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Murray resigns Homedale City Council position



Kim Murray

Special meeting on issue planned tonight

Kimberly Jo Murray plans to step down from her Homedale City Council position.

The city council will consider action on the matter in a special meeting at 6 p.m. today at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Council members could name a replacement tonight, too.

Murray, who was elected to her first four-year term in 2013, made her intentions known in a letter to the editor appearing on Page 18 of this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Murray cited her out-of-town job and a new opportunity with that position as the catalyst in her

decision.

The daughter of former Mayor George Murray says she had planned to return to the council in a full-time capacity after her current job ended on Dec. 1, but the assignment was extended.

During her out-of-town job, Murray had missed three consecutive regular meetings — and four consecutive city council meetings — through the

end of November. This year, she was absent for more than a third (eight of 23) of the council's 23 meetings in 2015.

"It has been my extreme honor and privilege to serve the people and community of Homedale, and I thank you for that opportunity," Murray wrote in her letter. "Upon retirement, I hope to

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Homedale goes aglow for the holidays



City Park improvements allow for more lights

Beefing up the electrical capabilities at Bette Uda City Park allowed Mayor Gheen Christoffersen to light more than just the trees when he threw the switch Saturday night after the Homedale for the Holidays Parade. The tank in the northwest corner of the park (far right) has been adorned with Christmas lights for the first time this year and accompanies the trees and the train fixture from last year's inaugural tree lighting. More photos from the evening, **Page 13**

Marsing to host holiday events Saturday

The City of Marsing will be buzzing with activity Saturday while a number of holiday gatherings take place.

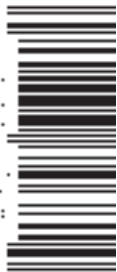
The night light parade will start just after dusk.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Luke Burbank is telling people participating in the parade to start lining up at 4:40 p.m. in the Marsing High School football stadium parking lot, with access on 9th Avenue West.

Burbank previously said the parking lot was flooded last year, so in the case of heavy rain Saturday, the gym parking lot on Main Street will be used as the assembly area.

Businesses, individuals, families, churches, individuals and other organizations are still welcome to put together lighted and festive floats for the parade. Pre-registration is not required.

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BLM sets open houses for Owyhee travel plan comments

Scoping period open for two of five plans

The 45-day scoping period for plans for two subregions of Bureau of Land Management public lands in Owyhee County began Tuesday.

Next week, the BLM Boise District Office will hold open houses on the comprehensive travel and transportation management plan (TMP) and associated environmental assessments for routes in the Canyonlands East region and a portion of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA).

The open houses will give the public a chance to comment on the plans, which will cover 1,390 miles of routes in Canyonlands East between the Northwest Pipeline and the Bruneau River and 292 miles of routes in the NCA.

Both open houses will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The first takes place on Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Nampa Civic Center, and the second will be held on Friday,

Dec. 11 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School in Bruneau.

The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 directs BLM to complete a comprehensive TMP for all public lands in Owyhee County. The first TMPs cover two of the five subregions in the county, which were part of inventory between 2004 and 2012.

Travel management planning efforts for the other three subregions within the Boise District, Canyonlands West, Grand View, and Silver City, will follow later in 2016 through 2018.

Written comments on the first TMPs can also be provided throughout the scoping period via email to oma_trans_wild@blm.gov or by mailing them to the BLM Boise District Office, Transportation Planning, at 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

Comments must be emailed or postmarked by Jan. 15. BLM will review the comments and analyze the alternatives in an environmental assessment.

To view maps and addition information please view the website at: on.doi.gov/1YrJqGz.



Joyce Ranch gets Idaho Magazine's cover treatment

The 150 years of the Joyce Livestock Co., is back in the spotlight this month. The cover of Idaho Magazine's December edition features a photo of current operators Paul Nettleton and his son, Chad, during a herding operation on the family's ranch in Sinker Creek. Merri Melde, who lives 12 miles from the ranch, wrote this month's cover story, which details the generational history of the Joyce and Nettleton cattle operation, which started in Owyhee County in 1865. Copies of the magazine can be obtained by contacting Idaho Magazine at (208) 336-0653 or on the Internet at www.idahomagazine.com.

BLM citizen panel's next meeting addresses Owyhee issues

Soda Fire rehabilitation efforts and several other issues affecting Owyhee County are on the docket for a Bureau of Land Management meeting in Boise.

The BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Wednesday at the district office, 3948 S. Development Ave., in Boise.

A public comment period is

scheduled for 11 a.m. Other items:

- An update on Soda Fire emergency stabilization and rehabilitation efforts
- Progress reports on the Bruneau Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH), Tri-State and Paradigm programs
- Reports on recently completed prescribed burns in the Owyhee Field Office

- An update on travel management planning
- An update on the Gateway West 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line proposal
- Brent Ralston will provide a sage-grouse update. The Boise-based Idaho-Southwestern Montana Sub-Region project lead for the agency's Great Basin Sage-Grouse program, he is heading

up recreational management planning for the region.

The RAC is a 15-member, citizen-based panel that provides advice and recommendations on resource and land management issues.

Three Owyhee County residents currently serve on the RAC:

- Grand View rancher Donna Bennett, who represents grazing interests

- Raptor specialist Karen Steenhof of Murphy, who represents environmental organizations
- District 3 county commissioner Joe Merrick, who is on the board as an elected official.

Anyone interested in receiving an agenda or additional information about the meeting may contact RAC coordinator MJ Byrne at (208) 384-3393.

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Suspect in multiple burglaries turns himself in



Machuca-Brambila

A 24-year-old Homedale man sits in Owyhee County Jail awaiting his first court appearance on multiple felonies stemming from a string of burglaries from earlier this year.

Alfredo Machuca-Brambila turned himself in on Nov. 23. He faces 17 felonies, and his preliminary hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan

C. Grober.

He's being held on a \$50,000 bond.

An arrest warrant was issued Nov. 13 after Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery filed a series of felony charges related to a Homedale Police Department investigation.

Machuca-Brambila faces one count of theft by unauthorized control or

transfer of property and eight counts each of burglary and forgery.

The arrest warrant was issued one day after Machuca had posted \$5,000 bond to get out of jail following his preliminary hearing on felony charges of theft by receiving, possessing or disposing of stolen property and possession of a controlled substance for prescription medications.

He was charged with those felonies after Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller arrested him on Oct. 27 in connection with a residential burglary in the 200 block of East Montana Avenue.

Machuca-Brambila is scheduled for arraignment on the earlier charges at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 11 before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan.

Man faces DUI charge

A man reported to Owyhee County 911 for suspicion of driving while intoxicated has been charged with two crimes, including a misdemeanor for excessive driving under the influence.

Someone in front of a dark brown Chevrolet Suburban driven by 50-year-old Rogelio Villa-Arreola of Marsing called dispatchers Friday night and said the suspect was driving erratically.

Sheriff's Deputy Chris Even pulled Villa-Arreola over at milepost 7 on Idaho highway 78 around 8:30 p.m.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a breath test showed Villa-Arreola's blood alcohol level to be .237, or nearly three times the legal limit of .08.

Deputy Steven Carlin also responded to the traffic stop.

"Even made the arrest. Carlin

came out to sit on the rig while we were waiting on the tow," Bowman said.

In addition to the misdemeanor excessive DUI charge, Villa-Arreola also faces a misdemeanor for failure to purchase a driver's license.

At press time Monday, Villa-Arreola was still being held in the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

— SC

Speeding drunk driver sentenced

A Homedale man clocked at nearly 100 mph while driving on U.S. Highway 95 has been sentenced after pleading guilty to a modified driving under the influence charge.

Rafael Silva was originally charged with excessive driving under the influence, a misdemeanor, after an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy pulled him over for driving 99 mph in a

55 mph zone on Oct. 3.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced Silva on Nov. 23 on for misdemeanor DUI, which was reduced from the original charge, possessing an open container of alcohol while driving (another misdemeanor) and the speeding infraction.

Silva must pay nearly \$1,400 in fines and fees and will be on probation for a year.

He also had his driver's license suspended for six months and must enter a treatment program and perform 40 hours of community service.

Grober suspended all but two days of a 180-day jail term.

Silva was credited for the two days he spent in county jail in Murphy following his arrest.

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Tattoo studio proposed for downtown Homedale

A Homedale area couple is seeking permission to open a tattoo shop on West Idaho Avenue.

John and Melanie Mitchell's special use permit application is the subject of a public hearing set for next Wednesday during the Homedale City Council's final regular meeting of 2015.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The Mitchells want to open Voodoo Tattoo at 6 W. Idaho Ave., which is the former location of Donna's Thrift Shop. Business signage already has been painted on the windows of the building, which is adjacent to the La Fogata bar in the former Tango Club building at the corner of North Main Street and West Idaho Avenue.

The building is zoned commercial, and Mitchell says he plans to operate the business between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 a.m.

Public comment will be taken during the hearing, and written comment will be accepted at City Hall until 5 p.m. next Wednesday.

According to his special use permit application, Mitchell is a professional tattoo artist. The couple moved to the area in August 2012. They have two children living in Homedale now, and a third plans to move their family to the area next year.

"I envision an upscale tattoo studio elegance that produces alluring artwork," Mitchell wrote, adding that he plans to exhibit artwork at his studio.

Marsing council to consider P&Z map

P&Z commission has new chairman

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing on a revision of the city's Planning and Zoning map at 7 p.m. next Wednesday as part of the board's final regular meeting of 2015. The hearing takes place at City Hall, 425 Main St.

The Planning and Zoning Commission signed off on the revision of the map after public hearing last month. New P&Z commissioner Bob Ramos said no members of the public were present at the meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Annie Campbell said the new map further defines the zoning boundaries.

"The map is just more detailed and its color-coded good, and it's just greatly improved over the old one," Campbell said.

The city council appointed Ramos last month to succeed former P&Z chair Cliff Hahlbeck, who resigned.

The commissioners named Hayzen Corder as the new chairman after the Nov. 17 hearing. Appointed in February 2014, he is the longest-serving current P&Z member.

The other commissioners are Eugene Enrico, Noyam Hale and Ramos. Enrico was appointed earlier this year, and Hale was appointed in October.

State law allows three to 12

panelists on a Planning and Zoning Commission. Campbell said she and Mayor Keith Green are actively looking for more volunteers to serve on the commission.

The Nov. 17 P&Z hearing was the first meeting for Ramos.

"We're concerned more with the future zoning of the city so we can possibly get some more commercial and things like that in the city to create more jobs," Ramos said.

One thing that stood out to him on the new map is changes that could be coming to the area around the Owyhee County annex building at 15 Reich St. The building houses a sheriff's office substation and Division of Motor Vehicles services.

"Making sure that it's zoned correctly with the commercial, I think we're going to do that. There's some residential in there," Ramos said. "To expand the boundary of commercial zoning, rather than a single strip down Main Street."

Ramos added that he's taking a broad view of the new map.

"They want to see if we can get some commercial going and some industrial. Of course, that's always going to be on the table," Ramos said.

He thinks the overall goal of the new map is to bring in more businesses and more development.

Ramos has never served on

any other community board and never attended a Marsing P&Z meeting before debuting at the public hearing.

His wife Donna was the first person to suggest that he look into helping out in the community.

"A friend of mine, Noyam (Hale), called me and said, 'We'd like to have you involved, too, to see if we can get some new input,'" Ramos said.

Retired after a career in the construction business, Ramos thinks his professional background might prove to be useful for the commission.

"I was in plastering and a general contractor in California for 25 years," Ramos said.

While he is new to the panel, he already thinks he knows what his priority will be as a P&Z commissioner.

"To not let things get too packed up on Main Street," Ramos said. "I think there's room for things to be more diversified. I want to get into the workings, and see a little bit more before I give a bunch more input."

He has been married to his wife Donna for eight years. The couple has lived in Marsing for six years and eight years in Idaho.

They have two daughters, Chazell, 46, and Jenetta, 44, and two sons, Eric, 41, and J.J., 40. All of their children still live in California.

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Terry Reilly Marsing clinic to celebrate anniversary

Terry Reilly Health Services will hold an open house to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the organization’s Marsing clinic.

