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Soda Fire reseeding closes area near Wilson

BLM project
will last through
December

A recreation area at the turnoff on the upper section of Wilson Creek Road is currently closed as part of reseeding efforts in the wake of August's Soda Fire.

Owyhee County District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said that Owyhee Field Office assistant manager Michele McDaniel told him Bureau of Land Management crews are using the area to land helicopters. The aircraft is being used to seed an area burned by the massive wildfire this summer, Aberasturi said during the Dec. 7 county commissioners meeting in Murphy.

Attempts to contact McDaniel to get further context on the reseeding campaign were unsuccessful, but Aberasturi said he thinks the recreation area will remain closed until the end of the month.

Aerial seeding for portions of the nearly 300,000 acres burned in the fire started in mid-November.



Mauvia A. Moon, left, of the Sunnyslope area in Caldwell gives Kayla Widner a diamond ring to replace the wedding ring that Widner lost in a house fire on Dec. 5.

Community's giving spirit rings true with Marsing family

A stranger's generosity has restored some sparkle to a Marsing family's otherwise dark holiday season.

Kayla Widner lost her wedding ring along with all her family's other possessions during a house fire. Last week, Sunnyslope resident Mauvia A. Moon dropped by the family's home site on Pascoe Road and offered a diamond ring to replace Widner's lost band.

"I was really grateful, I can't believe she

would drive all the way over there and do that for somebody she didn't even know," Kayla, 32, said. "I'm very thankful for that."

Moon's gesture is only part of the community outpouring the Widners and their four children have experienced since the Dec. 5 blaze on Pascoe Road near Edison.

"It's tearing at my heart that the community

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Woman dies after texting

A single-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 95 at Y Road south of Homedale resulted in the death of a Wilder woman early Friday morning.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said Tracy Wasson, 40, was headed southbound on 95 when the crash happened shortly before 2 a.m.

Wasson was the only person in the red 2008 Chrysler Sebring. She drove off the road, and the vehicle rolled.

Olsen said Wasson probably wasn't wearing a seatbelt because she was ejected from the vehicle.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller responded to the scene.

Wasson was conscious when he arrived, and she told Eidemiller that she shouldn't have been texting while driving, Olsen said.

The woman suffered heavy blunt force trauma to her chest, causing both lungs to collapse. She was transported by Homedale Ambulance to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell where she later succumbed to her injuries.

— SC

Homedale High School senior presents powerful project

Simulated texting-and-driving wreck sends message

Homedale High School senior Nathaly Jimenez wanted to send a message to her fellow students through her Senior Project.

Her idea was to convey how potentially deadly texting while driving can be.

"I wanted to put an end to it, or at least show a message of how dangerous it can be," Jimenez said. "It worries me. ... What

if something happens to them?"

On the afternoon of Dec. 7, she organized a mock accident scene in the parking lot behind the high school gymnasium.

The scene was a simulated rollover accident, with a white car turned upside-down, and a deceased "victim" inside. One of Jimenez's fellow seniors, Gardenia Ma-

chuca, portrayed the victim. HHS seniors Diana Gonzalez and Raquel Palacios, playing the roles of emergency medical technicians (EMTs), removed the body from the vehicle.

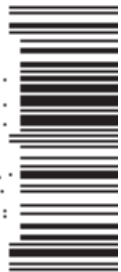
The mock EMTs and Homedale Fire Department personnel then placed the body into the back of an ambulance under the

watchful eyes of Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge, Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines and deputy coroner Teresa Ryska.

High school students standing in a field between the gymnasium and the ag shop watched the event unfold during their lunch hour.

Jimenez talked to McFetridge to get the

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Homedale Highway District makes strides financially

Auditor impressed with last fiscal year

Homedale Highway District officials received some good news as they continue to keep a close eye on the 99-year-old organization's finances.

Auditor Mike Parker of Bowen Parker Day CPAs told commissioners at last Wednesday's monthly meeting that the district's overall fund balance is stronger than it was two years ago when directors ran an election in an unsuccessful attempt to raise the tax levy for the first time since 1916.

Parker told directors that the district's overall fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2015 was 5.2 percent better than FY 2013 for a net gain of \$15,878.

Although modest, that gain

was bolstered by an increase of 18.9 percent (\$50,740) between two most recently completed fiscal years.

"Quite a turnover from a year ago, guys," Parker said. He added that nothing in the audit came to his attention "to cause heartburn."

Parker told the directors that the fund balance increase from \$267,768 after FY 2013 to \$318,508 at the end of FY 2015 is an indication of the good job the board has done handling taxpayer dollars.

The district had a cash carryover of just \$33,000 when FY 2014 closed. The carryover for the last fiscal year was \$50,740, a gain of 53.8 percent.

That is still about \$50,000 less than what Parker previously told the board he would like to see on the books at the end of a fiscal year.

When Parker reported the

carryover of just \$33,000 during his FY 2014 audit report in January, he told the board of commissioners the district would be broke within three to five years if the financial trend continued.

At least for now, it would seem the trend has reversed.

Total expenditures budgeted for FY 2015 were \$613,291, but the district only spent \$516,925.

"So you spent \$96,365 less than what you anticipated, and that's really good because you budgeted that you could actually spend \$96,000 more than what you had coming in," Parker said. "Instead of depleting that fund, you were actually able to build on it."

He added that the commissioners and Homedale's director of highways Stewart Constantine are making big gains in improving the district's financial future.

"So that's fantastic. Good job, Stewart, on budgeting, and congratulations to the board on a good job," Parker said.

Board chair Larry Prow attributes the successes reported in the audit to just focusing on maintaining the roads, and not tackling any big improvement projects.

"That's about all the money we had to do, was just maintenance," Prow said.

However, he said the district still needs a levy increase. The district was established in 1916, and is still running the original tax rate.

Still, Prow thinks it could be years until commissioners even consider asking voters for more money.

"We can't do anything about a levy until this water situation turns around," Prow said. "I farm myself, and I can't afford to raise my taxes without my water

to make any income."

Voters defeated a permanent override levy election in 2013 when commissioners sought an increase of as much as \$175,000 that would have filled the 97-year-old gap.

Parker has previously warned the board against seeking a supplemental levy, citing the difficulty that school districts have faced trying to get supplemental levies passed. In January, he told commissioners that a permanent override, which would require a two-thirds majority, could generate \$230,000 annually.

State lawmakers also could provide some help during the next legislative session by increasing transportation funding as they did earlier this year through gas tax and vehicle registration fee hikes.

— SC



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Homedale council OKs tattoo shop

State has no licensing process

After a public hearing at which only the property owner gave comment, the Homedale City Council gave the go-ahead for a new business.

The council approved a special use permit for Voodoo Tattoo, which owners John and Melanie Mitchell say will be an upscale tattoo studio at 6 W. Idaho Ave.

No grand opening date was discussed. The Mitchells continue to renovate the suite they're renting in the ground floor of the building on the northwest corner of Idaho Avenue and Main Street.

"I'm all for it," from building owner Mike Simpson was the only comment given after Mayor Gheen Christoffersen opened the public hearing near the beginning

of the city council's final meeting of 2015.

Councilman Steve Atkins recused from the vote because Simpson is his uncle.

Councilman Aaron Tines said he received a phone call from a citizen concerned about the stigma around tattoo parlors and wondering whether unsavory individuals would come to the shop for "gang" tattoos.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller pointed out that most people who have gang-related tattoos do not come to a tattoo studio to get those designs.

"Typically, that tattoos that Aaron is talking about are done in jail or on a dining room table," Eidemiller said. "It's pretty easy to see which ones went to a tattoo parlor and who went to Earl Scheib Garage Tattoo."

Melanie Mitchell reassured

the council about the type of clientele her husband's studio would attract. She said about 50 existing customers from Nampa will continue to seek business with Voodoo Tattoo, and "none are gang members."

"It's not going to be a dive. It's going to be upscale," Melanie said. "We've done a lot of work on the building."

Tines agreed that the studio would be a benefit to downtown.

"I think that the industry is pretty much an art form," he said. "Personally, I don't see any reason not to allow the permit."

Southwest District Health spokesperson Laurie Boston said that her department doesn't handle permitting of tattoo studios. No license is required through the Bureau of Occupational Licensing or the Board of Medicine either.

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Marsing council continues P&Z map public hearing

No map copies for council

A public hearing on Marsing’s revised planning and zoning map remains open after Mayor Keith Green asked that the proceedings be continued.

Green asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to the council’s next meeting on Jan. 13 because city council members did not have copies of the proposed map to study for last Wednesday’s hearing. City Clerk

Janice Bicandi said deputy clerk Annie Campbell did not put copies of the new map in the informational packets for Green and the council members.

The hearing will continue at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13 inside Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St. The public can still submit comments to City Hall until 5 p.m. that day or attend the meeting to be heard.

City engineer Amy Woodruff later explained that no city money was wasted on legal notices in The Owyhee Avalanche adver-

tising the hearing last week. She said the notices that were taken out for the meeting will fulfill the legal requirements for the hearing that was continued.

Last week, council members also received an audit report from Jordan Zwygart of the Nampa certified public accountant firm Zwygart and Associates.

“No difficulties that we came across,” Zwygart said in summarizing the audit for fiscal year 2015.

The city ended the fiscal year on Sept. 30 with \$368,000 in

cash and total assets of \$814,000, Zwygart said.

General fund revenue was \$8,000 more than projected, and Zwygart said the city spent \$202,000 less than budgeted.

“The majority of that was capital outlay that was not spent for the year,” he said.

He also complimented the city staff on the numbers in the audit.

“Overall, it was a good year. Finances increased,” Zwygart said.

Woodruff reported that most of the Island Park work is complete, including a new wrought-iron

fence around the flagpole. The final reonvation phase — paving parking lots — is scheduled for next year.

The meeting wrapped up with the appropriation of \$5,790 to buy a new generator for the city’s methane gas recovery project. Officials decided the current generator will not hold up to the rigors of the project over time.

City Hall had not responded to The Owyhee Avalanche’s inquiry about what budget line will be used to purchase the generator by press time Monday.

— SC

Missing hunters found safe

Authorities are reminding folks to be prepared for the elements whenever they go out after two coyote hunters were found safe and in good shape after being reported overdue a day earlier.

A Twin Falls Sheriff’s deputy searching by helicopter found Buhl residents 77-year-old Leonard Unzicker and 16-year-old Kaden Scott around 7 p.m. Monday.

The pair had gone out coyote hunting Sunday in the Coonskin Butte area in a remote section of Owyhee County near the Twin Falls County line and were reported missing by a family member around 9 p.m. that night.

The female family member said they were dressed for hunting, but not for a snowstorm.

“They were not prepared to go in case anything like this happened,” Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said. “Very little water, no food and no winter clothing.

“Even if you’re planning just a day trip, pack for the elements and the possibility of staying over one or more nights.”

Coonskin Butte is west and south of Balanced Rock. The area is south of the Saylor Creek Bombing Range.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Kenny Hoagland and Deputy Michael Stoddard were dispatched

to search for the two on the ground. Bowman said Hoagland and Stoddard both got stuck in the snow Monday afternoon along with a Twin Falls County deputy. A rancher brought in a backhoe to get the searchers out after a Twin Falls road district snow plow couldn’t open the road.

Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen said Level 1 reserve Gary Peer, a former posse member, was ready to go up in a plane to search for the two Monday morning, but the flight was cancelled because of bad weather in the area.

He added that the Air Force sent up two A-10 Warthogs to assist with the search.

— SC

Homedale library sets Christmas events

The Christmas season will be alive and well Friday at the Homedale Public Library.

Story Time at 10:15 a.m., will feature “Santa Is Coming To Idaho” by Steve Smallman.

Library clerk and youth activities coordinator Megan Lowder said children will make “reindeer food,”

and write Christmas wish lists.

At 4p.m., the Teens and Tweens program will have a Christmas party in the old library behind the main building. Lowder said fun will include games, presents, snacks, and music.

For more information, call the library at (208) 337-4228.

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Island Park restrooms opened

Marsing Mayor Keith Green, left, and Kirby Cook with Civil Dynamics Engineering of Caldwell cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the new restroom at Island Park Friday afternoon.

Green said the park last had a flushing toilet in 1980.



Churches plan Christmas services

Several churches in the county are planning events to commemorate the Christmas season.

Many of those events will take place this weekend, the last before Christmas, but several churches also plan Christmas Eve services.

Saturday

- Vision Community Church will present a free Christmas dinner and concert at 6 p.m. The church is located at 221 W. Main St., in Marsing.

Sunday

- Vision Community Church in Marsing will hold a Christmas service at 10:30 a.m.
- The Knight Community Church in Grand View will present a half-hour Christmas program with a special presentation from the church choir as part of its regular service. The service begins at 10:45 a.m., and the church is located at 630 Idaho St.
- The Homedale Christian Church will hold its Fourth

Advent candle lighting at 11 a.m., and the Longest Night Service of Remembering at 5 p.m. The church is located at 110 W. Montana Ave.

The Longest Night Service is also known as a Blue Christmas Service or Service of Light. It's held on or around the eve of the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. The community is invited to the service, which will include candle-lighting, music, silent remembering, scripture reading and prayer.

For more information, call Pastor Maurice Jones at 319-4650, Don Vander Boegh at 867-5418 or Jan Aman at 989-0885.

- The Homedale Friends Community Church's musicians will present a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. The church is located at 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95 north of Homedale in Canyon County. Call (208) 337-3464 for more information.

- The Homedale Assembly of God Church's children, youth and adults will present a Christmas program titled "The Talk Show Time Machine" at 6 p.m. The program will be set up like a talk show, and participants from the nativity will be interviewed. The church will not have a Christmas Eve service. The church is located at 15 W. Montana Ave.

