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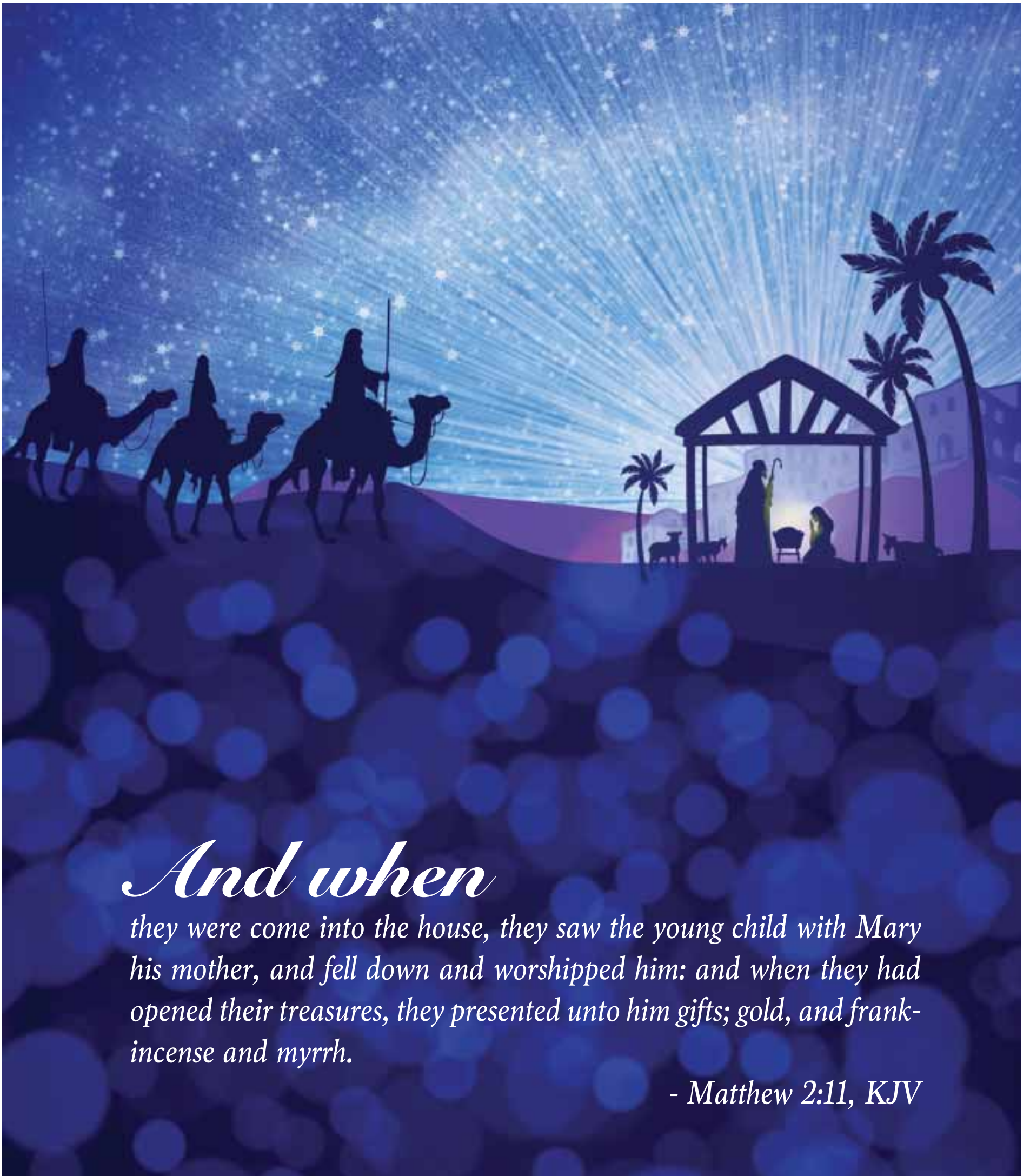
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- Matthew 2:11, KJV



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Christmas reflections

The story of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20, KJV

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:10-11, KJV



PASTOR’S MESSAGE

When they saw the star

by Rev. Samuel E. Page

We find this was a time of political unrest, economical instability and revolutionary ideas being spoken in many parts of the world. There arose a child whose divine purpose was to bring peace to men’s hearts.

As we enter this Christmas season with a similar time, it is time for men to take a deep breath and choose to do as the Wise Men and shepherds did — to rejoice and worship the babe in the manger, Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:1: “... present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.”

So like the Wise Men of old we can give our gifts to Christ, not just gold and frankincense and myrrh, but our lives.

Just as they brought different gifts — Gold, which came from the heart of the Earth; Myrrh which came from the living plants; and Frankincense which arrives from the white smoke it gives in the air — so we too can give different areas of our lives

to Christ.

I like to leave you with a little poem by J. Earle Wycoff, which reminded me of our fair city:

Country Town

It was a little country town
With quiet hills around,
Where women tended happy homes,
And sturdy men tilled the ground.

It was a pleasant country town
Where merchants sold their wares;
And neighbors met and paused to talk
Along its twisting thoroughfares

It was a silent country town
Which lay asleep that night,
While star-fire rained across the blue
Its shining silver light.

Much like my own small town it was —
Slumbering beneath the sky.
Would my town too, do you suppose,
Sleep on, if Christ passed by?

So let us take time this Christmas season to stop and ponder on that hope that the baby gave to the world.

— Samuel E. Page has been pastor of Homedale’s Trinity Free Holiness Church for 20 years.





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HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2015

Low turnout for SBOC planning meeting

Only a few water-usters attended Friday's public meeting on problems that the South Board of Control may face in coming years.

Pete Rathbone of Marsing was the only person not tied to meeting organizers who gave input during the two-hour meeting at the Homedale Senior Center.

Rathbone complained that the South Board hasn't been properly maintaining the canals around his property.

"We've got Russian olives growing in the canals, they choke off the water," Rathbone said. "It impacts getting water from one end of the ditch to the other."

He said SBOC's directors have generally done a good job in recent years, and the biggest problem the Gem and Ridgeview irrigation districts face is the potential for another year of drought.

Homedale farmer Paul Litow spearheaded the meeting. He regularly attends SBOC meetings on the second Tuesday of each month in Homedale.

SBOC manager Clancy Flynn said it was hard to get much out of the meeting because of the lack of participation.

"But, I mean, the exercise of planning is not often wasted, so it's not all bad," Flynn said.

Litow wanted attendees to discuss topics that affect the district as a whole.

Litow hoped to gather enough information to help directors prioritize problems to be addressed, and weigh potential solutions against constraints such as cost, manpower, or time. In a handout provided to the directors, he said solutions that might come out of the meeting have the potential to become part of a long-term plan for the South Board.

Attempts to contact Litow for his reaction to the meeting were unsuccessful. In the moments before Friday's meeting began, he said he doesn't know if he will try to put together any similar gatherings in the future. — SC



Owyhee Auto Supply NAPA employee Zac Lowder shovels snow off the sidewalk in front of the Homedale store Thursday.

Snow season off to a good start

Ag producers around Owyhee country may be able to look forward to a better irrigation season next year.

New data from the federal government shows promising numbers for most of Idaho.

The latest map from the Natural Resources Conservation Service shows that snowpack in the Owyhee basin is at 145 percent of normal.

In the Bruneau region along the Nevada border, the snowpack is 187 percent of normal.

This winter is considered to be critical for replenishing Idaho reservoirs that were not fully filled after lower than normal snowfall last season.

At press time Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 8 percent

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— Clancy Flynn
South Board of Control manager

full and held 59,595 acre-feet of water. That compares to it being 6 percent full, with 45,219 acre-feet of water a year ago.

South Board of Control manager Clancy Flynn says the recent water numbers are a good start, but it is too early to make any predictions for the season.

"Things are looking pretty good this year so far, but the key

for us is to continue to get storms that actually hit us, and then hopefully stay cold enough that we build upon things," Flynn said. "When they melt off a little bit here and a little bit there, the ground eats it up. If it melts off all at once then we get something."

The county's SNOTEL stations also show better numbers than — See *Season*, page 5A



Snow covers the Owyhee Mountains southeast of Homedale on Monday.

Bridge projects funded

Grand View, Homedale spans slated for work

The planned replacement of the Succor Creek Bridge in Homedale is among 17 projects that received funding Thursday.

The Idaho Transportation Board disbursed about \$54 million in general fund surplus that the Idaho Legislature had earmarked for road and bridge improvements throughout the state.

Replacing the 50-year-old bridge that takes Idaho 19 over

— See *Bridge*, page 5A

Warning after winter wrecks

Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen has a seasonal reminder for motorists.

"People just need to learn to slow down when the conditions are bad," Olsen said. "Take their time and leave early to get to where they're going."

Between Dec. 16 and Sunday, nine vehicle accidents were reported around the county. All of the incidents were weather-related, with people driving too fast for conditions. No one was seriously injured in any of the accidents.

Olsen said the last in the string of accidents happened around 8:30 a.m., on Sunday at Y Road and U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale. Olsen said a semi-truck heading southbound

— See *Warning*, page 5A

Christmas Eve services scheduled at area churches

Several area churches will present public Christmas Eve services open on Thursday.

- The Homedale Friends Community Church service begins at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95 in Canyon County north of the Snake River from Homedale.
- 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 church is located at 320 N. 6th St. W., in Homedale.
- The Knight Community Church's Christmas Eve service starts at 6 p.m. The church is located at 630 Idaho St., in Grand View.

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Holiday closures announced

Store, banks and government offices have varying closure policies for the holiday.

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

County government — County Clerk Angie Barkell said all county offices will close at noon Christmas Eve. The offices will remain closed Christmas Day.

District court — Court dates that would have been set for Friday in Murphy have been moved to today.

City government — City Hall in Marsing and Grand View will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Homedale City Hall will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed Friday. The Homedale City Council has cancelled its second regular meeting in December, which was scheduled for Thursday. City Hall in Adrian will be closed Christmas Eve and

is always closed on Fridays. Jordan Valley City Hall is typically closed on Thursdays and Fridays anyway.

Banks — US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing, and Grand View will close at 2 p.m. Christmas Eve. The branches will remain closed Christmas Day.

Public libraries — Homedale Public Library, Lizard Butte Library in Marsing and Grand View's Eastern Owyhee County Library will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Bruneau Valley Library will close at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and will remain closed Friday.

Homedale Senior Center — The center will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Marsing Senior Center — The center will be closed today and Friday.

Rimrock Senior Center — The senior center in Grand View is typically only open on Tuesday and Thursday each week. The center will be open Christmas Eve. A free community dinner will start at noon.

Paul's Market — The grocery store in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and the pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Both the store and pharmacy will be closed Christmas Day.

Logan's Market — The Marsing grocery store will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, and it will be closed on Christmas Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office — The office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The display advertising deadline for the Dec. 30 and Jan. 7 editions will be 5 p.m. each day on Wednesday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

The letters to the editor and community announcement deadlines will be 10 a.m. on both Thursday and Dec. 31.

The legal publication (noon by Friday before the publication date) and classified advertising deadlines (noon on Monday before the publication date) remain the same.

Donations can land grant for Hope House

Time is running out to support Hope House in the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge.

The Marsing youth home is one of 34 nonprofits competing for a share of up to \$200,000 in grants through the Idaho Housing and Finance Association's Home Partnership Foundation.

IHFA launched the challenge as part of its statewide homelessness prevention campaign.

The nonprofits increase their chances of winning grants by garnering more donations at www.avenuesforhope.org.

As of Friday, Hope House, Inc., had received just one \$25 donation. Donations are being accepted on the website through Dec. 31.

The more donations Hope House receives, the better its chances of winning a grant of \$5,000 or more.

Final results from the challenge will be announced Monday, Jan. 4.



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Wilson Sagehens make annual donations to area groups

The Christmas season is when the Wilson Sagehens distribute their annual funding contributions to non-profits and programs for needy families.

The group raised money throughout the year by making quilts and auctioning them off, and from selling items at various bazaars. The women also sold root beer floats at the Melba Old Tyme Fourth of July celebration.

This year, the Sagehens made nine financial donations, including four to Owyhee County causes.

- \$200 to the CARE-ousel therapeutic riding program in Marsing
- \$200 to the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy
- \$200 to the Marsing Senior Center
- \$200 to Logan’s Market in Marsing, which matches the donation to make food boxes for families at Christmas
- \$200 to the Melba Senior Center
- \$200 to the Valley Women’s and Children’s Shelter in Nampa
- \$200 to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise
- \$100 to the Hopes Door Women’s and



Leadership of the Wilson Sagehens. From left: treasurer Pam Stevens, president Robin Weidle, and secretary Kathy Skelton. The Sagehens will also donate two boxes of apples and oranges to the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center in Homedale. The group meets at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane near Idaho highway 78.

