clerk) and Aaron Tines (coroner) earned four-year terms after being appointed to finish the terms of their predecessors.

Educational challenges

The era of a five-day school week among the county's largest school districts ended in August when Homedale School District began a four-day school

Bruneau-Grand View School District patrons passed a one-year, \$600,000 supplemental levy that would get the district through the 2014-15 school year and ensure that all three campuses would remain open. Before the levy was passed in August, the school board had already consolidated elementary schools in Bruneau and Grand View with the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School campus. The district office also was moved to the high school campus after a two-year supplemental levy failed in two elections earlier in the year. The district office remains at the high school, while the one-year levy ensured that school sports would remain intact.

Homedale school trustees agreed to set a March election to seek a renewal of the 10-year plant facility levy that raises \$150,000 in property tax revenue each year.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge began his new job as school resource officer in the Homedale district in January.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office hired Jaime Wood as a school resource officer for the Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View districts. The hiring was part of a new focus on security in Marsing after a 21-year-old California man rushed into the high school building while trying to elude sheriff's deputies after a high-speed pursuit in January.

Marsing Middle School principal Allen "Skeeter" Duby resigned his post in June and Jacob Skousen greeted students as new building administrator in August.

City councils make moves

Poultry was an important topic for city councils in Homedale and Marsing. The Homedale council lifted an eight-year ban on chickens in the city limits, while Marsing city leaders banned

The City of Marsing and Owyhee County continued to tussle over a law enforcement contract. Although offers were made, no contract was completed.

Marsing brought its methanesiphoning project online when a membrane to store methane extracted from the city water supply was erected.

The Grand View City Council absorbed the Grand View Water and Sewer Association. Later in the year, the council appointed a Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Welcome to Homedale sign finally went up at the city's eastern entrance while talk still swirled about a King's Department Store location coming to town.

A permanent override levy election for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District failed twice before district officials learned that a clerical error at the county clerk's office had shorted the district more than \$13,000 in tax revenue over the past decade.

Centennial celebrations

Hundreds gathered in Homedale for the centennial celebration of the Austrian Settlement, and a monument went up in Bette Uda City Park commemorating the eight original families.

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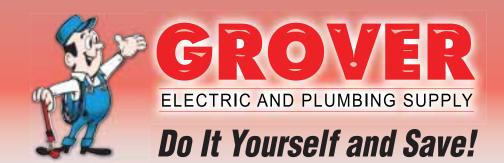
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Farm equipment from various manufacturers is parked outside the Mountain View Equipment location in Homedale as the finishing touches are put on the new building.

Ventures: Homedale Chamber optimistic; Marsing works on marketing

in November. Those temperatures froze the ground, making further construction at the time impossible, which set the project back by two or three weeks. The Russell Corp., a Meridian-based construction firm, was the general contractor.

The City of Homedale also obtained a Gem Grant and extended a sewer main to serve the area that includes the Mountain View store.

Mountain View carries brands such as New Holland, CLAAS, Massey Ferguson, Hesston, MacDon, and PARMA.

Marsing Feed and Supply recently opened across 3rd Avenue West from Marsing Hardware and Pump.

Store manager Danny Bowers has been relying on word of mouth for advertising, but says a grand opening is planned for mid-January or early February. Stace Anderson serves as assistant manager.

The business is essentially an extension of Marsing Hardware and Pump across the street, which has owned the building housing the new store since 1984. The new store covers 1,200 square feet with another 1,200 square feet of overstock area.

Anderson says the best-selling items are chicken scratch, chicken pellets and dog food, probably in that order. The store also carries supplies to repair fences, stock tanks and rabbit food along with horse feed among other farming necessities.

Sometime in the spring, staff will set up a greenhouse and might start selling baby chicks. Though its front door faces 3rd Avenue West, the store is located at 300 Main St., and can be reached by phone at 896-4293.

Mountain View's opening is just part of the good news for Homedale's business climate, Gavin Parker said.

He also pointed out that 2014 brought the openings of Chily's Boutique (a clothing store), L & L Meats, Donna's Thrift Shop and Charro's Mexican restaurant.

Homedale city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram confirms those openings but also points out that two businesses underwent name changes.

Latah Motors became Vista Auto Sales while Pruett Lumber switched to A & S Lumber as Antone and Sumr Badiola took over ownership from her father, Dennis Pruett.

On the other hand, Homedale lost The Cowboy Store on West Owyhee Avenue, which Parker says only lasted six months or so. The city also saw the demise of KJM Artistic Design and The Owyhee Scoop, both of which occupied the same building on East Idaho Avenue. The building

Chamber of Commerce president owner let the lease expire, and has the vacant property up for sale.

> Another car dealership, Homedale Motors, closed its doors at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and South Main Street.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce secretary Ellen Boatman says the community benefited from the opening of a Family Dollar location, a Subway sandwich shop, Agri-Service and Marsing Feed and Supply.

However, D&J Grill on Main Street reverted back to the previous owners, who changed the Main Street eatery's name back to Caba's Restaurant.

Parker said job No. 1 in Homedale for 2015 is finishing the Welcome to Homedale gateway sign at the town's main entrance at U.S. 95 and East Idaho Avenue. Work planned early in the year includes stone work around the wooden pillars, landscaping and at least one flagpole. Design

work for the flag display as well as fundraising for the project will be focal points early in the new

In terms of the economic outlook, Boatman admits it is frustrating that Marsing isn't hearing about any new businesses interested in setting up shop in town next year. She says the Chamber is focused on getting the word out on how Marsing is friendly to any new ventures and puts a priority on supporting both entrepreneurs and customers.

Parker echoes those thoughts. He says Homedale's economy continues to improve with agriculture and ranching being the driving force behind businesses.

Parker thinks the downtown core is very healthy but a few storefronts are still empty and some have been for years. With that in mind, he says there is always room for growth and improvement.

Year: Teachers saluted for years of service; residents receive accolades

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its 100th anniversary with a wellattended open house in August.

In other school personnel news, 10-year Homedale FFA advisor Lori Idsinga moved on, and longtime Homedale Elementary School teachers Shalla Dovle and Marilyn Maybon retired.

Idsinga's successor, ag education veteran Sue Poland, was honored for her work with a National Association of Agricultural Educators outstanding service citation in November.

Sherry Jaca and Juli Sinclair left the Jordan Valley School District after lengthy teaching careers.

Sam Stone assumed the helm of the Homedale schools music program and led the high school marching band to a second-place finish at the Kuna Gold meet in October. Under the guidance of Dawn Sandmeyer, the Marsing marching band was third in Kuna and third at the USBands Marine Corps Invitational in Caldwell. The HHS band also won a divisional championship at the District III Festival in Boise.

The Masons of Silver City Lodge No. 13 named John Barenburg of Marsing Elementary and Matt Holtry of Homedale high and middle schools as their 2013-14 teachers of the year.

Celia Tindall was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Career and Technical Educators of Idaho. She retired as consumer sciences teacher at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

Changes at the top

Former Eastern Owyhee County Library director Kathy Chick took over as administrator at the Rimrock Senior Center when Karon Nichols retired. Tammy Gray became the new library director in Grand View.

Veteran Homedale Fire Department volunteer Dennis Uria assumed the post of fire chief after Scott Salutregui retired from the service.

The Board of County Commissioners fired Owyhee County Historical Museum director Joe Demshar in the

After establishing a memorandum of understanding between the county and the Owyhee County Historical Society, the commissioners hired Meridian resident Amy Johnson as the new museum director Parade in November. in December. She'll start next Asche, vacated his acceptance earlier in the month.

Owyhee County residents Alan and Debra Lindner hosted their 31st and final crawdad feed at the Blue Canoe Restaurant in Guffey.

Honored neighbors

Homedale brothers Darren and Tony Uranga won the North American Basque Organization National Mus Tournament, qualifying them for a trip to Mexico for the world tournament.

Marsing truck driver William "Bill" Hill Jr. qualified for the national driving championships again. This time around, he finished second in the 5-axle van class in Pittsburgh in August.

Grand marshals in county parades included Bob Swenson and Bill Mead for Grand View Days in June and Margie Isaguirre for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade in August. Laura Bowman served as grand marshal for the Marsing Night Light

Marsing resident Jeannie Marie week. Johnson was hired after Drennon was honored with the the county's first choice, Monte Caldwell Fine Arts Support of the Arts Award for her work with the Caldwell Centennial Band.

> Jaycee Engle of Melba was named Owyhee County Rodeo

> Phyllis Sayers rode in the Homedale Homecoming parade as grand marshal.

> The Marsing FFA marketing team of Logan Jensen, Courtney Bryant and Audra Kendall placed fifth at the national competition in Louisville, Ky.