- The La Iglesia Misionera Biblica church in Homedale will hold a Spanish language Christmas program at 7 p.m. The church is located at 132 W.

Owyhee Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 24

- The Homedale Friends Community Church's Christmas Eve service takes place at 6:30 p.m.
- The Mountain View Church of the Nazarene's candlelight service begins at 11:30 p.m. The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road at the corner of Batt Corner Road and Ustick Road north of Homedale in Canyon County.
- The Lizard Butte Baptist Church in Marsing will have a movie and refreshments for its Christmas Eve program. Pastor Dave London said "It's A Wonderful Life" will be shown during the program, which starts at 6 p.m. Christmas carols also will be sung during the event, which is open to the public, and the church is located at 116 4th Ave. W., in Marsing. This is the 16th year for London as the church's pastor.

- All are invited to Homedale First Presbyterian Church's Christmas Eve candlelight service, which begins at 5:30 p.m. It'll include a lead presentation of "People and Places of the Nativity" by Ben Cardenas. There will be special readings by others as well as special music. Coffee, cocoa and cookies will be available after the service.

- The Knight Community Church's Christmas Eve service starts at 6 p.m.

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✓ Project: Car donated by auto repair shop was involved in texting crash

first-responders involved in the mock scenario.

“He gave me everybody’s number, all of the police, the fire department, and the coroner. Then I called them and they



agreed to do the project with me,” Jimenez said.

McFetridge was the only member of the police department who participated.

Don Young, owner of Don’s Automotive repair shop in Homedale, lent Jimenez the car used in the mock crash scene. He also dropped it off and flipped the vehicle onto its roof.

The vehicle was an especially poignant prop for the exercise.

“That car was from an actual texting-and-driving wreck,” Jimenez said. “(Young) said it was off a highway somewhere, I don’t know where though. He said the girl walked off without a scratch.”

Jimenez, daughter of Adriana and Ricardo Jimenez, also spoke about the dangers of texting and driving Thursday as part of the school’s weeklong Senior Project



Homedale High School students watch as emergency crews remove a mock victim from a simulated rollover accident showing the dangers of texting and driving. The Dec. 7 display in the school’s parking lot was part of Nathaly Jimenez’s senior project.

presentation schedule.

She, Gonzalez and Palacios are currently taking an EMT class at the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency in Wilder.

After she graduates in the spring, Jimenez hopes to attend Idaho State University in Pocatello.

“And either become a dental hy-

gienist or a paramedic,” she said.

She added that there are several reasons why she might be interested in becoming a paramedic.

“I like to help people, and it seems interesting to me,” Jimenez said. “And then there’s just the pure adrenaline rush.”

— SC

Homedale seniors make pitches

Dozens of Homedale High School students made their Senior Project presentations over a four-day period last week.

Between Dec. 7 and Thursday, 47 seniors made their final presentations inside the school library.

A Senior Project is a graduation requirement. According to HHS Senior Project advisor Jane Brumfield, students must spend a minimum of 15 hours on their project, including two hours job shadowing.

Projects either have to be career- or community-related.

The seniors making presentations last week included:

Makayla Aberasturi — Texting and driving assembly / veterinarian job shadow

Dylan Adams — Body building / athletic training

Abran Albor — Table construction / welding job shadow

Rosalinda Alvarez — International business and economics

Manuel Baltierrez — Sports scholarship fundraiser / coaching job shadow

Jairo Barbosa — Community free haircut day with barber job shadow

Emma Brown — Equestrian career exploration and construction

Jason Buenrostro — The Christmas Carol play director

Carmen Calderon — HIV prevention class

Orion Cardenas — Soccer

camp

Jeffrey Carillo — Drama club construction

Marissa Cole — PBS paintings

Maya Correa — Southwest District Health/ Pre-kindergarten program

Tristan Corta — Linus Project / cosmetology

Lexi Doss — Physical therapy with RehabAuthority job shadow

Kirsten Egurrola — Sources of Strength

Coty Ford — Mechanics

Kim Galvan — Piano teacher

Abbi Gibbens — Horse riding for students with special needs

Carley Gonzales — Trojan Tribe Club

Diana Gonzalez — First Aid class

Savanah Hayward — Senior trip fundraiser

Elizabeth Hernandez — Counseling/ Sources of Strength

Myrna Hernandez — Friday School Club at First Presbyterian Church of Homedale

Jairo Hurtado — Computer engineering with a job shadow at ABI Computers, Nampa

Nathaly Jimenez — EMT / Texting and driving crash scene demonstration

Shyanne Kelly — Dr. Seuss painting

Gardenia Machuca — Read-a-thon / elementary teacher

Manuel Macias — Physical

therapy / RehabAuthority

Maggie Mendoza — Owyhee Health and Rehab center and creating Christmas cards and decorations for the Homedale Senior Center

Nancy Mendoza — Life Line pregnancy fundraiser / West Valley Medical Center job shadow

Brandon Miller — Welding

James Nelson — Micron job shadow and woodworking building a rocking chair

Maria Neri — Volunteer / veterinarian job shadow

Raquel Palacios — EMT CPR/ First Aid

Dylan Phariss — Construction of entry sign at Deward Bell Stadium

Antonio Reyes — Idaho Meth Project

Noe Sanchez — Website building / Micron job shadow

Beatrice Santiago — Social anxiety presentation / counseling

Benny Schamber — YMCA job shadow/ volunteer

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Dec. 16: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar, milk
Dec. 17: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, stuffing, fruit bar, roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Dec. 21-31: No school

Homedale Middle

Dec. 16: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar, milk
Dec. 17: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, stuffing, roll, fruit & salad bar, milk, jello, pumpkin pie
Dec. 21-31: No school

Homedale High

Dec. 16: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Dec. 17: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, stuffing, salad bar, fruit choice, milk, roll, pumpkin pie
Dec. 21-31: No school

Marsing

Dec. 16: Holiday ham, baby red potatoes, green beans, roll
Dec. 17: Ham/cheese sandwich or PB&J, sun chips, carrot sticks
Dec. 21-31: No school

Bruneau-Grand View

Dec. 16: Chicken wrap, salad, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk
Dec. 17: Soft taco, black beans/ salsa, corn, fruit, milk
Dec. 18: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks & cauliflower, rice krispie treat, fresh fruit, milk
Dec. 22-31: No school

COSSA

Dec. 16: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, fruit, milk
Dec. 17: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, salad, carrots, fruit, milk
Dec. 21-25: No school

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, carrot salad;
Milk served every day

Dec. 16: Hot dog, baked potato, creamed spinach
Dec. 17: Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, peas, roll
Dec. 22: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll
Dec. 23: Baked fish, baked potato, spinach, roll

Marsing Senior Center

Milk served every day

Dec. 16: Meatballs, potatoes, spinach, coleslaw, pears, corn bread
Dec. 17: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, peas, yams, apricots, roll
Dec. 21: Breakfast buffet – eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, gravy, pancakes
Dec. 22: Pork chops, couscous, tomatoes, pineapples, roll
Dec. 23-24: Closed

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served every day

Dec. 16: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, baked bread, apple crisp
Dec. 18: Pizza. meat, veggies, cheese, broccoli/cauliflower, frog eye salad
Dec. 22: Fish tacos, mango salsa, spanish rice, banana-butterscotch pudding



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Obituaries

Earl McNally Cruzen Binger

October 5, 1946 - December 4, 2015 at 4:20 p.m.

Earl McNally Cruzen Binger, 69, of Caldwell, found peace on December 4, 2015 at home after a 5-year battle with stage 4 terminal lung cancer.

He was born to Edna Cruzen and Richard Binger October 5, 1946 in Pasco, Washington. Earl was one of five children. He is survived by brothers Gilbert Binger, Robert Joiner, Roy Joiner, and Johnn Joiner, his wife Martha Binger, his children, son, Earl Binger Jr. (wife Jesse), grandchildren Andrew and Stephen; his daughter, Carmen Vaughan (husband Danny), grandchildren Carrisa, Cassandra, James and Jennifer; and daughter Bunny Malmin (husband Robert), grandchildren Harley and Cheyenne. Also his adopted grandchildren Timothy Sorg, and Jacob Binger and stepdaughter Marsha Sorg. He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Richerts, and grandmother, Gertrude Cruzen, grandfather, Robert Cruzen, who all held a special place in his heart.

Earl graduated from Hermiston High School and later returned to further his education at TVCC in auto body and paint.

In his many trips around the sun when he wasn't working at the Umatilla Army Depot as



an operator, he enjoyed racecar driving at Umatilla Speedway. He went on to drive semi tractor trailer and acquired the CB handle Rapid Rabbit. He supported his local community of Marsing by mentoring its youth coaching and working at the schools as a custodian. He'd often let the kids utilize the gym at night to keep them off the streets and out of trouble. He later went on to work at Micron before suffering heart attacks that no longer allowed him to work.

Earl's closest friends and family knew he had a deep love for fishing and camping. Council, Idaho was a special place for him. Earl embraced each day with a positive affirmation. When asked,



he would say "Everyday I wake up is a good day." His children have referred to him as having more than nine lives as he had overcome major adversity in his life numerous times. It even took cancer 5 years to win its battle when he was told 6 months in 2010. Earl's legacy of stubborn perseverance will be carried on by future generations. As he would say, "Bye Bye ... for now." We'll see you on the other side.

In lieu of flowers, please share a memory or special moment you had with Earl with his family on the "Earle Binger" Facebook or share it with the family in a letter sent to 9100 W Dalton Place, Boise, Idaho 83704.

Shirley Cox Murdoch

Shirley Cox Murdoch, age 82, passed away December 6th, 2015, at Cornerstone Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Arrangements under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Shirley was born November 7th, 1933, in Nampa, Idaho to Theron and Edith Adcock. Shirley grew up in Oreana and attended elementary and high school in Grand View, ID.

Shirley was a very thoughtful, kind, and loving person. She would stick by you through thick and thin. Very loyal to her family and friends. She was the best of the best neighbor one could ever ask for. She was always willing to help out no matter what or how hard the situation. She enjoyed her ranch life on Pickett, Harts and Catherine Creek, and enjoyed the summers over the mountain on Meadow Creek. She was a great cook and loved to sew. She made many shirts for her



grandchildren.

Shirley ran a large ranch in Oreana. For 9 years she raised and showed quarter horses across eight states. Shirley and her husband, Oliver Cox, had many prized quarter horses. She

belonged to the American Quarter Horse Association, Intermountain Quarter Horse Association, Lower Snake River Association and Cattlemen's. Later, Shirley and Dennis Murdoch were involved in breeding and showing paint horses. In 2004, Shirley moved to Tucson, AZ to enjoy her retirement with Henry Vega. They enjoyed going to the casinos and traveling.

Shirley will be greatly missed by her two granddaughters, Dana (Kevin) Donahue, of Mackay, Idaho, and Nicky (Randy) Cacciola, of Severn, Maryland and seven great-grandchildren, Kylie, McKenzie, and Keaira Donahue, Kayli, Andrew, Sienna, Nicholas, and (unborn) baby Cacciola.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband(s), John "Jack" Frances Nicholas, Oliver Cox and Dennis Murdoch; her son John Nicholas and daughter Pamela Jean Nicholas Hunt.

Death notices

PAT L. BOWEN, 66, of Marsing and Nampa, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 in Nampa. No services will be held. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

KATIE LANKFORD, 98, of Marsing, died on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 at a local care facility of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 with a viewing from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter Day Saints, 215 3rd Ave W., Marsing. Burial will follow at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. For a full obituary or to leave condolences visit www.flahifffuneralchapel.com. Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

TREVA LYNN WILHITE, 63, of Caldwell, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 at home of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

Helping cattle get most from feed

The stomach of ruminant animals is comprised of four distinct compartments. The largest compartment is the rumen which can hold more than 30 gallons (in a cow) of feed material. It also contains billions of beneficial bacteria that aid in digestion to convert feed consumed into a product usable by the animal. The bacteria present also become a source of protein for the animal as they pass through the digestive system.



Scott Jensen

The second compartment is the reticulum. It acts as a sorting chamber and catches large feed particles. These particles are later regurgitated as the animal chews its cud, breaking them into smaller pieces to facilitate digestion.

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The third compartment is the omasum. Its function is water filtration back into the rumen and water absorption.

The final compartment is the abomasum. It is often called the true stomach and functions similar to our stomachs. The abomasum has a low pH (acidic) and most of the protein digestion takes place here.

When feeding ruminant animals, it is important to keep the bacteria in the rumen happy and healthy. To do this, the feedstuff must provide what the bacteria need. The rumen microbes require a crude protein content of at least 7 percent (depending on production stage) to function properly. Protein can and should be supplemented when necessary. If rumen microbes do not have their needs met, microbe function deteriorates, which leads to poor

performance and even poor animal health.

Additionally, one of the most important nutrients to keep ruminants healthy is water. Animals should have access to a constant supply of good, clean water. This is critical even in the winter. Care should be taken to ensure water sources are kept open and free of ice.

Having an understanding of the digestive process in ruminant animals is the first step towards ensuring that their needs are met. Feed rations and feeding strategies should be formulated to meet rumen microbe needs, which in turn will help animals get the most out of the feedstuffs they consume.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- 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
- HHS football awards banquet**
6:30 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Thursday

- 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
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting**
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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

- Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Free lunches

- Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Christmas dinner and concert**
6 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing.