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✓ Season: SNOTEL sites reflect boost in precipitation, snow over 2014

this time last year. For the third week of December last year, South Mountain had an average snow depth of 8.29 inches each day. The average snow water equivalent for that period was 2.74 inches, and the precipitation accumulation year-to-date averaged 8.41 inches. Through the third week of December this year, South Mountain had an average daily snow depth of 22 inches. The average snow water equivalent for that period was 5.37 inches, and

the precipitation accumulation year-to-date averaged 12.54 inches. For the third week of December 2014, the SNOTEL site at Reynolds Creek had an average snow depth of 1.28 inches each day. The average snow water equivalent for that period was 0.7 inches, and the year-to-date precipitation accumulation averaged 5.84 inches. For the third week of December this year, Reynolds Creek had an average snow depth of 16.71

inches each day. The average snow water equivalent for that period was 1.67 inches, and the precipitation accumulation year-to-date averaged 7.97 inches. During the December 2014 period, Mud Flat’s SNOTEL station showed an average snow depth of 3.57 inches each day. The average snow water equivalent at Mud Flat was 0.46 inches, and the precipitation accumulation year-to-date averaged 3.88 inches. For the third week of December this year, Mud Flat had an

average snow depth of 7.29 inches each day. The average snow water equivalent for that period was 1.71 inches, and the precipitation accumulation year-to-date averaged 5.11 inches. Carl Seiders has a farm in the Ridgeview Irrigation District and attended a water users meeting Friday in Homedale. Seiders said he was happy to hear that current snowpack levels are higher than normal, but at this point he’s just hoping for more water than the reservoir received

last year. He also said he doesn’t pay much attention to detailed snowpack or precipitation numbers, and just does the best he can with the water he gets. Larry Prow farms about 55 acres just outside of Homedale. He echoed Seiders’ words, saying the numbers may be improved, but it’s not enough. “I just kind of watch the inflow and stuff, looking for what the percentage is,” Prow said. “We’re better than what it was last year, not that much.” — SC

✓ Bridge: Succor Creek work set for spring

Succor Creek west of Homedale is scheduled to begin in the spring. The \$3.8 million project includes widening the bridge and realigning in the creek channel. The City of Homedale must relocate a water main before work can begin. According to ITD’s work summary, motorists make more than 2,000 trips per day over the

bridge, which was built in the mid-1960s after its predecessor was wiped out by flooding. The project also includes reconstruction of the approaches to match the grade and width of the new bridge. ITD also plans to utilize funds generated by the new highway user fee increase to finance next year’s work on the Idaho 167

bridge that connects Owyhee County and Elmore County over the Snake River in Grand View. The \$1.3 million project will add a concrete overlay to the bridge deck, repair piers and provide a protective treatment on the bridge railings. The state plan calls for work to begin next year.

✓ Warning: Snowfall triggers slideoffs

on the highway ran off the road because of slick conditions and overturned. No other vehicles were involved in the accident. Olsen did not know how badly the truck was damaged. Traffic on U.S. 95 was re-routed for about two or three hours Olsen said. The accident happened at the

same location of a fatal accident on Dec. 11 that claimed the life of a Wilder woman. Olsen said the recent rash of wrecks kept deputies very busy. “Especially when you have big trucks, if they wreck or even if they just spin out, with the extra traffic control it can be very time consuming,” Olsen said.

“We haven’t had anything with serious, serious injuries. A lot of these are just slide-offs.” On Thursday, slick conditions caused a 90-minute closure of Idaho highway 78 near Sinker Creek when semis hauling sugar beets from Grand View became stuck. — SC

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Death notices

WILLIAM MURRAY LODGE, 84, who farmed in Marsing and Jordan Valley, Ore., died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015. A Rosary was held on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell. A funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 at Our Lady of the Valley. After burial at Canyon Hill Cemetery, a reception was held at Hillcrest Country Club, 4610 Hillcrest Dr., Boise.

GERALDINE “JERRI” MARY URANGA, 86, who lived in Jordan Valley until graduating high school, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015. A rosary vigil was held on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel, Meridian. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Boise. A reception will follow in Faith Hall. Burial will be at the Jordan Valley Cemetery at a later date.

MAXINE WATSON, 86, of Cornelius, Ore., and formerly of Marsing, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2015. Local services are pending.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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

Dec. 23: Baked fish, baked potato, spinach, roll
Dec. 24: Closed
Dec. 29: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend vegetables, roll
Dec. 30: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread
Dec. 31: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, bread

Marsing Senior Center

Milk served every day

Dec. 23-24: Closed
Dec. 28: Enchilada, beans, rice, salad
Dec. 29: Fried baked chicken, potatoes, broccoli, coleslaw, apple
Dec. 30: Pulled pork, potatoes, beets, fruit
Dec. 31: Hamburger steak, gravy, potatoes, squash, apricots

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served every day

Dec. 24: Beef barley soup, baked cheese sandwich, waldorf salad, pumpkin pie & whip cream
Dec. 29: Baked french toast, sausage patties, applesauce, tomato slices
Dec. 31: French dip sandwich, fries, cole slaw, pecan pie

Obituary

Mary Ellen Lootens

Nov. 25, 1934-Dec. 14, 2015



Mary was born in the old Mercy Hospital in Nampa to Joe and Izelle Budell. She was raised and grew up on their farm in Nampa, Idaho with her siblings, Carl, Lee, Theresa and Paul (Bud). The family was raised with strong, Catholic beliefs and attended church regularly. Mary met Cy Lootens at a church function, and eventually, they were married on Nov. 19, 1955. They bought a farm and raised their family in Marsing, Idaho, where they lived out their lives together until Cy’s passing in Jan. 1999. Right up until falling ill, Mary attended church faithfully. She was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell, Idaho.

Mary and Cy adopted their four children: Elizabeth (Wayne La Franier), Irene (Keith Ohls), Joe (Necia) Lootens, and Helen (Paul Nicolosi). They had nine grandchildren: Brandie, Keith, Brian, Sara, Tanner, Trevor, Joey, Ashley and Kaitlyn. They also had twelve great-grandchildren: Anthony, Tyson, Troy, Kenna, Korbin, Ella, Isaac, Janessa, Aiden, Ashadan, and identical twins, Adaline Jo and Brinley Dawn.

Mary was a true help-mate to her husband, Cy, working many hours alongside him during their life together on the farm. She also contributed to her family by working at Marsing Drug (while Cy was serving his country during the Korean War in the Army) and for nine years at US Bank in Marsing, ID. Mary was an industrious person by nature, extremely civic-minded and never idle. She trained as an EMT and volunteered her time to the Marsing Ambulance Service for nearly ten years during the ’70s and ’80s. She was a 4-H leader for 30 years teaching home-living skills: cooking, sewing, pottery, macrame and gardening to multiple generations in her community. Due to her strong dedication to these programs, she was asked to join the Owyhee County Fair Board and served in that capacity for nineteen years, which culminated in the honor of being named Grand Marshal for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo in 2015 along with being granted the Most

Distinguished Service Award for Owyhee County, as well. There is a row of evergreen trees at the O.C. Fairgrounds, which Mary planted herself, to provide shade and tranquility to a community which she loved. May these trees stand long and grow healthy over the coming years, as she intended.

Mary had a “green thumb”; an innate talent for gardening. Hers was voted “Most Glamorous Yard of the Year,” and she delighted in sharing that beauty by hosting weddings and numerous family events at her home for many years. As she enjoyed the wonders of travel, she had the good fortune of seeing sights and experiencing different cultures in places like Belgium, the Holy Lands, Switzerland (the Alps), Italy, (Rome) and was even present for a Macy’s Day Parade. Mary had a special bond with her sister-in-law, Carole Budell, and they were in touch often. She also looked forward to her trips with family to visit good friends in Washington (Barb Sircin) and then out to the ocean.

Mary so enjoyed sharing her life with her pets (Cater her dog and Sissy her parakeet). They were well cared for and gave her such pleasure as she grew into old age. But, her happiest moments were with her family: kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. She supported their events and whatever was happening in their lives, she was always there. She had season seats for the Idaho Steelheads ice hockey team twelve years in a row. She came to every school function, sports event, musical or talent production and cheered her loved ones’ accomplishments. She used her skills to bless her family and made her girls and herself matching outfits that were perfectly tailored

with buttons and bows, bright colors and trim. Her work was impeccable, and it was such a pleasure to own something she had designed and sewed. She made cheer-leading and drill-team outfits, wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses or anything needed for any occasion.

Mary loved playing games with her family and friends. She ended many get-togethers with a board game, Yahtzee or a good round of Pinochle. Her family loved that about her and so did all her friends. Her neighbor, Charlotte, came to spend time during her final days helping and reminiscing, which meant so much to her family. And, Mary had a soft place in her heart for people with special needs. She was asked by her brother and sister-in-law, John and Pat Lootens, to be Godmother to their daughter, Donna Lisa. Donna still talks about how nice Aunt Mary always was, giving her sweet gifts and many hugs.

Mary and Cy taught their children the “open-home” philosophy: “Anyone in need, had a place to stay, get warm and be fed”. They will always be remembered for their generosity, and we celebrate Mary’s life by sharing her legacy and “passing it forward”.

Mary was the last of the Lootens’ of her generation and became a matriarchal figure in the family, mentoring and passing on genealogical information to the next generations. She was so loved and will be missed tremendously. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cy, her parents, Joe and Giselle Budell, and her brother, Paul (Bud) Budell.

The Rosary was said in Mary’s honor at 7:00 PM on Friday, Dec. 18th at Flahiff’s Funeral Chapel in Caldwell, ID. Her funeral was held at 1:00 PM on Sat., Dec. 19th at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell, ID. Donations may be sent to: Owyhee County 4-H and FFA Fair, Marsing (University of Idaho) Extension Services or Marsing Ambulance Services.

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Georgia Goodwin

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- For every listing of "by-product", subtract 10 points
 - For every non-specific animal source ("meat" or "poultry," meat, meal or fat) reference, subtract 10 points
 - If the food contains BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin, subtract 10

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- points
- For every grain "mill run" or non-specific grain source, subtract five points
 - If the same grain ingredient is used two or more times in the first five ingredients (i.e. "ground brown rice," "brewer's rice," "rice flour" are all the same grain), subtract five points
 - If the protein sources are not meat meal and there are less than two meats in the top three ingredients, subtract three points
 - If it contains any artificial colorants, subtract three points
 - If it contains ground corn or whole grain corn, subtract three points
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 - If the food contains any animal fat other than fish oil, subtract two points
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— Georgia Goodwin is the 4-H coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. She can be reached at (208) 896-4104, ggoodwin@uidaho.edu, or at the Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

- 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

Thursday

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

Saturday

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

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
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Thursday, Dec. 31

- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464
- Charity poker championship**
8 p.m., \$30, benefitting Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and the Hwy. 78 Community Disaster Relief fund, Bill Lacy's shop at Hwy. 78 and Wilson Creek Road. info@mrwfire.org

Monday, Jan. 4

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting**
2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.
- Adult book club**
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday, Jan. 5

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- 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 bridge**
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- After-school Story Time**
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- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 19, Saturday, December 23, 1865

A VIEW OF what is supposed to be brown or anthracite coal was discovered some weeks since on Sinker Creek. The vein is from ten to fifteen feet in width, and is said to be well-defined. When put on a hot wood fire, it burns to embers or cinders, but is said not to burn without the aid of other fuel. Of course these experiments are made from the out croppings, and by sinking or running into the hill it will probably prove a valuable article of fuel. When first discovered, the Mount Diablo coal of California exhibited like qualities, and for a long time was deemed worthless, but it fell into the hands of some experts, who sunk on it, and at a depth of seventy odd feet the best article of coal on the coast was found, and now the Mount Diablo coal mines are perhaps the best property on the coast. The new discovery on Sinker will likely prove, also, good on going down on and developing it; and, if so, will be a valuable and lasting source of revenue to the lucky discoverers and a benefit to the country. The assayers have pronounced it coal, we understand, and say the leek of carbon "is what's the matter," and by sinking it will be found well supplied with this element.

P.S. Since the above was in type, we have had a conversation with Col. Fogus, who, for the past four years, has made every effort in his power to discover and demonstrate the existence of coal in Idaho, but thus far vainly. He has subjected specimens from this discovery to fire tests, and thinks they do not contain the properties of coal croppings. He thinks the formation of the country unfavorable to its existence, but still is anxious to aid and encourage prospecting for it.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING. Dear reader, did you ever hear an expression of such graceful originality? Well, it is coming, sure, and all lovers of fun, frolic and jollity should get their calfskin clothes brushed, their wits burnished, and generally put themselves in holiday trim. It is said to come only once in 365 days, and that fact alone should ensure it a hearty welcome and fitting celebration. While poor unfortunate friends in the States have their Christmas joys seasoned with apples, cider, chestnuts, etc., etc., we fortunate hombies revel in silver, gold, diamonds, beans and bacon. Let all the people celebrate, sing songs, cut the pigeon wing, and work themselves up to a pitch of good humor with themselves and all their neighbors. It is pretty cool, the snow is a couple of feet deep, and we must –

“Heap on the wood! the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We’ll keep our Christmas merry still.”