> Rich Cartney won the Administrator of the Year Award from the American Association of **Nursing Assessment Contractors** for his work at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation in Homedale. Months later, Cartney transferred to a Pocatello facility. OHR also won a Jean L. Schoonover Award

from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for the 18th consecutive year.

Homedale High School graduate Hannah Johnson began a 27-month stint with the Peace Corps in Morocco.

Tori Nash, an HHS senior, received congressional nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Cousins Eric Sanchez and Edmy Vega became the first Homedale High School seniors to win Gates Millennium Scholarships in the same school year.

Crime and punishment

Marsing resident Rodney Bibbey was sentenced to as many as 50 years in prison for killing his wife Trina Bibbey.

Jacob Howard Canoy, 35, was charged with vehicular manslaughter among other crimes after his girlfriend, 21-year-old Sara Bronson, died in March when the SUV he was driving rolled during an off-road accident near Reynolds Creek Road. Canoy awaits a trial early next year after mediation was unsuccessful.

Death notices

MICHAEL A. ATKINSON, 31, of Melba, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014 at a local hospital of natural causes. Pending arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

NICHOLE KAY BOUTTIER, 24, of Marsing, died Friday Dec. 26, 2014, at her home. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

DOROTHEA DOT HUETT, 92, of Parma, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014, at a Homedale care center. Graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 at the Roswell Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell (208) 459-3629

JOHN HARVEY PERKINS, 66, a Boise resident formerly of Homedale, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, from injuries sustained in a hit-and-run accident in Boise. Graveside services were held Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Services were under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school

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Jan. 5: Hamburger, french fries, veggie & fruit bar

Jan. 6: Pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie & fruit bar

Jan. 7: Orange chicken, steamed rice/broccoli, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school

Jan. 5: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, cheese stick, salad & fruit bar

Jan. 6: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, corn, salad & fruit bar

Jan. 7: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad & fruit bar

Homedale High

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school

Jan. 5: Personal pan pepperoni pizza or roast beef sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

Jan. 6: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, egg roll, steamed rice, salad bar, fruit choice

Jan. 7: Spaghetti & bread stick or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school

Jan. 5: Pulled pork sandwich, enchilada & rice, baked sweet potato pie, salad bar & soup

Jan. 6: Chicken parmesan, fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding, salad bar & soup

Jan. 7: Cheeseburger, chicken nuggets, roll, potato wedge, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

Dec. 31-Jan. 5: No school

Jan. 6: Chicken wrap, steamed carrots, fruit, pudding

Jan. 7: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, peas, breadstick, fruit

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Bread and milk served every day Dec. 31: BBQ pork, mashed potatoes, spinach

Marsing Senior Center

Dec. 31-Jan 2: Center closed

Rimrock Senior Center

Dec. 31-Jan 6: Center closed

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Obituary

Phillip Walter Geertson

Phillip Walter Geertson was born March 28, 1939 to Rolf and Bess Geertson in Klamath Falls, OR. When he was five, he and his family moved from Malin, OR to a homestead a few miles west of Homedale, ID. He grew up working on the family farm, hunting and fishing with his father, mother and older brother.

Phillip graduated from Homedale High School in 1956. He went on to attend Boise Junior College (Boise State University) where he majored in Civil Engineering. During his time at BJC he met Marilyn Campbell; they married a short time later. Phillip transferred to the University of Colorado, Boulder where he received his engineering degree. He then worked as a Structural Engineer for transportation departments in Colorado, Washington and Idaho designing bridges. The most notable is the Astoria-Megler Bridge over the Columbia River at Astoria.

He also started his own business manufacturing and selling bee boards using drilling machines he invented. He sold this business. and in 1972, Phillip and Marilyn and their five children moved to the farm they purchased near Adrian, Oregon; it was located a few miles from the farm that he was raised on. In addition to farming and leveling land, he continued working in the bee business by inventing and patenting machines to re-drill bee boards. Over the course of the next 30 years he added to the farm. He specialized in growing



alfalfa seed and developed his own seed varieties. This eventually developed into a vertically integrated seed company where his varieties of seed were grown, cleaned and bagged on the farm, and then sold and delivered to farmers nationwide and as far away as New Zealand. He spent many winters traveling across the country building his company. Phillip especially enjoyed meeting farmers across the country and developed long-lasting friendships with many. He was a longtime member of the Farm Bureau and the Idaho-Oregon Seed Growers Association

In 2005 he joined with The Center For Food Safety in a lawsuit against Monsanto for damages to Geertson Seed Farms due to Roundup Ready alfalfa. This lawsuit was heard by the United States Supreme Court and was the first ruling on genetically engineered crops. Phillip donated his name to the cause but received no part of the settlement with Monsanto. He continued his fight against GMOs for the rest of his life, appearing at many events

around the world as the keynote speaker and guest of honor.

Phillip was always fascinated with mining, especially gold. While running the farm, seed business and raising a family, he prospected and mined in Nevada and Alaska. His last projects were a gold mining venture in Alaska and a continuation of the gold claim on Star Creek in Nevada.

During the last few years of his life, he found companionship with Judith Mixon. They enjoyed traveling and working their blueberry farm in Sherwood, OR. When Phillip got sick, she stayed by his side and cared for him until the end.

Phillip is survived by his brother, Ron Geertson; his five children, JoAnn Behrends, Janet Rangel, Steve Geertson, Leslie Mon Belle and Carol Chadwick; sixteen grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother who died in infancy, his wife, Marilyn, and his son-in-law, Douglas Behrends. His family was the most important thing to him and he will be missed. One of his greatest sources of pride were his children.

On November 24, 2014 he lost his long and courageous battle with cancer in a Portland, OR area hospital. He was stubborn to the end, choosing to pass on his own terms.

Phillip did not want a funeral service so a memorial gathering was held in Greenleaf, ID at the Community Center on Saturday, December 27, 2014, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



From left: Royce Mitchell, Paul Ellis, Philip Batton and Doug Wiley

Gospel quartet to perform Sunday at Mtn. View Nazarene

The traditional Southern Gospel quartet Liberty will perform at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on Sunday.

The Meridian-based group will sing at 10:30 a.m. at the church, 26515 Ustick Road between Homedale and Wilder. A love offering will be accepted to support the group's ministry.

Liberty's members include Royce Mitchell, bass; Philip Batton, tenor; Doug Wiley, lead/

baritone; and Paul Ellis, baritone/lead.

Liberty currently averages up to 50,000 to 70,000 miles a year and two recordings projects each year. They sing at large conventions including the Great Western, Southern Gospel Fan Festival, Pacific Gospel Music Associations, and the Gospel Music Fan Festival in Canada. Liberty has also had the opportunity to share the platform

with groups such as Gaither Vocal Band, Legacy Five along with many other groups. 150 performances for church services, nursing homes, prisons, and other ministries. But, Liberty also cherishes the opportunity to connect with people and make new friends wherever they go.

For more information on the group, call (208) 938-9364 or visit the website www.libertyquartet.

Have a SMART plan to attain goals

So you've arranged your New Year's Eve plans to be ringing them in with family and friends, but you're already dreading your

New Year's resolutions. The thought itself is starting to burden your step, and you are not quite sure why. It might be the perfect time to take pause



Surine Greenway

and consider what is creating this sudden fear or anxiety. Have you had issues in the past with maintaining your New Year's resolutions? Is someone in your life strongly encouraging you to make some, even though it's really not your "thing?" Well, if you are serious about creating and working towards accomplishing them, one great start is to use the "SMART" goal-setting method.

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A SMART goal should be: Specific — consider who, what, when where, why and how in developing the goal

Measurable—include a numeric or descriptive measurement

Achievable — consider the resources needed and set a realistic goal

Relevant — make sure the goal is consistent with the mission

Time-bound — set a realistic deadline.

If you were already considering the work it was going to be to make your New Year's resolutions themselves, you may seem off-put by the steps in a SMART goal, but you shouldn't be. When these simple steps are used in the creation of the resolution (or goal), and paired with simple actions, the potential to reach the resolution or goal will be more attainable. The reason is because as we draft plans, sometimes we don't think about the details that must be a part of the completion, but with the SMART goal-setting strategy, it encourages the creator to really consider what will be required to accomplish the goal.

This method can be used for resolutions focused on healthy living — fitness and nutrition, financial management and so much more. It can also be used as a tool to educate youth.

— 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. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. "Legally Secure Your Financial Future: Organize, Communicate, Prepare," 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

Friday

Story Time

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

Saturday

Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6h St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

Southern gospel concert

10:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting

2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.

Grand View P&Z Commission meeting

6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

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 bridge

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

Wednesday,

Military veterans coffee

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

Thursday, Jan. 8

County Waterways Committee meeting

10 a.m., Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy.