The celebration will take place from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the clinic, 201 Main St. The event coincides with the town’s night-light holiday parade.

Terry Reilly staff members will be offering free hot dogs, baked goods, and hot beverages throughout the afternoon and evening.

Terry Reilly staffers will offer free medical screenings, which include blood pressure screenings, glucose checks, vision tests and pregnancy tests. Flu shots and other vaccinations will also be available.

The original Marsing clinic was started out of a house that

once stood at 300 Main St. across 3rd Avenue West from Marsing Hardware. Marsing Feed and Supply now occupies the lot.

In 1980, the Marsing clinic joined four other clinics in the system, including Nampa, Parma, Homedale and Kuna. The Homedale clinic opened in 1972.

In 1983, during the groundbreaking ceremony at the Marsing clinic’s current location, health care system founder Terry Reilly told The Owyhee Avalanche that he was confident the town would continue to grow and that the clinic would establish itself as a solid, viable practice.

In 2014, the Marsing clinic logged 4,506 patient visits.

Current Marsing clinic physician assistant Troy Landes said

3½ decades later, the Marsing location continues to provide affordable care to the community.

He attributes the success and longevity of the clinic to the patient-centered philosophy of the staff, both past and present.

“We value our patients and endeavor to treat them just like we want treated ourselves,” Landes said in a press release. “We do not take for granted our patient’s well-worn hands. They speak loudly to us, and we want to honor their hard-earned income.”

Terry Reilly is a community health center dedicated to providing affordable, comprehensive health care. Primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services are provided from locations throughout the Treasure



Marsing’s original Terry Reilly Health Services clinic was in a house standing on the lot now occupied by Marsing Feed and Supply on the corner of Main Street and 3rd Avenue West. Submitted photo

Valley. the Terry Reilly website, <https://www.trhs.org>. For more information, go to —SC

Another public meeting planned for Homedale school routes

Chamber news: COSSA raffle to benefit scholarships

A recent walking tour to gather ideas about safer routes to schools was highlighted during last week’s Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Nov. 18 tour took city and school officials and representatives from Riedesel Engineering Inc. from City Hall to Homedale Elementary School and out to the end of South 7th Street West.

Chamber president Gavin Parker thinks the tour was worthwhile.

“It was good. It was nice to get the engineers in the loop and get a feel for the scope of the project,” Parker said. “They’re going to start doing the cost breakdown.”

During the Nov. 24 Chamber meeting,

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said he hasn’t heard anything back from the engineering firm since the tour.

“At some point once we have those numbers back, and we’ve kind of kicked it around, then we’ll have another public meeting before we actually file an application,” Parker said. “At this point, it sounds like late January or early February before Phase 1 of the applications are due, so we’re still on a good timeline.”

Tina Wilson from the Western Alliance of Economic Development will write the grant applications for the city.

The Chamber is spearheading the effort to make walking to and from school safer for children. An survey at a town meeting in October revealed that a route taking middle school students off Idaho highway 19 and Johnstone Road is preferred, but organizers are also lining out pedestrian improvements for the elementary school in case two grants are secured. The Idaho

Transportation Department will gauge grant applications for a series of grants of up to \$500,000 each.

Until the grant applications are filed, Parker welcomes input from parents and other community members.

Contact Parker at (208) 337-3271 or by email at gsparker72@yahoo.com.

A Canyon-Owyhee Schools Service Agency (COSSA) representative also spoke during the Chamber meeting.

COSSA short-term training coordinator Kristie Dorsey said members of the agency are conducting a fundraiser to gather post-secondary scholarship money for several graduating seniors.

Tickets for the gift basket raffle are 50 cents each or three for \$1.

Winning tickets will be drawn during the COSSA staff and faculty Christmas party from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., next Wednesday. Winners will be notified by phone on Thursday, Dec. 10.

“The front desk at COSSA has lots of tickets, so people can stop by and buy them, or they can call the front desk,” Dorsey said.

The agency is located at 109 Penny Lane, Wilder or contact COSSA at (208) 482-6074.

Each gift basket is themed:

- “Frogmania”
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- “Teddy Bears and Candy”

Every year, the COSSA Educator’s Association hands out one scholarship with a minimum value of \$300 to the winning essay entry in each COSSA school district. The agency serves Marsing, Homedale, Wilder, Parma and Notus.

— SC

From page 1

✓ Marsing: Several Saturday events slated

The parade of lighted floats and vehicles will go down Main Street to Island Park where the community Christmas tree lighting will take place. Santa Claus will also be at Saturday’s events.

Parade entrants are encouraged to hand out candy to young bystanders rather than tossing

sweets from the floats because of safety concerns along the darkened parade route.

More than 20 entries decked out in festive lighting participated in last year’s parade.

Other Saturday events include:

- The second annual Marsing Elementary School Parent

Teacher Organization chili feed fundraiser from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Marsing Fire Station, 303 Main St., Marsing.

- The Marsing Senior Center’s Festival of Trees auction will begin 30 minutes after the parade ends. The center is located at 218 Main St., Marsing.

—SC

✓ Murray: She would like to serve again

once again be of service in the city I have always called home.”

Deputy city clerk Rachael Percifield confirmed Monday that Murray had submitted a letter of resignation, which is why the special meeting was called.

Under Idaho Code 50-704, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen — with the consent of the city council — will recommend a replacement for Murray.

“I have the utmost faith in Mayor Christoffersen’s abilities to appoint a replacement, who will serve you with intelligence and insight as I have endeavored to do,” Murray wrote in her letter to the editor.

Murray’s replacement will hold office for only two years, and the seat will be up for election again in November 2017.

Murray’s announcement comes

less than a month after the most recent municipal election during which Steve Atkins and Aaron Tines were re-elected in a three-way race with challenger Jerry Anderson.

The council’s last meeting of the year comes next Wednesday. The group won’t meet on the fourth Thursday in December because that’s Christmas Eve.

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Marsing Afterschool launches 4-H club

The Owyhee County University of Idaho Extension Office has partnered with the Marsing After-school program. This is a huge opportunity for the school, bringing 4-H programming into the after-school program on a full-time basis. Marsing Afterschool is the first program in Idaho to establish their own 4-H club. That is something Owyhee County 4-H is very proud of.



Georgia Goodwin

I am pleased to introduce Husky Pride 4-H Club. The organizational leaders are Ken Price and Randall Samples. The club will have up to 120 members. Enrollment forms will go home to families soon. Dues will be paid for by grants awarded to the

University of Idaho Extension

after-school program. The Husky Pride 4-H youth will establish the skills needed to start and complete a 4-H project. They will learn how to keep records by preparing a record book. They will enhance their public-speaking skills by giving a demonstration. They will start building on their interviewing skills by participating in a record book interview. They will promote community involvement by volunteering their time and effort to a community service project. They will display their projects in the Armory Exhibit Hall at the Owyhee County Fair held Aug. 8-13, 2016. Kelly Ineck will lead the Rock-etry project with the first-, second-, fourth and fifth-grade members. Loretta Rost will lead the fourth- and fifth-grade members

in a Sewing project. We are looking for an assistant to help with the Sewing project. We will offer a Gardening project with the third-grade members in addition to a cooking project for the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade members. We are still seeking volunteers to help with these projects. Next year we hope to offer more projects. In addition we will elect officers and learn how to use parliamentary procedure during the club meetings. If we can secure the funds for the equipment, we would really love to add an archery team to the club. — Georgia Goodwin is the 4-H coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. She can be reached at (208) 896-4104, ggoodwin@uidaho.edu, or at the Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

- Military veterans coffee**
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Preschool Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- After-school program**
3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- Kid’s Club**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., open to all school-aged children, Crossroads Church, Idaho highway 19 and U.S. Highway 95, Wilder. (208) 789-3432
- Christian Life Club**
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., kindergarten through sixth grade, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464
- NOCWMA meeting**
7 p.m., Owyhee Conservation District office, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 101

Thursday

- Foot clinic**
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., free, appointments necessary, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634
- Lizard Butte Library board meeting**
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Holidays Around the World concert**
6:30 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., Bruneau
- Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting**
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

- Homedale Farmers Market**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., old high school gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440

- Homedale Senior Center bazaar**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$12 vendor rental, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Holiday bazaar**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wilder Golden Gate Baptist Church, 2nd and B Street, Wilder. 407-9531
- Christmas bazaar and tree sale**
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319
- Christmas in the Country bazaar**
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Grand View Elementary School 39678 Idaho 78. (208) 834-2636
- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Bruneau Ladies Aid holiday tea and bazaar**
1 p.m. to 5 p.m., American Legion Hall, 32548 Belle Ave., Bruneau
- Marsing Elementary PTO Chili Feed**
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Marsing Fire Station, 303 Main St., Marsing. \$3 per cup of chili, \$1 drinks, \$1 baked goods.

Sunday

- Young Life meeting**
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 794-1048

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.
- Adult book club**
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Marsing Senior Center board meeting**
12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634
- Dance class**
1 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3254
- Homedale Public Library board meeting**
1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 16, Saturday, December 2, 1865

ONE JAMES MCCREADY, writing from Owyhee to Susanville, on the “Poorman” matter, said, among other things, that “they get blocks of native silver as large as candle boxes, and hammer it out like a wagon tire, and leave it all shining with free gold.” The Red Bluff *Independent* goes it all except the “wagon-tire”. Here in Owyhee, such talk has become so common and strikes so frequent to back it up, that we think but little about it; moreover, if we were to publish Owyhee silver one half as strong as the fact in the case, as some would have us do, the outside world would pronounce us crazy. We can say, without fear of contradiction, that in proportion to the number of stamps running, Owyhee double-discounts the balance of the world for bullion. The Green-Eyed Monster and Ghoul that presides over the Humboldt *Register*, suddenly refers to this McCready story, as “a discovery entirely too soggy for our credulity,” and concludes his comments with a “take what you please,” or “pass it,” Etc. Forbes, with the exception of his proverbial hatred of our Northern Mines, etc., publishes one of the best and meanest of our Northern Mines, etc., publishes one of the best and meanest of newspapers. There are those who think Forbes is a member of the human family.

THE FENIANS OF Owyhee have forwarded to the “State Center” – John M. Murphy, Esq. – Idaho City, some \$350. The Fenians of the Territory have forwarded to New York over one thousand dollars for the benefit of the cause, and the enthusiasm seems to be growing

WE INFLICTED OUR presence on the Sunday School last Sabbath, in Tregaskis Hall, at Silver. Found twenty bright, eager youths there, notwithstanding there was no fire in the hall, and the roads sloppy. Under the superintendence of Mr. Chittenden, the children are afforded these privileges and that men are found willing to extend them. If the new church is finished, a Christmas festival will be given the children.

SINCE OUR LAST, the foothills have been thronged with prospectors for diamonds, and for once have given quartz a brief respite. Among the prospectors may be numbered some of our most substantial citizens. From the best information we can obtain, there is no certainty that the genuine gems have yet been found; but magnificent crystals have been, answering to the book description. The hardest file fails to make an impression on them. The country is volcanic and there is no reason to doubt their existence.

LETTERS FROM THE CAPITAL – Boise City, November 27, 1865. Eds. Avalanche: Our city has an unusually healthy and growing appearance. Buildings have been going up all summer to some extent, but as winter is approaching and the session of the Territorial Legislature near at hand, builders are hurrying up their work, and every place that can be occupied is either rented as a business stand or as a new family residence.

The balls intended for the Legislature are two buildings owned by May & Brown, located on opposite sides of Main Street near the bridge. One is wood and the other a brick building. Each is twenty-five feet wide and sixty long, and fourteen feet in the clear. Secretary Gilson has contracted for the furniture. The desks and tables are made here by Mr. Seranton. They are calculated for two members at a table. The seats are armed chairs, purchased in Portland. The halls are spacious and roomy; probably will not be finished with a great deal of architecture, but taken altogether will accommodate these Honorable bodies.



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Friends church to host Christmas program

Public invited to participate

The Homedale Friends Community Church will welcome members of the community to sing in a Christmas program. The program will be held at 6 p.m., on Sunday at the church, 17434 Hwy. 95 north of Homedale. Children who want to be in the show should arrive by 5:30 p.m.