We sincerely wish our patrons and everybody else a happy Christmas on Monday.

Finance, nutrition class slated at Homedale library

Folks are invited to an event set for early next month to help them stay fit, manage their finances, and maintain healthy nutrition.

The free “New Year, New You” class will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

According to a brochure, the program will emphasize physical activity, financial management, and a nutrition lesson.

The class is a joint effort by the Homedale Public Library and the University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. To sign up, call the library at (208) 337-4228, or the extension office at (208) 896-4104.



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Extension info moves to county website

Long overdue update complete

Folks looking for information about the University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing are being directed to a new website. Details on programs, 4-H programs, classes and publications are now posted on the Owyhee County website at <http://owyheecounty.net>.

While an icon for the Extension Office has not been placed on the county's website, the office's information can be found by entering the word "Extension" in the search tool near the upper right-hand corner of the page.

Extension Office staffers haven't been able to update the office's U of I-based website in more than a year. Office manager Debbie Titus said she still doesn't know when the university will fix <http://extension.uidaho.edu/owyhee/>.

She explained that Owyhee County Extension staff has sent the university updated information to be placed on the Extension website but nothing has happened.

The university apparently has a backlog of county extension webpages to update, and that was one of the reasons for the move to the Owyhee County governmental website.

"They've got five counties done, but they're going to put that on hold, so there's 34 or 35 counties that haven't been done yet," Titus said. "We can't be another year without a website. It causes a lot of problems with people not having the right forms, not getting the right deadlines, and information."

In other Extension Office news, registration is under way for master gardener classes, but the program will not be held at the Owyhee County office.

Residents from the Homedale and Marsing area who sign up for

the classes will do their training at the Canyon County Extension Office.

The program will start on Jan. 13 and run through April 27. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon at 501 Main St., Caldwell. The fee for the class is \$135.

Spaces to participate in the program are still open.

While the classes will be across the county line, the required 30 hours of volunteer service can be performed through the Extension Office in Marsing.

Prospective master gardeners must have their volunteer service approved by Canyon County Extension officials, but "we typically don't have that as a problem," Titus said.

For more information on the Owyhee County Extension Office and its programs, call (208) 896-4104. The Extension Office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

— SC

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery changes monthly meeting date

Directors on the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District will no longer meet on the first Monday of the month.

To avoid more scheduling conflicts, the directors have moved the regular meeting time to 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. The new schedule will begin with the next meeting on Jan. 6.

Cemetery sexton Bruce Benson explained the logic behind the change.

"Just coming in off the weekend, it just doesn't work for everybody, I guess," Benson said.

The trustees have traditionally met at 2 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. However, when that date fell on one of the first calendar


days of the month, Benson had a hard time gathering the bills from the prior month so they could be paid at the meeting.

"Because I have to call and find them, and that way I've got a couple mail days, so I thought, well it helps me, too," Benson said.

Previously, if a Monday was early in the month, board members would meet on the first Thursday, but trustees often had difficulty adjusting their schedules.

— SC

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Today

39°
25°

Snow

Thu




33° 19°

Dec. 15

42° 32°

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Fri




29° 12°

Dec. 16

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Sat




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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/15	1.2	6	4.7	28	14	23
12/16	1.1	5	4.6	29	13	22
12/17	1.4	5	4.8	33	20	27
12/18	2.0	8	5.2	40	30	34
12/19	2.0	8	5.4	36	27	32
12/20	2.1	8	5.5	31	14	25
12/21	2.2	11	5.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/15	1.1	11	7.5	24	20	22
12/16	1.1	11	7.6	27	18	22
12/17	1.3	13	7.8	35	19	27
12/18	1.8	18	7.9	40	33	35
12/19	1.8	18	8.2	39	25	30
12/20	2.2	22	8.4	28	21	25
12/21	2.4	24	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/15	4.8	21	11.8	22	17	20
12/16	4.7	20	11.8	25	17	22
12/17	4.9	20	11.9	33	22	28
12/18	5.4	22	12.5	38	31	34
12/19	5.7	23	12.9	35	25	31
12/20	5.9	23	13.3	27	18	24
12/21	6.2	25	13.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 8 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 305 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 12 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 59,595 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

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Homedale Library land acquisition complete

Board looking for ways to remove old church

The Homedale Public Library board of trustees met for the last time in 2015 on Dec. 10.

Library director Sharla Jensen told the board members that the transaction to buy a piece of property adjacent to the 30-year-old library is now complete.

Sid Tucker accepted Jensen’s first offer of \$27,500 for the property at 121 W. Owyhee Ave. The property, which includes the town’s old LDS church, is directly east of the library. The city council approved the offer during a Nov. 9 special meeting.

During the council’s Oct. 22 meeting, library board member Carolyn Grooms said the land and improvements had been assessed at \$25,205.

People who volunteered to tear down the building, if they could keep the wood, have backed out because the wood wasn’t as old as they thought, Jensen said.

“We’re in the process of seeing if we can find someone to tear it down for us,” she said. “The building is going to go.”

She added that the parcel will become part library, and part parking lot.

“We’re going to expand towards the building and backwards, at least that’s the plan at the moment,” Jensen said. “That property will actually just be a little bit of the building, and more new landscaping, and parking lot.”



From top: Hailey, 8, Shelby, 6, Gracie, 5, and Gus Jakovac, 3, write their Christmas wish lists to Santa after Story Time at the Homedale Public Library on Friday. Lacey and Jake Jakovac’s children also listened to library youth services coordinator Megan Lowder read “Santa Is Coming To Idaho” by Steve Smallman.

Under the current plan, a meeting room would be added and the library expanded, but no specific layout has been

discussed.

Jensen said the most immediate issue is removing the old church and trees from the 121 W.

Owyhee Ave., lot.

Once the old church is removed, library officials will work on getting official plans drawn up with an eye on applying for grants to help pay for construction, Jensen said.

No decisions have been made on what will happen to the old library behind the current facility.

“I know there are some people that have been interested in buying it in the past,” Jensen said. “I don’t know if (they are) anymore.”

Library board chair Dawn Whitney thinks it was a wise move to get the land when it became available.

“I didn’t think we would be looking for a new site, because we are already there,” she said. “With the economy the way it is, I think we need to utilize what we do already have.”

The board members do not have any timeline for when they would like to see the new expansion complete.

During the Dec. 10 meeting, board members also discussed attending two free Idaho Commission on Libraries workshops from 8:30 to noon Jan. 9 in Boise being held by the Idaho Commission on Libraries. One seminar will focus on Idaho’s open meeting laws.

“It’s ‘Staying out of trouble,’ a risk management specialist will be talking to us on that one,” Whitney said. “Another one is ‘Bragging about my library,’ making people aware that we’re out there.”

— SC

Marsing man sentenced for domestic battery

A Marsing man charged with domestic battery twice in the span of five days in August has been sentenced on a merged complaint.

Joshua R. Castellanos was placed on probation on Dec. 14 after entering a guilty plea to one count of domestic battery or assault in the presence of a child.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced Castellanos to 17 months and six days of probation and gave him credit for 34 days served in Owyhee County Jail. The balance of a six-month jail term was suspended.

Castellanos also must pay \$400 in fines and court costs.

Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped a misdemeanor no-contact order violation.

Castellanos was arrested on domestic battery and no-contact order violation misdemeanors on Aug. 26 and Aug. 31. Emery merged the four charges into a two-count formal complaint.

Malheur gets chance to vote on wilderness

More than a decade ago, elected officials kicked off a process to head off a national monument designation in Owyhee County.

Malheur County officials are putting the first move directly in the hands of the electorate when it comes to the proposed 2.5 million acre Owyhee Canyonlands Conservation plan.

Voters will be able to say yes or nay on March 8, and the results from the non-binding advisory vote will be transmitted to President Barack Obama and Oregon officials.

Obama has the power to designate a national monument under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

Owyhee County ranchers and elected officials teamed up with conservationists to form the Owyhee Initiative after rumblings that a similar presidential order would create a national monument in the Southwest corner of Idaho thus affecting the livelihood of the people who make their living off the land.

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Grants bring new library items

Homedale Public Library director Sharla Jensen received a few early Christmas presents.

She was awarded two grants, both for \$1,000, to purchase various items for the library.

One grant from the Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization will purchase adult books and fund the library’s Teens & Tweens program. The granting agency was previously called the Caldwell Community Foundation.

A Whittenberger Foundation grant will buy children’s books, Spanish language books, and fund the summer reading program.

Jensen said her predecessor,

Margaret Fujishin, was awarded the grant annually during her 29-year tenure. Fujishin used the funds to purchase educational DVDs, and new fiction and non-fiction titles for children.

Jensen also bought a new lap-top for patrons to use with money from the Ned Stokes Memorial Fund.

A longtime member of the Friends of the Homedale Public Library, Stokes died last summer after battling cancer.

In lieu of flowers, his family requested that donations be made to the library.

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Homedale High graduate comes home to teach

Elizabeth Albor happy to be among familiar faces

A 2011 Homedale High School graduate is taking the first steps in her teaching career where her own education began.

Elizabeth Albor graduated from The College of Idaho in Caldwell this spring with a degree in education. Now she is a student teacher at Homedale Elementary School.

She did not apply with any other school districts before taking the HES position, but said she never thought she was guaranteed to land the job.

The student teaching job lasts through the end of the school year.

“I’m in the process of getting my certification/masters, so I will be going to summer school after the school year is over here,” Albor said.

She went on to explain that she will obtain her teaching certification first, and then finish her masters during the summer.

Albor is sure that she doesn’t want to work anywhere else for at least a few years.

“I know I would have the support from my co-workers, like I do right now,” Albor said. “I know the parents, which is a very important thing to me, and they’re comfortable enough to tell me whatever they need for themselves or their students.”

Albor’s mentors at HES are kindergarten teachers Carrie Thorburn and Misty Sauer.

Thorburn thinks having a student grow up in the town’s school system, go to college, and then come back to teach makes the community much stronger.

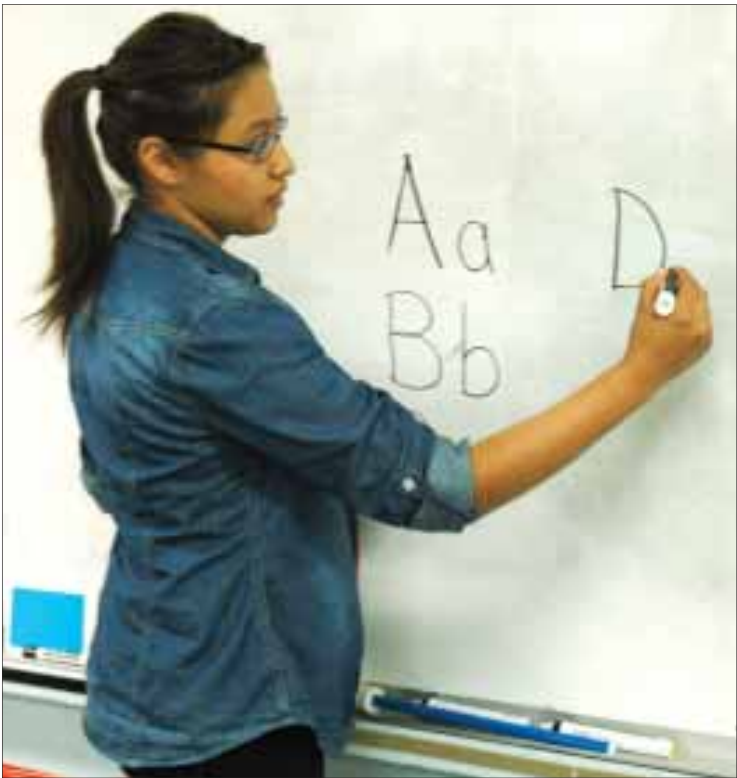
“The challenges, the dynamics, what worked for them,” Thorburn said. “They have their own experience to draw on, in addition to their university education, and their theory in practice.”

Thorburn has heard stories about people who grew up in a small town, and then came back to teach, but Albor is the only person she’s known personally who has done so.

“To find a young person who, first of all, wants to enter the teaching profession, second of all, is bilingual, and, third of all, is dedicated to her community like this is just very, very notable. Would that we had more like her,” Thorburn said.