Blood pressure clinic

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

Owyhee Conservation District meeting

10 a.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Senior center exercise class

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

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting

1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Marsing P&Z meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1

Friday, Jan. 9

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

Saturday, Jan. 10

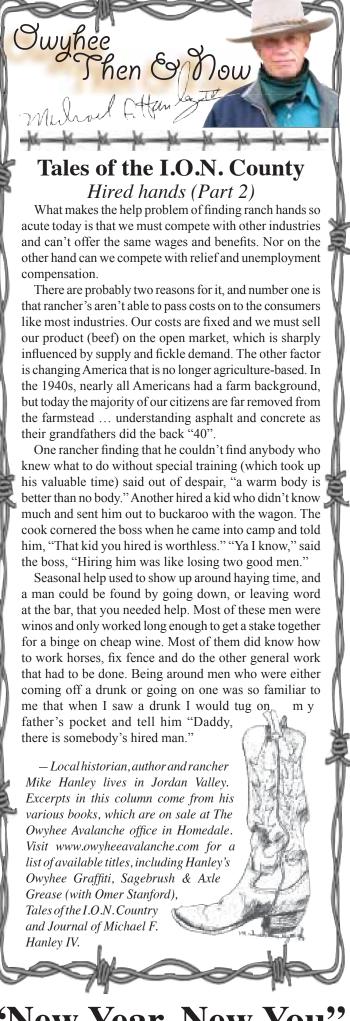
Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Marsing Lions bingo

6:45 p.m., early bird game, 7 p.m. regular game, \$15 for one set, \$5 for each additional set, \$5 early bird game, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page.



"New Year, New You" class begins next week

Time is running out to register for a self-improvement course offered through a partnership between Lizard Butte Library and the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

"New Year, New You!" classes start Tuesday and will run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Tuesday until Feb. 10. The class will be held at the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

Space is limited for the class. and registration costs \$25.

The program focuses on helping people maintain their fitness and healthy nutrition and manage their personal and family finances.

For more information on the class, including details on how to register, contact Owyhee County Extension instructor Surine Greenway at surineg@uidaho. edu or (208) 896-4104.

Childcare for children 3 years old and older will be provided.

Greenway is looking for volunteers ages 13 and older, including adults, to help with the childcare. Call (208) 896-4014 for more information.

The Extension office is closed Thursday for New Year's Day.

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Deputies arrest women for domestic battery

Two women were arrested after separate domestic disturbances last week.

On Saturday, an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy responding to a call after 2 a.m. in Homedale found a suspect standing naked in a doorway as she argued with a man.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 28-year-old Gloria Santana of Homedale was taken into custody on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Bowman said a Deputy Chris Even responded to the 200 block of North 5th Street West in Homedale because the local police officer had just gone off duty. The chief deputy said that

respond, but Even had already started the case. Bowman said Santana allegedly

tried to hit the male victim with a

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller did

stick, but he managed to barricade himself in a bedroom.

Santana then apparently began stabbing at the bedroom door with a fillet knife. Bowman said.

Bowman said a young child was at home during the disturbance but didn't witness any of the altercation.

Shortly before 8:30 p.m. on Christmas, another woman was arrested on a charge of domestic battery in the presence of a child after a deputy and Homedale Police officer responded to a call in the 100 block of 1st Street North in Marsing.

Heather Hanson, 45, allegedly went to her estranged husband's house, battered him and took their child, Bowman said.

Because the couple hasn't begun custody proceedings, there will be no custodial interference charges, Bowman said.

Another sheriff's patrol vehicle damaged

Another Owyhee County Sheriff's Office vehicle has received damage.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a patrol pickup driven by Deputy Chris Even received damage to its bumper and rear quarter panel Monday morning.

Bowman said Even was conducting a "BLM-type patrol" around 4:20 a.m. when he came to a large puddle in the middle of road.

Rather than continue to drive through the puddle, which Bowman characterized as "a lake" for emphasis, Even decided to back up.

At that point, he hit a rock, damaging the vehicle.

It was the fifth incident of a OCSO patrol vehicle receiving damage this year. Some of the other incidents have involved run-ins with deer.

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Christmas comes early to Owyhee Health and Rehab



Santa Claus helps an Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation resident unwrap a present on the morning of Christmas Eve.



Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation activities assistant Dola MacLeod, left, and Shandy Crossley, a CNA transport, visited The Owyhee Avalanche office Dec. 22 to pick up presents donated by community members. Items collected through the Avalanche gift drive and the Last Chance Saloon's annual benefit were distributed Christmas Eve.



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Concealed weapons class scheduled in Homedale

A concealed-carry weapons class geared toward women will be offered in Homedale on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The registration fee will be \$50 for the class, which is also open to men. A gun range day will be scheduled when warmer weather arrives. The range day will include an additional fee.

The class will be held at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. There are no age restrictions.

The class is focused on selfdefense and home defense and not hunters education. Shelley Miller, the owner of the Templar Exchange in Kuna, will teach the class.

The classroom portion of the instruction will cover firearms safety rules, nomenclature, safe handling, shooting fundamentals (stance, grip and more), concealment options, morality considerations and laws for carrying in and out of the home.

No firearms are necessary for the classroom portion, and no live ammunition will be allowed.

For more information on the class, call Andrea McRae at 880-6086.



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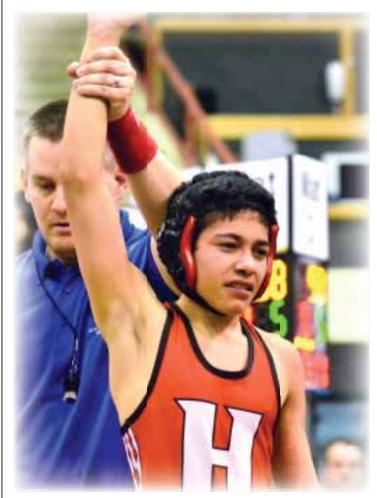
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Adrian wrestlers ready to make mark

2014: A look back





State champions remembered

Only a handful of high school athletes each year get to put the title "state champion" on their resume.

In 2014, area athletes won a slew state championships in three sports, including, clockwise from left:

Andy Montes, Homedale, 3A Idaho 98 pounds wrestling

Adrian High School, 1A Oregon football champion Noah Grossman, Marsing (with coach Jon Nelson), 2A Idaho 220 pounds wrestling champion

Not pictured:

Adrian High School 1A Oregon boys' track and field Bryson Shira, Adrian, boys' 400 and 800 meters Reagan Shira, Adrian, boys' triple jump



Athletes mined precious medals, memories

With 2014 being the 50th anniversary of the first airing of "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer," it's fitting that a look back at the year's sports highlights would be filled with silver and gold — and a dash

Young rodeo stars were the most successful during the year.

The high school rodeo season saw Marsing's Austin Williams finish second at the National High School Finals Rodeo in July after repeating as bareback state champion a month earlier. Homedale's Bo Pickett and Melba's Janey Reeves also reached the NHSFR short go.

Williams also led a slew of District 2 champions that included Rimrock's Zach Tindall and Adrian's Tyler Reav. Williams, Jordan Valley team roper Tyler Eiguren, Marsing bull rider Ricky Sullivan and Homedale tie down roper Bo Pickett qualified for the National High School Finals Rodeo in July.

Williams also won the Owyhee County



Historic season

Homedale High School's boys' basketball team put together one of the longest winning streaks in program history en route to a second-place finish in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament in March.

Rodeo's bareback championship in Rising Stars roping in Oklahoma. August.

In November, Pickett won the prestigious

Two professional rodeo competitors with Homedale ties — Jamie Marts and Matt Nauman — collected championships at the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Finals in September in

In team sports, Adrian High School football team turned in the top story, going undefeated to win the school's first 1A Oregon state championship in the sport.

Adrian also won the boys' track and field state title in the spring.

Individually, two Adrian athletes brothers, in fact — won three state track crowns. Bryson Shira captured the 400 meters and 800 meters titles, and Reagan won the triple jump championship and was second in the 110 hurdles and 300

Marsing High School's Noah Grossman and Homedale's Andy Montes won state championships in 2A and 3A wrestling, respectively. Homedale senior Jovan Cornejo collected a silver medal.

— See **Memories**, page 12

Sluggish start dooms JV boys

Limited to just two field goals in the first eight minutes, Jordan Valley High School was unable to come back in a non-league boys' basketball loss to Burns.

Senior guard Austin Feist led all scorers with 20 points as visiting Burns prevailed, 46-39, on Dec. 23.

The Hilanders (6-3 overall) owned a 27-18 halftime lead that the Mustangs (3-3 overall) were unable to overcome.

"We had a slow start and didn't shoot well from the free-throw line," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said.

The Mustangs were 7-for-20 from the foul line, while Burns went 11-for-17.

Lee Stanford scored 15 points, including 14 of his team's 24 points over the second and third quarters, to pace Jordan Valley.

Jordan Valley's Braden Fillmore scored eight points and had eight rebounds, but missed all eight of his foul shots.