Church member Mary Sonke said they got the idea for a “no rehearsal” program because they wanted to involve as many children as possible. “Even kids that don’t come to our church or never have been in a Christmas program,” Sonke said. “There’s really not a good time to get together for a rehearsal. We’re probably going to be chaos, but as long as the kids get something out of it, we’re good.” The audience, and the children singing, should be very familiar with the songs that will be sung. “Like Go Tell It On The Mountain, Joy To The World, Away In A Manger, songs that most kids

know because they sing them every Christmas,” Sonke said. The church also had a Christmas program last year, but didn’t open it for the public to participate. However, some children showed up to sing anyway. “They were so excited about being in a Christmas program. It just gave us the idea, ‘Let’s open it up to anybody to get a part,’” Sonke said. She added that adults are invited to come sing as well. Organizers will have animal costumes for the boys and girls to wear during the performance. “Because there were animals in that barn. We’ve had owls, and cats, just any kind of animal to be around the manger,” Sonke said.

She did not have an estimate on how many people might show up to be in the program. “But the kids that go to Sunday School and church, we have given them parts for them to go over,” Sonke said. For more information, call the church at 337-3464 or Sonke at 337-4757.

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Homedale Christian Church announces Christmas schedule

The Homedale Christian Church celebrated the start of the Christmas season Sunday with a service for the first Sunday of Advent. After the service, church members set up the nativity manger scene in front of the church and decorated the inside the of the church before enjoying soup and fellowship. The church is located at 110 W. Montana Ave. Each Sunday, the church holds Bible study at 10 a.m. and a service at 11 a.m. The Christmas season schedule includes:

- **Sunday** — Second Advent candle lighting, 11 a.m.
 - **Sunday, Dec. 13** — Third Advent candle lighting, 11 a.m.; light supper, 6 p.m.; evening candlelight worship, 7:30 p.m.
 - **Sunday, Dec. 20** — Fourth Advent candle lighting, 11 a.m.; Longest Night Service of Remembering, 5 p.m.
- The church encourages community members who may be struggling with the Christmas season to join us for a special service that speaks of God’s love for the grieving. “It will be a time of remembering

those who are not with us, celebrating the special joys they gave to our lives, and claiming God’s loving promises of life. With music, silent remembering, scripture and prayer, we will seek God’s solace and hope,” according to a press release. With open doors, the Homedale Christian Church invites those who might be seeking a church family. For more information about the church, contact Pastor Maurice Jones at 319-4650, Don Vander Boegh at 867-5418 or Jan Aman at 989-0885.

HES plans Christmas concerts

Homedale Elementary first- and second-graders are tuning up for their Christmas concerts. Instructor Eileen Walker announced plans for a pair of programs on Thursday, Dec. 10. The second-graders will perform at 10:30 a.m., and the first-graders begin their routine at 12:30 p.m. Both programs will be held inside the Homedale Elementary School gymnasium, 420 W. Washington Ave. Each class will have its own songs, and each grade level will sing “A Christmas Greeting”

together. The first-graders’ program will include:

- **Tammy Glaser’s class** — “Season of Bells” and “Snow is Falling”
- **Kayla Blackstock’s class** — “O Come Little Children” and “A Kitty for a Present”
- **Rebekah Jenkins’ class** — “Mostly What I Wish For” and “I Want to be an Elf”
- **Melanie Harper’s class** — “The Sounds of Santa’s Workshop” and “Polar Puppy”

The second-graders’ program

will feature:

- **Kandy Stanford’s class and Bonnie Robert’s class** — “Hanukkah O Hanukkah” and “I Want To Be An Elf”
- **Laura Eubanks’ class** — “Christmas Lights” and “Winter Waltz”
- **Kristi Uria’s class** — “Like Diamonds In The Night” and “Holly And Ivy And Evergreen”
- **Nancy Smith’s class** — “Wouldn’t It Be Nice” and “Over The River”
- **Second-graders together** — “A Christmas Greeting”

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Santa Claus to make holiday market visits

Homedale Farmers Market Holiday Markets will be held each of the next two Saturdays inside the high school old gymnasium. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Santa Claus will visit from 10 a.m. to noon each day, and children can have their photo taken for \$1. Market organizers also have kicked off a coloring contest for kindergarteners through fourth-graders. There will be prizes in each grade. Coloring sheets can be picked

up at the Homedale Elementary School library or at the holiday market, and children must drop off their creations at the market in order for them to be judged each Saturday. Winners will be chosen at the end of each market day, and the children do not have to be present to win.

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Homedale High senior directs A Christmas Carol

Drama club hits stage next week, looks to future

Jason Buenrostro has a vision for his future, and the Homedale High School senior will have a chance to shape part of that next week.

The Homedale High School Drama Club’s production of A Christmas Carol is his Senior Project. He will direct the play on Monday and Tuesday night and also fill the lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge.

“He has had to learn some about the era (in which the play is set) and has learned about marking a director’s script keeping track of everything from actor’s cues, to lighting, to sound, and stage directions,” club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said. “He has also had to have meetings with the stage crew to relay his images and desires for the way the set should look.”

Buenrostro directed one of the drama club’s plays during the 2014-15 school year, too.

Buenrostro also has some input into the costuming for the play, which is set in 1840s London.

“It is a handful by itself as a director, but then he has the lead role on top of it,” Thatcher said. “Plus he is doing everything all the other seniors have to do -- English papers, college applications, and

A Christmas Carol
When: 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday
Where: HHS old gym
Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 students and senior citizens; \$15 family pass

all the other class studies.

“He is also very involved in other clubs such as Future Hispanic Leaders of America and Science Club. I’m not sure if we are trying to train him up to be Mr. Incredible or do him in, but we are rooting for his success.”

Stacy Holton, a new teacher at the high school, has been working with the backstage crew during this run-up to the production, Thatcher said.

The HHS version of A Christmas Carol is an adaptation by Mike Ferrians and Brenda Chapman.

Outside of getting ready for their winter production, the drama club has been dealing with short-term needs and long-term goals.

Thatcher said that the group’s “sound box,” a tote which holds all the club’s microphones, mic cords and speaker cords,

disappeared sometime during the summer. The disappearance is still under investigation as is whether the school’s insurance will cover the loss. The items were stored in a locked closet at the school, and Thatcher is unsure if the box wasn’t borrowed by another department.

“One problem is trying to pinpoint the date of disappearance as we put it away in the spring and didn’t discover its absence until September,” Thatcher said.

She’s looking for information on the whereabouts of the box and its items.

“In the meantime, we have been getting some help to replace the mics before production,” Thatcher said. “Thanks to all who make this possible.”

Thatcher is also seeking information on grant opportunities in preparation for possible future remodeling at the high school. The long-term facility plan could include changes in the old gym, and Thatcher says she would like to see at least a new stage in whatever remodel might be planned.

Anyone with information on grants can contact Thatcher at djthatcher7@gmail.com.

A Christmas Carol cast
Ebenezer Scrooge — Jason Buenrostro
Bob Cratchit — Patrick McMichael
Spirit of Christmas Past — Emma McMichael
Spirit of Christmas Present — Shyanne Kelly
Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come — Jeffrey Carrillo
Fred Hollowell, nephew — Jacob Puckett
Janet Hollowell, Fred’s wife — Lindy Phariss
Mrs. Cratchit — Sarah Jones
Belinda Cratchit — Ashlyn Burrig
Martha Cratchit — Taylor Kerbs
Peter Cratchit — Conner Slater
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Tiny Tim — Brandon Reynolds
Mr. Jeeves, charity solicitor — Ashley Burks
Mr. Howell, charity solicitor — Kendall Nash
Jacob Marley, Scrooge’s dead partner — Patrick McMichael
School-age Ebenezer — Todd Thatcher
Young adult Ebenezer — Jeffrey Carrillo
Fan, Ebenezer’s sister — Jordan Stuart
Mr. Fezziwig — Holden Klipspringer
Mrs. Fezziwig — Mauricia Villarreal
School boys — Ryan Aman, Rylan Love
Ignorance — Hunter Puckett
Want — Emily Taylor
Belle — Kendra Thatcher
Gentleman No. 1 — Ashley Burks
Gentleman No. 2 — Kendall Nash
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Old Joe, the junk dealer — Holden Kleppinger
Mrs. Oliver, the chairwoman — Elizabeth Hernandez
Mrs. Dilber, the laundress — Emma McMichael
Fezziwig’s daughter — Kelsie Pigeon
Narrator — Makayla Steinmetz

OCHS bazaar sells Christmas trees

MRW holds chili feed, offers wellness checks

Christmas trees cut from around Silver City will return again for this year’s Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar.

The bazaar will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey

St., Murphy.

The trees, commonly known as Charlie Brown Christmas trees, will be priced from \$10 to \$20, depending on the size.

The bazaar, which is housed inside McKeeth Hall, will feature a silent auction, homemade pies, and vendors selling arts and crafts and antiques.

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District will also be selling chili for \$5 per bowl. People also will be able to buy raffle tickets for the fire district’s 12-gauge

over-under shotgun giveaway as well as tickets for the New Year’s Eve charity poker tournament.

MRW emergency medical technicians also will be on hand to perform wellness checks.

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C.J. Strike’s Cove Arm closed through January

The Cove Arm at C.J. Strike Reservoir closed Tuesday to allow crews to make some upgrades.

The work should be completed before the end of January, according to an Idaho Department of Fish and Game press release.

Fish and Game and Harrison Dock Builders construction crews will carry out the work over the next six weeks.

The restoration includes two major projects.

Crews will remove a dilapidated concrete boat ramp that has

been deemed unsafe. A modern version of the ramp will replace it, and a fixed boarding pier will be built next to the new ramp.

The Cove Arm’s ramp area will be closed at least through this month and possibly longer. IDFG said boaters can access Cove Arm through a ramp upstream from Crane Falls Reservoir or from the Loveridge Bridge ramp.

For more information on the project, call the IDFG Southwest Region Office in Nampa at (208) 465-8465.

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Another Bruneau bazaar celebrates beginning of season

A holiday tradition in Bruneau turns 90 years old this year.

The Bruneau Ladies Aid Silver Tea and Bazaar will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday in the American Legion Post 83 Hall at 32548 Belle Ave.

Associated with the Bruneau Community Church, the nonprofit organization was formed in 1920. Five years later, the group began holding its Silver Tea and Bazaar.

Bruneau Ladies Aid membership is open to all women in the Bruneau Valley.

Bruneau Ladies Aid takes part in several bazaars throughout the year, and proceeds raised are used to sponsor children that want to attend Bible Camp, support the Boise Rescue Mission, the Idaho Veterans Home, and families in need in the Bruneau area.

Selling holiday cookies by the pound is the biggest part of the Christmas fundraiser.

“They can buy as many cookies as they want, as long as they last, we have a lot of them,” Janousek said. “We sell them for \$4 a pound.”

She didn’t know how many pounds of cookies were sold last year, but at previous Christmas bazaars the group has sold more than 125 pounds of the holiday treats.

The Christmas event also gives people a chance to purchase handmade items including scarves, dishcloths, scrubbies, potholders, pin cushions, knitted scarves and hats, and embroidered dish towels and pillowcases.

One of the hottest-selling items at the yearly bazaar are Rada knives.

Bruneau Ladies Aid vice-president Beckie Janousek said the knives are American-made, and the company is based in Waverly, Iowa.

“They’re very good knives. You can buy individually or you can buy sets,” Janousek said. “They’re real popular. Usually we sell a lot of them.”

Her favorite Rada product is the tomato knife, which sells for about \$6. Prices go up to around \$40 or \$50 for the sets, she said.

For more information on the bazaar, contact Janousek at bjjano@centurylink.net.

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County P&Z board members reappointed

The makeup of the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will remain unchanged after the first of the year.

During a Nov. 23 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) reappointed three P&Z panelists.

The terms of chairperson Connie Brandau of Wilson, Chad Nettleton of Murphy, and Bob Thomas of Oreana were set to expire on Dec. 31. The BOCC reappointed each of them to another three-year term.

Rich Curtis of Homedale, and Scott Jensen, who lives between Marsing and Homedale, are the other two members on the P&Z commission.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said their terms expire on Dec. 31, 2017.