Albor doesn’t plan on ever teaching any grades higher than elementary. However, going into the education field wasn’t always Albor’s plan.

While she was in middle school, Albor thought her career would be in social work.



Homedale Elementary School student teacher Elizabeth Albor working on a display of alphabet letters in a classroom at the school.

“In college, I actually worked for a company related to social work. It was for the Department of Health and Welfare,” Albor said. “I was like, ‘Maybe this is not what I want to do.’ I worked with social workers, and all they did was paperwork.”

She added that teaching young children is a much better fit for her, and she already knows what she enjoys the most about being an educator.

“Just getting to see the student’s reaction to whenever they realize, or learn something new, and the light bulb coming on,” Albor said. “Seeing their faces is what keeps me wanting to come back every day.”

Before she began classes at the C of I, she thought about attending the University of California, Davis near Sacramento. She stayed close to home because her family is here, and because she wanted to

avoid having to pay out-of-state tuition.

Albor was initially only partially accepted into the C of I’s education program.

“I took maybe two classes, just to get my foot into the education department, and I had to take a couple more classes,” Albor said. “That was kind of like a warning, like you have to get good grades in these couple classes before you can proceed.”

She added that she enjoyed her English as a Second Language classes the most, and minored with an ESL endorsement.

While she was in middle school, Albor tutored adults in English during night classes in Homedale. She said she was motivated to do so after hearing about her father Jose’s experiences trying to learn English.

As a young girl, Albor learned how to write and speak English first and would learn Spanish later. She taught herself how to write and speak her parents’ native language. Her mother is Teresa.

She attained a grade-point average of 3.2 while at the C of I.

“My goal was to graduate with a 3.5. I didn’t get it, but a 3.2 was very well for myself,” Albor said. “My GPA freshman year was totally down the drain, so making that big progress was a big accomplishment for myself.”

— SC

MSD selects familiar firm to prep for growth

Marsing school trustees selected Design West of Meridian as the architectural firm for any future expansion.

The school board made the selection during a Dec. 8 meeting, two months after the district sought qualifications from firms interested in drawing up blueprints for any new buildings or expansions.

Design West was the only company to submit any qualifications to the district.

District Superintendent Norm Stewart said Design West worked on three different projects for the district previously.

He explained that the projects involved adding a new section to the elementary school, building the high school ag shop, and construction of the cafeteria between the elementary school and the high school.

“There’s already history established within the district, as far as with the quality of work,” Stewart said. “So when we went out for requests for qualifications, and they submitted their bid, it definitely made sense because it was already established.”

He added that Design West is not on retainer yet. The trustees simply authorized the district to do business with the firm whenever future construction is needed.

Any work could be several years away. Stewart explained that the last bond of district debt

will be paid off in August 2017. That \$2 million bond, passed in September 2002 financed construction of the cafeteria.

“We’re starting to look at the future, and what the district’s needs will be as we go down the road,” Stewart said. “We wanted to make sure we had someone that we could go to and start having those conversations.”

In October, district business manager Deb Holzhey said there are no plans to tackle any new construction in the next two years, and the district simply considers this to be part of long-range planning.

However, Stewart said officials may start tossing ideas around with Design West in the spring.

The rate of pay for the firm

will depend on the scope of any project the district decides to pursue.

During the Dec. 8 meeting, Stewart also informed the trustees that two bus drivers recently resigned from the district. Stewart said he is looking for new hires to replace them.

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Silver Star continues its Homedale Christmas tradition

A yearly joint effort between two fraternal organizations will help make Christmas a little brighter for two needy Homedale families.

Silver Star Chapter 83 and Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 started teaming up to adopt two families each Christmas nine years ago. Silver Star secretary Mary Baldwin said the two groups thought they needed to give back to the community that the organizations are part of.

The families chosen for the Christmas effort have at least one child who attends Homedale Elementary School.

Food boxes and packages were delivered to the families on Sunday. Nine children and three adults were adopted this year.

Baldwin said the families received enough food to last about a month. The groups also provided clothing, toys, games, and a gift for the mother and father.

“We have a family of six, with the mom and the dad, and then we have a family of

three with a single mom, and she was just diagnosed with cancer,” Baldwin said.

Silver Star needed to gather \$750 for this year’s effort, but only 24 people attended a spaghetti feed on Sept. 26, bringing in \$240.

The spaghetti feed is the biggest fundraiser for the adopt-a-family program. Baldwin thinks the low attendance was because of another event in Homedale on the same day.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 helped Silver Star reach the goal of \$750, and money also came in from other sources.

“We did a couple of other fundraisers. I made a Christmas quilt, and we’ve been raffling tickets for that,” Baldwin said.

She has been selling the raffle tickets since August, and the drawing will take place on Feb. 19 when the group’s state leaders come to visit at the Masonic Hall in Homedale.

Raffle tickets cost \$2 each or three for \$5.

Silver Star will also raffle off a knitted lap quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Call Baldwin at (208) 484-3330 to buy tickets.

The group also recently held a silent auction for baskets filled with items ranging from kitchen utensils to homemade pillowcases. Baldwin said the baskets sold for \$5 to \$150.

She admits that fundraising was a little more difficult this Christmas than in past years.

“We continue to go on, and we’ll continue to go on because we feel it’s a worthwhile project,” Baldwin said.

Homedale Elementary School counselor Randee Garrett provides the names of the needy families to Baldwin. Garrett selects different names each year, so the families helped by Silver Star and the Masonic Lodge are never repeated.

Silver Star’s statewide drive this year was to provide pajama bottoms for people living at the state veteran’s home. Baldwin

did not know exactly how many pairs were delivered.

Their next statewide effort will be to purchase a service dog for a wounded military veteran.

Silver Star Chapter 83 Order of the Eastern Star is an organization for men and women of Masonic relationship. The local chapter has 49 members. Members of the local chapter meet from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Masonic Hall at 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Females must be related to a Mason or active in Job’s Daughters or the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for five consecutive years. Males in Silver Star must be Masons.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 currently has 72 members. Rob Troxel is the current state leader for Eastern Star, but will be state leader for the Masons in 2020.

— SC

Owyhee Gardeners provide holiday cheer

The Owyhee Gardeners are typically most active in the spring and summer months, but chilly weather didn’t slow the group down for the holiday season.

Club treasurer Judy MacKenzie and other members purchased toys and clothing for a Homedale family they adopted for Christmas.

Enough food was provided for the family to make a traditional Christmas dinner, and members donated canned goods to help with the family’s overall food supply.

The gifts and food boxes were delivered on the weekend of Dec. 12.

Homedale Elementary School counselor Randee Garrett provided the information about the needy family to the Gardeners.

Owyhee Gardeners vice-president Marilyn Evans said they always try to do the most they can for their adopted family.

“Included with the toys, the food, and presents, some of the members purchase gift cards,” Evans said. “It’s an effort on all of the members of the club to donate something towards the family.”

The Gardeners currently have 24 members, including the leadership positions of president Chris Harris, Evans, secretary Gwen Hallman, and MacKenzie.

The club’s regular meetings are held at 1 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month in the community room at the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing. Guests are always welcome.

— SC



Church youth group provides Christmas entertainment
Homedale fifth-grader Cori Lynn Huske plays saxophone during Christmas caroling for residents of the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center nursing home in Homedale on Dec. 16. Huske is a member of the school’s Christian Life Club, which is sponsored by the Homedale Friends Community Church.

City worker’s spouse fixes Homedale holiday banners

Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith his giving a big thanks to the spouse of one his employees.

Lori Curtis, the wife of city maintenance crewmember Kent Curtis, repaired the holiday banners that Kent and fellow city worker Curtis Stansell put up on the city’s light posts this season.

“We didn’t have any that were functional, and she repaired them,” Smith said during a recent city council meeting. “So if you see her give her a big thanks.”

Smith said the vinyl banners had become brittle and damaged after spending cold winters outside in wind and snow. The city now has 10 banners. Last year, only four were usable.

City Councilman Steve Atkins commended Smith and his crew on their work to get all of the city’s Christmas decorations out, including lighting Bette Uda City Park, erecting the nativity scene near the main entrance of town and putting up the banners and lighted garland on the city’s streetlights. Atkins said he had received several positive comments from citizens about the decorations.

Smith said he would like to work on getting more lighted garland so every light post in the city was decorated. He said the project, which he hopes to carry out next year, would require 15-18 more strands of garland.

Right now, there is no garland on lampposts on 1st Street East and 1st Street West or along Owyhee Avenue.

Smith didn’t give a price for buying the garland, but said he hoped to work on finalizing things in time to decorate for next Christmas.

— JPB



Curtis Stansell works to place one of the city’s holiday banners on a light post as fellow Homedale city maintenance worker Kent Curtis pilots the city’s front loader during the early-morning assignment.

Three Creek 4-H’s appoint club officers

by Belle Brackett
Chapter reporter

The Sage Chics 4-H Club featuring Three Creek School students have held two meetings this year.

Officers were elected during the first meeting on Oct. 21 at the Three Creek Community Center.

- **President** — Will Brackett
- **Vice-president** — Sophie Thompson
- **Secretary** — Lizbeth Arellano
- **Reporter** — Belle Brackett
- **Photographer** — Katie Brackett
- **Sergeant-at-Arms** — Cordell Hinton

- **Flags** — Natasha Hinton
- **Refreshments** — Sarah Brackett (snacks), Owen Thompson (drinks)
- **Greeter** — Sam Thompson

And we chose 4-H projects.

During the second meeting on Nov. 19, the Sage Chics 4-H Club got curriculum and record books, then \$48 in premiums.

And to get the loud ones to be quiet while other people are talking, we played Simon Says, Keys, and Topics.

We had apple cider for drinks and chocolate chip cookies.

Then we went out to recycle cans. So we got \$51.20 for a truckload of cans.

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Johnson tied for No. 2 on Trojans' victories list

Avalanche Sports

N.P. uses turnovers to subdue MHS boys

Christoffersen wrestles to state championship

Brayden Christoffersen capped his middle school wrestling season with another championship Saturday.

The 106-pounder moved his record to 28-0 when he captured the state championship. According to his father, Jeff, Brayden allowed only two points in his 28

matches.

Christoffersen had 24 pins and three major decisions during the season.

The state title comes on the heels of the Homedale Middle School wrestler's championship in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament on Dec. 12.

Homedale Middle School's Brayden Christoffersen takes control of a match during the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship meet. Photo by Machele Randall



Nampa Christmas Tournaments



Homedale boys finish second; girls take third

Homedale High School senior Connor Carter crashes into a Spring Creek, Nev., defender as he leans in for a shot during Thursday's opening-round victory at Columbia High School in Nampa. For more on the tournament, see **Page 14A**

Hall's title leads Marsing wrestlers

Three Marsing High School wrestlers finished in the top two of their divisions in the Justin Wolfe Invitational in Glens Ferry.

Mason Hall, who a week earlier had finished runner-up in a tournament, broke through with a championship in the 220/285 bracket on Saturday when Melba's Mitchell Olsen was disqualified during their final match.

Marsing finished fourth in the tournament.

Hall's march to the title included a pin against teammate Ben Gerthung, who relented 1 minute, 13 seconds into their match. Hall had four pinfalls, and Gerthung wound up sixth.



Mason Hall

— See *Marsing*, page 15A

Mustangs muster a victory over Huskies

Jordan Valley's win streak ends in Union final

Every player who stepped on the court scored in a wild girls' basketball game between Marsing and Jordan Valley high schools.

Zoe Warn and Regann Skinner scored 14 points apiece as the Mustangs prevailed in a 57-53 non-conference shootout Dec. 15 in Jordan Valley.

Sheyanne Glorfield hit a pair of three-point goals and scored seven of her 11 points down the stretch in the fourth quarter as Marsing tried to upend the Mustangs' winning ways.

Jordan Valley (7-2 after a runner-up finish Saturday in the Union Christmas Classic) jumped out to an early lead then held on as both teams combined for 38 points in the final eight minutes of the first half.

Alex Grant scored seven of her team-high 13 points in the second quarter as Marsing outscored Jordan Valley, 20-18.

Jordan Valley's second-quarter

scoring was as balanced as it was throughout the game. Taylor Warn sank four free throws to cap her eight-point first half, and Skinner and Caywood dropped two of the Mustangs' four three-point goals during the final eight minutes of the first half.

Marsing (4-5 overall) received 12 points and seven rebounds from Mackenzie Farrens.

After scoring just one basket in the first 16 minutes, Glorfield hit three consecutive foul shots and her two treys in the second half. Emma Heitz was also 3-for-6 from the foul line on the way to seven points.

Jordan Valley ran its winning streak to seven games before losing to Council in Saturday's championship game for the Union (Ore.) Christmas Classic. The Lumberjacks trounced the Mustangs, 59-29.