Wyatt Stanford and Nick Eiguren both had three-point goals with Eiguren scoring eight points and Stanford finishing

Jordan Valley hits the road for non-league games against McDermitt, Nev., on Friday and Notus on Saturday. The Jordan Valley girls' basketball teams also will be in action both nights.

Grossman eyes more success at Rollie Lane

Senior Noah Grossman leads Marsing High School wrestlers into another tough assignment at the Rollie Lane Invitational this weekend.

Grossman finished sixth in the 220-pound bracket at last year's tournament.

The reigning 2A state champion is scheduled to compete in his last

Rollie Lane tournament Friday and Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Grossman was 3-0 to win his pod on Day 1 a year ago.

He lost to eventual tournament champion Logan Blackwood of Centennial, 5-4, in the championship semifinals during the second day of action.

Sports

$\sqrt{\text{Memories:}}$ Homedale lower-division teams also come up with titles

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Grossman was one of four 2A District III champions for Marsing, which sent one of the largest contingents in school history to the state meet.

Montes and Devin Fisher won district championships a week before the state tournament began.

Grossman's road to state gold included medals in other tournaments, including sixth at the Rollie Lane, second at the Magic Valley and championships in the Padilla Invitational in January and the R.D. Brown Invitational in February. He would later win the Super State wrestling crown and went on to win the Idaho Triple Crown.

Montes won titles in the Magic Valley and Padilla tournaments to set the tone for his state championship.

Brayden Christoffersen picked up a wrestling championship when the 10-year-old Homedale athlete won at the Jay Winn Memorial Hi Desert Buckle Classic in Oregon. In April, he finished second at the Reno Worlds. In June, Christoffersen and fellow Homedale youth wrestlers Owen Houser, Sierra Pesnell and Megan Houser collected medals at Nationals.

Homedale strung together the greatest boys' basketball season in more than 40 years, losing the 3A state championship game in the final 30 seconds. Game officials nullified Talon Freelove's successful shot from half-court at the end of the 59-56 loss to Buhl, citing a rule that mandates

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Winter harvest

The Homedale High School girls' basketball team kicked off one of the most prolific three-week spans in school history by placing third in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament in Middleton.

that the combination of a lastsecond inbounds pass and shot is impossible to pull off.

The Trojans finished at 22-3, ending Fruitland's 11-year reign as 3A Snake River Valley conference and 3A District III champion and winning 16 games in a row.

The Homedale frosh-soph boys' team went 19-0 and won a conference championship.

The Homedale girls' basketball team also had a significant winning streak while winning the program's first district championship since the 1990s and ending the year with a win in the state tournament third-place game and a 19-6 record.

Some of the same athletes who finished third in the girls' basketball state tournament would help Homedale softball into the 3A state championship game for the fourth time in as many seasons in May. After moving through the losers' bracket to force a winner-take-all final, the Trojans fell, 14-9, to Filer. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams took the conference championships, and the varsity squad claimed the school's first district title since the late 1990s.

Both Homedale and Marsing baseball teams reached the state tournament, too. The Trojans played in the state tourney for the first time in 15 years, while the Huskies reached the state tourney behind Austin Williams' no-hitter in the state play-in game. Marsing would finish fourth at State.

Gabe Maurer won the district golf championship as Homedale finished as runner-up to reach the state tournament where the Trojans finished fifth.

Riley Portwood led 11 HHS athletes into the 3A state meet by winning the 1,600 meters at the district meet.

Sophomore Hailey Pearson and freshman Julianne Mori represented Rimrock in the 1A state meet, while Alexandre Heidt ran in the 2A meet for Marsing.

Six tennis players represented Homedale in the state tournament.

Adrian's boys' team won the 1A District 4 track and field championship.

The Homedale Middle School eighth-graders won the conference girls' track and field championship on a day when Lainey Johnson broke a 28-year-old record in the 1,600 meters, and Ashley Burks shattered the school triple jump mark

Homedale High School graduate Austin Emry capped his University of Montana indoor track and field career with a Big Sky Conference heptathlon championship. He would finish 12th in the NCAA Indoors. He won his third Big Sky outdoor championship in the spring.

The Jordan Valley boys' basketball team repeated as district champion and played in the 1A Oregon state playoffs for the third straight season.

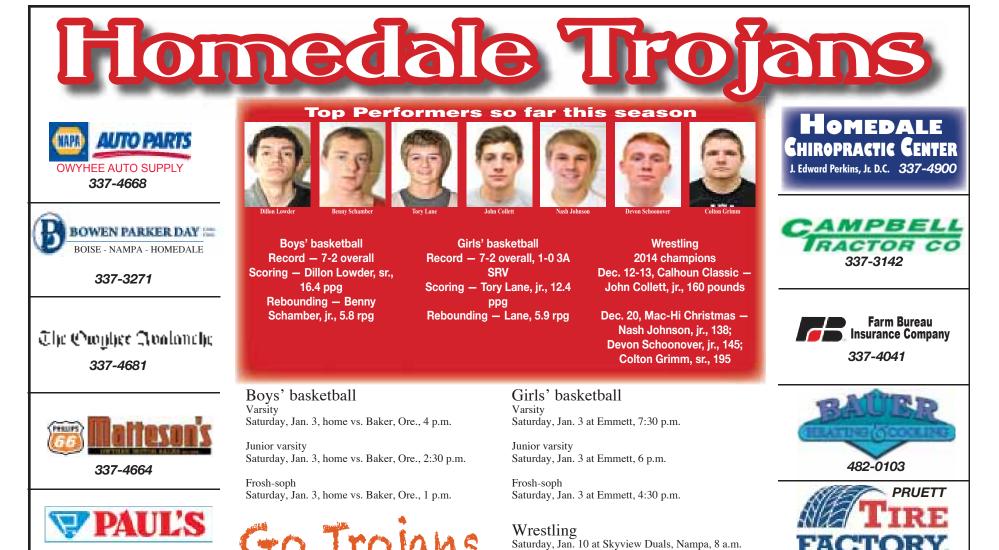
In its first and what turned out to be only season playing for alumnus Bobby Jean Colyer, the Rimrock girls' basketball team finished as district runner-up and qualified for the 1A, Div. I state tournament.

Marsing High School student Oseas Arriaga won gold, silver and bronze medals at the Idaho Special Olympics Summer Games in June.

Homedale's Jeremy Ensley continued his family's tradition by winning the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby championship.

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Wednesday, Jan. 14, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Bringing grit from the grid

Adrian's football state champions set goals on mat

Building a tradition in wrestling takes time, dedication and a sense of history.

Eddie Kinkade seems to be on the right track as he guides the Adrian High School program for the seventh season.

Kinkade's numbers continue to be small. He has only six wrestlers out this season and lost two-time 1A Oregon state tournament wrestler Shane Miller to graduation.

But the 145-pound Miller's final season was another brick in the road to consistency for the program.

"Last season, we had a great district tournament and finished the year off just one win away from a state medal for senior Shane Miller," Kinkade said.

Miller is gone, but another strong wrestler from Adrian's recent past has returned to provide his insight.

tournament twice during his four-year career with the Antelopes. He finished third in his weight class as a senior.

"It is great having Mark this year," Kinkade said. "He brings a lot of knowledge and motivation as a coach for the Adrian wrestling program.'

Kinkade also may be able to reap the benefits of the Antelopes' 1A state championship football season, even though the success of the football squad meant a late start for the wrestlers.

Two-thirds of Adrian's six-man wrestling team played football in the fall, including sophomores Marcus Furtado (106 pounds) and Florian Nieder (285) and juniors Bryson Shira (145 or 152) and Luke Campbell (152 or 160).

Furtado, Shira, Campbell and sophomore Mark Ishida also wrestled in the state Drake Marquez (160) are returning wrestlers. Freshman Austin Simpson, who will wrestle at either 132 pounds or 138 pounds, rounds out the roster.

"I think Marcus, Luke, Bryson and Drake are going to be some great leaders for the team," Kinkade said. "They have great attitudes in the practice room as well as in the classrooms.

"They are motivated to end the season with state medals, and I believe they can all accomplish their goals."

Furtado, Shira and Marquez all placed at the district tournament last season, and Campbell missed a medal by a couple of matches, Kinkade said.

"All four wrestlers are really motivated to make it to the state tournament this year, and they are work hard towards that goal."

During the Dec. 20 Emmett Holiday

Tournament, Marquez finished second in his weight class, while Campbell and Shira also medaled.

Nieder is an exchange student from Germany. Listed at 6-foot-4 and 290 pounds in the football program, the sophomore is wrestling in the 285-pound class for the Antelopes.

Nieder ran his record to 7-1 and won his weight class Emmett's junior varsity tournament.

"He is really catching on and learning fast, and I look forward to coaching him as he is eager to learn," Kinkade said.