The P&Z commission’s next meeting begins at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 16. A public hearing is scheduled for the county annex building, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

At that time the panel will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Stacey Buckingham seeking to establish a 10-space RV park and two cabins on 15 acres located off Cemetery Road in Bruneau.

The property in question is in a multi-use zone.

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Homedale Senior Center coordinator Shirley McAbee holds up the makeshift ribbon signifying that the senior center’s entry into the Festival of Trees won first place in voting by folks who visited the event last week. The runner-up tree was a tree filled with baby boy items, and third place went to a tree filled with baby girl items. Both trees were created and donated by Five Ole Grandmas. The top three finishers donated their \$225 in prize money back to the senior center’s Meals on Wheels program.

Homedale Sr. Center bazaar will christen new floor project

Building closed for renovations

Contractors are working against the clock this week to finish a flooring remodel before the annual Homedale Senior Center Christmas Bazaar.

The center at 224 W. Idaho Ave. is closed through Friday as the renovation project moves on. The last big events before the floors were ripped up was the center’s Thanksgiving dinner and the Festival of Trees last week.

The Festival of Tree raised money for the senior center’s Meals on Wheels program. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller served as the auctioneer Saturday afternoon. A total amount from the live auction, silent auction and judging donations wasn’t available.

The bazaar will be the first big happening at the senior center after new flooring is installed.

The bazaar takes place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, and vending tables are available for \$12 each.

The latest Romona Andrus quilt, this one made of neck ties, will be raffled at the end of the bazaar. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Ontario, Ore., resident Shirley Stills once again donated her time to do the quilting.

Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 for more information on the bazaar or other programs.

The center will reopen Tuesday for the thrice-weekly congregate luncheon. The center’s nutrition program also includes Meals on Wheels for shut-ins, and proceeds from the Festival of Trees that wrapped up Saturday helps fund that part of the senior center’s mission.

Other December events include:

- The board of directors will hold elections for 2016 during

its final meeting of the year, which takes place at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

- Blood pressure clinics on Tuesday and Dec. 22
- A Saturday night dance from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 12. The public is invited and the cost is \$5 at the door. There is live music, and folks are encouraged to bring finger food to share.
- A foot clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The cost is \$12, and an appointment is necessary. Call the center at 337-3020 to book a time.
- The senior center’s Christmas dinner will be served at noon on Thursday, Dec. 17. The public is invited.
- The center is closed on Christmas Eve, and will open again on Tuesday, Dec. 29

The monthly benefit breakfasts on the third Saturday of the month have been suspended until next year because of the holiday season.



Homedale Senior Center board members Sandy Ledford, left, and Romona Andrus hold Andrus’ latest quilt donated to the Christmas bazaar raffle.

How the Grinch celebrated Homedale for the Holidays



Santa Claus wishes merry Christmas to boys and girls along the route of the Homedale for the Holidays parade.



The Grinch (Mike Parker) and Cindy Lou Who (Leslie Parker) rode in a 1952 Chevrolet pickup during Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays night light parade.



The Homedale High School marching band walks through town as part of the Homedale for the Holidays night light parade.



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen (background) and his wife Devra (foreground) warmed up at the chili feed inside the high school after Saturday's tree lighting in 22-degree temperatures.



Homedale resident Mark Bauer drives his hot rod in the Homedale for the Holidays night light parade.

Tory Lane torches
Melba for 26 points

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Jordan Valley girls
ready for season

Homedale five, East win Shrine Game



East 40, West 13

It was just like old times Saturday when Homedale players were on the winning side in a rout as the East rolled over the West in the 20th annual Third District East-West Shrine High School All-Star Game at Eagle High School

Top: Homedale center Jakobee Osborn (66) points out protection as Marsing's Connor Rhodes (19) checks on the West's defense from his middle linebacker spot.

Left: Trojans linebacker Dylan Adams fights for position against a West lineman.

Right: Homedale's Connor Carter leaps to make a catch.

Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography



Boys' basketball previews

Court time counts for Homedale, Marsing squads

Tight-knit senior class drives Trojans' teamwork

Finding the standout Homedale High School boys' basketball player on any given night could be akin to throwing darts.

"The team is so balanced and unselfish," fourth-year coach Casey Grove said. "Anyone on the roster could be our leading scorer on a given night."

"This is a very special group of athletes."

The Trojans are coming off a 12-11 season in which they went 0-2 in the 3A District

III Tournament after an ultra-competitive conference season.

Dillon Lowder, last season's leading scorer, has graduated, but the rest of the Homedale squad is intact. Connor Carter, a 6-foot-3 senior, will try to step into the role of team leader.

"He can score from any spot on the floor," Grove said. "Nobody works harder in the

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Young, experienced players lead Huskies into season

Tim Little always has high expectations for his basketball teams, but he seems especially keen on the potential of this year's Marsing High School boys.

"Returning a lot of key players from last year, we anticipate our most competitive season since I have been head coach," the third-year Huskies boys' coach said. "We plan on having a balanced team and are able to fill multiple roles we lacked last year."

Marsing has only one senior returning

from last season's 7-16 squad, but 5-foot-8 guard Rodrigo Acuna helped anchor the Huskies' defense last season.

But Acuna will be joined by four juniors with varsity experience, including 5-9 Jose Ponce, who was the leading scorer last season.

Dakota Hardy, a 5-9 guard, returns after a sophomore season in which he led the

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Sports

Lane lowers boom on Melba girls

Melba High School couldn't handle Tory Lane and Homedale's defense in a non-conference girls' basketball blowout.

Lane feasted on the Mustangs again, hitting nearly half her shots in the Trojans' 59-39 road victory on Nov. 24.

The senior drained four three-point goals en route to 26 points, which is one of the largest scoring nights of her HHS career.

Lane also had eight rebounds and three steals as the Trojans (2-1) dominated the Mustangs for the second time in five nights.

Homedale trounced Melba, 52-32, on Nov. 13 as Lane scored 17 points. She averaged 18 points over the first three games of her final season under coach Joe Betancourt.

Homedale held nearly a 2-to-1 edge in rebounding. Carlie Sawyer, Madi Fisher and Gardenia Machuca snagged five boards each as the Trojans out-rebounded the Mustangs, 41-22.

Melba pulled to within five points, 32-27, at halftime, but Homedale opened the second half on a 16-6 run led by as many as 22 points.

Tristan Corta connected on Homedale's other trey and finished with eight points. Teammates Elizabeth Vargas (four rebounds), Machuca and Swallow scored six points each.

Callie Young scored 12 points for the Mustangs, and Mikayla Frost added nine.



Homedale High School's East-West Shrine All-Stars, their coaches and the Trojans' other seniors will have one last night together at the year-end banquet. **From left:** Connor Carter, Garrett Carter, coach Matt Holtry, Jakobee Osborn, Dylan Adams, Lawsen Matteson and assistant coach Dan Holtry. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Trojans schedule year-end football dinner

Some Homedale High School coaches and players wrapped the playing season at the 20th annual Third District East-West Shrine Game on Saturday.

There is still the rest of the football season and the

achievements of this year's crop of seniors — and their underclassmen teammates — to celebrate.

Coach Matt Holtry announced that the year-end award banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. on

Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the high school.

This year's senior players have been part of three consecutive 3A state playoff appearances, and they've earned two third-place state trophies.

The journey began in 2013 with the program's first 3A Snake River Valley conference. The team reached to the state quarterfinals in 2014 and took third in the state this year after finishing second in the 3A SRV.

Adrian winter athletes take aim at return to State

The Adrian High School winter sports seasons begin this weekend.

The Antelopes' boys' basketball team is under the leadership of a new coach heading into Thursday's non-league home opener against Harper/Huntington.

Nolan Shira will make his debut at the helm in the 7:30 p.m. tipoff. He replaces Aaron Mills, who

guided the Antelopes into the second round of the 1A Oregon state playoffs last season.

Gene Mills returns for another year as girls' basketball coach for a 6 p.m. Thursday start against Harper/Huntington.

The boys' and girls' teams travel to Council for another non-league doubleheader Friday and then will play host to Notus

on Tuesday.

The Adrian girls finished fourth in the state tournament last season.

Eddie Kinkade's wrestling team is in Enterprise, Ore., for an 11 a.m. meet on Friday, and the Antelopes are scheduled to compete in Homedale at 6 p.m. on Tuesday as part of a tri-meet with Marsing.

Adrian had one 2A/1A state meet qualifier last season when sophomore German exchange student Florian Nieder lost both of his matches at 285 pounds.

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Athletes of the Week

Returning Homedale wrestlers who placed at State last season:

- Nash Johnson, sr., third place, 138 pounds
- Andy Montes, sr., third place, 106 pounds

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 3, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 3, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Frosh/soph
Thursday, Dec. 3, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Dec. 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 5 at Melba, 7:45 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 5 at Melba, 6:15 p.m.

Frosh/soph
Friday, Dec. 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 5 at Melba, 4:45 p.m..

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Sports

Youthful Jordan Valley girls open season tonight

Roster includes slew of state volleyball vets

Youth and experience is an unusual combination, but the Jordan Valley High School girls' basketball team has that in 2015-16.

Third-year coach Kelsi Skinner opens the season tonight at home against McDermitt, Nev., without the talent of Andi Warn and Sharayah Sausser. Those two team leaders graduated in the spring after leading the Mustangs to a third-place finish in the 1A District 8 Tournament and a first-round exist in the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

But the Mustangs welcome back two seniors and several underclassmen who were major contributors to last season's 17-10 record.

This year's seniors are Jaci Larson and Morgan Caywood. Juniors Alisha Rogers and Zoey Warn are back as is Cheyenne

Davis, who had several standout performances as a freshman last season.

Skinner says her team will be versatile but will be challenged by its youth, too.

Seven athletes are new to the Mustangs program, including freshman Allisyn Reynolds and sophomore Bekkah Cline, who transferred from other districts. Other newcomers are Regann Skinner, Taylor Warn, Katelyn Deen, Emilee Burch and Nicole Terry.

All of the newcomers spent time with the volleyball team in the fall, gaining postseason experience with a strong run in the district tournament and reaching the state playoffs.

Kelsi Skinner, whose assistant coach is Mike Skinner, plans to put an "exciting and energetic" brand of basketball on the floor.

That type of gameplan may be necessary to survive in the 1A High Desert League.

"We have a strong conference, and the competition will be great," Skinner said.

Huskies wrestling still building

Jon Nelson's long-term vision for Marsing High School wrestling doesn't seem too far-fetched anymore.

Nelson accepted the head coaching position with the goal of creating a program, not just fielding a team.

Four seasons later, Nelson has shifted his focus to sustaining success by developing successful wrestlers and attracting new athletes who are looking for different outlets for their competitive juices.

"I think it's a long, slow process. It's still there," Nelson said of the pursuit to establish and program and the room to grow.

The middle school program is growing under the guidance of second-year coach Justin Freeman. This year, there are almost 20 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders conditioning and training in the halls of the high school each afternoon. Two years ago, there were only three wrestlers.

Nelson hopes for trickle-up success with the burgeoning middle school program, and it seems to be paying off with 19 wrestlers on the high school team. Only two are seniors.

"We have a lot of young, first-year kids, and it's going to be a learning season," Nelson said.

Five wrestlers return to the Huskies' program, and the

balance of high school wrestlers are first-timers, including senior Andy Saenz who has decided to forego the basketball season and wrestle at 152 pounds.

"He's a natural," Nelson said. "He should do OK in 2A."

Yuki Oihari (126) is the other senior on the roster this season. The Japanese exchange student has never wrestled.

Nelson is optimistic that his returning wrestlers will fare well despite facing what the coach sees as one of the most challenging schedules in Class 2A.

The returners include sophomore 220-pounder Mason Hall, who will fill the slot in the rotation vacated by Noah Grossman. The most successful wrestler in the Nelson era at Marsing, Grossman graduated in the spring and now attends Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., with an eye toward competing on the mat as a redshirt freshman next season.

"I expected Mason to do well against 2A competition," Nelson said.