Jordan Valley reached the tournament championship with a blowout of its own, 65-34, over Monument/Dayville on Friday. The Mustangs opened the tournament with a narrow 57-54 win over Elgin on Thursday.

Statistics weren't provided.

Sports

Trojans' winning streak ends in boys' tourney final

Homedale High School saw its five-game boys' basketball winning streak end Saturday in the championship game of the Nampa Christmas Tournament.

Nampa rolled to a 57-42 victory in the tournament final at Columbia High School. No statistics were provided.

The Trojans (5-3 overall) return to action on Jan. 5 in a non-conference road game against Cole Valley Christian.

Friday: Homedale 37, Wood River 35 — The Trojans showed they could compete if their opponent tried to take the air out of the ball, too, during Friday's semifinal at Columbia.

Homedale was held to its lowest point total of the season, but also put together its stingiest defensive outing to beat Wood River.

Josh Tolmie snagged three steals and Connor Carter and Chase Martell had two thefts apiece to lead the defense.

Carter's double-double streak ended, but he led the way with eight points and nine rebounds. Six of his boards came on the offensive end, and Lawsen Matteson grabbed four offensive rebounds as Homedale made up for a 15-for-42 (36 percent) shooting performance.

Martell had a team-high nine points, including his squad's only three-point goal of the game.

Thursday: Homedale 66, Spring Creek, Nev., 59 — The Trojans got the tempo where they wanted it during a 19-2 run in the first half and cruised to victory in their opener of the Nampa Christmas Tournament at Columbia.

Homedale took control after Jake Miner hit a three-point goal to give the Spartans a 15-11 lead early in the second quarter.

The Trojans got out and ran after the trey with seven different players scoring over the final 5½ minutes of the first half.

Connor Carter notched his third consecutive double-double and fourth of the season with 13 points and 12 rebounds, but he made an equally impressive impact on defense with four steals and three pass deflections. He also distributed five assists.

Josh Tolmie was 5-for-7 from inside the three-point line and perfect from the foul line for 13 points, and he had five assists.

Three players scored eight points each — Wyatt Wolfe, Benny Schamber and Garrett Carter — while Chase Martell nailed a three-point goal late in the first half to highlight his seven-point performance.

Spring Creek sophomore Jake Oliphant scored 13 points.

Dec. 15: Homedale 67, Baker, Ore., 57 — Connor Carter had 14 of his season-high 17 rebounds on the Bulldogs' end of the floor as the Trojans won on the road.

Carter was one of four Homedale scorers in double figures. Lawsen Matteson connected on six of eight shots and was a perfect 3-for-3 from the foul line for a team-high 15 points. Benny Schamber matched Carter's 14 points, and Josh Tolmie chimed in with 10 despite playing with four fouls.

"We finally played a full game," Grove said. "Yes, we had some mistakes, but everyone was on the same page and playing the style and tempo we wanted."

"We had four guys score in double figures which is good to see our team spreading the wealth."

Homedale played around 20 turnovers, but dished 17 assists, including four apiece from Garrett Carter and Chase Martell.

"We still need to clean up our turnovers," Grove said. "We are making too many simple mistakes at times."

Baker's Logan Sand led all scorers with 19 points, while teammate Bryson Smith notched 15.

Homedale girls rally for third in Nampa tournament

Homedale High School finished third in the Nampa Christmas Tournament on Saturday with a 51-33 victory over the Nampa girls' basketball team.

The Trojans are 8-3 overall.

No statistics from Saturday's victory were reported.

Friday: Columbia 49, Homedale 44 — Injured the night before, Tory Lane missed the tournament semifinal, and the Trojans' furious fourth-quarter comeback fell short against the Class 5A Wildcats.

Homedale scored 20 points over the final eight minutes to wipe out the majority of a 21-point deficit. The Wildcats managed just six points in the final period.

Kendall Nash and Makayla Aberasturi scored 11 points each for Homedale, but — playing on her home court — Columbia's Chloe Curry drained four three-point goals and led all scorers with 20 points. Teammate Gonya Lado had two treys as part of her 15 points.

Homedale shot only 20 percent in the first half (5-for-25), while Columbia jumped out to a big lead thanks to a 42 percent field-goal shooting clip (12-for-28) and five three-pointers in the first 16 minutes. The Trojans never led.

Thursday: Homedale 61, Spring Creek, Nev., 35 — The Trojans used a strong second half for a blowout victory in Nampa, but got a scare late in the game.

With 3 minutes, 38 seconds left in the game and the Trojans ahead by 20 points, senior Tory Lane slashed through the lane, apparently made contact with an opposing player and landed hard on the floor. She lay sobbing as coach Joe Betancourt consoled her, and eventually walked off favoring her right leg. Lane didn't return, leaving with a game-high 15 points and three three-pointers.

Betancourt said it appeared Lane slammed knees with an opponent. A preliminary examination revealed no ligament damage.

The Trojans shot 45 percent from the field (27-for-59) while holding the Spartans to just 14 field goals in the contest.

Spring Creek hit 47 percent of its shots (8-for-17) in the first half but still trailed, 30-22, at the intermission.

Madi Fisher and Gardenia Machuca scored eight points apiece for the Trojans.

The Trojans shared the rebounding duties, too. Ambyr VanWinkle grabbed five rebounds, and Makayla Aberasturi had four rebounds and four steals. Gardenia Machuca led the defense with five steals.

Dec. 15: New Plymouth 49, Homedale 35 — The Trojans' six-game winning streak end as they turned in their lowest shooting percentage of the season.


Homedale connected on just 22 percent of its shots in the second half (5-for-22) and wound up at 28 percent (14-for-49) for the non-conference game. Although the overall percentage was still better than the Pilgrims, New Plymouth connected on four more field goals and took and converted twice as many free throws (10-for-18 to Homedale's 5-for-9).

Hampered by foul trouble, Lane played less than 19 minutes, taking just 10 shots. She had 10 points and nine rebounds.

Machuca led Homedale with 11 points, and she also collected six rebounds.

New Plymouth's Josie Thurman led all scorers with 17 points, and Courtney Butler added 10.


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Connor Carter, sr., boys' basketball

The Play — Carter continued his tear during a busy four-game week that ended with the Trojans finishing second in the Nampa Christmas Tournament. Carter notched his third consecutive double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds in Thursday's 66-59 win over Spring Creek, Nev. He had a monster game with 14 points and 17 rebounds in a 70-67 road win over Baker, Ore., on Dec. 15. In one four-game stretch, he averaged 14.3 points and 12.5 rebounds.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 2, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 2, home vs. Marsing, 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:45 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Cole Valley Christian, 6:15 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 8 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 8 at Buhl/Kimberly Invitational, Buhl H.S., 3 p.m.

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

Saturday, Jan. 9 at Buhl/Kimberly Invitational, Buhl H.S., 10 a.m.




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Sports

Late miscues shackle Marsing

Boys still looking for first win

Fourth-quarter turnovers ended shorthanded Marsing High School's shot at a boys' basketball upset Friday on the road. New Plymouth drilled a pair of three-pointers off Huskies miscues to end a stalemate and ride off for a 52-43 2A Western Idaho Conference victory.

Marsing (0-6 overall, 0-2 in conference) had fought to a 38-38 tie heading into the fourth quarter.

"The players are improving thanks to the effort and willingness to give it all during practices, listen to what the coaching staff is preaching, and applying it to games," MHS coach Tim Little said.

Dakota Hardy dropped in three three-point goals for the bulk of his 12 points. Nick Lankow grabbed 10 rebounds and added six points.

Jose Muñoz came off an injury and scored two treys and eight points total.

Freshman Enrique Quebrado, who was brought up to the varsity squad to stretch a roster dinged by injuries to Muñoz and Jose Ponce, scored six points and grabbed two defensive rebounds.

"Enrique Quebrado played up again, filling in for the lack of perimeter depth with Ponce out," Little said. "He did an exceptional job, giving us a penetration threat and is able to shoot it well from 15 feet-plus."



Marsing's Dakota Hardy goes in for a layup against McCall-Donnelly. Photo by Dan Pease

Little credited Hardy and Rodrigo Acuña with good defense against New Plymouth all-conference players Riley Harris and Cody Fernley. Harris finished with 12 points, and Fernley added six.

Dec. 15: McCall-Donnelly 38, Marsing 35 — The banged-up Huskies were in it down to the wire again in their conference opener at home.

Quebrado cut the Vandals' lead to three points with a three-point goal with two seconds left.

"We got a deflection on McCall's inbounds play, but could not get a shot up in hopes to get it into overtime," Little said.

Tanner Borgeson drilled three three-pointers on the way to a game-high 11 points for McCall. Teammate Miguel Rodriguez added 10 points.

"Defensively, we played well overall, still with some improvements needed to be made regarding containing penetration and ball pressure," Little said.

Marsing dramatically cut down on its turnovers, committing just nine after averaging 15 per game to start the season.

Sam Galligan scored six points after halftime to lead Marsing with 10 points. Hardy was 2-for-4 on the foul line in the fourth quarter to cap a nine-point night where he did most of his damage in a second quarter that included a trey.

Hardy did have five assists and four steals.

"Sam Galligan was active inside, thanks to soft passes on target by Dakota Hardy," Little said. "On the positive side, turnovers are down, kids are staying positive, and we are still improving."

Lankow scored six points, and Quebrado finished with five.

Offense takes center stage in MHS girls' WIC split

Marsing High School split girls' basketball games against conference foes last week.

The Huskies' offense continued to click in Thursday's 59-35 2A Western Idaho Conference destruction of visiting Nampa Christian.

No statistics were provided.

Saturday: Cole Valley Christian 68, Marsing 39 — The Chargers erupted with a 26-point first quarter and rolled to a conference victory at home.

The Huskies trailed by 26 points at halftime before holding Cole Valley to just 20 points in the second half.

Alex Grant led Marsing with 14 points. Elsa Margarito scored eight, while Sheyanne Glorfield and Emma Heitz put in five points each.

Miriam Edes led all scorers with 16 points for once-beaten Cole Valley, which got its 10th victory and remained undefeated in conference play.

✓ Marsing: Gonzalez, Ineck pick up runner-up showings

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Joseph Ineck (138 pounds) and Oscar Gonzalez (160) finished second in their respective weight classes.

Ineck pinned Payette's Anthony Dovalina in 3:47 to lock up second place. Ineck went 4-1 during the weekend with a 57-second pin over Oakley's Reece Poulton and two other pinfalls.

Gonzalez took a 3-0 record into his final match against Jesse Clearwater of Oakley. Clearwater ended Gonzalez's run with a pin five seconds into the second round. Gonzalez's tournament included a 42-second pin of teammate Andy Saenz and 16-0 technical fall against fellow Marsing wrestler

Seth Black.

Black went on to finish third in the weight class, while Saenz was fifth. Black spilt his four matches, pinning Saenz (3:20) and dispatching Payette's Isaac Morado in 32 seconds.

Levi Nanney grabbed third place at 145, rallying with pins against Michael Thomas of Glenns Ferry (1:14) and Jacob Butts of Oakley (1:39) after losing his first two matches.

Jessie Hay Smith was fourth at 126 pounds. His one victory was a pin of Oakley's Skylar Koyle.

Hayden Kish was fourth at 132, and Jesus Duran (170) took fifth. He started his tournament with a pin of Oakley's Jesse Justesen.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week Alex Grant, fr., girls' basketball

The Play — Grant averaged double-figure scoring in two of the Huskies' three games last week. She scored a career-high 14 points in a 68-39 loss to 2A Western Idaho Conference front-runner Cole Valley Christian on Saturday. Grant began the week with 13 points in a 57-53 shootout non-conference loss to Jordan Valley.

Girls' basketball Varsity

Parma Panther Holiday Invitational
Monday, Dec. 28 vs. Caldwell, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 2 at Homedale, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball Varsity

Parma Panther Holiday Invitational
Monday, Dec. 28 vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 4:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 8 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.



Go Huskies!

Sports

Exchange student’s reversal drives Trojans’ dual win

Senior wrestlers carry day vs. NP

The resilience of seniors helped Homedale High School stay unbeaten in dual meets this season.

Julian Hartmann, a Swiss exchange student who is trying out the sport for the first time, and John Collett, who was coming off another Calhoun Classic championship, bounced back from challenges to notch crucial wins against New Plymouth on Dec. 15.

Collett got off the mat after aggravating a shoulder injury, and Hartmann rallied from a perilous position as the Trojans held on for a 42-27 non-conference victory over the visiting Pilgrims.

Hartmann spent a good portion of his 195-pound match at a disadvantage against Dennis Frates. He also spent a good

amount of time glancing up at coach Ryan Nash, looking for pointers mid-match.