Nieder placed third in the Calhoun Classic JV tournament earlier this month. He posted a 3-1 record, including all three victories by pinfall. Nieder pinned Skyview's Dylan Kent in 3 minutes, 17 seconds in the third-place match.

Memories: Rimrock junior high football team triumphs

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Marsing seniors Austin Williams and Ricky Sullivan signed national letters of intent to rodeo in college, while another Marsing senior, PJ Even, signed to play football at The College of Idaho. Homedale's Lane Sale agreed to play football at Weber State. Two Trojans signed to play softball at the next level -Katie Deal at Wematchee Valley College and Destiny Long at Treasure Valley Community College.

New head coaches led fall sports teams in the region, including Diana Asumendi for HHS volleyball, Brad Hill for Marsing football and Bryce Kershner for Jordan Valley football.

Asumendi led the Trojans' volleyball team to the program's first winning record in more than a decade and its second No. 3 district tournament berth since 2004.

The Trojans' cross country program also had a successful season. The boys' squad just missed a district championship and the girls finished third. In the state meet, both teams finished in the top 10. The success capped a season in which Homedale hosted a meet for the first time in five years.

Freshman Juan Sierra represented Marsing in the 2A cross country state meet.

Two Homedale Middle School fall sports teams won conference championships. The eighth-grade volleyball team didn't lose a set, let alone a match, during its magical season. The Trojans' seventh-graders won a football

The HMS wrestling team also found gold, winning its conference tournament championship.

Homedale High School's froshsoph volleyball team also won a conference championship.

Rimrock's junior high school football team won a conference title.

Homedale High School's football team reached the state playoffs again as junior quarterback Lawsen Matteson put together a 3A SRV offensive player of the year season.

Adrian won a district championship in volleyball.

Former Homedale High School standout Cory Nelson-Teckman entered the Eastern Oregon University Hall of Fame in October as a member of the Mountaineers' 2003-04 women's basketball team.

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Top Performers so far this season



Boys' basketball **Record** — 1-5 overall, 0-1 2A WIC Scoring — Jose Ponce, so., 12.3 ppg Rebounding — Nick Lankow, sr., 7.4 rpg





Girls' basketball **Record** — 6-3 overall, 2-2 2A WIC Scoring — Shannon Clover, sr., 16.8 ppg Rebounding — Shelby Dines, jr., 7.3 rpg Note — No rebounding stats for Dec. 16 vs. Jordan Valley





Wrestling

Top performer, Noah Grossman, sr. Dec. 5-6, Buck's Bags duals — 7-0 record Dec. 12-13, Calhoun Classic — Fourth place

Boys' basketball Varsity

Friday, Jan. 2, home vs. Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A Friday, Jan. 2, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B Friday, Jan. 2, home vs. Liberty Charter, 4:45 p.m.

Girls' basketball Varsity Saturday, Jan. 3, home vs. Vale, Ore., 2:30 p.m. Junior varsity Saturday, Jan. 3, home vs. Vale, Ore., 1 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 2 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 3 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.









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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of



common sense

The herd sire

This is one of those stories that sounds so unbelievable that you'll know I didn't make it up!

Mike studied the bloodlines. He checked performance records. He knew his herd like the top two layers of his toolbox! He was a good young cattleman. When he decided on the course of action to improve his herd's genetics, he called the breed association rep. They discussed his needs. Plans were made for the fieldman to attend a bull sale in Texas with the express instructions to buy exactly the right bull.

The call from Texas delighted Mike. The fieldman had bought the perfect yearlin' bull that would carry Mike's cows into the 21st century for \$10,000 ... half interest. He agreed that the co-owner, a purebred breeder from Oklahoma, could use the bull that fall. Then he would ship him to Pine Ridge country of northwestern Nebraska in time for Mike's spring breeding.

In February, arrangements were made to put the bull on the back of a load going as far as Sterling, Colo. The trucker would call Mike on arrival.

Mike waited anxiously. Several days passed, and nobody called. He called his partner only to find they'd left Oklahoma territory a week before! Feeling uneasy, Mike called the Sterling sale barn. "No? No," they didn't remember any bull. "Let us check." They suggested possibly the bull Mike was lookin' for had been bought by a trader!

"What'd he pay?" asked Mike.

"Fifty-six cents a pound."

In a panic, he tracked down the trader. He'd run the bull through the Brush sale. The trader said he broke even. Packerland had bought him as a baloney bull! Mike drove all night to Packerland in a desperate effort to save his bull! "No," they said, "he was too thin to kill," so they'd sent him to a feedlot in Rocky Ford!

Mike smelled like burnin' rubber and was chewin' the upholstery when he boiled into the feedlot in a cloud of dust! The foreman was surprised but led him over to the receiving pens.

There stood Mike's future: road-weary, coughin' and covered with sale barn tags!

Mike's knees were shakin'!

"Nice bull," said the foreman, "But ya cut'er close, sonny. Tomorrow evenin' he'da looked a lot different without his horns and cajones!"

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Letters to the editor

Homedale resident thanks city for graffiti removal

I gratefully appreciate the city hall people who cleaned the graffiti off my new fence.

Chuck Anderson Homedale

Reader welcomes uplifting Christmas message

Worn, weary and with strong "tinges" of lonesomeness settling in, upon awakening this Christmas morning at about 3:30, I felt an overwhelming desire to commune with the Christ of Christmas, God's "Love Gift" to mankind.

Feeling the great need to recount the Christmas story, I made my way to my "office." My eyes fell on The Owyhee Avalanche's colorful front page of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, embracing Him in her arms. Opening it up, it was with great, awesome delight I read the title, "Eternal Message of Christmas" penned by a Boise pastor within prison walls in an Iranian cell.

I can't imagine any message of the true meaning of Christmas being expressed any better. I wept and wept to think how God used it to minister to my heart that was so hungering after the needed message. Not only that, but the outstanding article, "A Christmas Meditation—God With Us," by the late Clare Willcuts, but the excellent article, "Christmas Eve, 1870." There was also "The Story of Christmas."

Letters to the editor

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How my heart was warmed as I pondered on the truth of the message and read the greetings by businesses, especially by Bowen Parker. I read with great emotion, "Heart of Owyhees shines bright," inside the newspaper by our managing editor and articles of all the beautiful and loving gestures of the giving.

In tearful praise and adoration, I gave Him thanks for His unspeakable Gift, "The Prince of Peace." I can scarce take it all in, but one thing I know, it's real.

"They that seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one

Especially do we want to give our thanks to the Avalanche staff, bringing such news to our county and to our weary hearts.

Grace Bowman Homedale

Center for Rural Affairs

Congress takes family farmers and ranchers for a ride with spending bill

by John Crabtree

What does Congress have against family farmers and ranchers? The \$1.1 trillion spending bill passed earlier this month included the full version of the so-called GIPSA (Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration) rider passed earlier by the House of Representatives. A rider is a legislative provision attached to a larger spending bill.

There are not enough ways to describe how bad this hidden policy package truly is. It limits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ability to protect farmers' and ranchers' basic rights, such as their freedom of speech and freedom of association. The Packers and Stockyards Act, passed in 1921, was written to protect farmers and ranchers from discriminatory, deceptive and abusive practices when they sell livestock and poultry to meatpacking corporations.

Congress abandoned those principles when they passed the FY 2015 federal spending bill. They abandoned USDA's more competitive livestock market and greater fairness for farmers and ranchers. The 2008 Farm Bill required Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to write regulation,

under the Packers and Stockyards Act, to prohibit undue and discriminatory preferences given to large, industrial livestock operations and to provide basic protections to farmers and ranchers who do business with meatpacking corporations. Secretary Vilsack proposed the best and most comprehensive livestock market reforms since the passage of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Unfortunately, Congress has repeatedly undercut his efforts. Family farmers and ranchers need and deserve access to competitive livestock markets that reward them fairly for their work. That's something Congress must figure out soon.

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Commentary

Financial management

Saving up to pay cash will make honeymoon even sweeter

Dear Dave,

I just got married, and my husband and I want to book a combination honeymoon and New Year's trip to celebrate. We don't have all the money for it right now, but will have in a few weeks. We were thinking about booking the trip on a zero-interest credit card, and paying it off when we have all the money. I know you hate debt, but would this be OK because it would be a very short-term debt?

— Laura

Dear Laura,

I know you guys are excited and happy about being married, and I wish you all the happiness in the world. But I don't recommend credit cards of any kind, for any reason, whatsoever.

I don't want to burst your bubble, but if you can't pay for this trip upfront you can't afford it. Believe it or not, lots of people postpone wedding trips until they've had a chance to save up a little bit of money. Some folks have never even gone on a honeymoon trip, and they have great, loving marriages.

