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## Giving Tree deadline nears

Time is running out to help about two dozen Marsing families this holiday season.

Items donated for the Giving Tree can be dropped off through next Wednesday at any tree location regardless of where the card with information on requested gifts was picked up.

This year, the trees are located in City Hall, Logan's Market, and the Marsing School District office.

Jolyn Green, one of the volunteers behind the community effort, said there are quite a few cards still on the trees.

"But I know that the generous spirit of Marsing and the surrounding communities will come forward and make sure that every child will have a present under the tree to open for Christmas," Green said.

— See *Giving Tree*, page 5A



### STEM station stuns students

Two Bruneau-Grand View elementary students are awestruck when a chemical reaction creates an eruption of liquid and foam during a visit by the Mobile Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Discovery Lab. Submitted photo. For more information on the visit, see *Page 8A*

## Today is final day to help Wish Tree

Presents to be distributed Saturday

Today is the final day for the community's secret Santas to return gifts to Wish Tree locations in Homedale.

Wish Tree organizers will wrap and distribute gifts to about five dozen families Saturday, but they need time to make an inventory of what tags have not been filled so they can go shopping, Wish Tree committee member Diana Uranga Maxwell has said.

"It's a little slow this year, but I am hoping that the presents will start rolling in this week," Uranga Maxwell said Monday.

Committee members shop all day Friday to fill whatever tags aren't claimed.

The town's first-responders, — See *Wish Tree*, page 4A

## Winter conditions wreak havoc

Several slide-offs, semi accidents reported

Icy conditions are being blamed for a string of crashes on county highways last week.

Around 6 a.m. Saturday, a semi-trailer driver lost control of his rig while trying to avoid an accident on the Marsing grade on U.S. Highway 95.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the 2016 Freightliner and trailer careened off jersey barriers on both sides of the highway as the truck driver, 39-year-old Narinder Singh of Ceres, Calif., tried to gain control.

Singh said he took action to avoid a passenger car that had lost control on the frozen roadway shortly after passing the



Responders work to clear the axle from a trailer that had flipped onto a jersey barrier of U.S. Highway 95 on Saturday morning. Photo by Vern Tunnell

northbound semi.

The trailer came to rest on top of a jersey barrier, but didn't topple over the side.

An Idaho Transportation Department representative told

the sheriff's office that 23 jersey barriers (eight on the east side of the highway and 15 on the west side) were either moved, tipped

— See *Winter*, page 4A

## School trustees fire HHS secretary

Beebe dismissed days after news of embezzlement sentencing

Homedale School District trustees voted to terminate Homedale High School's secretary and bookkeeper Monday night.

Shauna Beebe was fired four days after news broke that she had been sentenced last month in Canyon County for felony grand theft because of embezzlement at her previous employer.

Trustees voted 4-0 to terminate Beebe after an executive session in their December board meeting. Zone 4 Trustee Shelley Shenk was

absent.

"This is the board's decision. This is the decision the board is going to stand by," trustees chair Kurt Shanley said after the vote.

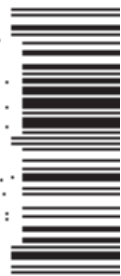
About 20 students turned out for the meeting. A dozen remained when the board announced its decision, and some became emotional.

"We understood it the best we individually could, and we considered everything," Shanley

— See *Secretary*, page 5A



Shauna Beebe



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# OCSO: Wilson area resident faces felony for slashing man

Deputies arrest man, wife on separate charges at same time

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies responding to a reported stabbing made two arrests. Timothy Roy Grove, 56, of Melba was taken into custody after 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 and charged with felony aggravated battery after allegedly slashing a 72-year-old man in the chest, sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

What began as an argument between Grove and the elderly

man escalated into a physical altercation at a property in the 12600 block of Trail Drive Lane in the Wilson area. Bowman said Marsing Ambulance transported the 72-year-old man to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Nampa for treatment for a 2- to 3-inch-long wound on his upper chest.

Grove, whom deputies located in a vehicle on the property after the incident, remained in Owyhee County Jail at press time Monday.

Grove’s preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

While dealing with the alleged aggravated assault, deputies also arrested Grove’s 52-year-old wife, Jeannie, on a \$5,000 misdemeanor warrant for allegedly violating the terms of her probation from a driving without privileges conviction last year in Gooding County.

— JPB

# New director seeks Bruneau Valley Library exposure

Small library receives grant to beef up books

The Bruneau Valley Library is open just three days each week, but there are plenty of things to keep its new director busy.

“I’m never not doing anything,” Michelle Ward said. “I’ve always got to be doing something, so I’m always finding new projects in the library to make it look better.”