Sunday

- Christmas concert**
6 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Monday

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

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
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430
- After-school Story Time**
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Kindergarteners through third-graders. (208) 896-4690
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Thursday, Dec. 24

- Christmas Eve service**
6:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 18, Saturday, December 16, 1865

LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS OF DIAMOND DISTRICT – At a meeting held at Anderson’s Ranch, on Sinker Creek, Owyhee County, Idaho Territory, December 1st, 1865 – R. S. Miles, Esq., Chair man, and Wm. Musgrave, Secretary – The following Laws and Resolutions were passed:

Res. 1st. The name of this district shall be known as Diamond District, and shall be bounded on the north by Snake River, south by French district, (or where the wagon road leaves Sinker Cañon, four miles from the Sinker mill,) east by Catherine Creek, and west by Reynolds’ Creek.

2d. All free-born white citizens only shall be entitled to hold or work mining claims in this district.

Section 1. Each person shall be entitled to hold one claim of each kind, by location.

§ 2. All discoverers shall be titled to one additional claim, by discovery.

§ 3. Creek claims shall be 800 feet of length, and extend from the base of one hill to the base of the hill opposite.

§ 4. Hill claims shall be 300 feet front, extending back 600 feet.

§ 5. Gulch claims shall be 800 feet square – the center of the gulch to be the center of the claim.

§ 6. All claims shall be recorded within five days after location, or they will be considered forfeited.

§ 7. Each claim, or set of claims, must be staked at each end with good substantial stakes, and proper notices placed thereon.

§ 8. No person shall locate a claim for another person, unless he is a resident of this county; and if not a resident, he must have a power of attorney to do so.

§ 9. All claims properly located and recorded shall be laid over until the 1st day of May, 1866.

§ 10. After the 1st day of May, 1866, all claims, or set of claims, shall be worked four days each month; if not, they shall be considered forfeited.

On motion of J. C. Boone, Esq., Mr. Charles Hilton was nominated and duly elected Recorder for this district.

Col. D. H. Fogus presented the following laws relative to the Recorder’s fees, etc., which were taken up and passed:

§ 1. The Recorder shall hold his office for one year from this date.

§ 2. The Recorder’s fees shall be for each claim five dollars, and for each additional claim two dollars and fifty cents.

On motion of J. C. Boone, Esq., the following resolutions were unanimously passed.

1st That Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale, Governor of the Territory of Idaho, be entitled to four claims; that a committee of three be appointed to locate said claims.

2d. That D. H. Fogus, Wm. Musgrave and J. McCourt be appointed a committee to locate the said claims.

3d. That the resolutions and laws passed be published in the OWYHEE AVALANCHE.

On motion of D. H. Fogus, the meeting then adjourned.

Christmas break nears for schools

Bruneau-Grand View School District — Students will be dismissed at 1:10 p.m., on Friday with classes resuming on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Adrian School District — The last day of school is Friday, and classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Homedale School District — Kindergarten through eighth-grade students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

High school students will have a full day of classes. Students will return to class on Monday, Jan. 4.

Marsing School District — The last day of school is Christmas Eve with early dismissal at 1 p.m., and students will go back to class on Monday, Jan. 4.

Jordan Valley School District — The last day of school is Christmas Eve with students returning to class on Monday, Jan. 4.

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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/ ~~comic 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 shirt 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 sweatshirt (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

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



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Drive Ends
Dec. 22

SBOC to take comments on long-term planning

Public meeting scheduled Friday

Directors on the South Board of Control will hold a public meeting to gather input on problems or issues that people think Homedale-Marsing area irrigation districts might face over the next five years.

The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday in the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

The board requests that participants come prepared to discuss topics that affect the district as a whole. South Board encompasses the southern portion of the Owyhee Project, including the Gem Irrigation District in Idaho and the Ridgeview Irrigation District in Oregon.

Homedale farmer Paul Litow spearheaded organizing the community meeting. He regularly attends the South Board's meetings, which take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

"This is really looking at the macro level, things that affect the

entire district in some way," Litow said. "We're not focusing on a problem that one person may have, or a problem that a group of people might have."

He gave the example of an ongoing drought, which would impact water supplies, and affect the entire district.

"We really want to make this strategic in nature, and make the best use of everybody's time," Litow said.

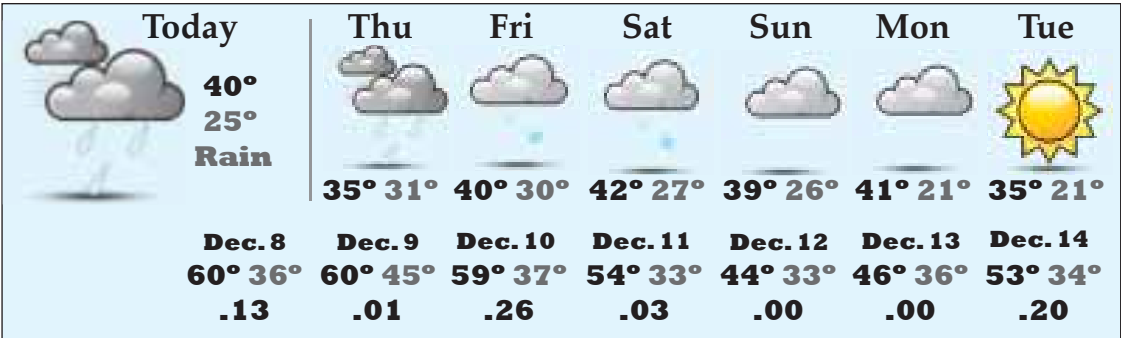
In September, Litow asked South Board directors to start thinking about what the major problems or issues will be for the Gem and Ridgeview districts in the next three to five years.

He has also suggested that the board start developing a five-year plan to address concerns about the future.

Litow said if the meeting is productive, other such gatherings would likely be held in the future. One of his ideas is to form a water users advisory panel.

South Board manager Clancy Flynn has previously said that he generally supports the idea of the committee.

— SC



SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
<i>Mud Flat</i>						
12/08	1.2	3	4.0	46	38	42
12/09	1.0	2	4.0	47	31	39
12/10	0.7	1	4.0	42	24	34
12/11	0.7	2	4.1	35	19	28
12/12	0.9	4	4.3	34	25	30
12/13	1.3	7	4.6	40	26	33
12/14	1.4	6	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Reynolds Creek</i>						
12/08	0.4	1	6.5	48	43	46
12/09	0.3	1	6.5	48	33	40
12/10	0.2	1	6.5	42	31	33
12/11	0.3	1	6.5	33	27	29
12/12	0.3	1	6.5	33	27	29
12/13	0.6	3	6.8	40	23	31
12/14	1.2	9	7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>South Mountain</i>						
12/08	2.7	9	8.8	45	40	42
12/09	2.4	7	8.9	45	30	38
12/10	2.5	7	9.0	42	28	33
12/11	2.9	9	9.4	30	25	28
12/12	3.3	13	9.8	30	25	28
12/13	3.6	14	10.5	35	22	30
12/14	4.8	22	11.7	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 7 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 401 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 16 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 52,610 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 3 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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

ITD sets Idaho 51 bridge meeting Thursday

A public meeting has been set to help folks get information on the state's plan to replace the Idaho highway 51 bridge that connects Owyhee and Elmore counties.

The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday at the Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., Bruneau.

Idaho Transportation Department officials will be available to answer questions. Replacement project

information will be displayed, too.

Replacement of the Idaho 51/ Snake River Bridge is scheduled next fall. During construction, one lane of the existing bridge will remain open.

Time's running out for gift drives

Two deadlines loom for annual gift drives.

Thursday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for people to return Christmas presents for the Giving Tree program in Marsing.

Folks have until Tuesday to participate in The Owyhee Avalanche's annual Owyhee Health

and Rehabilitation Center gift drive. An ad with residents' wish lists appears on Page 9, and gifts can be dropped off at the Avalanche office in Homedale.

Giving Tree items can be dropped off at any of the Marsing locations, regardless of where the tag was picked up. Trees are

located at US Bank, City Hall, Logan's Market, and the Marsing School District office.

Volunteers will wrap packages at the schools cafeteria beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. Parents can pick up gifts and food boxes from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Friday.

In 2014, 44 families had wish tags, compared to 33 this year.

Marsing's Giving Tree effort has been going on for at least 10 years, and some of the volunteers behind the program think it could date back to 1997.



Husky PRIDE award

Jaden Kinney, sophomore

Parents: Jeff and Sharie Kinney

Ag teacher Mike Martin's nomination: "I would like to nominate Jaden Kinney for his outstanding performance in the Boise Valley District Mechanics Contest. He was first in oxy-acetylene cutting and third in braze welding."



The Husky PRIDE award is selected by Marsing High School staff and submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche each week. PRIDE stands for "Positive, Responsible, Integrity, Determination, Everyone/Everywhere."

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✓ Family: Couple and four children staying with sister

is so caring, even giving my wife a wedding ring. It's awesome," Bill, 39, told KIDO radio's Kevin Miller last Wednesday morning during a phone interview.

A Go Fund Me page under "Widner Family Disaster Fund" was established Dec. 7 had garnered more than \$4,500 from 55 people in two days. At press time Monday, \$ 5,540 had been donated for the family.

The blaze broke out around 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 and burned for nearly four hours.

The Widners were out Christmas shopping when the fire started. Their four sons, Isiah, 13, Isaac, 12, Anthony, 10, and Jesse, 6, were not home either.

The exact cause of the fire has not been determined.

"The insurance investigator came out and said it started in the attic, and that's all they could come up with," Kayla said.

Kayla said the family may apply for help from the Marsing Disaster Auction fund once they know what the insurance will cover.

The land the house was on is in the Widners' names, but the mortgage was in Bill's step-father's name.

"We were paying his mortgage for him because we were living here," Kayla said. "We were trying to take over the loans, but we hadn't done it yet. I guess none of our stuff is going to be covered because we weren't on the mortgage."

She thinks insurance will pay off the mortgage, but there won't be enough to build a new house because there was so much owed on the home loan.

Bill's grandmother's 1970 single-wide trailer is also on the

property.

"We're going to stay in there. It has two bedrooms," Kayla said. "Right now it has a lot of mice and no water, so (Bill's) going to work on that and get it cleaned up."

Until then, the family is staying with Kayla's sister Jill in Caldwell. However, her boys have made it clear that they want to stay in Marsing.

"My kids love the schools, and they've made good friends," Kayla said. "They're the ones that really want to stay out there, and we don't want to move them, and we don't want to switch schools."

The family still has goats, chickens, and pigs on the property to take care of.

Along with all their belongings, the family also lost their dog "Cookie," a dachshund.

"My oldest son cried, and he doesn't ever cry. He doesn't ever shed a tear, so that was a little gut-wrenching," Kayla said. "It was his dog. She stayed with him in his room every night."

Moon stopped by the family's burnt-down home after hearing that Kayla had lost her wedding ring.

Moon told Kayla the diamond ring was a gift from her late husband for their 10th anniversary. Moon also gave Bill a ring, fearing that he may have lost his ring in the fire as well. Bill's wedding ring is actually a tattoo but Kayla said he took the ring anyway because Moon wouldn't take no for an answer.

"We've had a phenomenal amount of support from the community," Bill told KIDO.

— SC



Bill and Kayla Widner's home on Pascoe Road south of Marsing was lost to a fire on the night of Dec. 5.

Support pours in for family

Help is pouring from throughout the Treasure Valley for a Marsing family that lost everything in a house fire earlier this month.

St. Luke's Medical Center employees in Boise have adopted Bill and Kayla Widners' family as an extension of the neurology department's annual Christmas project.

"I guess the rest of the departments felt so bad that they wanted to adopt our family as well," Kayla said. "So they're all adopting us, probably like five departments."

Donations of cash and other necessities for the family can also be dropped off at Marsing Elementary School.

District superintendent Norm Stewart said some financial contributions have already been left at the school's office.

"We've contacted the family to let them know that is here," Stewart said. "It's basically a central location for people to provide stuff for the family, and the family will come pick it up."

American Red Cross spokesperson Anna Fernandez-Gevaert said volunteers with the organization have already met with the family to discuss their needs.

"They provide for their needs within Red Cross guidelines, and then in addition to that, if there are needs that we don't get involved with, our volunteers do try very much to connect the family with other resources in the community," Fernandez-Gevaert said. "They will be following up with the family during the next few weeks to make sure they're progressing on the road to recovery."

Kayla said the family doesn't have any current needs that aren't being met, and said the community's response has been "awesome."

"My kids have more clothes now than they did before," she said.

No account for the family has been established at the Marsing branch of US Bank, but Marsing Chamber of Commerce secretary Ellen Boatman said anyone can set one up.

"Usually they'll open an account in their name, and if they're going to have access to it, we have to have their Social Security number," Boatman said.

If anyone wants more information about setting up an account for the Widners, the bank can be contacted at (208) 896-4114, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

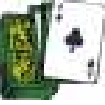
More information about the family can be found on Kayla Widner's Facebook page.

Responding via email, Marsing Disaster Auction committee member James Ferdinand said he hasn't heard of any further plans to help the family, but he thinks that will change.

"The way this community surrounds those in need, I do expect to see something soon," Ferdinand wrote.

— SC

MRW Fire & EMS in Conjunction with the Highway 78 CDR Group



CHARITY TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER CHAMPIONSHIP


Seating is limited so sign up early!

For sign up information email info@mrwfire.org

Tournament starts at 8PM on New Year's Eve. Prizes will be awarded for the top 8 that make the final table.


\$30 Buy In gets you 5,000 tournament chips, food & adult beverage or soft drinks included in buy in.

Bill Lacy Shop on the corner of Highway 78 and Wilson Creek Road (Between mile post 16&17) Across the street from the MRW Fire Station & Wilson School House.



All poker table courtesies will be observed. WSOP Texas Hold'em Rules apply. Seating will be by blind draw. Blinds will go up every 20 minutes. Add on and rebuys are available until the 3rd blind.

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New Year’s Eve charity poker tournament scheduled

Folks are invited to up the ante at an event to ring in 2016.