Trailing 9-2 after two rounds, something clicked for Hartmann midway through the third period. The wrestlers on the Trojans’ bench exploded with gleeful cheers when their teammate trapped and pinned Frates with 1 minute, 3 seconds left in the match.

Collett apparently tweaked a shoulder during his march to a second straight Calhoun Classic championship on Dec. 12. He found himself flat on his back in pain near the end of the first round of his 170-pound match against New Plymouth’s Dallin Beus.

After a visit from trainer Lyn Johnson, who earlier had said he was keeping a close eye on the state-caliber wrestler’s left shoulder, Collett rallied 10 seconds into the second round to pin Beus with the score tied 3-3



Swiss exchange student Julian Hartmann, right, tries to gain control of his match in Homedale’s dual victory last week. He pinned New Plymouth’s Dennis Frates in their 195-pound bout.

and give Homedale a commanding 30-3 lead.

Another senior, 145-pounder Nash Johnson got his eighth victory of the season. He pinned Tyler Smith at the 3:21 mark of their 145-pound match.

Junior 126-pounder Caleb Meligan trailed Deveon Rodriguez by a narrow margin when he caught the New Plymouth wrestler for a pin at 2:21.

Jacob Furlott needed just 38 seconds to pin New Plymouth 132-pounder Dean Johnson.

The early victories gave the Trojans enough equity to survive New Plymouth’s run of three straight pins between the heavyweight bout and the 120-pound match.

Homedale wrestlers pull off big victories at tournament

Johnson moves into second-place tie on school’s career victory list

Two Homedale High School wrestlers placed Saturday in the Wiley Dobbs Invitational in Twin Falls.

Senior Nash Johnson rallied from his first loss of the season with two tough wins in the 145-pound bracket, and he finished third.

Junior Caleb Meligan settled fourth after losing the third-place match at 126 by pin.

The Trojans finished 15th in the team standings.

“I was happy with the way the kids competed,” HHS coach Ryan Nash said. “It was a loaded field with a lot of top-notch competition. Some of the best wrestlers in the state were there.

“It was a great way to head into Christmas break. It tells us where we are and where we need to go.”

Johnson had two overtime victories while going 5-1 in his weight class and moving into a tie for second all-time on the Trojans’ victory

list with 119 wins. He’s in a dead heat with Tyler Christoffersen, 10 wins away from career victories leader Jeremy Ensley (129).

“(The 145-pound field) was a particularly tough bracket filled with multiple state placers,” Ryan Nash said.

Johnson (11-1) beat Gooding senior Spencer Ferguson, 4-2, for third place. The Homedale wrestler reached the third-place bout by keeping Jerome freshman Ezekial Williamson from scoring in the ultimate tiebreaker of a consolation match that went past double overtime.

Meligan was 5-2 with five pins. He had won five of six matches when Highland freshman Kael Anderson pinned Meligan midway through the second round of their third-place match.

After losing his first match by pin, Meligan had a relative sprint through the consolation bracket.

He pinned Tyler Souza of Rocky Mountain in 49 seconds, beat Dakota Peterson of Challis with a pinfall in 3:20, knocked off Chandler Wells of Declo in 25 seconds, pinned Varik Shockey from Boise in 1:16 then pinned Austin Thompson from Buhl

in 1:23 to reach the third-place match

Jacob Furlott won his first two matches at 132 pounds. He pinned Elko, Nev.’s Daniel Allen in 40 seconds and edged Cooper Erickson of Challis, 11-9, before falling into the consolation bracket.

Heavyweight Wyatt Dorsey reached the quarterfinals after a 45-second pin of Elko’s Brock Bennett.

In the junior varsity tournament, Jaeger Rose went 5-1 to finish second at 126 pounds. Robert Nix just missed a medal, going 3-2 at 160.

Analeise Mills’ scoring powers Rimrock girls

Analeise Mills has emerged as a statistical force for the Rimrock High School girls’ basketball team.

She, Kyla Mills and Valeria Lino scored 14 points apiece Saturday as the Raiders beat Victory Charter, 51-25, in a 1A Western Idaho Conference game.

Analeise Mills averaged a double-double in the Raiders’ first two 1A Western Idaho Conference games, but was held to just six points in a 61-29 loss to Liberty Charter in Nampa on Dec. 3.

She still snagged 12 rebounds, but the Patriots were able to hold the Raiders’ scorers to six points or fewer each.

Rimrock ended the week at 5-3 overall, 3-2 in conference after routing Greenleaf Friends Academy, 51-24, on Friday behind 14 points from Analise Mills. Kyla Mills and Ceci Swaney put in eight points each.

Before the Liberty Charter loss,

Mills averaged 16.5 points and 14.5 rebounds as the Raiders split conference games against Victory Charter (a 42-26 win on Dec. 12) and Compass Charter (a 44-36 loss on Dec. 11). She scored points with 13 rebounds against Victory Charter and went for 15 points and 16 boards against Compass.

Dec. 14: Liberty Charter 61, Rimrock 29 — The scoring was spread across the roster, but the Raiders couldn’t translate that into a conference win in Nampa.

Erika Linford and Ali Hobson scored six points each in a 20-point second quarter as the Patriots forged a 15-point halftime lead.

Bailie Jewett canned two first-half three-point goals for her six points.

Analeise Mills grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds and scored six points for the Raiders, while Swaney added six points.

Micaela Hulsey had nine points and 11 boards for Liberty Charter.

Echave leads Mustangs at Union

Jordan Valley High School rallied from a disappointing one-point loss Thursday to win its final two games in the Union Christmas boys’ basketball tournament.

“The boys played hard this weekend,” Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said. “We let Elgin come back on us and that was tough on the team, but we bounced back.”

Jordan Valley (5-3 overall before Tuesday’s non-league game against Burns, Ore.) next plays host to Notus in a non-league game on Tuesday.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 66, Prairie City, Ore., 55 — JJ Echave scored more than half of his career-high 33 points in the second half as the Mustangs took control. He added 11 rebounds for his second consecutive double-double.

Zeke Quintero also notched a double-double for Jordan Valley, dropping in 14 points and snagging 10 rebounds. Quintero and Echave had eight points apiece in the third quarter when the Mustangs added on to a 31-30

halftime lead.

Kirk Eiguren was 4-for-4 from the foul line and scored eight points.

Darren Wilson and Garret Hitz paced Prairie City with 16 points apiece, while teammate Levi Burke drained four three-pointers for his 12 points.

Friday: Jordan Valley 55, La Grande (Ore.) JV 44 — The Mustangs won the game from the free-throw line, sinking 14 of 20 foul shots during a 22-point fourth quarter.

La Grande owned a one-point lead heading into the final eight minutes. Wyatt Stanford connected on nine of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter to finish his game-best 21-point performance. He also snagged eight rebounds.

Echave was 9-for-12 from the free-throw line and finished with a double-double of 21 points and 13 boards.

La Grande led, 28-19, at the break as leading scorers Nojah Chamberlain and Cade Reed started nights that would see both score 14 points.

“They played good defense and shot better,” Fillmore said. “They never got rattled when they were down.”

Thursday: Elgin 50, Jordan Valley 49 — Elgin stormed back from a 15-point deficit with a 21-5 run through the fourth quarter.

The Huskies nailed four three-point goals and were perfect on five trips to the free-throw line in the final eight minutes. Gage Little led the team with 16 points, while Caleb Lathrop came off the bench to nail two treys and scored nine points in the final period.

Wyatt Stanford scored 20 points through the first three quarters for Jordan Valley, but was limited to just a single free throw (on 1-for-3 shooting) down the stretch. The Mustangs connected on just one of six foul shots in the final quarter.

Echave had eight of his 16 points in the third quarter as Jordan Valley built a 44-29 lead after three periods.



Rebecca Alamilla and her fifth-grade students show off the ribbon they earned for collected the most food items at Homedale Middle School. Submitted photo

Food, presents help 57 families

Saturday’s delivery of Wish Tree presents wrapped up another successful year of giving in the Homedale community.

After presents were sorted and wrapped, volunteers from the city’s police department and fire and ambulance crews fanned out to make deliveries.

It was the culmination of a two-pronged effort to brighten Christmas for dozens of needy families.

Hands Around Homedale coordinator Randee Garrett said this year’s school-based food drive resulted in care packages for 57 families.

Each package included a box of non-perishable food and a box including onions, apples, oranges and potatoes. The protein element this year included either a turkey or ham, one or two whole chickens and several packages of beef and pork roast.

Contests were held at the elementary and middle schools to determine which class could bring in the most food.

At the elementary school, Laura Eubanks’ second-grade class topped them all by bringing in 325 items, Garrett said. The students will get an ice cream party once they return from Christmas break.

Middle school counselor Brooke Winston reported that students collected 1,037 items for the food drive.

Rebecca Alamilla’s fifth-graders won a root beer float party after accumulating a school-best 243 food items. The party will take place after the students return from Christmas break, Winston said.

There were also four grade-level winners whose advisory classes will receive a popcorn/juice party next year: Angie Swallow, David Hann, Brennen Davis and Becky DeMark.

The Hands Around Homedale food boxes were distributed Dec. 10-11.

Free community dinner scheduled in Grand View

Senior center expands its scope with game night, family night

Rimrock Senior Center will have its traditional community Christmas dinner this week, but there is a change.

The dinner, usually served on Christmas, will be served at noon Thursday, which is a usual operation day for the center located at 525 Main St., in Grand View. For more information, call 350-7359.

The dinner is free, but cash donations will be accepted, senior center coordinator Sandi Burnett said.

The senior center will provide the main course, and people are asked to bring a salad or a dessert.

The center, which in the past has been called a community center as well, continued to hold more inclusive activities for all ages and the whole family.

On Saturday, the latest family night will be presented. Held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month, the event includes a movie, a potluck, popcorn and games.

Burnett said a Christmas movie probably will be shown, but the center has a large collection of movies from which to choose for future family nights.

The first family night started modestly. It was basically a date night with Sandi and her husband James because not enough people knew about it.

“We just started that a couple months ago,” Sandi Burnett said of the family night. “We’re trying to see if we could get it going.”

Family-appropriate board games can be brought in for the family night as well as the game nights that are held at 7 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month.

Mostly card games are played during the monthly game nights now, Burnett said. But in addition to pinochle, folks have also played Mexican Train, which is a variation of a dominoes game, as well as bingo.

The senior center is open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. The Trinket and Treasures thrift shop is open at the same time.

The center also offers health clinics for foot examinations and blood pressure checks on the third Tuesday of each month.

The blood pressure checks are free and begin at 11 a.m. Foot examinations are available by appointment between 9:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. on that third Tuesday. The foot exams cost \$15 each, and folks can call the senior center to reserve a time.

ICF helps several groups

Improvements and upgrades are the focus for Owyhee County entities receiving Idaho Community Foundation grants.

Assistance went to the Bruneau Valley Library, City of Grand View, Lizard Butte Library, Marsing Senior Center and Owyhee County Historical Society.

The Marsing Senior Center and OCHS received the largest individual awards among the county applicants. Both received \$2,500.

The senior center plans to use its grant as matching funds to replace the Red Door Café kitchen’s convection oven and to bring plumbing and electrical systems up to code.

The historical society will use its grant to buy storage equipment to preserve artifacts. Both hard plastic containers that are mouse-proof and water-proof as well as archival-grade boxes for paper documents will be purchased. Sleeves to cover fluorescent lighting and block ultra-violet rays also will be purchased.

“A lot of our things are stored in cardboard boxes that are falling apart, they’re just getting old and worn out,” Owyhee County

Historical Museum director Amy Johnson said. “Within these containers they will create a micro-climate. As long as we store like things in the same container, it will preserve them better.”

Eight sessions of the What’s Hot at the Library speaker luncheon 2016 series will be funded with the Bruneau Valley Library’s \$1,000 ICF grant through the Troxell Small Community Library Fund. The series returns in January. Library officials said the grant comes at a good time because the speaker program has run out of money.

Grand View will use \$778 to fund construction of a sidewalk between the fishing pier and restrooms at Riverside Park. The city applied for the grant to help give people with disabilities easier access in the town’s newest park.

Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will use \$1,000 to help bankroll the purchase of Discovery Center of Idaho 2016 family passes. The passes will be available for patrons to check out and use at the Boise attraction.

Several ICF funds were tapped for the \$8,000 heading to county groups.



Juliette Larzelier places a hat back on Brennen Davis after smashing a pie on his head as Davis’ fellow teacher David Correa awaits his fate. Other students involved in the exercise include, from left, Stephen Vargas, Gage Purdom, Kambell Garrett, Bailey Purdom, Kylee Bauer and Kaitlyn Butler. Submitted photo

HMS students get just rewards

Reading, citizenship achievements saluted

Homedale Middle School staffers were the targets of a pie attack last Wednesday.

In another morale-building exercise, students and faculty gathered to celebrate reaching reading and citizenship goals.