Seth Black



Oscar Gonzalez

Hall qualified for the state tournament last season as did fellow returning sophomore Joseph Ineck, who will wrestle at 145. Both picked up wins in their first state tournaments.

Other returners include junior Oscar Gonzalez (152) and 160-pound sophomores Jaden Kinney and Seth Black.

"If I can get those six (returners) to place at district, it'll be a better year," Nelson said.

The Huskies' schedule begins Friday and Saturday with the Bucks Bags Tournament at Capital High School in Boise. The Calhoun Classic awaits next week.

"The Calhoun will probably give me an idea of how kids will do," Nelson said. "If they can place at the Calhoun, they can probably place at State."

Marsing also will compete next month in the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa and the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell. A trip to the Weiser Invitational is planned in February.

— JPB



MARSING HUSKIES

These wrestlers are returning to the Marsing program after qualifying for the 2A state tournament last season:

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- Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Dec. 1, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
- Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Dec. 1, home vs. Payette, 4:45 p.m.

- Wrestling
Friday, Dec. 4 at Bucks Bags Tournament, Capital H.S., Boise, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 5 at Bucks Bags Tournament, Capital H.S., Boise, 10 a.m.

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Sports

HHS wrestling a mix of veterans, talented youth

New coach has long history with program

Ryan Nash opens his first season as wrestling coach at his alma mater with a luxury that his predecessor often hoped for. “We’re going to have quite a bit of talent in the middle weights and should have two solid wrestlers in several weight classes,” the former Homedale High School three-time state champion said of this year’s Trojans.

“There are a lot of unknowns, but I believe we’ll be competitive.”

There are some holes in the lineup that will hurt Homedale’s chances in dual meets, Nash said. There are no wrestlers at 98 pounds, 195 pounds or 220 pounds, but the Trojans have several returning wrestlers with strong resumes.

Nash’s nephew Nash Johnson returns for his senior season as a three-time 3A state tournament qualifier. He passed his uncle for No. 5 on the all-time victory list at HHS with 106 wins. His next victory ties him for fourth in career wins with Bryan Martinat.

“He’s a great technician and an extremely hard worker,” Ryan Nash said of his nephew. “Nash is hungry for the state title, and he’s going to go after it. Nash has

everything it takes to bring home gold.”

Andy Montes is another senior with a strong history at the state tournament, winning a championship earlier in his career and finished third last season. He was a district champion last season.

“Andy is very talented. He has the potential to repeat,” Nash said. “We hope for a standout season for Andy this year.”

John Collett is another senior with the potential to turn in “an incredible season,” Nash said. He won a district title last year.

“He’s unbelievably strong and has been wrestling a long time,” the new coach said. “He’s got a legitimate shot at winning the whole thing.”

Other 3A District III Tournament placers returning this season include juniors Pete Vasquez, Anthony Beckman and Shane Keller and sophomore Kiefer Cooper. Vasquez, Beckman and Keller finished third in the district tournament, and Cooper was fifth.

“After making it to State last year, they have more maturity, they know what it takes and what to expect,” Nash said. “We’re looking for them to make big contributions this season.”

Homedale had 10 district placers last season. Andrew Randall finished fourth place in his weight division as a senior.

“Andrew Randall graduated and will be

missed. He was a hard worker and wrestled all four years,” Nash said.

There are several newcomers coming to the Trojans either from the junior varsity or the town’s youth program, including:

- Cobey Christoffersen, whom Nash says is “a very talented sophomore” who is a technical wrestler.
- Jacob Furlott, a junior, is back after missing last season with an injury. “He’s very athletic, and he’s looking great in practice,” Nash said. “He’s just fun to have in the room.”
- Caleb Meligan is another junior who missed last season because of a knee injury suffered during football season. He was a state meet qualifier as a freshman.

“He’s a big pinner, and he’s fun to watch,” Nash said. “He’s a hard worker, and the sky’s the limit for what Caleb can do this year.”

- Freshman Jaeger Rose had experience in freestyle and folkstyle. “He’s a hard worker and a good athlete,” Nash said. “He’ll make an impact right away.”

The Trojans also have other new wrestlers who have come into the program from the outside.

In the case of senior Julian Hartmann, he is from way outside the program, as in Switzerland. He’s an exchange student trying his hand at wrestling.

“He doesn’t have much experience wrestling, but he’s a really athletic, strong kid,” Nash said. “He’s got a great attitude, and he’s great to have in the room.”

Brothers Tanner and Brayden Miller, a junior and sophomore, respectively, have transferred from Vallivue. “They have a great work ethic, and we’re excited to have them on the team.”

Another athlete new to Homedale is freshman Dallin Powell, who moved from Mountain Home. “He’s got some experience, and we’re eager to see what he can do,” Nash said.

Nash was an assistant coach at HHS between 1996 and 1999, first under Bob Stancliff then Toby Johnson. Nash also was part of the middle school coaching staff before returning to assist Johnson for the past five seasons.

Now, Johnson returns as Nash’s assistant coach.

“He and I have always worked very well together and produced successful teams,” Nash said.

Johnson resigned after last season, and Nash was hired to replace him. Johnson was rehired as an assistant coach, and he is joined by middle school coach Jake Levinski and youth coach Joe Egusquiza in the corner on the mat.

— JPB

Mustangs boys draw barometer game

The Jordan Valley High School boys’ basketball team opens the season tonight, but there’s a big red-marker circle around Friday’s contest.

Clint Fillmore’s Mustangs certainly aren’t looking past their home opener against McDermitt at 8 p.m. today, but you’ll forgive them for at least peeking.

Jordan Valley, which won the 1A District 8 championship during an 18-8 campaign a year ago, will find out where it stands among the state’s elite in the Hawk Invitational in Hood River, Ore., on Friday and Saturday.

The Mustangs, who lost in their 1A Oregon state playoffs opener last season, have drawn tournament host Horizon Christian in at 9 p.m. MST tipoff Friday.

Horizon Christian finished third in the 1A Oregon state tournament last season after winning the 1A District 6 championship.

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team in three-point shooting percentage.

Two juniors — 6-1 Nick Lankow and 6-5 wide body Sam Galligan — will provide rebounding as they return for their second varsity season.

Newcomers include 6-3 Tre Ponce, a junior who was the junior varsity team’s leading rebounder and shot blocker last season.

Trajan Morton, a transfer from Bonners Ferry High School, is another junior who is new to the club. His father, Steven, teaches U.S. History and World History at Marsing High School.

“We are still young with a junior-loaded group,” Little said. “The entire league gets better this year, so sticking to our strengths of discipline, desire and effort each game will lead to some success.

“Our basketball IQ has improved thanks to this summer, and the varsity experience of some young players last year.”

Little admits that the 2A Western Idaho Conference campaign will be challenging because other teams — such as front-runners Nampa Christian and Melba — also return a lot of experienced varsity players.

✓ Trojans: Squad prepared to put in the work

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off-season or at practice.”

Carter’s work ethic apparently sets the tone for Homedale, though.

“Fans will see a team that never stops working hard,” Grove said. “We will press and fast break on a nightly basis. Expect high-scoring games with a lot of team assists.”

Grove says that unselfishness is a strength of the team as is knowledge of the Trojans’ system and basketball smarts in general. There are four other seniors coming back with Carter, including:

- Garrett Carter, 6-0 — “Garrett plays really tough defense and is usually one of our go-to guys to stop our opponents’ best offensive player,” Grove said.
- Benny Schamber, 6-3 — “Benny is a good scorer and has improved his strength immensely from last year,” Grove said. “We’re looking for him to be a major part in our team’s success this season.”
- Josh Tolmie, 6-0 — “Josh is another person who can guard almost anyone on the floor,” Grove said. “He is extremely athletic and can score at any given time.”
- Lawsen Matteson, 6-1 — “Lawsen is the general on the floor. He sees the floor really well and gets the ball to the right person,” Grove said. “He is a good defender, and he is able to use his strength to get to the basket.”

Connor Carter and Schamber are the team’s tallest players, and Grove admits a lack of physical size in the post is something the team must overcome with fierce defense.

Lack of size may be more of concern once the tough 3A Snake River Valley conference season begins.

Grove says Emmett is big, physical



Football senior all-stars Garrett Carter, left, and Lawsen Matteson have traded their cleats for court shoes. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

and athletic, and fans can expect the usual product out of Fruitland. The coach says Weiser will have a similar gameplan to the Trojans and returns three all-conference players. Parma has a new coach and Tanner Kramer, whom some consider the best player in the 3A SRV. Payette will be big and athletic, too. The Pirates have a new coach but lost conference player of the year Zane Allen to graduation.

Homedale also has an influx of new faces, all seniors:

- Chase Martell, 5-10 — “Chase had a good summer,” Grove said. “He is quick, smart and can shoot the ball very well. Chase is going to be a huge asset to our team success this season.”
- Manny Baltierrez, 6-2 — “Man-

ny had a huge summer for us,” Grove said. “Manny provides a lot of defensive energy and can score around the basket. He loves to rebound and run the floor.”

- Chad Hungate, 5-10 — “Chad is our shooting specialist. He put in a lot of time this summer getting stronger perfecting his three-point shot,” Grove said. “Chad is smart and is a team-first athlete.”
- Jairo Barbosa, 5-8 — “Jairo is a great ball-handler who is not afraid of anyone,” Grove said. “He loves competition and loves to win.”
- Dylan Burks, 6-1 — “Dylan is the definition of a hard worker,” Grove said. “We will rely on Dylan to rebound, run the floor and play defense.”

— JPB

Commentary

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On the edge of common sense Dean’s Driving School

Dean was in his 80s and still drove his pickup. This concerned his best friend Jack, who questioned the wisdom of riding with him. Dean based his self-confidence on the fact that he lived in western Kansas where you could drive from Hugoton to Bird City and never see a person wearing a suit and a tie!

Dean was a cattle feeder and planned a trip to Sublett. He invited Jack to go with him. Against his better judgment, Jack agreed. Dean insisted on driving. To the credit of Kansas, the speed limit is high. Twenty miles from home, the truck started shaking. They pulled off on the shoulder and made an inspection. One of the rear tires was low.

On close examination they found a nail in the tread. These two wise sages pondered whether to try and fix it, which would entail crawling underneath the truck, letting the spare tire down, dragging it out from under the bed, jacking up the vehicle, spinning off the lugs, muscling the LT 265/70R 17 tire, etc., etc., etc.

Dean made an executive decision: Don’t pull the nail out, turn around and race back home before the air escapes out of the tire completely. Brilliant! Then have the tire fixed in town. Jack, who was a little younger, took over the driving, with Dean’s approval.

They were flying (80 mph) down the long, bare, two-lane road, the tire thumping and shaking the steering wheel as Dean egged Jack on! As you would guess, they attracted the attention of a lonely Kansas State Trooper, who turned on his flashing lights and pulled them over. They explained about the tire and their urgency. It fell on deaf ears. He gave Jack a speeding ticket ... a hefty ticket for speeding and for driving an unsafe vehicle!

A week went by. Another trip was planned, same destination, same State Trooper. This time, Dean was driving. He was made to pull over.

The Trooper recognized the vehicle and the two geezers from the previous week.

“Goin’ a little fast, weren’t you, boys?” he asked.

Dean, no stranger to this setting, said, “Eighty-three, officer. Only eight miles an hour over the speed limit. I didn’t have the cruise on, better to pay attention without that automatic stuff. I try to be safe. I can’t remember the last time I got a ticket ... I got a good record ... etc., etc., etc.”

When he stopped to take a breath the officer stepped in, “The speed limit is 65 and I clocked you at ninety-two. And, I gave you a ticket last week for speeding and unsafe driving.”

“Uh, you gave HIM a ticket last week,” said Dean, pointing at Jack. The Trooper was examining Dean’s driver’s license. “You aren’t wearing glasses,” he said.

“Well, I was just cleaning them when you flagged me down. That might be why I speeded up, not bein’ able to see the dashboard and all.”

Jack said, “Let me trade with him, and I’ll drive us. I’m a lot safer.”

“I gave YOU a ticket last week for speeding ... Maybe you guys are a bad influence on each other, did you ever think of that?”