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson (MRW) Fire District and Emergency Medical Services will host a fundraiser poker tournament on Thursday, Dec. 31. The event is being held in conjunction with the Hwy. 78 Community Disaster Relief (CDR) Inc. group.

It will start at 8 p.m., New Year’s Eve in Bill Lacy’s shop in the Wilson community on the corner of Idaho highway 78 and Wilson Creek Road. The shop is across the street from the MRW fire station and the Wilson schoolhouse.

Hwy. 78 CDR president Denise Lacy said she and MRW volunteer Louis Monson both love to play Texas Hold ’Em, and he suggested holding the championship as a fundraiser.

The initial idea involved renting a space to hold the games, but the two decided that her husband Bill’s shop would work.

“Between us, we have enough poker tables, and we have enough chips. It’s going to be a fun time,” Lacy said. “I may even have two blackjack tables set up for the people who aren’t in the tournaments, or if they get booted out there’s still something to do.”

She emphasizes that seating for poker is limited; however, she did not know exactly how many tables they will have.

Prizes, that have yet to be determined, will be awarded to the top eight players who make it to the final table.

The buy-in of \$30 will include 10,000 tournament chips, chili dogs, beer or wine or soft drinks.

Food and drinks will also be available for \$10 for people not playing poker.

The funds raised from the buy-ins will be split three ways: \$10 to pay for food, \$10 to MRW, and \$10 to CDR.

Anyone consuming adult beverages during the tournament must have a designated driver.

“I’m pretty sure that we will have the Sheriff (Perry Grant), and I’m sure that we will have plenty of the MRW,” Lacy said. “I think that we will have plenty of us that aren’t drinking that if somebody, we feel that they need a ride home, we will make sure that they get a ride home.”

The designated drivers playing poker will receive a \$10 discount on their tournament entry.

A flier promoting the event says all poker table courtesies will be observed and World Series of Poker Texas Hold ’Em rules apply.

Seating assignments will be determined by a drawing. Blinds will last 20 minutes each, and add-ons and re-buys will be available until the end of the third blind. The flier encourages people to sign up early because seating is limited.

Fundraisers throughout the year for the two groups include barbecues, car shows, auctions, a family fun day, raffles and chili cook-offs.

Lacy hopes the New Year’s Eve poker championship becomes a yearly event.

“It will depend on probably three years so people can know about it,” Lacy said.

“We’ll probably try it for the three years and see what we can get going.”

For sign up information about the poker championship, email info@mrwfire.org.

— SC

Sights of the season



Hands Around Homedale, others get a boost from Basques

Uria Pump owner Ric Uria, a member of Caldwell-based Euzkaldunak Charities Inc., transfers frozen chickens from a box to a sorting table during Thursday’s Hands Around Homedale food box assembly at the elementary school. Uria said this year’s effort gathered 10,500 pounds of food, which will help 56 Homedale families and some members of the Friends Community Church, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, Trinity Holiness Church, and Homedale Baptist Church.



Businesses, individuals assist American Legion Post 32 in community dinner

Tamara Patrick, left, serves some ham to Homedale’s Ace Nielsen during Saturday’s Christmas dinner at the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 Hall in Homedale. Nielsen donated a turkey for the free feast, and Patrick said Paul’s Market and Mattesons also helped supply the dinner.



Farmers Market gets in the spirit

Koryn Norris, 14, of Homedale gets her photo taken with Santa during the Homedale Farmers Market Holiday Market on Saturday inside the old high school gymnasium.

GV council vacates street Greenbelt work can move forward

The biggest hurdle faced in the Grand View greenbelt expansion plan has been cleared.

The city council finalized the vacation of Wood Street during its final meeting of the year last Wednesday. Ordinance 2015-002 clears the way for an extension of the greenbelt along Roosevelt Street and also can allow for expansion of Riverside Cemetery when the time comes.

The ordinance comes after a series of public hearings. No comment was received at any of the hearings.

Wood Street was a platted street in Grand View that was never developed. It became a drain ditch located south of the cemetery.

Last week’s meeting marked one of the last for council members Opal Ward and Linda Araujo, who lost re-election bids in November. Jon Pennington, John Morrison and Melvin Freckleton will begin their first terms next month.

One of the ongoing issues that the new council will continue to tackle is a state-mandated wastewater facility plan.

Compliance is required before the city can seek grand funding to reline the system’s secondary pond, City Clerk Tammy Payne said.

The incoming council also will pick up the city’s geothermal project after the current council decided to table the issue until all political changes were realized.

Payne said a geothermal project work session will be on the January meeting agenda for the new council to consider. The new council also will determine the direction of any project.

The city council also recently adopted the city’s comprehensive plan after on public comment was offered.

Payne said Araujo did say, “I appreciate that the plan protects personal property rights” and agricultural rights.

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Jordan Valley girls stretch winning streak

Avalanche Sports

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Four HMS wrestlers win district crowns



Marsing sophomore Mason Hall pins Darin Gusters of Skyview to start his march to the 220-pound championship match. Above photo and cover photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography. For more photos from the tournament, see **Page 16**

Collett collects 2nd Calhoun championship

Fellow Trojan Johnson wins title; MHS' Hall 2nd

Two championships pushed Homedale High School to a solid seventh-place showing in the Calhoun Classic.

Seniors John Collett (160 pounds) and Nash Johnson (145) wrestled to titles during the two-day tournament that wrapped up Saturday in Nyssa, Ore.

Meanwhile, Marsing sophomore Mason Hall was runner-up at 220 pounds after top-seeded Braeden Phillips, a Fruitland senior, pinned him in the title match.

Collett and Johnson both attained milestones.

Top-seeded in his weight class, Johnson won four times to climb to fourth on the Trojans' all-time career victories list with 113 wins.

Third-seeded Collett pinned top seed

Homedale's 100 club	
Jeremy Ensley	129
Tyler Christoffersen	119
Adam Duryee	117
Nash Johnson	113
Justin Ensley	110
Bryan Martinat	107
Ryan Nash	105
Ron Hooker	102

Jose Lopez from Nyssa to win his second consecutive Calhoun crown.

Homedale's Pete Vasquez went 2-2 to finish in the top six at 138 pounds.

"He had a good weekend and faced some tough competition," first-year HHS coach Ryan Nash said.

Continuing his comeback from a football knee injury that wiped out his junior wrestling

campaign, the Trojans' Caleb Meligan was 2-2 at 126 pounds.

"He had a brutal weight class and looked good after being off for a year due to injury," Nash said.

Johnson edged Jerome freshman Ezekial Williamson, 3-2, in the 145-pound title bout.

"He wrestled extremely well throughout the tournament," Ryan Nash said. "He's a very smart wrestler, and that was evident this weekend."

Johnson passed Justin Ensley into fourth place on the school's career victories list. He's four wins shy of third-place Adam Duryee (117) and six away from second-place Tyler Christoffersen (119). Four-time state champion Jeremy Ensley sits atop the heap with 129 victories.

Collett pinned No. 2 seed Josh Bongiorno

— See *Calhoun*, page 17

HHS girls cash in on Marsing's mistakes

Homedale rolls to sixth straight win

Friday's Homedale-Marsing high school girls' basketball clash had everything you'd expect out of a rivalry game.

The Trojans built up enough equity through the middle portion of the intense contest to hold off the host Huskies, 59-50, for their sixth consecutive victory.

Homedale earned the non-conference win despite 26 turnovers. The Huskies couldn't overcome a 17-point deficit heading into the fourth quarter.

Homedale (6-1 overall before Tuesday's non-conference showdown against New Plymouth) survived a shootout in the first quarter then handled Marsing's pressure defense to mount a 34-15 run through the second and third quarters.

Meanwhile, the Huskies committed 38 turnovers as Homedale fired up an opportunistic defense. Makayla Aberasturi had six of the Trojans' 24 steals, and Homedale scored 26 points off turnovers.

Marsing (3-3 before Tuesday's non-conference game against Jordan Valley) scored 21 points in

— See *HHS girls*, page 15

Colyer in charge at Rimrock

After taking a year off, Bobby-Jean Colyer is back coaching the Rimrock High School girls' basketball team.

She returned to a team that lost only one player from last season and brings back two seniors for a third varsity season — 5-foot-8 center Sakota Hall and 5-8 forward Analeise Mills.

Hall and Mills were on the roster when Jones guided the Raiders to the 1A, Div. I state tournament in 2014.

As with the 2013-14 season, Jones' dad, former longtime Rimrock boys' basketball coach Gary Jones, is back as part of the

— See *Rimrock*, page 17



Homedale's Benny Schamber leaves his feet to save a ball heading out of bounds Saturday afternoon against Melba.

Trojans avoid collapse with overtime victory

Mustangs erase 20-point deficit in four minutes

After building a big lead, Homedale High School had to hold on Saturday afternoon for a boys' basketball victory.

The Trojans watched Melba erase a 20-point deficit in the final four minutes of the non-conference game, but Homedale prevailed, 70-67, in overtime at home.

Melba reeled off 31 points over the final eight minutes, some of which was played with HHS coach Casey Grove's bench players in the game because of the big lead.

"In the end, obviously, it

shouldn't have been that close, but it also helps our guys to put this game in the memory bank for later down the road," Grove said. "Knowing we have played in close games and in the end pull it together and come out on top is a positive thing we can pull from."

Grove said Homedale (2-2 overall before Tuesday's road game against Baker, Ore.) played its best 3½ quarters of the season. The Trojans — led by primary defender Josh Tolmie — held Melba's best player, Nick Fitts, to 12 points.

"Josh Tolmie played an outstanding game defensively," Grove said. "We played great team basketball."

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Sports

Trojans work quickly at quad

The Ryan Nash Era got off to a perfect start as Homedale High School wrestled to three home wins. The Trojans' season opener Dec. 8 resembled a jamboree with action going on two mats at all times between Homedale, Marsing, Adrian and the Nampa junior varsity.

Homedale won all three of its duals. There were also junior varsity and exhibition matches. "I felt like our kids wrestled well. It was a good start," Nash said.

Nash Johnson climbed another rung on the Trojans' career victories list. The senior 145-pounder went unbeaten in three duals, moving past Bryan Martinat into fifth place all-time with 109 wins. By the end of the week, Johnson had surged past Justin Ensley for fourth place, grabbing his 113th career victory with a championship match win at the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa.

Other unbeaten wrestlers in multiple matches from last week's quad meet included 152-pounder Shane Keller, who won a match in all three dual meets, and Caleb Meligan (126), Jacob Furlott (132), Pete Vasquez (138), John Collett (170) and Julian Hartmann (182), who were 2-0.

Homedale 59, Marsing 12 — Oscar Gonzalez pinned Coty Ford in 2 minutes, 37 seconds at 160 pounds for the Huskies' only on-mat victory.

Homedale picked up five first-round pinfalls, while Johnson defeated Joseph Ineck by technical fall (19-3).

The Trojans' fastest pins came from Furlott (33 seconds over Hayden Kish) and Meligan (44 seconds over Jessie Hay Smith).

Keller put Andy Saenz on his back in 1:28, and Wyatt Dorsey won the heavyweight bout at the same point in time, pinning Marsing's Ben Gerthung. Collett dispatched Jaden Kinney one second before the end of the first round of their match.

Hartmann, a senior exchange student, pinned Jesus Duran in 2:32.

Homedale 60, Adrian 18 — The Trojans got 36 points from six forfeits, and Adrian's only on-mat points came when Marcus Furtado pinned 106-pounder Jorge Vega in 15 seconds.

Homedale dominated the middle weights with three pins (138: Vasquez beat Eduardo Muñoz at



Homedale's Nash Johnson handles Marsing's Joseph Ineck. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

2:23; 145: Johnson stopped Juan Figueroa at 2:22; and 152: Keller pinned Bryson Shira at 4:36).

Homedale 54, Nampa JV 24 — Only Coty Ford's injury default at 160 prevented the Trojans from pinning their way through the heart of the match.

From 120 pounds (Anthony Beckman) to 182 (Hartmann), Homedale won six of nine matches via first-round pins.

Collett had the fastest dispatch, ending his 170-pound match with Andres Buenedia in 29 seconds. Hartmann put Cameron Smith's shoulders to the mat in 34 seconds.

Furlott (132 vs. Arturo Parma) and Vasquez (138 vs. Liam Shannon) needed only 62 seconds each to get their pins, and Meligan pinned the Bulldogs' 126-pounder, Milo Betty, in 1:09.

Johnson was taken into the second round before pinning Frank Gonzalez at 2:54, and Keller stopped Cris Estrada with 30 seconds left in their 152-pound match.

Homedale girls trounce 3A SRV rival

Two girls' basketball streaks collided Thursday night, and Homedale High School quickly settled the matter against its winless rival.

While sending Fruitland to its eighth straight loss to start the season, the Trojans notched their fourth consecutive triumph, 46-35, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game played on the Grizzlies' floor.

HHS moved to 2-0 in conference play behind senior Tory Lane's 16 points and five steals.

Homedale opened the game with a 17-7 first quarter and held

a 15-point lead at halftime. The Trojans shot 44 percent (13-for-29) from the floor in the first half, and got separation as Fruitland hit only six of 30 shots (20 percent) in the same timeframe.

Senior Gardenia Machuca had eight points and five rebounds, while Ashley Burks chimed in with six points and five boards. Makayla Aberasturi added five points, three rebounds and three steals.

Mackenzie Collins had 17 points to pace Fruitland, and she shared the team rebounding lead with Taylor Lee at seven apiece.

Rimrock boys break through in big way

Exploding for 29 second-half points, the Rimrock High School boys' basketball team got its first win of the season in its home opener.

Louis Rutan posted a double-double in a 42-26 non-conference victory over Canyon Springs on Dec. 8 in Bruneau.