The library board of trustees made Ward a full time director in June. Since then, she has thinned out the crowd of books and started thinking about ways to bring programs to the tiny library on Belle Avenue.

“Things are organized in a friendlier way,” Ward said. “(Before) every bookshelf was jam-packed full. There was no space.”

Now the books are displayed in a more patron-friendly way, Ward says. Instead of rows and rows of book spines intimidating the book-hunter and researcher, they are greeted with what amounts to open-faced books. The novels and other volumes lay on a shelf with the cover welcoming the reader.

Trustee Judy Erwin said Ward embarked on a book-culling

expedition shortly after accepting the full-time job. She had been working as part of the rotation of help since May.

“We realized in the summer when we had new help that we needed to do some serious culling, especially in the children’s room,” Erwin said.

“(Ward) took on the task of the children’s section, and over the summer culled 350 books that were very worn and dated.”

The books removed from circulation were offered back to the public for free. Some were taken, others were given to a local family that home-schools its children, and whatever was left over — primarily the most tattered — got discarded.

Earlier this month, the library received a \$2,000 Whittenberger Foundation grant to rebuild its children’s collection. Erwin wrote the grant because she felt the children’s section needed updated.

“We are truly appreciative,” Erwin said of the board’s reaction to receiving the grant.

The new books will come in handy as Ward strengthens the library’s relationship with Bruneau Elementary School.

“All the classes have been here once this year, and the fourth- and fifth-graders are coming over (today) to check out books,” Ward said.

Bringing the children back to the library is just another one of those projects Ward has going.

“I wish more people would

come in,” she said. “Not very many people come in because libraries are forgotten.”

The library also has a selection of adult titles, including new releases. There are also audiobooks, a few DVDs and a large Idaho history section.

Ward has plenty of ideas to put Bruneau Valley Library in the forefront of the community’s consciousness, though.

She wants to build on the successful Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon series and would like to create other programs.

Ward welcomes input from the community on how to make the library more vibrant. She’s available at the library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday. The library is closed the rest of the week.

Contact Ward at (208) 845-2131 to volunteer for a program or to suggest an idea.

“I’ve got a list of projects, and I’ve scratched off several,” Ward said.

Ward started working at the library after trustees chair Kathy Mori asked during a 4-H meeting if anyone was interested in being library director.

Ward has been married to farmer Shane Ward since May 2012. They have five children between them, ages 15, 14, 13, 12 and 3. They moved to Little Valley from Grand View two years, and she grew up in Mountain Home.

— JPB

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# Bruneau fireman hurt en route to call

A Bruneau volunteer firefighter was injured last week while responding to an assistance call in his personal vehicle.

Stanley Isaak, 48, of Bruneau suffered possible leg injuries in the crash that was reported before 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 5.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Isaak was driving a 2003 Mazda sedan southeast on Hot Springs Road

when the vehicle left the roadway and hit a large rock.

Bowman said the sun was in Isaak’s eyes as he was responding to a Grand View Ambulance request for help lifting a patient. He did not see the turn in the road and traveled straight off the roadway and into the rock.

Air St. Luke’s transported Isaak to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

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# Homedale council eyes 2017 work and how to pay for it

More water lines could be replaced; final meeting of year set tonight

Homedale city councilmen will look toward 2017 in their final meeting of 2016.

Andrew Kimmel of Riedesel Engineering Inc., will continue his discussion of the city’s public works projects wish list during tonight’s meeting.

The final meeting of the year begins at 6 at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The city council traditionally skips the second meeting of the month in November and December because of holidays.

During an Oct. 12 meeting, Kimmel, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and council members discussed possible projects so Kimmel could start formulating grant opportunities.

Projects discussed included finally converting the Peterson property at the end of the North Main Street into another park.

Homedale recently received \$2,000 in the Mayors Walking Challenge, and is also in the running for a High Five Children’s Health Collaborative community transformation grant. Christoffersen would like to use the money to improve the city’s open space, but



**Mayor receives Walking Challenge winnings**  
*Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, right, accepts a check from Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health program coordinator Courtney Frost on Dec. 6 at City Hall. Christoffersen earned \$2,000 for city parks during October’s Mayor’s Walking Challenge, and Frost also chatted with him about his 2016 experience and returning to the contest next year.*

there may not be enough funding to build a park from the ground up as would be required with the Peterson parcel.

While accepting the \$2,000 check Dec. 6 in a meeting with Courtney Frost from Blue Cross of Idaho, Christoffersen mentioned the desire to replace aging playground equipment at Riverside Park near the Homedale City Pool.

During the October meeting, Kimmel mentioned that the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has a grant program — with awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 — that could be used to improve or build parks.