“You are absolutely right, officer, so if you don’t write him a ticket, I’ll take him home, and just to be fair I’ll make him pay half of mine!”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs.

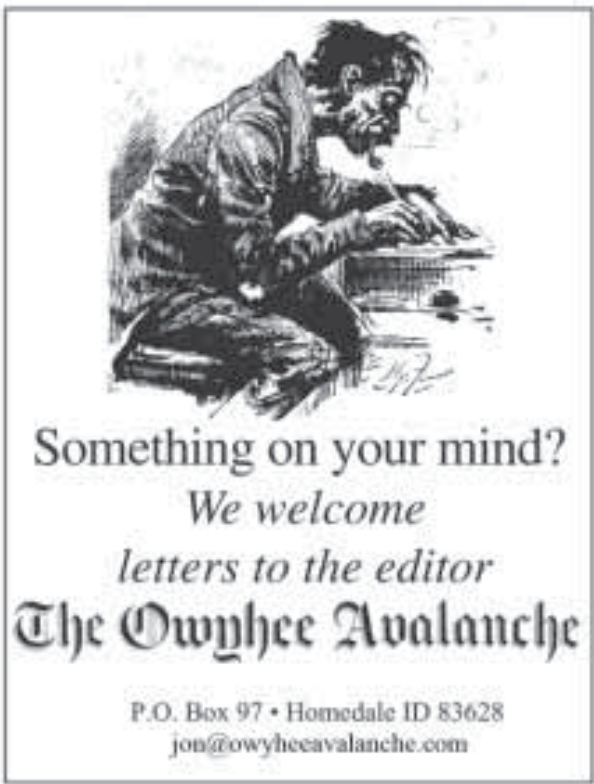
Letter to the editor

Outgoing Homedale council person wants to return later

To my fellow citizens,
I had been contemplating resigning my seat on the Homedale City Council before Jon Brown published his commentary (“Being there,” Nov. 18, 2015). My out of town job was scheduled to end at the 1st of December, and I would have once again been in Homedale as a full time member of the City Council. My job, however, has been extended and I have been offered a very lucrative position on the company’s next project. This job will require my full attention, and so I will be relinquishing my City Council seat.

It has been my extreme honor and privilege to serve the people and community of Homedale, and I thank you for that opportunity. Upon retirement, I hope to once again be of service in the city I have always called home. I have the utmost faith in Mayor Christoffersen’s abilities to appoint a replacement who will serve you with intelligence and insight as I have endeavored to do.

Kimberly Jo Murray
Homedale



Michael F. Hanley IV

Then and now Stepping back in time in cradle of American history



My wife Linda, Jerry and Judy Raburn and I recently visited family in Eastern Tennessee and Virginia. It’s beautiful. Lots of history with ancestors populating scattered cemeteries and church yards. In fact, people exploring roots constitute a big part of their economy.

Jamestown, where American settlement started, continues to yield artifacts that tell of severe hardships and suffering. The site fronting on the James River with a swamp to the rear, in hindsight, looks like it was ... a death trap.

The British at Yorktown found themselves in a similar situation, backed up to Chesapeake Bay with no chance of escape. Wisely, they surrendered to American and French troops. The site encompasses a small area by Owyhee County standards.

Williamsburg, with its historical setting restored, reconstructed and re-enactors, was impressive. We were told that re-enactors would only respond to questions and discussions of the colonial era.

I visited with the wheelwright and blacksmith, watching them at their trades. The main street — “The Duke of Gloucester Street” — featured speakers and skits which ended with a march led by the fife and drum corps. It ended on the village square with the firing of muskets and cannon.

While watching the parade, a black guy walked over. I asked him what he did. “I’m a slave and work as a blacksmith.” He asked where I was from, and I told him I was from a place not yet discovered in what is rumored to be the Oregon Country.

“What do you do there?” he asked.
“I’m in the livestock business,” I responded, “and raise Black Angus cattle. They’re worth more than others, and I’m a firm believer that black is beautiful.”

He laughed and told me I should go to work with them.

For years, I’ve bought supplies from the Amish in Lancaster County, Pa. While Jerry and I toured a supplier’s shop, Linda and Judy spent quality time in a quilt shop. The farmsteads and fields were tidy. Harvesting was in full swing with teams of horses and mules pulling corn cutters, wagons, balers and plows. I saw a teenage girl, cellphone in hand, driving a single horse on a buggy.

The Raburns left for home, and Linda and I drove to Pennsylvania’s Poconos on the Delaware River. She had always wanted to see changing of the leaves. It’s a beautiful area, but traffic getting there makes the commute from Caldwell to Boise mild by comparison.

We spent our final night at Gettysburg but had little time for the battlefield. We’ve toured the battlefield before and recommend it as a destination. Because Linda and I had ancestors on both sides, we declared a truce and spent our time touring museums and quilt shops.

As beautiful as the northeast and south is, I’m glad our ancestors made the decision to go west to the Oregon Country’s Malheur and Owyhee counties.

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Commentary

Financial management

Your happiest day shouldn't have a foundation of debt

Dear Dave,
How do you have a wedding without debt?
— Lynn

Dear Lynn,
Wow, where do I start on this one? I guess the best way is to tell the truth. Honey, that question kind of makes you sound like a little princess.
How do you have a wedding without debt? It's really simple. You have a wedding with the money you have. There's nothing wrong with small, inexpensive weddings. And once you accept that and start thinking about things from a mature, adult point of view, you'll start realizing you can scrimp and save and have a really nice, small wedding.
Lots of people have beautiful, memorable ceremonies and even small receptions for less than

\$1,000. Sure, you can run out, go into debt and wear an \$8,000 wedding dress for a few hours on one day of your life. Or, you can find one that's much cheaper — even something that's been worn one time — for a couple hundred dollars. Think that's tacky? Well, let me tell you what's even more tacky *and* dumb — going \$15,000 to \$20,000 in debt for one day!
To have a wedding without debt you have to be creative and think within your budget. That means growing up and not throwing a temper tantrum just because you can't have every little thing you want. Most people don't have lavish, expensive weddings, and guess what? Years down the road they're still married, madly in love and laughing and hugging when they remember the best day of their lives.
Please, don't turn what's



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by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

supposed to be a happy occasion into a financial mess that will take years to clean up!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband works for a large

company and receives restricted stock bonuses of approximately \$5,000 each year. We're not sure exactly how long they're restricted, and we both wonder if we're allowed to sell these options?
— Patty

Dear Patty,
You said your husband works for a large company, so my guess is they do this as an employee retention move. That's why they restrict the stock. They're trying to get people to stay with the company, and you'll only be able to sell them after they are no longer restricted.
Usually, these kinds of things have a one- or two-year restriction. I doubt they'd put a five-year hold on it, but check with the company to find out the specifics. They can tell him when the stock is free to

be sold.
If it were me, I wouldn't hold on to too much of it. I don't own single stocks. They have too much risk for my taste. Keep a little bit, if you want, but don't put all or even most of your financial eggs into that one basket!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover, which recently passed 5 million copies sold. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government

Time for Congress to defund enviros' sue and settle scheme

by Rick Manning

In July, Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (R-Ga.) took on the little-known radical environmentalist scam known as “sue and settle” where a green group acting in cahoots with the EPA or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sues the Agency demanding that they apply the law in a new, expanded way that increases the agency's jurisdiction.
The agency, rather than defending the law, enters into a consent decree with the party who filed the original lawsuit. A judge signs the consent decree without review, since the two “disputing” parties are in agreement. Suddenly, the agency has new, expansive powers to wield against job creators. And then for the kicker, taxpayers have to foot the legal bills of the attorneys who filed the suit.
The Westmoreland defund amendment to the Interior Department appropriation bill would have rolled back this abuse of taxpayer funds by denying the payment of attorney fees in “sue and settle” cases. This action is needed to stop this Obama Administration-orchestrated expansion of executive power.
The amendment read: “None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to pay legal fees pursuant to a settlement in any case, in which the Federal Government is a party, that arises under — (1) the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); (2) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); or (3) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).”
As Westmoreland noted in his July 7 floor speech, “Between 2009 and 2012, the EPA chose not to defend itself in over 60 of these lawsuits from special interest advocacy groups. Those 60 lawsuits resulted in settlement agreements and in the EPA's publishing more than 100 new regulations.”
Westmoreland added, “Also included in these legally binding settlements are requirements that U.S. taxpayers

must pay for the attorneys of the organization that initiated the action. According to a 2011 GAO report, between 1995 and 2010, three large environmental activist groups, like the Sierra Club, received almost \$6 million in attorneys' fees alone.”
A 2013 letter from Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) and Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) to EPA administrator Gina McCarthy highlights such an example of sue and settle on a start-up, shutdown, and malfunction rule: “In November 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Sierra Club negotiated a settlement whereby EPA unilaterally agreed to respond to a petition filed by Sierra Club seeking the elimination of a longstanding Clean Air Act exemption for excess emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction.
The EPA went out of its way further to deny the participation of the States, and other affected parties. Oddly, it appears that, instead of defending EPA's own regulations and the SSM provisions in the EPA-approved air programs of 39 states, EPA simply agreed to include an obligation to respond to the petition in the settlement of an entirely separate lawsuit. In other words, EPA went out of its way to resolve the startup, shutdown, and malfunction petition in a coordinated settlement with the Sierra Club.”
As a result, Vitter and Sessions wrote, “Notwithstanding 40 years of precedent to the contrary, EPA has now decided that the state implementation plans of 36 states are legally inadequate because of their startup, shutdown, and malfunction provisions.”
In a February 2015 statement preceding his introduction of legislation to combat this abusive practice, Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) further emphasized the problems with sue and settle: “Sue and settle litigation allows federal agencies to short-circuit the controls that Congress has set

in place to ensure transparency in the rulemaking process. These tactics result in new federal regulations imposed on American businesses and ultimately, on American families, all without an adequate opportunity for the public to weigh in. Sue and settle litigation makes a mockery of the public accountability and transparency protections required by the Administrative Procedures Act. It also limits the ability of the executive branch to engage in principled decision-making.”
The abuse of the sue and settle provisions by the Obama Administration are just one of many examples of this Administration establishing law using backdoor channels without the consent of Congress or even the use of the normal Administrative Procedures Act that governs the regulatory process.
Ironically, the Westmoreland amendment never came up for a vote after the appropriations process ground to a halt as House Democrats created a phony Confederate flag dispute stopping this and other amendments from passing that would have road-blocked Obama's flouting of the law.
The upcoming Omnibus spending bill will set and prioritize spending for 10 of the last 13 months of the Obama Administration. It will either prevent Obama from cementing his legacy by using tactics like sue and settle to go around Congress to expand the size and scope of government or it won't. Congress has one chance to get it right, and they need to rein in Obama's abuse of the sue and settle system or else the next Administration will spend much of its time trying to fight environmental lawsuits opposing changes to the Obama-made law.
It is time to shut the door on Obama's sue and settle loophole.
— Rick Manning is the president of Americans for Limited Government.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 5, 1990

Riley Grimes retires

The Homedale Highway District office on East Colorado Street in Homedale was decorated with balloons, food, a fancy cake and wall-to-wall people Friday afternoon, all in honor of Riley Grimes, Sr., who is retiring as foreman of the district after nearly 15 years of service. Grimes started working for the district in April, 1976.

Stars observe birthday

Silver Star Chapter 83, OES, observed its 34th birthday at its meeting on Nov. 20 at the Masonic Hall. Three charter members honored were Amy Adams. Margaret Buck and Lorrain Upton.

In the absence of the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron Carol Cobb and Worthy Patron Bural Satterfield presided for the meeting.

Male DeCardoville, Grand Representative of Virginia in Idaho, was introduced. Also introduced were Maxine Satterfield, member of the publicity committee, and Margaret Buck, chairman of the Library Committee of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, both 50-year members.

Martha Titmus reported that the annual Pancake Feed was a success and thanked everyone who had helped.

It was voted to invite the Masons to a potluck supper at 6 p.m. for the Christmas meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The Chapter will furnish ham, rolls and butter, and coffee. It was voted that in lieu of the customary gift exchange a like amount would be donated to the Homedale Ministerial Association.