Rutan scored 10 points and snagged 14 rebounds, and the Raiders outscored Canyon Springs, 29-12, over the final 16 minutes.

The teams were deadlocked, 14-14, at halftime.

Nick Bennett added seven points, and Devon Morrison six. Tony Rocha paced Canyon

Springs, which is based in Caldwell, with 10 points.

The Raiders, who are playing for first-year co-coaches Will and Wylee Aquiso, had scored a total of 31 points in losses to Cascade and Tri Valley.

Rimrock (1-3 overall, 0-1 in conference) dropped a 62-29 decision to Victory Charter in their 1A Western Idaho Conference opener Saturday.

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Athletes of the Week

John Collett and Nash Johnson, srs., wrestling
Johnson — The senior started his season with seven victories, capping the first week of his final high school season with the 145-pound championship in the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore. He passed Bryan Martinat and Justin Ensley on the Trojans' all-time career victories list.
Collett — The 160-pounder went 4-0 at the Calhoun, beating hometown wrestler Jose Lopez for the championship. He started the week with two pins in a quad meet at home featuring Marsing, Adrian and Nampa's junior varsity.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament
Thursday, Dec. 17 vs. Spring Creek, Columbia H.S., Nampa, 3 p.m.
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Varsity
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If win: Friday, Dec. 18 vs. Columbia Wood River winner, Columbia H.S., Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
If lose: Friday, Dec. 18 vs. Columbia Wood River loser, Skyview H.S., Nampa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19 opponent, time and location TBA

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Wrestling

Friday, Dec. 18 at Wiley Dobbs Inv., Canyon Ridge H.S., Twin Falls, 3 p.m.
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Sports

MHS boys' coach sees progress

Tim Little insists the season is not a sprint, but his Marsing High School boys' basketball players got fans' heart rates up just the same last week.

"Baby steps," the coach said after Thursday's 44-42 non-conference near-miss against Vale, Ore. "The kids, fans and coaching staff want success now, but it is a marathon and we continue to improve daily."

Dakota Hardy would-be 25-foot game-winning attempt was released a tick late, and the host Vikings escaped with a victory.

Vale expanded its narrow half-time lead to 14 points with a 12-0 spurt in the third quarter.

"We clawed our way back in a very physical game," Little said.

One of the Huskies' leading scorers, Jose Ponce, sat the entire second half because of a knee strain that also kept him out of Saturday's small school showcase tilt against Wendell.

Nick Lankow and Rodrigo Acuña fouled out.

Marsing committed just 11 turnovers and snagged 23 defensive rebounds.

Hardy led the scoring with nine points, and Acuña chipped in seven points and a team-high three steals.

Lankow had six points and 10 rebounds, including eight on Vale's end.

"We played physical and controlled the boards," Little said. "I am very pleased with the physical effort and turnover margin."

"Now we will focus on the mental effort, free throws and execution."

Seniors Derek Hiatt (12 points) and Brock Mattos (11) led the way for Class 3A Vale.

The Huskies took an 0-4 overall record into their 2A Western Idaho Conference opener against McCall-Donnelly on Tuesday after dead-line.

Saturday: Wendell 64, Marsing 33 — Ponce tried to play, but a lingering knee injury forced him to the bench one minute into the game at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

The Trojans jumped out to a big lead and never looked back en route to their third straight victory.

"The hard work we put into practice is not representative of the performance on Saturday," Little said. "We now understand that our record in 0-0 and hope to bounce back from a tough preseason start."

Hardy continued as one of the strong offensive players of the non-conference season. He sank a pair of three-point goals in the first half and led the Huskies with 10 points.

Lankow scored six points and snagged nine rebounds. Also scoring six points apiece were Acuña and Sam Galligan.

Wendell held a 15-point half-time lead (34-19) and got 24



Nick Lankow

points from Logan Bowers, who was 4-for-6 from the foul line and canned a pair of three-point goals in the third quarter. Another senior, Hunter Laudert, hit three treys in the first half and finished with 15 points.

Marsing missed on its only four free throws of the game, while Wendell was 9-for-15 in its chances at the line.

Dec. 8: Payette 49, Marsing 32 — The Huskies' busy non-conference week began with a road loss punctuated by a spate of turnovers in the final 2 minutes, 12 seconds of the first half with Marsing trailing by just two points.

The Pirates broke the game open with an 8-0 fueled by four Marsing giveaways on successive trips down the floor.

"With only two games under our belt, we are focusing on discipline," Little said after the loss. "We're working to get the best shot each possession and staying disciplined defensively — not gambling or taking risks, which result in easy baskets for the opponent."

Marsing converted just 12 of 47 shots (25.5 percent with Hardy leading the way with a 4-for-11 night for a game-high 11 points to go with a team-best three steals.

Ponce scored six, and Galligan was 2-for-3 from the floor on the way to five points.

Jonny Herrera scored 10 points to lead the Pirates' balanced attack, while Tully Martin tossed in eight. Ten Payette players cracked the scoring column.



Homedale's Ambyr VanWinkle applies defensive pressure to Marsing's Gabriela Rodriguez. Photo by Dan Pease

✓ HHS girls: Huskies shoot well in first half vs. Trojans

From Page 13 the first eight minutes, a season-high output for one quarter.

The Huskies' Emma Heitz led all scorers with 14 points. She was perfect on two shots from the three-point line and four attempts from the foul line.

Further bolstering coach Joe Betancourt's assertion that Homedale is deep and versatile, Carli Sawyer led the Trojans' charge with 13 points and six rebounds.

Tory Lane scored 11 points for Homedale, and Aberasturi added

seven points and five rebounds. Tristan Corta hit a three-pointer as part of her eight points.

Coach Jaime Wood's Marsing club connected on 36 percent of its shots (18-for-49), but had only seven field goals after halftime.

Mackenzie Farrens scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while notching four assists and four steals for Marsing. Teammate Alex Grant scored nine points with three boards and three steals.

Sheyanne Glorfield and Elsa Margarito scored six points each for the home squad.



MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week
Mason Hall, so., wrestling

The Play — Hall wrestled into the 220-pound championship match of the Calhoun Classic on Saturday in Nyssa, Ore., before losing to Fruitland's Braeden Phillips. The sophomore also competed in the Dec. 8 quad meet in Homedale featuring the Trojans, Adrian and Nampa's junior varsity.

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Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 17, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 22, home vs. Liberty Charter, 11 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 18 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Friday, Dec. 18 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Friday, Dec. 18 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 18 at Justin Wolfe Invitational, Glens Ferry
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Justin Wolfe Invitational, Glens Ferry

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Sports

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING
Trojans just miss district title

Five Homedale Middle School wrestlers reached the championship round Saturday at the district tournament.

The Trojans finished one point behind Ontario, Ore., for the championship (185-184).

Championship results included:

82 pounds — Joey Egusquiza (27-2) maj. dec. Jordan Peck (Fruitland), 14-7

96 — Brayden Christoffer- sen (25-0) maj. dec. Thomas Hale (Ontario), 9-1

110 — Matthew Randall (23-3) p. Ruben Hernandez (Ontario), 1:51

117 — Michael Babcock (15-3) dec. Greg Gissel (On- tario), 1-0

Caleb Vargas (14-5) was second at 124 pounds, losing the title match to McCain- Payette’s Cruz Villeral, 14-5.

Third-place wrestlers in- cluded Keagan Christiansen (23-5) at 103 pounds, Jace Love (20-8) at 110 and John Conner (6-12) at 145.

Fourth-place finishers were Owen Houser (6-10 at 124 pounds), Spencer Fisher (15- 11 at 131), Brady Trout (8-12 at 138), Weston Dorsey (2-13 at 145)



Michael Babcock battles to the 117-pound championship.



Mathew Randall works during his run to the 110-pound title.



Joey Egusquiza wrestles to the 82-pound championship.

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Above: Adrian 152-pounder Bryson Shira gets the upper hand during his opening victory against Emmett’s Colton Watts. **Below:** Eventual 160-pound champion John Collett of Homedale works against Parma’s Hayden Fuller in his major decision in the quarterfinals. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography



Adrian Tip-Off Tournament
Girls lose in title game

More chances didn’t translate into a winning formula Saturday when Adrian High School lost the championship game of its own girls’ basketball tournament.

Council took fewer shots, but converted more opportunities than its host, posting a 48-33 win.

The Lumberjacks connected on 20 for 35 field-goal attempts (57 percent), while Adrian dropped only 14 of its 57 shots (24 percent) and missed on all 12 attempts from beyond the three-point line.

No Adrian player reached double figures in any category, while Council’s Sierra Schmeckpeper scored 15 points and teammate Zoe Wessels added 14.

Adrian (2-2) was led by Anna Hutchings, who scored nine points and grabbed five rebounds during a game in which she

was saddled with four fouls. Hutchings only play 19½ minutes. Erin Nielson added eight points and five boards.

Friday: Adrian 55, Monument/Dayville 28 — The Antelopes rained three-point goals and rode a fast start to earn a trip into the title game of their own tournament.

Carlee Morton hit a pair of treys as Adrian his 46 percent of its shots from beyond the line (6-for-13). Morgan Bayes led all scorers with 16 points. She also sank five of six foul shots and snagged six rebounds.

Adrian started the game of a 15-5 run and never looked back.

Hutchings and Nielson grabbed five rebounds each, while Bayes led with six boards.

Kyla Emerson was the Tigers’ top scorer with seven points.

Boys rally for 3rd place

Dennis Dick notched a double-double Saturday as Adrian High School snapped a three-game losing streak and finished third in its own tournament.

Dick hit a pair of three-point goals and dominated the defensive glass in the Antelopes’ 57-38 boys’ basketball blowout of Harper/ Huntington.

The 5-foot-11 junior led all play- ers with 22 points and 13 rebounds, 10 of which came on the LocoNets’ glass.

Adrian (2-3 overall) held a 21- 11 edge on the Harper/Huntington backboards and won despite 22 turnovers and the LocoNets taking more shots.

The Antelopes put the game away with a 14-7 start to the second half. Mike Griffin added 10 points, and Kenny Purnell nine rebounds.

Gregory Chandler and Bernardo De Santiago scored nine points apiece for Harper/Huntington.

Friday: Monument/Dayville 59, Adrian 32 — The percentages were in the Antelopes’ favor in the tournament opener, but the Tigers had more offensive opportunities and rolled.

Monument/Dayville connected on 23 of 61 field-goal attempts (in- cluding 6-for-19 from three-point land), while Adrian managed only 30 shots in 32 minutes, hitting 13 (43 percent).

The Tigers were able to dominate the game even though the Ante- lopes ruled the defensive glass. Dick had all nine of his rebounds on Monument/Dayville’s end of the floor as Adrian held a 26-8 edge on that end of the floor.

Griffin grabbed 10 rebounds and scored eight points for Adrian. The Antelopes were led by Alvaro Martinez Urina’s 11 points.

Dakota Emerson scored a game- high 26 points to lead three Tigers in double figures.

Dec. 8: Notus 48, Adrian 30 — The Pirates shut out the Ante-



Adrian junior wing Dennis Dick goes to the rim against Harper/Huntington. Photo by Bob Radford

lopes in the first quarter then held the hard-charging hosts at bay after halftime in the non-league game.

Notus led 12-0 after eight min- utes and owned what would be the winning margin by the break, 26-8.

“We got off to a slow start and couldn’t quite recover,” first-year Adrian coach Nolan Shira said. “We have to play with more con- fidence, and I think that that will come with time.”

Both teams limited second- chance shots with Adrian grabbing 16 defensive rebounds and Notus snagging 13. The Pirates made the most of their second-chance shots, outscoring Adrian 14-8. Notus also scored 16 points off 23 turnovers.

Notus’ Kobe Zimmerman scored 12 points.

No Antelopes reached double figures. Ryker Murrey had a team- high eight points, and Purnell scored seven points.

Sports

Jordan Valley boys split games, head to holiday tourney

The Jordan Valley High School boys’ basketball team got a lesson in the fickle nature of the game last week.

The Mustangs clawed through adversity for a 41-38 non-league road win Friday against Notus then couldn’t hit a shot in a 62-40 home loss Saturday to Powder Valley.

Jordan Valley (3-2 overall) faces Elgin, Ore., in Thursday’s opening round of the Union Christmas Classic.

Saturday: Powder Valley 62, Jordan Valley 40 — Trailing by a basket at halftime, the Mustangs couldn’t keep up with the Badgers, who went on a 22-point jaunt in the third quarter.

“We shot poorly against Powder and didn’t play that well, but Powder is a very solid team,” Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said.

Three players scored six points each in the third quarter as the visitors from North Powder, Ore., pulled away. Gus McGinn scored 16 to lead Powder Valley (2-1), while teammate Cade Brown chipped in 14.

Jordan Valley’s Wyatt Stanford hit three three-point goals for the bulk of his co-team-high 14 points. JJ Echave scored eight second-quarter points and finished with 14.

Friday: Jordan Valley 41, Notus 38 — The Mustangs held the Pirates to just three points in the third quarter of their non-league game in Idaho to shift momentum.

“We played alright against Notus, but JJ was in foul trouble early,” Fillmore said. “But they played through it.”

Echave scored half of his eight points in the fourth quarter before fouling out.

Zeke Quintero had eight of his team-high 10 points in the first half, and Kasen Skinner and Wyatt Stanford had eight points each in a balanced night. Chase Fillmore added seven.

Notus’ Kobe Zimmerman drained three treys as part of his game-high 17.

✓Trojans: Carter continues double-figure scoring run

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Connor Carter, Lawsen Matteson and Chase Martell dished four assists apiece as Homedale wound up with 18 as a team.

Eli Bangerter scored 13 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter to lead Melba’s charge.

Carter racked up another double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds, 10 of which came on the defensive end.