Thirty-four students took aim at nine faculty members — three in each round — during the assembly inside the HMS gymnasium.

Staffers in the line of sight were:

Round 1 — Principal Amy Winters, Title 1 teacher Margo Phariss and fifth-grade teacher Lesa Folwell

Round 2 — Sixth-grade teacher Amy Hopkins, librarian Nikki Christiansen and art teacher Shannon Johnson

Round 3 — Social Studies and History teacher Brennen Davis, Social Studies and Language Arts teacher Starla Bender and Physical Education and Health teacher David Correa

Students throwing pies were:

Round 1 — Brady Trout, Ashley Moore, Joanna Sanchez, John Breshears, Brayden Christoffersen, Katrina Grigg, Jacob Ankeny, Bryce Cornwall, Eli Heck, Ian Powell, Kambell Garrett and Athena Agnew

Round 2 — Lizzy Schamber, Nick Puckett, Christina Guzman, Daniel Uranga, Emalie Conant, Jase Louder, Mayci Cline, Victor Ramos, Oscar Gonzalez, Jaxson Kent and Stephen Vargas

Round 3 — Maggie Johnson, Juliette Larzelier, Gage Purdom, Kaitlyn Butler, Matt Domme, Kylee Bauer, Ventura Martinez, Eloisa Villa, Amber Raine, Bailey Purdom and Andres Waters

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Cowboy Camp Christmas



It was Christmas Eve at daybreak when we found him in the yard.
His horse was porcupine with frost, the ground was frozen hard.
He must’a drifted in last night after we’d all gone to bed
And had a fatal heart attack, ’cause, fer dang sure he was dead!
We recognized him right away as Tater Jack, the preacher,
A fire and brimstone hard-nosed man, with one redeeming feature
He believed! And took it on himself to spread the Holy Gospel
In places where the reg’lar church had deemed it near impos’ble.
We got to see him twice a year ’cause we wuz out a ways.
He usually came by Christmas and he’d stay a couple days.
Now, Christmas in a cowboy camp’s a pretty lonely place
And folks like us, that live alone, build a sorta carapace
Like turtles have. Which insulates our heart from too much feelin’
But Tater Jack cut no one slack! He preached like thunder pealin’!
And got just down to the question...What did Christmas really mean!
Was it just another winter day to ply the old routine?
He’d dump the whole load on us, but what the heck, we had the time.
And he was a grand diversion. Thumpin’ Bibles ain’t a crime.
But he’d end each Christmas sermon with the passages from Luke.
He explained, we were the shepherds which he meant as no rebuke,
Then he’d traipse us all out in the dark and point straight up and say,
“Fear not, I bring good tidings. Upon you is born this day
A savior, who is Jesus Christ the Lord! See them stars and us below...
They were shinin’ on them shepherds then, two thousand years ago!
So ya see, that’s how it started, with a bunch of guys like you
Who could see through all the hoopelah and give this day its due.
That’s why He told the shepherds first. See, God trusts a simple man.
So he signed yer kind up early, ’cause He knew you’d understand.”
Well, Tater Jack would ramble on but what he said held water
And it made us cowboys kinda proud, and humble, like it ought’er.
Sam would play his ukulele and we’d sing a song or two
I reckon we were better men ’cause ol’ Tater drifted through.
So findin’ him this mornin’ put a damper on the day.
We thawed him out and combed his hair and stored his stuff away.
Then buried him this afternoon. On his final Christmas Eve
We’ve all been sorta aimless since, maybe just too numb to grieve.
Russell Don had shot a sagehen and we saved it for tonight.
It was good, and we sure ate it all ... but Christmas ain’t quite right.
Tater Jack made it official, a snubbin’ post to tie to.
He gave Christmas real meaning. So, maybe we should try to
Carry on, like he would have us. Ain’t none of us preacher
But no line camp bunch of cowboys ever had a better teacher,
“Sam, if you can play Hark the Herald Angels on your uke,
I’ll try and read that cowboy part ... in those passages from Luke.”

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Letter to the editor

Homedale crew does great job with Christmas décor

I’d like to take this time to thank each of the fellows on the city crew for the outstanding job they have done with the Christmas lighting this year.
We drove by on a Monday morning, and they were out in the rain putting up the decorations for all of us to enjoy.
I’ve heard so many comments this year about the outstanding job they have done.
Thank you to each of you, and Merry Christmas.
Donna Titmus
Homedale

Letters to the editor

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

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Paul Kengor

Vision and Values Christmas films reveal how culture has changed



by Dr. Paul Kengor

A few days before Christmas, I checked the schedule for Turner Classic Movies, one of the few TV channels I watch. I was looking for Christmas movies, maybe the 1938 Reginald Owen version of “A Christmas Carol” or something like that — something for the family. I was pleased to find three favorites back-to-back that I’ve seen with my wife and daughters, all nice Christmas romances — and all with a similar happy ending.
The first was “I’ll Be Seeing You” (1944), starring Ginger Rogers and Joseph Cotten, with a smaller role by a charming teenage Shirley Temple. Cotten is a World War II veteran struggling with what we would call post-traumatic stress disorder. Rogers is on Christmas furlough from prison (of all things), unjustly serving time for an accidental death that was purely self-defense. Wonderful as always, Ginger Rogers doesn’t dance or sing in this one (no Fred Astaire), but plays a compelling role. The Rogers and Cotten characters fall in love, with Christmas as the suitably warm and fuzzy back-drop.
The next film on TCM’s offering that day was “Christmas in Connecticut” (1945), starring the great Barbara Stanwyck and the lesser-known Dennis Morgan. Here, too, the guy was wounded in World War II. Stanwyck is a food writer for a home magazine. She is initially confused for a married woman, which (thankfully) she is not, clearing the way for a snowy Christmas romance, replete with the horse-drawn sleigh through the countryside.
The third movie was “Holiday Affair” (1949), with Janet Leigh and Robert Mitchum. Here again,

the background is Christmas and World War II, as the Mitchum character, another veteran, pursues Janet Leigh, a single mom who lost her husband in the war. It’s a touching, fun movie, well-written — back when dialogue was more important to moviegoers than non-stop action sequences.
What strikes me about these and other films from Hollywood’s Golden Age are two things: First, Hollywood once made lots and lots of major films with major stars celebrating Christmas. Second, in each case, no matter how different the plot, there was always a common end-goal: marriage. From the outset, marriage is the assumed, unquestioned objective, from the moment the guy and gal catch one another’s eye or heart. The goal isn’t a one-night stand or wild weekend or trip to Vegas, or living together to try out each other for a few months or years.
The one predictable plotline is a heartwarming romantic pursuit — set within a sparkling Christmas context — that ends in holy matrimony. What is the happy ending? What does it depend upon? Marriage.
Think about other favorite Christmas movies from the era. At the core of “It’s a Wonderful Life” is the wonderful life Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed forge together. Look at “White Christmas:” another war story, with Irving Berlin’s magical music, that’s all about getting together Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney in a church before a preacher. The two that conspire to bring them together, Danny Kaye and Vera Ellen, end up marrying as well — after they all sing “White

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Commentary

Financial management
Start saving now for next year's Christmas shopping

Dear Dave,
I woke up this morning and realized I haven't started Christmas shopping yet. I've been listening to you for a long time, and I don't want to fall in the trap this year of paying outrageous prices for things just because I have waited until the last minute. Can you give me some tips on how to save on Christmas gifts and not overspend?

— Ali

Dear Ali,
My first piece of advice is for next year. Decide now how much you want to spend on Christmas gifts and then divide that number by 12. Set aside that amount each month starting in January, and then you won't be in a panic when Christmas rolls around next year. Planning ahead always reduces stress when it comes to financial matters.

As for this year, my advice is to be aware of last-minute shopping traps. Many stores understand that people start getting desperate as Christmas draws nearer, and their prices reflect that. Also, stay away from the malls. Some folks may think I'm un-American for saying that, but I don't care. Our culture has become one of shoppers who run to the mall, pay 120 percent of retail for something, and think they got a bargain because there was a sign that said "SALE" hanging over the table.

Also, don't be afraid to negotiate. It may not be comfortable at first, but you can find some great deals if you're willing to do two things: pay cash and walk away. Once you get in the habit of approaching purchases this way it will become second nature — and fun!

Finally, there are great websites out there like eBay and



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coolsavings.com.

Thinking differently and changing your gift-buying behaviors may be a little tough at first, but trust me, it's worth the effort. Merry Christmas, Ali!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm starting a side business of putting up Christmas lights for people. Will I need to get a business license?

— Jason

Dear Jason,
You might be getting a late start with a business of this type, but if you manage your time and work hard you can still brighten people's lives and make a little extra cash.

Most towns don't require a formal business license for this kind of thing, but you might want to check with your local municipality to be sure. It's just quick seasonal work where you show up for a couple of hours and hang lights for someone, right? But if you started hiring people or doing something year round, you'd probably need a formal

business license.

Regardless, make sure you have a separate checking account so you can keep track of the income and expenses associated with your work. Merry Christmas, Jason!

— 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.

✓ Christmas: Theme of marriage now ignored

From Page 18A
Christmas."

Or, take the precursor to "White Christmas," the 1942 musical "Holiday Inn," with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. The boys battle over the lovely Marjorie Reynolds for her hand in marriage. The ambition for the boy is not to get the girl to bed and move to his next conquest, but to get her to the altar and stay with her forever.

That America, sadly, is gone. For countless Americans, marriage is no longer the goal. It has become redefinable, optional, replaceable, switchable, less preferable to living together. There's a popular term now in our culture: "baby-mama" or "baby-mother," which a man uses to describe the single mother of his child (or, conversely, "baby-daddy"). It's extremely common.

I recently spoke to a pediatrician from a small town that's as close as you can get to traditional values. He told me he had 12 new babies to attend to in the maternity ward, born over the previous couple of days. Only two of the mothers were married. Yes, the moms chose to give life, which was commendable, but they didn't have marriages and homes with fathers for their babies.

I don't know how long America can survive this. When marriage isn't being merrily redefined, it's being shrugged off as merely optional. We're no longer celebrating marriage as we once did. Hollywood certainly isn't.

I don't see a happy ending to this story. We need a culture that celebrates not only Christmas but marriage.

— Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science and executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. His latest book is Takedown. His other books include 11 Principles of a Reagan Conservative, The Communist: Frank Marshall Davis, The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mentor and Dupes: How America's Adversaries Have Manipulated Progressives for a Century.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Repeal Obamacare for sake of economic, physical health



I had the opportunity to call attention to the negative effects of Obamacare on Idahoans and the need to enact a true solution through a recent speech delivered from the Senate floor.

The health care situation is much worse than predicted by those of us who tried to prevent Obamacare from becoming law six years ago. The President mangled the 2013 rollout of the Obamacare exchanges and has repeatedly delayed and selectively interpreted key parts of the law because of predictable problems and to advance political interests. The President or a top administrative official stated 37 times, "If you like your health care plan, you can keep it." Since then, millions of cancellation notices have been sent out, including more than 100,000 in Idaho alone in 2013. In January, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) updated its estimate of the effects of the Health Care Law, indicating that more than 10 million individuals will lose their employer-based health care coverage by 2021. Further, CBO estimates the law will leave 31 million people uninsured, up from its original 2011 forecast of 23 million people.

Health care premiums have skyrocketed. For the most recent open enrollment period, the average premium increase for mid-level silver plans on the federal exchange is 7.5 percent, more than triple last year's increase. In Idaho, which operates a state exchange, the average premium increase for a BlueCross Idaho plan is 23 percent. The average increase for a Regence BlueShield of Idaho Plan is 10 percent. The average premium increase for a SelectHealth plan is 14 percent. This is after year after year of increasing health care premiums. The justification from the insurers: This is the first year prices are based on post-Obamacare patients, enrollment costs and mandates; and premiums are skyrocketing.

The following are two examples of the experiences of Idahoans:

Daniel, from Meridian is the sole provider for his family. His employer offers health coverage, but the estimated cost

of premiums for his family would be over \$900 per month. He chose to purchase insurance from the exchange, but decided the coverage was not worth a \$500 per month premium and an \$8,000 deductible.

Bill, a small business owner from Boise purchases his own health insurance and provides coverage to his 45 employees. He saw his premiums increase by 7 percent in 2014, by 12 percent in 2015 and was recently notified by his insurance company that premiums will increase by 25.6 percent in 2016.

Common-sense solutions exist that will drive down the cost of health care in the United States and provide better access to quality care for all Americans without the predicted failures inherent in Obamacare. These solutions include realigning payment incentives toward patient outcomes rather than the number of procedures administered; promoting wellness and prevention programs; encouraging small businesses to pool together to purchase insurance; allowing insurance companies to sell across state lines to increase competition; and eliminating the waste, fraud and abuse that contribute to the rising cost of health care. Additionally, consumer-driven initiatives would allow individuals to find benefit options that best meet their needs. For example, expanding effective and popular Health Savings Accounts would do so without increasing taxes or expanding the government.