Eleven named to WIC All-Stars

Eight Homedale Trojans football players have been named to the Western Idaho Conference A-3 All-Star 1st team by District 3 coaches, and an additional three won selection to the all-WIC 2nd team.

Due to the absence of records, it isn’t known whether the 11 local players picked is the most ever for Homedale, according to Head Football Coach Jim McMillan. He said it isn’t known yet whether there will be another WIC All-Star football game sometime next spring, possibly in June.

Two players, Brad Dines and Harvey Allen, both seniors, were named to the 1st team on both offense and defense. Dines was a running back/defensive back on this year’s team and Allen was an offensive/defensive tackle. Rick Zehr, a junior, also won dual selection to the 1st team as the both wide receiver and place kicker.

Other Trojans named to the all-star 1st team were: Chris Hoshaw, senior, quarterback; Ryan Landa, sophomore, running back; Shane McConnell, senior, center; Sean Morford, junior, linebacker and Tony Uranga, sophomore, defensive back.

Parade draws crowd to Marsing

The streets of Marsing were lined with cars and people last Saturday as spectators braved the cold morning air to watch the annual Christmas parade. Ray and Lola Pershall were Grand Marshals and led off the parade in their vintage Ford. They were followed by Mayor Gene Showalter and his wife Claire. Floats of all shapes and sizes entertained the crowds with entries from Morfitts, Lions Club, West One Bank, Harvey’s Auto Parts, Harvey’s Towing, Marsing Elementary and High Schools, Job Corps, City Crew, Sandbar Riverhouse and Dobbin Implement.

The traditional Santa Sleigh was pulled by a not traditional four-wheeler while the reindeers took a day off. With the help of the fire department, Mr. and Mrs. Claus handed out 500 sacks of goodies donated by the parade’s sponsor, the Chamber of Commerce.

The Lions Club took first place for a civic entry with a cleverly disguised four-wheeler that should have been pulling Santa’s sleigh. Dobbin Implement received first place honors for the business entry with a trailer depicting an old-time Christmas around a pot belly stove. Each of the winning entries were awarded on \$25.00 gift certificate. Sponsors and judges of the parade felt that there was a good turnout this year.

50 years ago

December 2, 1965

Neighbors Club elects new slate of officers

An election meeting of the Owyhee Neighbors Club resulted in a complete new change of officers. The regular November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mas Kido in Wilder with 15 members present.

Elected to serve as president for 1966 was Mrs. Kay Inouye of Homedale. Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Inouye were Mrs. Kido, vice president; Mrs. Masa Nishihara of Homedale, secretary, and Mrs. Jim Yamada of Wilder, treasurer.

Retiring officers are Mrs. John Takasugi, president; Mrs. George Kubosumi, vice president; Mrs. Taka Kora, secretary, and Mrs. Frank Yamamoto, treasurer, all of Homedale.

There was no other business during the meeting except for a light discussion of the annual family Christmas social. Committee workers are Mrs. Mich Takasugi, Mrs. Kora, Mrs. John Takasugi and Mrs. Kubosumi.

Winner of the door prize was Mrs. Inouye. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Steve Hirai and Mrs. Kido.

Oregon releases bighorn sheep at Lake Owyhee

Bighorn sheep, 17 of them, including six rams and 11 ewes, were released in Leslie Gulch in the rugged Lake Owyhee country of Malheur County, Ore., according to a report from the Oregon game commission

The release followed an exciting but successful trapping operation at Hart Mountain in Lake County, Ore.

Driven into a trap located in Juniper Canyon on Hart Mountain by a roundup crew of 37 men, the animals were loaded onto trucks for the journey to their new home. Assisting game commission personnel in the operation were employees of the Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service. Two-way radios were used to facilitate herding the animals.

Bighorn sheep were once native to the area. They disappeared around the turn of the century. In 1954, a nucleus of 20 animals was obtained through the cooperation of British Columbia game authorities. These animals were placed in a large fenced enclosure on Hart Mountain. Since then some have been released directly from the enclosure and others have been released at Steens Mountain.

Fire Dist. election Monday to name commissioner

The election of a fire protection commissioner from the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District will be held Monday afternoon, Dec. 6, at the office of the Homedale Labor Camp, according to Rural Fire Chief Bruce Smith.

The commissioner at-large must be an elector and free holder resident within the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District for at least one year at the time of election. He will serve for a term of four years.

John E. Kushlan, commissioner for the past four years, will run for re-election to this office.

Polls will be open from 12 o’clock noon, Monday, until 7 p.m. that evening.

Judges will be Mrs. Opal Nash, Mrs. Amy Adams and Mrs. Ruth Trostle.

Homedale Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kindred and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allwardt of Phoenix, Ariz., spent the Thanksgiving weekend at Moses Lake, Wash., where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Lewis and family and with the Orville Morrison family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kolsky were hosts at a Thanksgiving Day dinner in their home. Guests included their children, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kolsky and family, Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kolsky and family of Caldwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hibbs and daughter Kimberly and Mrs. Kolsky’s father, George Moore of Homedale.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tabor and daughter Jeannette of Wilder were callers Sunday afternoon in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cearley.

140 years ago

December 4, 1875

GREAT ACTIVITY STILL continues in the Navy Department. Nearly all the iron-clads are ready for sea and are receiving their complement of officers. The frigate which had been recently cruising the Mediterranean collecting curiosities for the Centennial has been ordered to return home immediately. The European fleet has been instructed to rendezvous at Lisbon to await orders. It is still hinted that these preparations are being made in view of the prospects of trouble with Spain, but looking at the matter in its various aspects, it is hardly possible that such can be the case.

THE ITEM IN yesterday’s paper stating that a portion of the goods stolen from the tailor shop on Washington street had been traced to a moulding foundry in the vicinity, was not of course intended to implicate any gentleman connected with the latter establishment who like Ceasar’s wife are “above suspicion,” and who should not have done us the injustice they have by any such supposition on their part. Only a few ribbons were found there and our information let to the belief that the thieves may have maliciously scattered these articles somewhere with a view to directing attention from their own haunts. This was what we intended to convey by the item.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT a number of the merchants of this place talk about following up the example of the AVALANCHE in the matter of closing up their places of business on Sunday. The probabilities are that they gain nothing by keeping open on the Sabbath, and as there is no business done now in the great majority of the mining camps on the Coast on this day, it might be well enough for the Silverites to “follow suit” and give employees and others an opportunity for rest and recreation one day out of the seven.

THE VETERANS OF the Mexican war in this vicinity contemplate holding a meeting soon for the purpose of aiding to bring the bounty question more prominently before the attention of Congress. Mr. Lobenstein, one of the old warriors, is interesting himself in the movement.

THE SOUTH CHARIOT mill, at Fairview, which shut down a short time ago for the purpose of having some necessary repairs made in the machinery, will start up again early next week or before, commencing on ore from the South Chariot mine. The teams commence hauling rock from the mine to-day. There are 200 tons on the dump ready for shipment. About six tons are now being taken out of the mine daily, and this product will be more than doubled in a few days. The prospects of the South Chariot mine for winter’s operations are very favorable.

THE SURVEYING PARTY – The surveying party, which left here sometime since, under Colonel Lauterne to make the preliminary survey of the Winnemucca & Oregon Railroad, is said to be weather bound in the Sierra north of Goose Lake. W. H. Welch was informed yesterday that the party was snowed in for a while at the place mentioned, and as their supplies are almost exhausted, serious consequences were feared. It is probable, however, that assistance has reached them before this time, as their condition was made known the settlers, and the news forwarded to headquarters. – *Silver State*, Nov. 29.

NEARLY ONE MONTH of the year is left. This time might be profitably spent by the great army of criminals who have for many months been engaged in defrauding the Government by encouraging the illicit distillation of whisky and through other depredations upon the public treasury, to take a retrospective view of their past career and form stern resolutions to do better for the future. What a happy and prosperous nation the Untied States might soon become if every citizen who has contributed to the demoralization of finances of the country, by obtaining what does not belong to him, would start out on a fresh career of honesty with the dawn of the Centennial year.

Public notices

**NOTICE OF MEETING
TIME CHANGE**
THE REGULAR MEETING
SCHEDULE OF THE
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY
DISTRICT HAS **CHANGED
EFFECTIVE 12-1-15**
THE NEXT REGULAR
MEETING OF THE HOMEDALE
HIGHWAY DISTRICT WILL
BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 9th, AT THE
HIGHWAY DISTRICT
OFFICE LOCATED AT 102
E. COLORADO AVENUE IN
HOMEDALE, AT **6 P.M.**.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
REGULAR MEETINGS WILL
BE HELD AT **6 P.M.**, ON THE
SECOND WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH. THE
MEETING LOCATION IS AT
THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT
OFFICE, LOCATED AT 102
E. COLORADO AVENUE,
HOMEDALE.
DATED THIS 25th DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2015.
Terri Uria, Secretary - Homedale
Highway District
12/2,9/15

**NOTICE OF
EQUALIZATION**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
That the Board of Directors of
the Gem Irrigation District will
meet at their office at 1:15 p.m.
on Tuesday, December 8, 2015
to sit as a Board of Equalization
for the purpose of reviewing
and correcting its assessments
and apportionment of taxes
for defraying the expenses of
the District for the year 2016.
Any complaint concerning the
assessments or any changes
desired must be entered with the
secretary of the District before
the above date to receive proper
consideration from the Board.
The 2016 assessment may be
seen at the Gem Irrigation District
office in Homedale, Idaho.
Connie Chadez, Secretary
11/25;12/2/15

LIEN SALE
Roger Hance, PO Box 245,
Marsing ID 83639. Unit F-25,
9x12, containing one large
compressor, one large fish tank,
recliner, corner dining table with
bench seat, large tarp.
Items are located at Hwy 95
Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95,
Homedale, ID 83628. Items in
storage unit will auctioned off
on 12-05-2015 at 1:00pm by
sealed bid. Bids will be accepted
between 9:00am to 1:00pm on
12-05-2015.
11/25;12/2/15

**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON NAME CHANGE**
CASE NO CV2015-762-H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF
IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: William Isaac Almaraz
A Petition to change the name
of William Isaac Almaraz, now
residing in the City of Homedale,
State of Idaho, has been filed in the
District Court in Owyhee County,
Idaho. The name will change to
William Isaac Elordi. The reason
for the change in name is: to go
by my step dads name. The name
I used all through school.
A hearing on the petition is
scheduled for 10:30 o'clock
a.m. on January 20, 2016 at
the Homedale Owyhee County
Courthouse. Objections may be
filed by any person who can show
the court a good reason against the
name change.

DATE: 11/21/2015
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy
Clerk
12/2,9,16,23/15

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
NAME CHANGE**
CASE NO. CV-15-735M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE 3RD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Anthony Eugene Laib
A Petition to change the name
of Anthony Eugene Laib, now
residing in the City of Bruneau,
State of Idaho, has been filed in
the District Court in Owyhee
County, Idaho. The name will
change to Tony E Willis. The
reason for the change in name
is: to take the name of stepfather.
Have been using Willis for a long
time.
A hearing on the petition is
scheduled for 11 o'clock a.m. on
December 21, 2015 at the Owyhee
County Courthouse. Objections
may be filed by any person who
can show the court a good reason
against the name change.
Date: 11/3/15
Clerk of the District Court, By:
Rachelle Faney, Deputy Clerk
11/11,18,25;12/2/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV2015-0754
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
In the Matter of the Estate of
MARIE C. HOLT, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the undersigned have been
appointed personal representatives
of the above-named decedent. All
persons having claims against the
decedent or the estate are required
to present their claims within
four (4) months after the date of
the first publication of the Notice
to Creditors, or within 60 days
after the undersigned mailed or
delivered a copy of this Notice to
such persons, whichever is later,
or said claims will be forever
barred.