Garrett Carter threw in 17 points to lead all scorers, and Benny Schamber’s tough inside play resulted in 16 points and nine boards.

Thursday: Homedale 64, Cole Valley Christian 61 — The Trojans capped a wild second half with a 24-point fourth quarter that erased a 10-point deficit.

The comeback and Connor Carter’s second consecutive double-figure scoring night pushed Homedale to its first victory of the season.

The Trojans held a one-point lead at halftime of the non-conference game in Meridian, but the Chargers took control with a 22-point outburst after the intermission.

Carter knocked down five of nine shots and five of six free throws for a season-high 16 points.

Chase Martel added 14 points and a co-team-high five assists (shared with Lawsen Matteson), and Benny Schamber had 12 points.

Schamber and Josh Tolmie collected five rebounds each.

Ryan DeBleck (13 points) was one of two Cole Valley Christian players to reach double figures.

✓Rimrock: Former boys’ coach Jones back to help out

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coaching staff. Other assistants include Hailey Doramus and Anthony Hofer.

There are 10 players on the squad this season, and the typical philosophy Jones carried for more than three decades with the boys prevails.

“We share the ball well. Team together,” Gary Jones, who filled in for his daughter as spokesperson, said. “Our strengths are defending, rebounding and playing together.”

After winning the first two games of the season, the Raiders finished last week 3-2, including a split in their first two 1A Western Idaho Conference games.

Compass Honors Charter beat Rimrock, 44-36, in the conference opener Friday in Meridian, but the Raider rallied for a 42-26 rout of Nampa’s Victory Charter on Saturday in Bruneau.

“We should be competitive with all teams,” Jones said of the conference race.

Rimrock lost only one key player from a year ago with the graduation of Angeles Lino. Coming back with the aforementioned seniors are Bailie Jewett, a 5-4 junior guard, Kyla Mills, a 5-6 junior forward, and 5-5 sophomore guard/forward Valeria Lino.

Juniors C.C. Swaney, a guard, and Maddy Burbank, a center/forward, round out the team as first-year varsity players.

The Raiders strive to meet a gameplan that features pressure defense and patient offense, Jones said.

Jewett hit a pair of three-point goals as part of a 56 percent shooting night (5-for-9) on Nov. 19 when the Raiders opened 2015-16 campaign with a 33-28 victory over Glenns Ferry. The Raiders had to hold off the Pilots in the fourth quarter.

Jewett averaged 14 points over the Raiders’ first two games, including a season-high 16 in Dec. 4’s 61-29 blowout of Cascade. Lino led all scorers with 17 points that night.

Analeise Mills has emerged as the team’s leading rebounder, grabbing 9 boards per night in the first three games, including 14 against Cascade. That night, she pulled down 10 rebounds on the defensive end.

Hall averaged 8.7 rebounds per game during the Raiders’ 2-1 start.

Glorfield fuels Marsing’s rout

Sheyanne Glorfield scored a season-high 19 points as Marsing High School blew out Payette in girls’ basketball on Dec. 8.

The Huskies hit several team goals in the 51-22 home non-conference victory.

Marsing started on a 13-2 run through the first quarter, reaching coach Jaime Wood’s goal of scoring more than 50 points.

Defensively, the team hit the mark holding the Pirates’ scorers in check.

Glorfield knocked down all six of her free throws, and Marsing hit six of eight foul shots (75 percent) in the first half. She also had a team-high 10 steals and seven rebounds, including six on the defensive end.

Payette connected on just 19.4 percent of its shots (7-for-36), and the Huskies pulled down 19 defensive rebounds.

Alex Grant had seven points, while Mackenzie Farrens and Gabriela Rodriguez scored six points apiece. Farrens also had eight boards.

Youngsters help grow Mustangs’ girls’ basketball winning streak

Three Jordan Valley High School players scored in double figures each night to stretch the girls’ basketball winning streak to three games.

The Mustangs collected non-league victories over host Notus on Friday and visiting Powder Valley on Saturday.

“The girls played really hard all weekend,” Jordan Valley coach Kelsi Skinner said. “This team plays with a lot of heart. I love that.”

Jordan Valley (3-1 overall) played in Marsing on Tuesday after deadline and will travel to the Union Christmas Tournament beginning Thursday.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 54, Powder Valley 49 — The Mustangs rallied from a cold third quarter to knock off the Badgers from North Powder, Ore.

Morgan Caywood and Alisha Rogers scored 15 points apiece for Jordan Valley. Rogers’ second three-point goal of the night was one of only two field goals for the Mustangs in the third quarter as they saw a seven-point lead dwindle to three, 37-34.

Freshman Regann Skinner added 10 points, including two foul shots as Jordan Valley connected on 10 of 13 free throws in the second half.

Hallie Felk scored 18 points for Powder Valley.

Friday: Jordan Valley 66, Notus 56 — Skinner emerged as the leader in the non-league win over the Pirates, hitting two three-pointers as part of her team-high 19 points.

Another freshman, Taylor Warn, dropped a three-pointer and converted nine of 14 free throws for 18 points, and Zoe Warn added 11.

Gabby Okamura was one of two Notus players with 20 points.

Junior varsity

Saturday: Powder Valley 25, Jordan Valley 16 — Sophomore Cheyenne Davis hit four of her five free throws for seven points, but a total of four points in the second third quarters stymied the Mustangs.

Friday: Jordan Valley 25, Notus 24 — Freshman Emilee Burch hit a fourth-quarter three-point goal as part of her five points as the Mustangs held off the Pirates in Jordan Valley’s season opener.

Taylor Warn, also a ninth-grader, scored her six points in the third quarter as Jordan Valley erased a halftime deficit.

Regann Skinner and sophomore Katelyn Deen chipped in five points each.

✓Calhoun: Homedale’s Rose captures championship in junior varsity tournament

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of Nyssa in the semifinals to continue a determined march through the bracket. Bongiorno finished fourth in the Oregon state tournament last season.

Seeded second at 220, Hall highlighted Marsing’s tournament stay, pinning Darin Gusters of Skyview and Kuna’s Mackay Trent to reach the championship match.

Marsing sophomore Joseph Ineck pinned Emmett’s Korben Fitzgerald before losing to Caldwell’s Luke Lopez in the 145-pound quarterfinals.

Adrian’s Marcus Furtado snagged a pair of wins at 106 pounds, pinning Caldwell’s Oscar Gonzalez in the championship bracket and getting a pin against Emmett’s Sam Hyde before bowing out of the consolation bracket against eventual third-place wrestler Kreede Peterson of Kuna.

Teammate Bryson Shira rallied from a second-round loss to get two consolation-bracket wins at 152.

JV tournament

Jaeger Rose racked up four pins in four matches to win the 126-pound championship as a freshman and help Homedale to an 11th place finish.

Trojans teammate Robert Nix (160 pounds) was 3-2 and finished in the top six. “I was really proud of Robert,” Nash said. “He always wrestles with a lot of heart.”

Homedale’s Jorge Vega (106) went 3-2 in the first tournament of his career.

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On the edge of common sense Thrifty



Sharon had hauled the old piano home in a stock trailer. It came outta the Miner’s Club in Mountain City where, according to the bartender, it had set since the early ’30s. It was in sad shape and one end of the ancient upright was full of holes. Bullet holes! Considering it had never been outta the bar, the piano player musta needed lessons! Sharon gave the piano to me, and I hauled it home where it sat in my garage for a year.

Brother Steve came to visit. He’s a talented musician with a craftsman’s ability. He’s also one of the thriftiest humans this side of Ebenezer Scrooge! He asked me if he could try and get the old piano in workin’ order. “Of course!” I said, “I’ll pay for the parts ... whatever it takes!” I blocked out \$300 or \$400, “Just save your receipts.”

I came home that afternoon and the garage floor looked like an orchestra had exploded! He had dismantled that piano down to wire! The harp lay naked on the concrete.

Over the next several days, I watched the rebuilding take place. Steve would go out on a parts runs and return with a replacement hammer, just the right set screw or a used but serviceable piece of ivory. He took particular pleasure in makin’ a shrewd trade. “Whatever the costs,” I’d say, but he enjoyed finding a bargain.

One day he took me along on a parts run. We drove down the tracks, behind a big nursery, down a dusty road and pulled up to a dilapidated house with a few outbuildings. I was struck by the fact that nothing was painted. There was one unspectacular sign that read “PIANOS-TUNED AND FIXED.” We went inside and were greeted by the proprietor, who obviously knew Steve. He was a sad-lookin’ man. The house was full of pianos! Even two in the kitchen. There was an empty can of tomato soup on the sink. I wandered through the rooms amongst the piano landscape, leaving Steve and the owner to do business. From the looks of his home, he lived alone and probably not very high on the hog. Pianos in various stages of repair filled every available space.

I heard Steve and the man dickering in the kitchen. “I’m sorry,” Steve was saying, “I can’t give more than \$5.”

“I’ve got to get \$10. It’s surely worth \$10,” the old man pleaded.

I’m thinkin’ to myself, “Steve, we can be generous. The ol’ feller probably hasn’t eaten in days. What’s five bucks? Besides, I’m payin’ for it!” But I knew better than to interfere. The bartering continued for several minutes. The old man finally came down to \$7, but Steve wouldn’t budge. Finally, with a whimper, the old man gave in. He had met his match.

As we climbed into the pickup to leave, I asked Steve what he had bought. He held up a little ribbon of red felt, maybe 6 inches long. “For the hammers,” he explained.

I said, “Man, that don’t look like it’s worth five bucks!”

“Five dollars?” he said, “No, I gave five cents for it!”

The final bill for rebuilding my piano was \$18.34!

— 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 Festival of Trees auction low turnout a Homedale humbug

Merry Christmas! Or is it bah humbug? I attended the Festival of Trees sponsored by the Homedale Senior Center on Nov. 28.

The trees had been decorated by our seniors with care, in hopes that the community would be there to share.

The money raised was for Meals on Wheels, and there were some fantastic deals.

And as the children on Christmas Eve, they waited in anticipation for folks to arrive.

But no community Santas came to provide support.

Where were the businesses and service organizations? Everyday citizens?

I understand the mayor recently got a raise, yet where

was he? And not one city council member?

Growing up in Homedale, I was always proud of our spirit. Yet not even the Trojans Pride tree got much of a bid.

During this holiday season, I urge the citizens of Homedale to evaluate what really is important. And I hope you find it in your hearts to reignite that Trojan Spirit and support our elders who have provided us with the foundation of this community.

What will it be? Bah humbug or joining me in Merry Christmas?

Louise Chadez
Spokane, Wash.

Homedale Festival of Trees committee expresses thanks

The 5 Ole Ladies that chaired the Festival of Trees at the Homedale Senior Center send a thank you to the families and businesses that donated trees and wreaths auction and silent auction items.

An extra thank you to Paul’s Market, Mattesons, Owyhee Auto Supply, Steve and Michelle Davis Home Care in Parma, Rebecca Quick and Michail Mayes for their monetary donations.

The final total for the festival of trees is approximately \$2,499.

A special thank you to auctioneer Jeff Eidemiller. He did a fantastic job. Also, thank you to Maria Lopez, who is a Caldwell High School senior that needed volunteer hours for her Senior Project.

Cher Atkins
Mary Burman
Donna Fisher
Linda Miklancic
Lynda Woodhall
Homedale

Jeffrey Lord, author and commentator

The Muslim question Trump’s entry restriction idea not unique in our history



by Jeffrey Lord

So Donald Trump saying that there should be a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States” makes him some sort of crazy, dangerous guy?

If liberals — and even, astonishingly — some Republicans believe this? Wow. What in the world to then make of President Franklin D. Roosevelt? FDR, if one takes in the current wisdom, was Trump on steroids.

For those who read history, and alas, perhaps lots of people who should do not, there was FDR in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and the entrance of the U.S. into war with Germany, Italy, and Japan doing the following things that would make Donald Trump look like a nerdy weakling.

Germany, Italy and the Japanese were the Muslims of the day in December 1941. And FDR responded as follows, first with the Germans in Presidential Proclamation 2526 that was titled as being targeted to — this is a direct quote — “Aliens: Germans.” And what of those “Alien” Germans? FDR demanded that:

“... all natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the hostile nation or government, being of the age of fourteen years and upward, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured, and removed as alien enemies. The President is authorized in any such event, by his proclamation thereof, or other public act, to direct the conduct to be observed, on the part of the United States, toward the aliens who become so liable; the manner and degree of the restraint to which they shall be subject and in what cases, and upon what security their residence shall be permitted, and to provide for the removal of those who, not being permitted to reside within the United States, refuse or neglect to depart therefrom; and to establish any other regulations which are found necessary in the premises and for the public safety.”

Actually, FDR being the thorough kind of guy that he was, had his Proclamation 2526 come after his Proclamation

2525, which targeted the perpetrators of Pearl Harbor — the Japanese. In identical language to his treatment of German immigrants in America, FDR proclaimed in a proclamation dedicated to ... quote again “Aliens: Japanese”... that if:

“... the President makes public proclamation of the event, all natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the hostile nation or government, being of the age of fourteen years and upward, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured, and removed as alien enemies. The President is authorized in any such event, by his proclamation thereof, or other public act, to direct the conduct to be observed, on the part of the United States, toward the aliens who become so liable; the manner and degree of the restraint to which they shall be subject and in what cases, and upon what security their residence shall be permitted, and to provide for the removal of those who, not being permitted to reside within the United States, refuse or neglect to depart therefrom; and to establish any other regulations which are found necessary in the premises and for the public safety.”