My advice to you and your new husband is to work, and save up a little bit more. Maybe one or both of you could pick up extra jobs for a little while, and make it happen sooner. Then, when you can pay cash for the trip, go have a blast on a honeymoon you can afford!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I have a friend who is experiencing financial problems. She is between real jobs at the moment and only bringing in about \$600 a month. But even when she's working regularly, she doesn't budget or manage her money wisely, and she's always looking for more money. On top of all this, she's holding out hope for her dream job out of state. She interviewed several months ago, and hasn't heard anything from the company. What can I do to help her?

— Gina





Dear Gina,

I don't mean this as an insult so much as an observation, but your friend sounds kind of flighty and impulsive to me. I think she may also be a bit immature. So what we're really talking about here is how to get your friend to grow up a little bit and stop chasing rainbows. Don't get me wrong. There's absolutely nothing wrong

with having a dream job, but you have to be realistic and practical at the same time.

Right now, I want her chasing three or four smaller job rainbows at once so she'll actually have a chance of catching something. When you chase just one, in most cases you end up with nothing. The first thing I'd tell her is that the most employable people are ones who aren't broke. When you go into an interview and you're broke, you come off as tense and desperate, and you don't make a very good job candidate.

The answer to that, when you're basically unemployed, is to work any job — and any three or four jobs. Wait tables, deliver pizzas or mow yards. I don't care what, just generate some income. Work all the time and *smile*! You never know when you might be talking to your next employer. You could be walking someone's dog one day and end up in their marketing department the next. But none of this will happen if you're trying to feel better about yourself by

sitting home watching Oprah reruns.

I assume that because you're friends, she's willing to listen to what you have to say. But if she won't, all you can do is pray for her. Remember the old saying, "Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion

— 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.

Center for Vision and Values

Administration's deal misses chance for change in Cuba

by Dr. Alejandro A. Chafuen

We all celebrate when an innocent person is released from prison. The freedom of Alan Gross is welcome news. But the release of three convicted Cuban spies and operatives (who were directly responsible for the killing of other innocents), the continued lack of consultation by the administration with other branches of government and Congress, and the disregard for the unrelenting oppression of political freedoms are a high cost to pay.

The leading Cuban-Americans in Congress, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Sen. Robert Menéndez (D-N.J.), and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.) released statements with scathing criticisms. Sen. Rubio stated that the deal was "disgraceful for a president who claims to treasure human rights and human freedom. This president is the singleworst negotiator we have had in the White House in my lifetime." The statement by Ros-Lehtinen complements Rubio's criticism: "This misguided action by President Obama will embolden the Castro regime to continue its illicit activities, trample on fundamental freedoms, and disregard democratic principles."

I spoke with several human rights and democracy advocates, and all were strongly critical. Tony Guedes, leader of the Cuban Liberal Union, *Unión Liberal Cubana*, who lives in exile in Spain, is convinced that the policies just announced will help the Cuban communist regime and will delay the transition to a real democracy. Guedes believes that the announcements are connected with President Obama's decision to attend the upcoming Summit of the Americas in Panama.

Sen. Robert Menéndez, the Democrat who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had strong words about this as well. He said, "I'm extraordinarily disappointed that we intend to violate our own principles, laid down in the Inter-American Democratic Charter in

2001, on the Summit being a forum for the hemisphere's democratically-elected leaders." According to Menéndez, the new actions on Cuba "disavows the Charter and sends a global message about the low priority we place on democracy and respect for human and civil rights."

Unlike the above bipartisan critics, the leader of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce endorsed the new Cuban policy. U.S. Chamber CEO Tom Donohue stated that the "U.S. business community welcomes today's announcement, and has long supported many of the economic provisions the president touched on in his remarks" and continued "the Chamber and its members stand ready to assist as the Cuban people work to unleash the power of free enterprise to improve their lives."

Free enterprise indeed improves lives. Free trade also works wonders to bring people and countries together. But trade managed by communist oligarchs can hardly be defined as free trade. An economy where all the key decisions are made by men in uniform can't be described as free enterprise. Echoing the Chamber, a powerful German think-tank, the Bertelsman Foundation, published a piece that concludes with a typical modern-day capitalist statement "who knows, maybe the U.S. will be able to export a few more Che Guevara tee-shirts along the way."

Fernando Menéndez, a Cuban expert of the Center for a Secure Free Society, noted that when making the announcement, President Raúl Castro — who had been wearing civilian clothes — donned his military uniform to send a signal of who still remains in power. Crony capitalism of the left, if that is an appropriate name for the Chinese model, might create huge opportunities for profits but, as we see in the current disputes in Hong Kong, it can also weaken the struggle for political freedoms and respect for human rights.

The decline in the price of oil was threatening Cuba with

a reduction of the subsidy it receives from its sugar-daddy: Venezuela. This deal was arranged because the Obama administration is struggling to create some positive legacies. It aims to get credit for reversing a policy, a stringent embargo, which on its own failed to bring down communism. The Pope and the Canadian government, mentioned as playing important roles, seek different benefits. Pope Francis sees opportunities for the Catholic bishops in Cuba who receive periodic permissions from the tyrants to expand their preaching and educational efforts.

Mainstream media also hails the role of Canada, whose government hosted and facilitated some of the negotiations. Canadians have fewer restrictions to travel and conduct business in Cuba. The U.S. sanctions and embargo certainly cause them headaches. The Canadian government has a pro-Western stance, but it is not immune from the power of economic interests, and these might trump concerns for political and human rights.

The economic crisis in Cuba resulting from the woes of Russia and Venezuela would have been a wonderful opportunity to demand true changes. Cuba is still listed as a State sponsor of terrorism. It could be delisted if it stopped meddling in other countries. Its major ally, Venezuela, would likely have to release its own political prisoners. Not yet. Unfortunately the potential of selling more Che Guevara T-shirts carried the day.

— This article first appeared at Forbes.com. Dr. Alejandro A. (Alex) Chafuen '84 is president of the Atlas Economic Research Foundation and a member of the board of advisors for The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. (The opinions expressed by the author are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of Grove City College, Atlas Economic Research Foundation, or their boards of trustees.)

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 3, 1990

Kids begin smorgasbord drive

Four classrooms of enthusiastic local sixth-graders, over 80 young people, have launched their personal drives to sell the most tickets in advance to the 29th annual Homedale PTA International Smorgasbord coming up here on Saturday, Jan. 20.

The young people who are now contacting friends and neighbors with fistfuls of tickets are hoping to win one of three cash prizes that are to be awarded to the top three advance ticket salesmen. The amount of the cash awards will be determined after all proceeds raised by the smorgasbord have been totaled.

As an additional incentive to drum up a giant-sized crowd for the international food far, each student who sells tickets will be treated to a special skating party.

Murphy readies for stamp ceremonies

The special ceremony scheduled in Murphy next Monday, Jan. 8, for postal ceremonies associated with Idaho's centennial stamp, is expected to draw Owyhee County postmasters and other invited guests, according to Loretta McDaniel, Murphy postmaster.

The ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon at the Owyhee County Historical Complex is scheduled to unveil the state's centennial stamp and the special postmark, called a second-day cancellation, that is designated for use in Owyhee County only on Jan. 8 only. The county's postmark features mountains, trees and farm operations, McDaniel said.

Last of old-fashioned shops closes

A chapter of Homedale's history was completed in September, 1989, when its last old-fashioned barber shop, Howell's Barber Shop, closed its door at 18 West Owyhee Avenue. Riley C. Howell had given haircuts to men and boys of the Homedale area at that address for 44 years.

Riley came to Homedale as a young man of 18 years with his parents, George C. and Ina Howell in 1929.

He went back to Crossed Sabres Dude Ranch, between Yellowstone and Cody, Wyo., where he worked for a short time before returning to Homedale. He worked in the Owyhee County area including Strode's Basin and at Archie Hamilton's Goodyear Garage on the corner of Main Street and Owyhee Avenue in Homedale.

He married Wanda Wilson of Homedale and took his new bride to Emmett where they made their home for three months.

Riley then leased a barbershop in Marsing from Wesley Cusic and operated it until May, 1942. At this time the couple moved to Boise where he went to work in a three-chair shop, E.O. Paulson's Barber Shop. In October, 1945, Riley moved his wife and infant daughter to Homedale where he purchased the barbershop equipment of Walt Sanders at 18 West Owyhee Ave.

He saw the Homedale community grow from a 360person village of tent houses and one-room shacks to its present size.

Succor Creek Crawdads win Holiday Hoop Bowl

About \$400 in gate receipts will be split between the Homedale Pride Fan Club and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce as a result of the appreciative folks who turned out to watch the action during the fifth annual Homedale Holiday Hoop Bowl held here Friday and Saturday.

The Succor Creek Crawdads won the two-day basketball competition in the championship game against the Three Finger Coyotes. Third place winners were the Owyhee Heights Hedgehogs.