Claimed must be presented to
the undersigned at the addresses
indicated, and filed with the Clerk
of Court.
DATED this 19th day of
November, 2015.
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Box 2337, Boise, ID 83701,
Phone 208-344-8400 Fax 344-
7100, Attorney for Petitioner
11/25;12/2,9/15

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE**
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's
date: October 28, 2015 File No.:
8296.20317 Sale date and time
(local time): March 1, 2016 at
11:00 AM Sale location: in the
lobby of the Owyhee County
Courthouse, 20381 State
Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho
83650 Property address: 1 West
California Avenue Homedale,
ID 83628 Successor Trustee:
Northwest Trustee Services,
Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O.
Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009
(425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust
information Original grantor:
Justin W Kelleher, a married man
as his sole and separate estate
Original trustee: Pioneer Title
Company Original beneficiary:
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. solely as nominee
for HomeStreet Bank, its successor
and assigns Recording date:

12/31/2013 Recorder's instrument
number: 282952 County: Owyhee
Sum owing on the obligation: as
of October 28, 2015: \$163,297.47
Because of interest, late charges,
and other charges that may vary
from day to day, the amount due
on the day you pay may be greater.
Hence, if you pay the amount
shown above, an adjustment may
be necessary after we receive your
check. For further information
write or call the Successor Trustee
at the address or telephone number
provided above. Basis of default:
failure to make payments when
due. Please take notice that the
Successor Trustee will sell at
public auction to the highest
bidder for certified funds or
equivalent the property described
above. The property address is
identified to comply with IC
60-113 but is not warranted to
be correct. The property's legal
description is: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
and 6 of Block 57 of the Amended
Plat of the City of Homedale,
Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale
is subject to conditions, rules and
procedures as described at the
sale and which can be reviewed
at www.northwesttrustee.com or
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is made without representation,
warranty or covenant of any
kind. Kelleher, Justin W. (TS#
8296.20317) 1002.283830-File
No.
11/18,25;12/2,9/15

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE**
CASE NO. CV-15-0437
Date of Sale: 12/15/2015
Time of Sale: 10:00AM
Place of Sale: Owyhee County
Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy
78, Murphy, ID 83650

Under and by virtue of a Writ
of Execution on Judgment of
Foreclosure issued on the 29th day
of October, 2015, and an Order
of Sale of Foreclosure issued on
the 6th day of October, 2015, out
of the District Court of the Third
Judicial District of the State of
Idaho, in and for the County of
Owyhee in the case of:
FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF
LAUREANO R. VALDEZ; THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS
AND DEVISEES OF SANTOS
E. VALDEZ; STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND WELFARE AND DOES
1 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE
INCLUDING ALL PARTIES
WITH AN INTEREST IN
PROPERTY commonly known as
116 Patton Street, Marsing, ID
83639 and legally described as:

A part of Government Lot 1
in Section 3, Township 2 North,
Range 4 West, Boise Meridian,
Owyhee County, Idaho, more
particularly described to wit:
Commencing at the Northwest
corner of Section 3, Township
2 North, Range 4 West, Boise
Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho,
thence
South 90° East 179.40 feet
along the North line of said
Section 3; thence
South 0° 00' West 108 feet
along the East line of Seventh
Avenue West to a brass monument;
thence
South 81° 41' East 145.3 feet
along the Northerly line of 40 foot
Patton Street; thence
South 55° 25' East 163.63
feet along the said Northerly
line, to the Initial Point of this
description; thence continue
South 55° 25' East 88 feet along

the said Northerly line; thence
North 34° 35' East 98.30 feet
to a point on the Southerly line
of Block 10 of Patton's Second
Subdivision to Marsing, Idaho;
thence
North 43° 14' West 90.03 feet
along the Southerly line; thence
South 34° 35' West 117.30
feet to the Initial Point of this
description,
Defendants.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
that on the 15th day of December,
2015, at 10 o'clock a.m. of
said day, at Owyhee County
Courthouse, I will sell all the
right, title and interest of the
said Defendants in and to the
said property described herein,
at public auction, to the highest
bidder for cash in currency of
the United States of America,
all payable at time of sale the
following described property,
situated in Owyhee County,
Idaho:
116 Patton Street, Marsing,
ID 83639, and legally described
as follows:
A PART OF GOVERNMENT
LOT 1 IN SECTION 3,
TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE
4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN,
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO,
MORE PARTICULARLY
DESCRIBED TO WIT:
COMMENCING AT THE
NORTHWEST CORNER OF
SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 2
NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST,
BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE
COUNTY, IDAHO, THENCE
SOUTH 90° EAST 179.40 FEET
ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF
SAID SECTION 3; THENCE
SOUTH 0° 00' WEST 108 FEET
ALONG THE EAST LINE OF
SEVENTH AVENUE WEST
TO A BRASS MONUMENT;
THENCE SOUTH 81° 41'
EAST 145.3 FEET ALONG
THE NORTHERLY LINE OF
40 FOOT PATTON STREET;
THENCE SOUTH 55° 25' EAST
163.63 FEET ALONG THE
SAID NORTHERLY LINE,
TO THE INITIAL POINT OF
THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE
CONTINUE SOUTH 55° 25'
EAST 88 FEET ALONG THE
SAID NORTHERLY LINE;
THENCE NORTH 34° 35' EAST
98.30 FEET TO A POINT ON THE
SOUTHERLY LINE OF BLOCK
10 OF PATTON'S SECOND
SUBDIVISION TO MARSING,
IDAHO; THENCE NORTH
43° 14' WEST 90.03 FEET
ALONG THE SOUTHERLY
LINE; THENCE SOUTH 34°
35' WEST 117.30 FEET TO
THE INITIAL POINT OF THIS
DESCRIPTION
The sale will be made without

covenant or warranty regarding
title, possession, or encumbrances
to satisfy the obligation of
Defendants the Unknown Heirs,
Assigns and Devisees of Laureano
R. Valdez and the Unknown
Heirs, Assigns and Devisees
of Santos E. Valdez pursuant
to the Judgment entered in this
matter on October 6, 2015 and
recorded in the official records
of Owyhee County. Whereas a
Writ of Execution issued out of
the District Court of the Third
Judicial District of the State of
Idaho, in and for the County of
Owyhee, in the above name case
on October 29, 2015.
The real property sold at the sale
shall be subject to the redemption
rights of redemptioners, as that
term is defined in Idaho Code
Section 11-401, may redeem
the property from the purchaser
within six months after the sale,
upon paying the purchaser the
amount of their purchase, with
interest on that amount at the rate
allowed by Idaho Code Section
28-22-401(1) from the date of
the sale to the date of redemption,
together with 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 and interest allowed
pursuant to Idaho Code Section
28-22-104(1).
In the event the purchaser is a
creditor having a prior lien to that
of the redemptioners, other than
the judgment under which the
purchase is made, the purchaser
will also be entitled to payment
of that lien amount with interest
at the rate allowed in Idaho Code
Section 18-22-104(l).
The Sheriff, by Certificate of
Sale, will transfer all right, title and
interest of the judgment debtors in
and to the property at the time
of execution of attachment was
levied.
DATED this 18th day of
November, 2015.
SHERIFF OF OWYHEE
COUNTY, IDAHO
Teri Naito, Civil Clerk, Owyhee
County Sheriff's Office
NOTE: THE SHERIFF'S
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OR GUARANTEE CONTINUED
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OF THE TIME FOR WHICH
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- M1: T-shirts (L), Dickie jeans (43x32), long johns (xl), flannel button up (xl), wood craft kits, classical music CDs
M2: Long sleeved T-shirt (2x blues/dark greens), sweat pants (xl blues/dark greens), Hanes brief (L), Nike tennis shoes (12.5W), BSU ball cap, BSU zip-up hooded sweatshirt (2x)
M3: Classic music CDs, CD/portable stereo w/headphones, political/ sports/ sci-fy books
M4: Polo style shirts (2x), sweat pants (2x), CD player w/country music CDs, electric razor
M5: Button up western style shirts (2x), sweat pants (2x), spanish western movies DVD, BSU ball cap, BSU zipup jacket, tennis shoes (11)
M6: Hanes T-shirts (2x), AirWalk slippers (10), after shave, restaurant gift cards
M7: T-shirts (xl), sweat pants (xl), CD player w/headphones & old country music, electric shaver
M8: Long sleeve fannel shirt (m), men's slacks neutral colors (m), black belt (m), old spice aftershave, Australian hand cream (Walmart)
- F1: Red long sleeved blouse (m), camis/tanks (m), elastic waist slacks (m), red stuffed animal, soft/fuzzy vest (m), boot style slippers (7), Coke
F2: Blouse long sleeve pink colors (s), leggings (s,m), sport bra (m), socks, romance books Nicholas Sparks, beaded necklace, Bath & Body Works lotion/ body spray
F3: Long sleeve knit top (m), MissMe jeans bling pocket (28x30), zip-up jacket (m), bling western belt (s), slipper boot, fuzzy or crochet black/brown, red throw pillow
F4: Button up long sleeve blouse printed dark colors (2x), poetry books, dictionary, history books, soft button up night gown (2x), bath & hand towels (dark colors, burgundy, blues or printed)
F5: Button up blouse yellow/lavender (L), slacks to go w/blouse (L), Bath & Body works lotion/spray (Cashmere)
F6: Button up sweater red or dark color (xl), long sleeve blouse to go under sweater, slacks (xl), Bath & Body works lotion/body spray (Merry Berry, Spanish drama/romance movies, DVD player
F7: Button up blouse pink (L), elastic waist slacks (L), sports bra (L), tank top/camis (L), boot style slippers (7), brown velour pant/jacket outfit pink colors (L)
F8: Pull over long sleeve shirts blue (xl), elastic waist slacks (xl), tank tops/camis (xl), beaded necklace w/clip on earrings, Bath & Body works lotion/spray
F9: Cardigan sweater black (m), long shiny blouse for underneath, leggings (m), soft red throw blanket, tall boots (9), red lipstick
F10: Pull over blouse purple/blue (2x), vest or button up sweater, elastic waist pant (2x), tank tops/camis (xl), Bath & Body works lotion/body spray, relaxation CDs, teddy bear (something cuddly)
F11: Long sleeved blouse (m), elastic waist slacks (m), hair accessories, Bath & Body works lotion/spray
F12: 2pc pajama (m), long sleeve turtle neck tops (m), elastic waistband slacks (m), favorite colors purple/lavender, dangle earrings, adult coloring books (butterflies, etc), Bath & Body works
F13: Long sleeve printed blouse (2x), button up sweat purple, elastic waist slacks (2x), slipper socks (m), musical snow globe (something pretty to watch)
F14: Printed long sleeve blouse (m), elastic waist slacks (m), beaded necklace, Infinity scarf jewelry
F15: Blouse (xl), button up blue/printed, jeans elastic waist (14 short/petite), bra 34B, underwear (m), watch, Bath & Body works lotion/spray
F16: Blouse long sleeved (xl), sweat pants (xl), coral nail polish, peach lipstick, knee high nylons, herbal tea apple/cinnamon, licorice red/black
F17: Blouses (5x), knit/sweat pant (5x short), 23" necklace, pearl earrings, wide scarf, tablet, Bath & Body works lotion/spray
F18: Button up blouse (xl), sweat pant (xl), dress scarf, jewelry, red-headed cabbage patch doll
F19: Blouse (xl), slacks (18), CD player, Ann Murray, Patsy Cline CDs, Bath & Body works, dress scarf
F20: Slip-on shoes dressy (8.5), Infinity scarf, doll high chair (for her baby), doll clothes, bottles, etc., Bath & Body works
F21: Blouses likes red (m), candy (no nuts), something to cuddle w/doll or stuffed animal
F22: Pull over blouses long sleeve silky (1x), slacks (1x), art craft kit, candy, restaurant gift card
F23: Casual pullover sweatshirt style blouse (4x), Just my Size jeans (4x), slippers boot style (10), gift card restaurant (Chinese food), Rhianna perfume, dress scarf
F24: Button up long sleeve collared blouse (1x), pull up elastic waist jeans (1x), chocolate covered nuts, western book (short stories), watch dressy, slip on shoe/slipper (m)
F25: Pull over dark color sweatshirts (xl), Wrangler jean (40x30), Whitmans candy, western books
F26: Long sleeve shirts no collar (3x), pull up elastic waist jeans (3x), lrg throw blankets, BSU gear (3x), instrumental CDs
F27: Sweat suit (m), Frank Sinatra CD/ CD player, Bath & Body works, romance movie DVD

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