Oh. And don’t forget the Italians. The Fascists. FDR went on after his proclamations about how America would deal with German and Japanese immigrants to include Mussolini’s Fascists. That would be in Presidential Proclamation 2527, which was headed with a proclamation about “Alien Enemies—Italians.” And sure enough, as you may now have guessed, FDR said in his now familiar language about Germans and Japanese the following about the Italians:

“... all natives, citizens, denizens, or government, being of the age of fourteen years and upward, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured, and removed as alien enemies.

— See *Restriction*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

Wipe out farm debt with ag land rental income

Dear Dave,
Do you view personal debt and business debt the same way? I have about \$210,000 in farm loans that are mostly tied up in land I rent to farmers. It's the only debt I have, and the rental prices supply me an income of about \$200,000 a year.

— Anne

Dear Anne,
Your debt required you to personally sign for it, right? So, it's all personal debt. The law is going to treat you exactly the same if you don't pay a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan as the law treats you with an unsecured personal line of credit. You're still going to get your butt sued, and they're still going to come take your stuff or garnish your wages. It's debt! The only way it's personal debt versus

business debt is in your mind.
If I'm in your shoes, I'm going to live on as little as I can and pay this off like I was trying to pay off a house. If I made \$200,000 a year on investments, and everything was paid for except one of my investments, how quickly would I pay that one investment off? Two years. In your situation, surely you can live on \$100,000 a year!

Dear Dave,
I started working your plan earlier this year. I even budgeted for Christmas and got my shopping done early, but in the process I overspent and blew my whole monthly budget. Now I'm having a hard time getting motivated again. Do you have any suggestions?



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Misty,
Lots of folks make mistakes like this, even though they went into things with the best intentions. The Bible says that no discipline seems pleasant at the time, but it yields a harvest of righteousness.

The best way I know to encourage you to get back on the wagon is to ask one simple question: Where do you want to be in five or 10 years? Is your current path going to reward you with a financially secure life? Is it going to give you the ability to retire with dignity and to have fun living and giving in your golden years, or is it going to leave you broke, scared and desperate? There's one simple answer if the path you're on isn't going to get you what you want and where you want to be in life: Change the path!
Most people don't even take the time to identify where they want to go in life or how to get there. They just shuffle along, blame others and circumstances for their situations, and think someone will take care of them. That's called being a child. Children do what feels good at the moment,

but adults devise a plan and stick to it.
Lazy is always easier, and more fun, in the short term. But it's a huge mistake when it comes to the future, Misty. Think ahead, plan ahead, and jump back on the wagon!

— 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.

✓ Restrictions: FDR singled out Japanese, Germans and Italians in WWII

From Page 18
The President is authorized in any such event, by his proclamation thereof, or other public act, to direct the conduct to be observed, on the part of the United States, toward the aliens who become so liable; the manner and degree of the restraint to which they shall be subject and in what cases, and upon what security their residence shall be permitted, and to provide for the removal of those who, not being permitted to reside within the United States, refuse or neglect to depart therefrom; and to establish any other regulations which are found necessary in the premises and for the public safety.”

And oh by the way. What did this treatment mean if you were an actual German, Japanese or Italian immigrant to America living under the FDR regime? Try this if you were Italian:

Nationwide, approximately 600,000 Italian-born residents of the United States were declared enemy aliens. In the weeks following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, enemy aliens were ordered to surrender cameras, short-wave radios and radio transmitters. Other contraband items were flashlights,

boats, binoculars and weapons, including hunting rifles. Enemy aliens were prohibited from traveling outside of a five-mile radius of their homes, even for employment, and were banned from entering “strategic areas” such as power stations and airports. In San Francisco, Giuseppe DiMaggio, father of baseball great Joe DiMaggio, could not visit his son’s restaurant because it was located in a prohibited zone.
The term “enemy alien” was not unique to World War II. The classification traces its roots to the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, which stated that if the United States was at war with a country then any “natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the hostile nation” residing in the United States who were not naturalized citizens were considered “enemy aliens.”
In other words, what Donald Trump is suggesting is that there be a pause in Muslim immigration to America — and the media, liberals, and, especially disgraceful, even Republicans freak out. Yet meanwhile there are all these celebrations of Franklin Roosevelt — the big monument in Washington, the gazillion locations named in his honor, the endless celebration by the likes of Time magazine and, but of course, liberals like the Democratic National Committee. The latter which proclaims of this president

who was Trump on Steroids when it came to “the other” in American midsts:
“In the 1930s, Americans turned to Democrats and elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt to end the Great Depression. President Roosevelt offered Americans a New Deal that put people back to work, stabilized farm prices, and brought electricity to rural homes and communities. Under President Roosevelt, Social Security established a promise that lasts to this day: growing old would never again mean growing poor.”
Got that? Not a peep from the whitewashing DNC that their hero FDR was Donald Trump on steroids when America was under attack, with FDR using his presidential powers to declare Germans, Italians, and Japanese in America “enemy aliens,” slapping curfews on them, registering them, taking away everything from their guns to their binoculars to their right to travel to their jobs. Ohhhhhh no. FDR is a secular saint. And Donald Trump is a crazy bigot.
Right.
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 19, 1990

Landa, Tolmie winners in Gem District election

Julian Landa and Mack Tolmie were declared the winners Monday of seats opening up in January on the Gem Irrigation District Board of Directors following Dec. 11 elections in Homedale and Marsing muddled by an irregular voting claim.

In Division 2, Tolmie scraped by his nearest competitor, Dave Shenk, by a vote of 122 to 121 in a three-man contest that produced controversy after a Marsing area farmer voted twice, as a corporation and as a separate property owner.

An anonymous caller told The Owyhee Avalanche that the farmer had voted twice in the election, claiming, “They’re (the board) trying to sequester this information to avoid a new election.”

South Board of Control/Gem Irrigation District Manager Clyde Hutton denied the caller’s claim, saying, “The board did not try to sidestep this. They tried to make sure everything they did was legal.”

At Monday’s board meeting to canvass the votes, according to Hutton, board attorney Pete Richardson of Boise advised them that it was not their duty to decide questions of legality. The attorney instructed them on their “mechanical duties” to verify that the election results compiled by the judges were complete and accurate, Hutton said.

Trojans at 4-3; face Nampa Thursday

The Homedale boys’ basketball team goes up against the hefty Nampa High sophomore squad here tomorrow night in their last game before breaking for the Christmas holidays. “You’re talking A-1 caliber players here,” Varsity Coach Bobby Young said earlier this week. “They’ve got a lot of BIG kids.”

The Trojans stand 4-3 for the year going into the Nampa game, after losing to Kuna 67-54 on Monday, upsetting Vallivue 88-65 on Dec. 14 and mowing down Marsing 77-57 here Dec. 15.

Last week’s back-to-back wins over Vallivue and Marsing, plus a wire service ranking placing Homedale No. 10 statewide in A-3 play, had Young all revved up earlier this week. “The kids have adjusted real well to myself and my coach’s philosophy,” Young said enthusiastically, pointing out that is not always the case when a new coach comes on the scene.

His “instant success, the future is now” philosophy may be taking hold, for sure. In the whopping 88-65 upset over the A-2 sized Falcons, Young reported that virtually everyone said, “That’s the first time Homedale beat Vallivue in a long time.”

Josh Hays was high pointer in the game, with 27 followed by Tony Uranga, 21, Chris Hoshaw, 18, Mike Warwick, 11, Brad Dines, 6 and Carl Busse, 5, Young reported.

WIC scholar-athletes named

A number of athletes in fall sports from Homedale, Marsing, Wilder and Rimrock High Schools have been named by Western Idaho Conference officials as scholar-athletes. The designation is achieved by the maintenance of a 3.2 or higher grade point average during the semester in which the sport is played.

Achieving the distinction at Marsing High School were: Beth Kiester, Debbie Webb and Cindy Floyd, varsity volleyball; Scott Brown, Kevan Kiester, Jesse Paz, Shane Stockham, Mike Weedman, Michael Cerda, Dusty Clover and Craig Brown, varsity football;

WIC volleyball scholar-athletes at Rimrock, serving Grand View and Bruneau areas, were: Sue Collett, 4.00; Laurie Law, 4.00; Dawn Fluckiger, 3.86; Kim Fluckiger, 3.71; Shannon Jayo, 3.67 and Melisa McDaniel, 3.43.

Rimrock football players making the list were: Chris Collett, 4.00; Kent Field, 4.00; Mike Whitworth, 4.00; Ed Dean, 3.57; Reed Beus, 3.50; Dan Dean, 3.50; Kelly Simper, 3.50; Brian Mathews, 3.33; Steve Bachman, 3.29; Dusty Fowers, 3.29 and Danny Jones, 3.29.

50 years ago

December 16, 1965

Homedale wrestling team to meet Marsing

Homedale High School’s wrestling team will meet Marsing at Homedale tonight (Thursday) for a conference bout. This match will start at 7 o’clock instead of 7:30, due to the practices which must be held for the Christmas program.

Homedale scored a 33-23 victory at Marsing Dec. 2. 98 – Cossel (M) pinned Phil George (H) 2nd. 106 – Higgins (H) forfeit. 115 – Shea (M) dec. Maybon (H) 6-3. 123 – Brown (M) pinned Inouye (H) 2nd. 130 – Birmingham (M) pinned Nailey (H) 1st. 136 – Watson (H) pinned Webb 3rd. 141 – John George (H) pinned Engle (M) 2nd. 148 – Jack Bicandi (M) pinned Roy Bicandi 1st. 157 – T. Smith (H) dec. Frailey (M) 4-2. 168 – J. Smith (H) pinned Fegert (M) 2nd. 183 – Joe George (H) forfeit. Hvy. – Fisher (H) pinned Gaines (M) 1st.

Vallivue Tourney

In the Vallivue Tournament Dec. 4, the team looked real good for so early in the season. There were 5 A and 4 B teams at the tournament. Homedale ended up in 4th place which is real good for no more experience than we have on the team. We had 5 wrestlers place in the top 4: Higgins got 2nd at 106, Watson 1st at 136, T. Smith 2nd at 157, J. Smith 3rd at 168 and Joe George 4th at 183.

Win over Fruitland

Homedale at Fruitland on Dec. 6 the score was 37-18. 98 – George (H) forfeit. 106 – Higgins (H) pinned Gillies (F) 2nd. 115 – Maybon (H) pinned Reece (F) 2nd. 123 – Inouye (H) pinned D. Hurrle (F) 3rd. 130 – J. Hurrle (F) dec. Roland (H) 10-8 136 – Helderman (F) dec. Watson (H) 5-1 141 – Bright (F) pinned Aberasturi (H) 1st. 148 – Bicandi (H) forfeit to Shaw (F). 157 – T. Smith (H) pinned Wilks (F) 1st. 168 – J. Smith (H) pinned Hardy (F) 1st. 183 – Joe George (H) pinned Olsen (F) 1st. Hvy. – Fisher forfeit.

Cage prospects are reviewed at Kiwanis meeting

Prospects for the coming basketball season at Homedale were reviewed by Ken Kellum, varsity coach and Darrel Reisch, JV coach, at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis club at the Masonic hall basement.

Kellum said his 8-man squad of Jerry DeGroat and Ken Kushlan, seniors, and Carl Hayes, junior, three returning lettermen, plus Jim Townsend, Tom Morris, Jim Jackson and Roland Woodburn, juniors, and Rick Kushlan, sophomore, is improving, and prospects for the team are good.

The Trojans are undefeated in two games with Adrian and one with Greenleaf, but scoring has been only 26% and an average of 19 fouls have cost the team about 17 points per game, Kellum said. He would like to improve scoring to above 40%, and reduce fouling to 9 or 10 a game.

Parker re-elected director of Gem Irrigation Dist.

Don Parker was re-elected to a term of three years as director of the South Board of Control and Gem Irrigation District, at Tuesday’s election, according to Felisa Isaguirre, treasurer.

Parker received 11 votes at the Gem office., 8 at the Wo-He-Lo clubhouse in Marsing, and 6 at the Homedale American Legion hall. A total of 25 votes were counted with no write-ins.

Stansell elected Noble Grand by Empress Rebekahs

Mrs. Golda Stansell was elected Noble Grand of Empress Rebekah Lodge with Blanche Schumacher vice grand at their regular meeting Monday night.

140 years ago

December 18, 1875

MEXICO EXPORTS TO the United States products to the amount of \$12,000,000 annually. This is rather more than one third of her entire exports. Two-thirds of that which comes to the United States are gold and silver and the balance principally coffee, sugar and cochineal. The imports of Mexico from the United States amount to about \$7,000,000 annually. The trade between the two countries ought to be increased almost one hundred fold. Mexico has immense natural resources, with a poverty stricken population of only 8,000,000. Rail roads, the addition of a new population possessing some energy, and the infusion of well directed enterprise would make Mexico the finest country under the sun.

THE SILVER CITY DRAMATIC CLUB – Should the ladies and gentlemen composing the Silver City Dramatic Club feel disposed to visit the Basin sometime during the winter we assure them that they would meet with a cordial reception and be liberally patronized. We do not wish the Silver City people to have all the fun, we wish to share it with them. In behalf of the citizens of Idaho City and the Basin generally we respectfully extend our invitation to the Club to visit us. A trip over here would prove one of pleasure as well as profit. The roads will soon be in good condition and the sleighing excellent. Come! – *Idaho World*

THE BOARD OF County Commissioners for Owyhee will meet here on the first Monday in January. Their other times of meeting throughout the year are the first Monday in April, July and October, being four meetings in all that are held during the year.

CHRISTMAS BALL – As will be seen by reference to an announcement elsewhere in our columns this evening Messrs. Gross & Giles are going to give a ball in Champion Hall on Christmas eve. They are splendid musicians and will have first-class talent to aid them in that department. A general invitation is extended, and a jolly time is anticipated.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – A rumor comes from San Francisco to the effect that the South Mountain Consolidated Mining Company have made a proposition to settle up indebtedness and resume work after the first of January. This will be good news if true. We hope it is. It is a great mistake to allow such valuable mining property as exists at South Mountain, especially in its present shape, to remain idle.