Dewayne Merritt of the Crawdads won "most valuable player." Other all-stars were Julie Uranga, Dick Zehr, Mike Nauman, Michelle Sonke and Mike Mansisidor.

The bowl was sponsored by the fan club and Chamber organizations. Heading its arrangements committee were Mike Matteson, Chamber president; Darren Krzesnik, fan club president; Kevin Rountree and Marsha Hays.

50 years ago

December 31, 1964

Winners of Chmas lighting contest are announced

Dr. George Wolff was named winner of 1st prize in the outdoor division of the annual Christmas lighting contest which was judged Sunday evening, Dec. 27, by out-oftown judges. Wade Nichols took 2nd place in the outdoor division and Clint Smith 3rd.

A tie between George Murray and Carl Holmes for 1st place in the indoor lighting division was announced. Taking 2nd place in the indoor division was Chuck Yost.

Prizes of \$15 for 1st place, \$10 for 2nd and \$5 for 3rd were awarded in both divisions, making a total of \$60.

Co-chairmen of the Chamber of Commerce committee were Jim Duncan and Frank Matteson. The Chamber and Idaho Power Co. each contributed \$30.

Lake Owvhee receives near-record inflow

Lake Owyhee has received a near-record inflow of water during the past week, with the storage rising from 492,000 ac. ft. on Dec. 23 to 634,440 ac. ft. Dec. 30, according to Tom Cotton, manager of the South Board of Control.

Capacity of the reservoir if 715,000 ac. ft., and this leaves less than 80,000 ac. ft. needed to fill. Some water may have to be released to control flood danger if unusual run-off continues, Mr. Cotton declared.

Record day's inflow of the current run-off was Dec. 24 with 41,070 ac. ft. Others were Dec. 23, 19,660; Dec. 25, 33,100; Dec. 26, 17,440; Dec. 27, 13,010; Dec. 28, 10,500; Dec. 29, 7,690.

Highest recorded inflow was 46,260 ac. ft. on April 8, 1952.

Highest recorded river flow on the Owyhee River at Rome, Ore, was 27,800 c.s.f. (cubic second feet) on April 14, 1952. (This is the equivalent of 55,600 ac. ft.)

Other records were Feb. 24, 1904, 41,400 ac. ft.; Mar. 2, 1910, 46,000; Apr. 7, 1952, 44,300; Apr. 8, 1952, 46,260; Apr. 13, 1952, 42,680; Apr. 14, 1952, 45,750.

Homedale students defeat Melba on TV quiz program

Four seniors at Homedale High School made their first appearance on the quiz program on the KTVB high school panel, Thursday, Dec. 17.

They defeated the Melba quartet and won the right to return on the program and compete against Middleton. This meet is scheduled for Dec. 31, according to Darrel Reisch, principal of the high school. A cash award of \$10 was presented to the school for the students' victorious efforts.

Participating on the winning team were Elaine Eidemiller, Mark Evans, Ray Hunt and Dennis Robinson. The group and an alternate, Janet Kinder, received the top scores during a quiz contest conducted the Tuesday prior to the television appearance at a special student body assembly.

Questions on various subjects were prepared by the faculty members. Moderator was George Keith. Mrs. Hollis Selders was timekeeper. Brian Johnstone was the scorekeeper.

Reisch and Miss Kinder accompanied the group to Boise.

Unbeaten Vikings topple Trojans for 7th win

An outstanding court display of shooting by Rich Blanc and some high rebounding by Clayne Beck resulted in Middleton chalking up its seventh straight basketball victory Dec. 22 by downing Homedale 70-39 on the Middleton court.

The Trojans were unable to cope with the superior cage antics of the Vikings, who have run up a 7-0 slate thus far in the season, the Middleton crew jumping to a 24-12 lead at the end of the first period.

Blanc had a field day on the court, hitting for 50 percent of his attempts to take scoring honors for the tilt with 33 points. Brian Johnstone led his Trojan teammates with 12 markers.

Beck proved to be the controlling factor in the Vikings' board play, the tall cager clearing the backboard for 15 rebounds while directing the Middleton defensive actions.

140 years ago

January 2, 1875

A CHRISTMAS SLEIGHRIDE. Dr. Colmache is the possessor of a tip-top rig, consisting of a splendid horse, elegant harness, nice sleigh, fine buffalo robes and other appurtenances. On Christmas day he invited Jerry Phillip to take a drive with him to the Mountain, and away they went. The doctor is a very good driver and they reached Fairview without any mishap. After making a number of Christmas calls, they started on their return to Silver, when Jerry requested the doctor to let him take the reins, representing that he was an "experienced driver," and hinting that, with him hold of the ribbons, there would be no danger of upsetting. Jerry was accordingly permitted to take the reins. All went well enough till they got about half way round the grade above the South Chariot mill, when over went the sleigh, and away went Dr. Colmache end over end, never letting up till he landed ker thump on his back in front of Charley Miller's residence, fully a quarter of a mile from where the capsize took place. Jerry had kept a fast grip on the reins, and, by this time, had the sleigh right side up on the road, and was beckoning the doctor to hurry back. The jar caused by the doctor falling in much close proximity of the house brought Mrs. Miller to the door in time to see him making strenuous efforts to regain his perpendicularity. The lady asked the man of pills what he was doing there, and he replied that he had come to make a Christmas call. She then asked him where his horse was, and he told her that he came the cut-off down the hill on foot. Finally regaining his feet, he limped into the house and made his "call," after which he returned to the scene of the turnover, where Jerry had been holding the horse about an hour and was almost frozen to death. The doctor took the reins and they reached town without any further mishap. The doctor calls his horse "Churn" in commemoration of the cinching he got while rolling down the hill, and recommends the docile equine to all "experienced drivers." Jerry says that, as a grand and lofty tumbler, Dr. Colmache cannot be beat.

STEAM. The handsome little 3-horse power steam engine with which to run the Avalanche presses has arrived at Winnemucca and will reach here in a few days.

I.O.O.F. ELECTION. At a regular meeting of Owyhee Lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., held last Friday evening the following named officers were elected: J. B. Jones, Noble Grand; Geo. Boyd, Vice Grand; Gilbert Butler (re-elected), Secretary; John Upham (re-elected), Treasurer; Trustees, B. M. Davis (re-elected), Fred Grete, (re-elected), and W. H. Townsend. Installation will take place on New Year's night.

THE NEW YEAR, 1875. Another year has been labeled and filed away in the archives of the past. And another chapter of our lives, whether for good or evil, is placed on "perpetual record." It has been a year of successes to some, reverse to others. To all it has brought its sorrow or its joy. Many of our loved and cherished friends have solved the problem of eternity, and the coming year will unfold the same mystery to many who are now filled with high hopes and aspirations. None of us, perhaps, but will regret mistakes and miscarried plans in the past; yet, if we have learned the lesson of foresight, vigilance and diligence, if heart and hand have gained strength for the struggle of the future, then experiences, whether of reverses or otherwise, have not been in vain. It is the time when the thoughtful will take counsel with themselves, and brighten up the good resolutions they may have often made, and take a new departure in the drama of life. Trusting that, no matter what may have been the victimtudes of the past, the future may be bright and cheering, we greet all our friends and patrons, and wish them a "Happy New Year."

RE-LOCATIONS. There will be many a mining claim "jumped" to-morrow. All claims located prior to May 10th, 1872, will be subject to relocation, if the necessary annual expenditures have not been made on them since that time.

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SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE **COUNTY COMMISSIONER** MINUTES December 1, 8, 15,

December 1

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$36,389 Road & Bridge \$2,085 District Court \$2,517 County Fair \$7,584 Probation \$907 Indigent & Charity \$1,500 Revaluation \$508 Solid Waste \$4,763 911 \$1,815 Econ. Development \$933

Approved a tax exemption for a hardship as a Board of Equalization for property assessed at \$24,072.00.

Approved a tax cancellation in the amount of \$375.32 for parcel RPD05400050080A

Approved a third amendment to the Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

Approved Sheriff's hire of Travis Leedum as jailer to begin December 4, 2014 at a rate of \$13.67 per hour.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to CWI for Michael Lejardi.

Approved Resolution 2014-34; Re-appoint four year term members to the Owyhee County Emergency Communications Committee and appoint a new 2 year member.

December 8

Approved the Twin Falls Highway District Work Agreement for maintenance work in the amount of \$1500.00.

Approved the FY2015 Intermountain Hospital Agreement for care and housing of indigent persons at the rate of \$900.00 per diem.

Approved Resolution 2014-35; Authorizing Sheriff Dept. to trade surplus pistol for useable

Approved Resolution 2014-36; Authorizing destruction of temporary records from the Clerks Election Department.

Approved Resolution 2014-37; Authorizing transfer of surplus cargo trailer from the Sheriff Department to the Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire Department.