Congress must place on the President's desk a solution, a repeal of these onerous and misguided health care policies and a reform of our health care system that will achieve the true objectives that Americans request: Helping to get a proper health care delivery system with a market-based delivery foundation that will help to reduce costs, increase the quality of care and expand access to care across this country.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 26, 1990

Near blizzard produces woes

The near blizzard that hit the Homedale-Marsing area last Wednesday led to several apparently minor auto accidents, two power outages and other woes.

The Homedale Volunteer Fire Department was called to a site near the Homedale-Allendale Road intersection in Central Cove in the late afternoon after a white pickup hit a power pole, knocking out electricity in the area for about 45 minutes and leaving the broken pole a hazard to traffic.

Kirt Weimer of the Idaho Power Co. office here said an IPC crew from Vale came through the snowstorm to aid in repairing the break.

Several other vehicles were reported to have slid off Homedale Road during the weather emergency. The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office reported that two vehicles were involved in a minor accident in front of Dobbin Implement in Marsing during the storm.

An electrical line near the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic burned out briefly in Homedale Friday morning.

School board acts on many topics

Homedale School Board trustees have authorized HHS Head Wrestling Coach Bob Stancliff to use the high school wrestling room twice weekly between March 26 – May 2 to provide basic instruction in freestyle wrestling.

Explaining the proposal at the latest HSB meeting Dec 10, HHS Principal Nolan Taggart said Stancliff had operated such a program in Caldwell for the past 11 years, but is “pulling out” in favor of establishing it here.

Stancliff’s plan calls for establishment of a local USA Wrestling club to be sanctioned by the national USA Wrestling office in Colorado Springs. Two local men, Jerry Perkins and Steve Nash, are to assist him as coaches.

Stancliff said freestyle is one of three styles of wrestling and one of only two sanctioned by the Olympics, the other being Greco-Roman.

Another success story ...

“It’s just been unreal what’s come in this week,” a spokeswoman for three Beta Sigma Phi chapters in Homedale said Friday, as chapter members prepared to deliver bundles of Christmas gifts and warm clothing to the homes of local needy grade and junior high students.

The spokeswoman, Marilyn Huter, said that, thanks to local givers, the chapters would easily fill 90 percent of what had been requested for the children, “and maybe more.” For a first year, that’s just marvelous, she said, adding, “We really appreciate the community pitching in like it has. It’s been so wonderful.”

Homedale Economic Task Force holds elections

Dee Monsen, Contel’s manager of customer services in Idaho, has been elected the new president of the Homedale Economic Task Force, replacing Ed Marshall in the post, Monsen has been headquartered in Homedale with his company since 1984. Prior to that, he was also stationed here two years in the early 1970s.

Commenting on the organization’s plans for the year ahead late last week, Monsen said, “the objective will be the same, to promote the economic growth of Homedale. Some of the things we need to do are reevaluate and strengthen our strategies, and I’d also like to develop a new one- year and five-year plan.”

Monsen pointed out, “Our original plan was to attain Gem Community status. We achieved that and now it’s time to take another step.”

In the latest HETF election, Joe Favinger of the Idaho Power Co. office here was chosen vice-president. Jim Duncan will remain as the organization’s secretary-treasurer.

Along with the officers, others who will be serving on the HETF’s board of directors are: Joe Aman, Ed Marshall, Mike Parker, Mike Matteson, Steve Forrey (of West One Bank), Clyde Hutton, Harold “Hal” Tolmie, Paul Fink and Paul Zatica.

50 years ago

December 23, 1965

Christmas, 1965

This is the time of the year when happiness and good will are spread throughout the land by the awaiting of Christmas. This is the time when families are together for the first time in many years – when children await the arrival of Santa Claus and everyone is counting their blessings. The time of giving and receiving and the feeling of joy you get when watching your loved ones open their packages on Christmas Day.

The local Jaycees have been busy this week spreading Christmas cheer. They spent Wednesday noon distributing baskets of fruit and canned goods to the needy families of the community and have also been busy selling bags of oranges. Proceeds of these will be used to purchase clothing and gifts for needy schoolchildren.

The annual Christmas concert presented by the high school music department was given for the public Tuesday evening at the high school. Many carols and songs of Christmas were sung, and a short play was presented by the speech class.

The high school FHA girls also visited the nursing home Monday evening, taking patients apples and a lovely holiday centerpiece.

Several church groups have spent their evenings going about town singing Christmas carols and putting everyone in the wonderful mood of the season.

Everywhere you look there are people busily running about doing their shopping for last-minute gifts. Towns are brightly lit, and gaily decorated trees may be seen in every house window.

The feeling of Christmas can be seen everywhere, especially in the smiles on the faces of little children – the warm feeling when someone wishes you a Merry Christmas.

Christmas truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

Trojan Mat Men score 28-25 win over Marsing

The Homedale Trojans scored a 28-25 Class B conference wrestling victory over the Marsing Huskies Thursday night on the local mats. A decision and a pin in two of the three top weights turned the tide.

98 – P. George (H) pinned Andrus, 2nd round.

106 – Higgins (H) won by forfeit

115 – Shea (M) dec. Maybon, 6-1

123 – Brown (M) won by forfeit

130 – Watson (H), Birmingham, drew, 4-4

136 – Inouye (H) dec. Smith 10-4

141 – J. George (H) pinned Malmberg, 3rd round

148 – Webb (M) pinned E. Fisher, 2nd round

157 – Bicandi (M) pinned T. Smith, 2nd round

168 – J. Smith (H) dec. Frailey, 5-4

183 Fegert (M) pinned Runger, 1st round

HW – Joe George (H) pinned Coffman, 2nd round

Chroniclings

Congratulations to the city crew for bringing in such a big tree and lighting it so beautifully. Greenery on the light poles also gives the city a festive appearance, along with the strings of colored lights...

Remember a year ago when snow and cold weather was followed by warm winds and rain which churned Succor Creek to flood stage...

Aliens must report addressing in January

The period within which aliens must report their addresses is almost at hand, District Director R. G. Hoffeller of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service states.

January has been set for the address reporting period. All aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, must report their addressing to the government during that period.

Mr. Hoffeller said that forms with which to make the report will be available to all post offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service during January. He urges all aliens to comply with the reporting requirements, as willful failure to do so may lead to serious consequences.

140 years ago

December 25, 1875

AS WILL BE seen from our dispatches to-day, the New York *Herald* claims to have unearthed a secret Republican organization styled the “American Union,” alleging that ex-Speaker Blaine and most of the Federal officers are members of it. It is said that the order will run Grant for a third term and wage a bitter war against the Roman Catholics of the country in general. In our opinion the whole affair will turn out to be a sensation concocted by the opposition, especially that portion of it in favor of the division of the school fund for sectarian purposes. The story is entirely too thin, for it is well-known fact that Blaine is opposed to Grant’s re-election and desires to be elected to the Presidency himself. It is also intimated that postmasters belong to this secret conclave. If so, we want Ed. Moore, of Silver City, John A. Posey of Boise, and S. C. Silsby, of Idaho City, to “show their hands.” Make a clean breast of it, boys.

IT IS A bit of almost forgotten history that Jefferson was formerly nominated for the Presidency for a third term by the Legislature, of Massachusetts, Vermont and Rhode Island, but he declined the honor.

THAT ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS – A committee of Silver City ladies gave a ball last March, realizing therefrom the sum of \$100 coin, which was at the time intended to aid in the building of a primary department for the Silver City school. The money was deposited in C. W. Moore & Co.’s bank, where it remained until yesterday, when it was withdrawn and turned over to the School Directors for the benefit of the District school, the funds of which are represented to be at a low ebb, without any immediate prospect of being able to build a primary department.

THE CHRISTMAS BALL – Messrs. Gross & Giles are making extensive preparations for their ball to be given in Champion Hall to-morrow evening. Excellent music will be provided and no pains will be spared to make the affair a pleasant one for all who attend. Tickets for the ball can be had at various business places in town. Those who intend to be present will do well to arrange beforehand for their suppers at the various hotels and restaurants in town.

BULLION SHIPMENT – C. W. Moore & Co. shipped this morning to the Merchants’ Exchange Bank, San Francisco, six bars of bullion valued at \$6,253. The largest bar valued at \$2,068 had been purchased from R. H. Leonard, of the Leonard mill, and was made up of crushings principally of Poorman rock. Another bar was from Silver Cord, and valued at \$1,610, also a bar of \$1,082 from Ellmore slums. The balance consisted of small lots from the Wagontown and other mines.

THE ASSOCIATE QUILL-DRIVER of the Avalanche presents his thanks to some unknown friend who generously sent him by mail a pair of first-class rubber boots, just the thing for navigation in this snow-bound region. He suspects an old friend doing business at 411 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, with the perpetration of this act of generosity, and hopes that if he is the man, that his shadow may never grow less. Our cordial thanks, friend Houghton, for this timely holiday present.

AN UNSOPHISTICATED GENTLEMAN who didn’t know how to register a letter, recently sent away some money in an envelope on which he wrote, “Registered with a two-dollar bill inside.” To make the matter more binding he got one of his friends to testify to it in the following language written on the other side of the envelope: “I’ll swear that I saw Jim put two dollars in this.” It wouldn’t be prudent to fool with that letter.

SOME OF THE “old boys” in town have organized a new society which will have an existence only during the holidays. The qualification for membership is capacity to drink lager. W. F. Sommercamp is presiding officer. Joseph Gross and Fred Warnkee are also in the organization.

Public notices

CORRECTED 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 DEADLIINE
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 2 - 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.		

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Christ Alzola, Secretary 208-587-2789
12/23/15

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO CV2015-762-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: William Isaac Almaraz
A Petition to change the name of William Isaac Almaraz, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to William Isaac Elordi. The reason for the change in name is: to go by my step dads name. The name I used all through school.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o’clock a.m. on January 20, 2016 at the Homedale Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
DATE: 11/21/2015
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
12/2,9,16,23/15

NOTICE 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

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 ESTATESOF JOANNTHOMAS, 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 the Southeast 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

ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF HOMEDALE	
For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015	
BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	\$0
RECEIPTS	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Sale of assets	\$0
Interest income	\$130
Fund transfer from non-highway accounts	\$22,304
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	\$10,790
Total Local Funding	\$33,224
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	\$88,317
Total State Funding	\$88,317
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$121,541
DISBURSEMENTS	
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	
Roads	\$1,043
Total Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$1,043
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	\$25,471
Patching	\$16,167
Winter maintenance	\$5,928
Grading/blading	\$2,561
Other	\$12,368
Total Routine Maintenance	\$62,495
EQUIPMENT	
New equipment purchase	\$9,573
Equipment maintenance	\$5,551
Total Equipment	\$15,124
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$12,373
OTHER	
Street lighting	\$22,791
Total Other	\$22,791
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$113,826
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,715
CLOSING BALANCE	\$7,715
Funds obligated for specific future projects & reserves	\$7,715
ENDING BALANCE	\$0

City of Homedale
Alice E. Pegram
Clerk/Treasurer
12/16/15

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 tthe 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 Fax319-232-6341
12/9,16,23,30/15

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Public notices

**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 II:
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 SE1/4; 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.

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12/9,16,23/15

**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.

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Christmas reflections

The Christmas door

All the year long the moon giveth light,
And makes a sliver day of night;
But once a year
She seems more near—
Shows every night her steadfast face,
And fills the sky with tranquil grace.
Tis hard to ell when day is done,
For day and night flow into one,

So Heaven shines downward all the while,
And lights us with its constant smile;
But once a year
It draws more near;
Wide open stands the shining door,
With gleams of light unseen before;
And all across flash glimpses fleet
Of upper joys and radiant feet.

‘Tis ever so since love broke through,
And down the widening spaces flew;
That blest year
Our lord came new;
For Him swung back the starry bound;
And Heaven swept outward at his birth;
And naught was narrow but the earth;

Now evermore he stands and waits
Some lifting of them lower gates;
But once a year
He waits more near;
Shall the blest door he throws so wide,
And only we the entrance hide;
Unbar all hears, make room within,
And let the holy Christmas in!

A frontier Christmas

From the Owyhee Chronicle,
Dec. 25, 1958

Christmas on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wilderness, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the wise men crossed, this the night, and yon sleeping village Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the wise men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang songs about the birth of Christ child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange, or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter – the star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

Home-made sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of “Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells.”

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say “Mama,” go to sleep, and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slat pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with

shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

In the isolated cabins it wasn’t so easy to gather with one’s neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers, or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter – the star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withall these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

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