FROM BRUNEAU – Colonel George W. Hill came in from Bruneau Valley last evening with a load of produce. He brought a team as far as Scotch Bob’s, some four miles from town, from which point he had his stuff packed in on mules. We regret that the Colonel has been quite ill for some time past, but are glad to know that he is now in a fair way to regain his usual robust health.

THE READINGS LAST EVENING - Good Templar hall was crowded to overflowing last evening on the occasion of the public readings which came off as per previous announcement. Dr. Smith, John Upham, J. Thomas and Rev. W. G. Simpson were the readers. The selections were excellent, combining grave, gay humorous in both poetry and prose. A very pleasant feature of the affair was the splendid instrumental music at intervals during the readings. The performers were D. Price, flute; Dr. Smith, organ; Jim Dillinger, guitar; Al Bomar, second violin; Joe Gross, bass viol, the band being led by Mr. Giles on the violin. Everybody was well pleased and it is to be hoped that the managers will keep up the entertainments during the winter. At future entertainments of the kind we suggest that better arrangements be provided for the readers in the way of more light and a higher stand for their books to rest upon.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

November 2, 9, 16, 23 2015

November 2
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$74,106 Road and Bridge \$3,629 District Court \$10,405 Fair \$153 Fair, Grounds & Buildings \$580 Probation \$1,204 Health District \$4,363 Historical Society & Museum \$618 Indigent & Charity \$12,544 College of Southern \$15,300 Idaho Revaluation \$1,541 Solid Waste \$6,241 Tort \$3 911 \$14,011 County Vessel \$196 Waterways \$323 Off Highway Vehicles \$85 Taxing District \$208 Economic Development \$596

Approved the Valley County Juvenile Detention Agreement for \$120 per day per juvenile.

Approved the market adjustment for parcel RP04N06W243630A for tax year 2015.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 15-27.

Rejected an invitation to partner with High Desert Drought Resilient Ranching Proposal with Pam Harrington, Boise River Water Restoration Coordinator.

November 9

Approved the Findings, Conclusions and Order on the status of Jacks Creek Road.

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement between OCJ and Medical Badger, Inc. for medical services.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 15-32 and 15-32. Denied Indigent and Charity case 15-26 and 15-29. Approved Indigent and Charity case 15-30 and 15-33.

Approved a letter to Scott Pugrud, Idaho Office of Energy Resources Legal Counsel regarding the Notice of Proposed Withdrawal.

November 16

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$74,348 Road and Bridge \$39,642 District Court \$4,845 Probation \$540 Historical Society & Museum \$236 Indigent & Charity \$55,342 Pest \$3,200 Revaluation \$10,601 Solid Waste \$11,077 Veterans Memorial \$1,200 911 \$2,839 Waterways \$31 Taxing District \$695 Economic Development \$212

Approved Sheriff’s new hire of Moises Montes to begin 11-23-15, grade 7, \$13.87 per hour.

November 23

Approved re-appointment of P&Z Commissioner members Chad Nettleton, Connie Brandau and Robert Thomas.

Approved nomination of incumbent Gem Plan Board of Trustee At Large member Ladd Carter. Approved Spacesaver filing system purchase in the amount of \$15,610.00. Denied Indigent and Charity case 15-31.

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

12/16/15

NOTICE

The Public is invited to give suggestion to The Owyhee County Waterways Department in reference to the Waterway Improvement grant funds for fiscal year 2016. Grant funds may only be used for improvements to waterways, facilities and programs within Owyhee County. This meeting will be held on Dec, 21, 2015 at 8:00 am at the Owyhee County Sheriff’s office in Murphy, Idaho.

12/9,16/15

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAND VIEW ORDINANCE NO. 2015-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR VACATION OF WOOD STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS B AND C, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 15, 16, 21 & 22, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE VACATED PROPERTY TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE VACATED WOOD STREET PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE UPON PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO THE LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

Whereas, the City of Grand View Mayor and City Council has determined, and hereby finds that Wood Street located between Blocks B and C, City of Grand View Town, has not been developed, and has determined the requested vacation serves the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Wood Street be vacated, Wood Street is described as running from the north side of Idaho Avenue to the south side of Riverside Avenue, between Blocks B and C in the City of Grand View, located in sections 15, 16, 21 & 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

SECTION 2: To convey one half of each side of Wood Street of the vacated property to the adjacent property owners of Block B (100 Riverside Avenue) and Block C (310 Riverside Avenue), pursuant to Idaho Code 50-31; and,

SECTION 3: That the existing right-of-way, easements and franchise rights of any public utility shall not be impaired by this vacation, as provided by law; and,

SECTION 4: That the City of Grand View held properly noticed public hearings on October 14th, November 10th, and December 9th of 2015 for the purpose of public comment regarding the street vacation. Therefore be it resolved, that the City of Grand View Mayor and City Council does hereby adopt the vacating of said Ordinance.

Passed by the City of Grand View City Council the 9th day of December, 2015 and approved by the Mayor of the City of Grand View on the 9th day of December, 2015.

Mayor Franklin D. Hart
Attest: Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk
12/16/15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Bruneau Fire Protection District will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 17th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Bruneau Fire Station, 32408 Belle Street, Bruneau, Idaho. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain citizen input on the acceptance of a donated fire truck, specifically a 1993 Pierce Dash pumper, VIN

4PICT02D3PA000333, from another governmental entity or jurisdiction, namely, the City of Mountain Home.

The District proposes to accept the donation of the 1993 Pierce Dash pumper fire truck, VIN # 4PICT02D3PA000333, from the City of Mountain Home for use by the Bruneau Fire Protection District. Questions regarding the donation may be addressed to Fire Chief Stacey Buckingham, at (208)845-2288.

Anyone who wishes to comment, but is unable to attend the hearing, may submit written comments prior to the meeting. The Bruneau Fire Protection District will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. Address comments or requests for accommodations to Tammy Miller, Secretary, 32408 Belle Street, Bruneau, ID 83604.
12/9,16/15

NOTICE OF ASSESMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2015 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o’clock p.m. on the twenty first day of December 2015. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier’s check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District, PO Box 9, Grand View, ID 83624.

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary
12/9,16/15

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

ELECTION CALENDAR 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2016:

ELECTION NAME	ELECTION DATE	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE
Presidential Primary Election	March 8, 2016	December 9, 2015 to be filed with Secretary of State
Primary Election - Office of Sheriff - Office of Prosecuting Attorney - Office of County Commissioner District 3	May 17, 2016	March 11, 2016
Special Bond / Levy or Recall Election	August 30, 2016	July 11, 2016
General Election (with Political Subdivision Elections listed below)	November 8, 2016	March 11, 2016
Bruneau River Soil and Water Conservation District 31811 Colyer Road, Bruneau, Idaho	November 8, 2016	September 1, 2016
Owyhee Conservation District 250 N. Bruneau Highway, Marsing, Idaho	November 8, 2016	September 1, 2016
Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the ‘Elections’ link. All Political Subdivision forms are available at the address listed above.		

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 PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 79832

TED CANTRELL and SANDY CANTRELL, 28294 RIVER RD, BRUNEAU, ID 83604; has filed Application No. 79832 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-7051A; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx. The purpose of the transfer is to create a permissible place of use to reflect current water use. Place of use is 2.5 miles west of CJ Strike Reservoir, south of the Snake River.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or

before 1/4/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
12/16,23/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2015-0764

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Idaho Code section 15-3-801 that, in connection with the foregoing case number in the Owyhee County District Court, BARRY THOMAS KELLY has been appointed Personal Representative of the probate estate of ROBERT BARRY KELLY, deceased. 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 this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned attorney at number 101 Eagle Glen Lane, Eagle, Idaho 83616 (telephone no. 208-939-2600), and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2015.
Barry Peters, Attorney at Law
12/9,16,23/15

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. 2015-0755
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF JOANN THOMAS, JAMES ELROY THOMAS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estates are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative of the Estates at the law offices of Morrow & Fischer, 332 N. Broadmore Way, Suite 102, Nampa, Idaho 83687, 208-475-2200 and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 3 day of December, 2015

Sarah Ann Evans, 11835 Pheasant Run Court, Caldwell, ID 83686
12/9,16,23/15

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 1, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day, at the offices of Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID, Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

A parcel of land being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 6 South., Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, as shown on Record of Survey filed for record in the office of the Owyhee County Recorder, Murphy, Idaho under Instrument No. 264576 and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a brass cap marking the South Quarter corner of said Section 16; thence along the West boundary of the said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16 North 00 Degrees 40’ 58” West 1352.28 feet to an iron pin marking the Northwest corner

of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16; thence along the North boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16 South 89 minutes 34’ 49” East 601.14 feet to an iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 89 Degrees 34’ 49” East 733.25 feet to an iron pin marking the Northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16; thence along the East boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16 South 00 Degrees 55’ 01” East 863.89 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said East boundary along a line North of and parallel with the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16 North 89 Degrees 35’ 46” West 454.28 feet to a point on the centerline of a certain existing ditch; thence along said centerline North 38 Degrees 23’ 31” West 29.87 feet to a point of curve; thence continuing along the arc of a curve to the right 96.56 feet, said curve having a radius of 235.00 feet, a central angle of 23 Degrees 32’ 32” and a long chord bearing North 26 Degrees 37’ 15” West 95.88 feet to a point of tangent; thence continuing North 14 Degrees 50’ 59” West 287.46 feet to a point of curve; thence continuing along the arc of a curve to the left 59.59 feet, said curve having a radius of 250.00 feet, a central angle of 13 Degrees 39’ 23” and a long chord bearing North 21 Degrees 40’ 40” West 59.45 feet to a point of tangent; thence continuing North 28 Degrees 30’ 21” West 286.85 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline North 00 Degrees 25’ 11” East 171.65 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Seller has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 43204 State Highway 78 Bruneau, Idaho, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on 08/18/2008, by and among Robin Jean Howard, a divorced woman, as Grantor, and Guaranty Title Inc., as Trustee, and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, A Division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on 08/22/2008 as Instrument No. 265975, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated 08/18/2008, in the amount of \$1,021.27 per month for 02/01/2013 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.

The balance owing as of 05/27/2015 the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$172,025.67; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.
Date: 10/14/2015

Brian G. Sayer of Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C., 925 E. 4th St., Waterloo, Iowa 50703 Phone 319-234-2530 Fax 319-232-6341
12/9,16,23,30/15

**NOTICE OF SALE
CASE NO CV-2015-509
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY
OF OWYHEE**

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, Plaintiff, vs. THE HEIRS OF NORMAN R. SIMPSON, Deceased; MARLENE H. CALLEY SIMPSON, an individual; OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER; GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT, STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, JOHN DOES I-X, Defendant.

PLACE OF SALE: Owyhee County Sheriffs Office, 20381 ID-78, Murphy, ID 83650

Under and by virtue of an Writ of execution by Sheriff issued on the 13th day of November, 2015, out of and under the seal

of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment by Default recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 21st day of October, 2015, in favor of the above-named plaintiff and against the Defendants, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Order of Sale and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment with interest thereon, and attorney fees and costs for sale, and my fees and costs. **The minimum bid is \$86,636.18 plus accrued interest and costs.**

The property directed to be sold is situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to wit: **See Attached Legal Description- Exhibit “A”**

This property lies in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and is commonly known as: 5641 Country Estates Dr., Marsing, ID 83639

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

Following issuance of the Sheriff’s Certificate of Sale there is a statutory six-month redemption period, during which time the Judgment Debtor or any redemptioner may redeem the above property. If no redemption is made within that six-month period, the sheriff, upon expiration of the redemption period, shall issue its Deed conveying title to the above property

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 5th day of January, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. in the Owyhee County Sheriffs Office, 20381 ID-78, Murphy, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient fund to pay and satisfy the Judgment of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale by Sheriff to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money.

DATED THIS 23rd day of November, 2015

SHERIFF PERRY GRANT, Owyhee County, Idaho
Exhibit “A” PO 2271
TRACT I:

This parcel is a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32 Township 3 North. Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian,

Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence

North 89° 18’ 36” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 340.28 feet; thence

North 0° 35’ 54” East parallel with the East boundary of said SW1/4 SE1/4 a distance of 320.15 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 89° 16’ 16” West a distance of 136.03 feet; thence

North 0° 35’ 54” East parallel with said East boundary a distance of 320.24 feet; thence

South 89° 13’ 58” East a distance of 136.03 feet; thence

South 0° 35’ 54” West parallel with said East boundary a distance of 320.15 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TRACT 11:

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO a 50.00 foot road easement that lies in the SE1/4 SE1/4 and in the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said SE1/4 SE14; thence

North 0° 33’ 48” East along the East boundary of said SE1/4 SE1/4 a distance of 613.07 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 89° 13’ 58” West a distance of 2186.48 feet; thence

Southwesterly 28.91 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 82° 49’ 43”, a radius of 20.00 feet and a long chord which bears South 49° 21’ 27” West a distance of 26.46 feet; thence

Northwesterly 275.05 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 262° 38’ 53”, a radius of 60.00 feet and a long chord which bears North 40° 43’ 35” West a distance of 90.12 feet; thence

South 89° 13’ 58” East a distance of 2265.85 feet to a point on the said East boundary; thence

South 0° 33’ 48” West along said East boundary a distance of 50.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ. - ISB 1779, AMELIA A. SHEETS, ESQ. - ISB 5899, JUST LAW OFFICE, 381 Shoup Avenue, P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405 Telephone: (208) 523-9106 Facsimile: (208) 523-9146, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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