Approved the use of newly acquired office space at the Bachman Annex to be used to house the Owyhee Initiative as their main office.

Approved the tax cancellation for parcel RPA0010070001BA in the amount of \$88.00.

Approved the tax cancellation for parcel RPA014000B00BA in the amount of \$34.53 because of incorrect taxable value which has been corrected.

Approved the tax cancellation for parcel MH06S04E040755A in the amount of \$249.13 because of incorrect taxable value which has been corrected.

Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 214-47.

Approved a grant match of 10% in the amount of \$12,850.00 from HazMat funds for the Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire Department.

December 15

Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Nola Boone and Tanis Partee.

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$63,773 Road & Bridge \$37,351 Dist. Court \$3,849 Probation \$1,239 Health Dist. \$4,531 Hist. Soc. / Museum \$219 Indigent & Charity \$1,122 Revaluation \$577 Solid Waste \$8,829 Weeds \$761 911 \$1,414 County Vessel \$348 Waterways \$6 Econ. Develop. \$866

Approved to re-appoint Scott Jensen to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Approved the 2014 Annual Street and Road Financial

Approved a bid for units in the amount of \$35,276.00 from Laughlin's Owyhee Heating and Air Conditioning.

Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 14-48.

Approved Indigent & Charity case 14-46.

Approved a letter to Owyhee County Historical Society regarding a clarification to the 2009 MOU with Owyhee County.

December 22

Approved 3 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Jacob Graves, Jesus Gonzalez and Cuihony He.

Approved 3 Certificates of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for Tyler Cowger, Ana Zavala and Kelsey Stimpson.

Approved the Reverse 911 contract with Alert Sense for \$4,995.00. Approved Museum Director hire of Amy Johnson at \$17.22 per hour beginning 1-5-15.

Approved J.C. Fuquay to begin full time employment from part time employment to begin 1-5-15 at \$14.36 per hour.

Approved gravel crushing contract with Seubert Excavation. Approved Notice to Proceed for gravel crushing project with Seubert Excavation. Approved Indigent & Charity case 14-47. Denied Indigent & Charity case 14-48.

Approved Indigent & Charity Assignments: 09-09 - 86.5%, 09-22 - 93.8%, 09-25 - 70.5%, 09-32 - 82.9%, 09-34 - 40.5%,09-43 - 52.5%, 09-44 - 9.48%, 09-46 - 94.3%, 09-48 - 70.3%, 09-51-80.3%, 09-55-7.4%, 10-05 - 87.5%, 10-14 - 74.9%

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire Department.

Approved a correction to a clarification letter dated December 15, 2014 to the Owyhee County Historical Society.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www. owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.

12/31/14

NOTICE

Waterways meeting January 8th at 10:00am. Meeting is in the Sheriff Office at 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, ID 83650. Agenda: 2014 Year End Report, 2015 WIF Grant Proposal, Other Business. 12/31/14

NOTICE OF SALE Case No. CV 2013-02971 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY

OF OWYHEE DRAKE MECHANICAL, INC. Plaintiff, vs. SILVER FALCON MINING, INC., EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., JOYCE LIVESTOCK COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ANVIL FENCE COMPANY, BENCHMARK ELECTRIC, LLC, PALMIRS CORPORATION, and John Does 1-10, Defendants.

BENCHMARK ELECTRIC, LLC, Cross-Claimant, vs. SILVER FALCON MINING, INC., EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., JOYCE LIVESTOCK COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,

ANVIL FENCE COMPANY, PALMIRS CORPORATION, DRAKE MECHANICAL, INC. and John Does 1-10, Cross Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the Writ of Execution executed out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee. Case No. CV-2013-02971, on the

1st day of August, 2014; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Owyhee County Courthouse Front Entrance, the 15th day of January, 2015, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M., at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, I will sell all the right, title and interest of Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. in and to the belowdescribed real property located in Owyhee County, Idaho at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in currency of the United States payable at time of sale:

A parcel of land located in the North One Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Section Comer common to Sections 4 and 5 of said T4S, R2W, and Sections 32 and 33 of T3S, R2W, B.M.,

South 00° 00'34" West, 2433.45 feet on the section line common to said Sections 4 and 5 to the Quarter Section Common to said

Sections 4 and 5; thence South 00° 01'24" West, 2639.46 feet on the section line common to said Sections 4 and 5 to the Section Corner common to Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9 of said T4S, R2W; thence reversing direction, North 00° 01'24" East, 1319.73 feet on the section line common to said Sections 4 and 5 to the South One Sixteenth Section Corner common to said Sections 4 and 5; thence leaving said section line, North 89° 58 20" East 400.00, feet on the East-West One Sixteenth Section line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4 to the Real Point of

Beginning; thence North 12° 47' 06" West, 676.62 feet; thence

North 89° 57' 38" East, 1395.11

feet; thence South 00° 03' 55" West, 660.20 feet to a point on the East-West One Sixteenth Section line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4; thence

South 89° 58' 20" West, 1244.63 feet on said East-West One Sixteenth Section line to the Real Point of Beginning.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation of Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. pursuant to that certain Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered on August 1, 2014 in the above-referenced matter (the "Judgment""), whereby Defendant Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. is indebted to Plaintiff Drake Mechanical in the amount of \$44,278.85, plus interest and Cross-Claimant Benchmark Electric, LLC in the amount of \$53,475.00, plus interest.

All real property sold at the sale shall be subject to a redemption period as set forth in Idaho Code §11-401, et seq. Therefore, Silver Falcon Mining, Inc., as redemptioner, as that term is defined in Idaho Code §11-401(2), may redeem the property from the purchaser within one (1) year after the sale if the property sold consists of more than twenty acres, or within six (6) months, if the property sold consists of a tract of land of 20 acres or less, upon paying the purchaser the total sum of: (a) the amount of his purchase, with interest on that amount at the rate allowed by Idaho Code §28-22-401(1) of the from the date of sale to the date of redemption; and (b) the amount of any assessment or taxes which the purchaser may have paid after the commencement of the action and which are not included in the Judgment with interest such amount(s) at the rate allowed by Idaho Code §28-22-401(1).

In the event the purchaser is also a creditor having a prior lien to that of the redemptioner, other than the Judgment, the purchaser will also be entitled to payment of that amount of such lien, with interest at the rate allowed in Idaho Code §28-22-104(1).

The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer all right, title, and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property at the time of execution or attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2014.

PERRY GRANT, Sheriff of Owyhee County

BY Luisa Basabe, Civil Deputy

Wyatt Johnson, ANGSTMAN JOHNSON, 3649 N. Lakeharbor Lane, Boise, Idaho 83703. Telephone: (208) 384-8588 Facsimile: (208) 853-0117, Johnson ISB: 5858, Attorney for Plaintiff

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NOTICE

The Southwest District Board of Health will hold its' Board Meetings on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 Tuesday, February 24, 201 Tuesday, March 24, 2015 Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Tuesday, June 23, 2015 Tuesday, August 25, 2015 Tuesday, September 22, 2015 Tuesday, October 27, 2015 Tuesday, November 24, 2015 Tuesday, December 15, 2015

The Board of Health meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Southwest District Health, Room 324, 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell, Idaho.

12/31/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On April 21, 2015 at the hour of 11:00AM, 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 trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder. for cash, cashiers 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 7, Block 7 of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of Homedale. Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, filed August 9, 1911, as No. 7284 on file in the office of the recorder

for Owyhee County, Idaho.

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 ADDRESS OF: 531 W. Montana Avenue, 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 Jesus Cuevas, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as 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 September 28, 1999 as Instrument No. 229997, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO **COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-**1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRÉSENTATION 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 \$80,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.125% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated September 27, 1999. Payments are in default for the months of May 2014 through and including November 2014 in the amount of \$668.28 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$62,688.28 in Principal; Interest is \$2,692.15, subsidy granted is \$40,127.16 and fees currently assessed are \$428.76 computed through December 3, 2014 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$12.2371. 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 \$102,815.44, 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.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.. By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer, Phone: 877-947-1553 File No.: 254575/ Customer Ref No. CSC No. 14987503

Dated: December 18, 2014

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

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Public notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2014-0368 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **OWYHEE**

MAGISTRATES DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of

STANLEYRALPHNYLANDER, decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named estate; that all claimants having claims against the above named decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims will be forever barred; and that a written statement of such claims must be delivered or mailed to the undersigned personal representative of the estate at the address stated below and must be filed with the above named

DATED: Dec. 12, 2014 SIGNED: Kathy Nylander, Personal Representative

ADDRESS: C/O Rick Uria, PO Box 805, Homedale, ID 83628

Richard B. Eismann, Attorney for the Estate, Eismann Law Offices, 3016 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651 Phone (208) 467-3100 Fax (208) 466-4498 12/24,31/14;1/7,14/15

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 OFFICÍAL 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

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