Other possible improvement

targets include safer pedestrian routes to the middle school and elementary school, including pavement rehabilitation and sidewalks on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West. There are transportation grants available for part of that work, although the city’s bid for a state Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for student pedestrian improvements was rejected earlier this year.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued a categorical exclusion for a group of proposed water facility upgrades, but public works supervisor Bret Smith said all the projects won’t necessarily happen in 2017.

The categorical exclusion basically exempts the city from doing environmental impact studies for any of the work, and Smith said that will shrink the price tag for any of the projects.

Next year, the city could work on replacing existing 2- and 4-inch water mains with lines that are at least six inches in diameter.

Projects that probably will wait, but are on the categorical exclusion list, include the construction of a backup well and well house west of the Snake River and completing the replacement of the 12-inch water main that runs from the water tower west of town to Idaho highway 19 near the Succor Creek bridge.

Smith also shed light on the future of the city’s water main stretching from the Ustick well in Canyon County and suspended from the Snake River bridge.

Intermountain Gas Co., recently completed a project to bury its delivery pipeline under the Snake River. Smith said the job, carried

out by Nampa-based contractor Das-Co of Idaho, was necessitated by wear and tear on the suspended pipeline as well as the bridge that has been caused by years of vibrations from traffic passing overhead.

Smith said a similar project to bury the Homedale municipal water main is a long way off because the existing line is 20 years old.

However, the Idaho Transportation Department holds the right to ask the city to relocate the pipe based on a 1980 agreement that also covered the water main right-of-way on the Succor Creek bridge.

If ITD decides to replace the Snake River bridge, which was built in the late-1960s, the city would have to come up with the funding to relocate the line, and that most likely means burying it under the riverbed.

“There is nothing in (ITD’s) coming plans that (indicates) the bridge is an immediate project,” Smith said.

— JPB

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# Owyhee Gardeners give some holiday cheer

The Owyhee Gardeners aren't doing much planting this time of year, but the group is still busy during the holiday season.

Club members purchased toys and clothing for a Marsing family they adopted for Christmas.

Club second vice-president Julia Burham said enough food was also provided for the family to make a traditional Christmas

dinner, and members donated canned goods to help with the family's overall food supply.

Burham added that a few gift cards were also given to the family.

Club president Marilyn Evans said the gifts and food boxes were delivered on Friday.

Evans is a congregation member of Our Lady of the Valley Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Caldwell, which recommended the adopted family.

The garden 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.

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### ✓ Winter: Icy roads lead to rash of crashes

or damage by the force of the out-of-control semi.

Bowman said the incident was typical of a four-day stretch of snow, ice and fog that rattled motorists.

"We had people just stopping in the middle of the highway because of the fog, and they couldn't see and just got scared," Bowman said.

He said the driver of a UPS semi with triple trailers had to serve off the highway to avoid a vehicle that had stopped in front of him in the lane of travel.

There were several other incidents, but few injuries, last week

The sheriff's office eventually

had to close U.S. 95 between Idaho highway 55 and the state line because of treacherous conditions Friday evening. Bowman said the Malheur County Sheriff's Office also closed U.S. 95 between the Idaho line and Jordan Valley for the same 4½-hour period.

There were numerous slide-offs, including a rash of four in the span of 2½ hours Friday night on Idaho 78 in Marsing and between Murphy and Sinker Creek as well as Idaho 19 west of Homedale.

ITD equipment caught the brunt of two slide-offs Friday as sand trucks were struck by a pickup and semi in separate incidents a mile apart on Idaho 78 near China

Ditch Road.

A truck driver escaped injury around 5 p.m. on Dec. 6 in an accident on U.S. 95.

Teddy Fritz, 58, of Turlock, Calif., was pulling a trailer full of onions southbound when the 2016 Volvo semi and trailer tipped over at milepost 18 on U.S. 95 south of weigh station.

Bowman said that Fritz lost control of the semi-trailer because of the frost heaves on U.S. 95. He said road conditions were "wet but not icy."

There were isolated slide-offs on Saturday and Sunday on Idaho 78 in the Murphy area.

— JPB

### ✓ Wish Tree: Food drive continues, too

including policemen and firefighters, help distribute the gifts after the committee works overnight to wrap the presents.

There are several Wish Tree locations around Homedale:

- Bowen-Parker-Day CPAs, 19 E. Wyoming Ave.
- Homedale Chiropractic, 111 S. Main St.
- Owyhee Family Dental Cen-

ter, 115 S. Main St.

Other locations include:

- U.S. Post Office (wreath), 7 N. Main St.
- Homedale Drug, 5 N. Main St.
- Idaho Pizza Co., 138 E. Idaho Ave.
- The Bowling Alley, 18 W. 1st St. N.
- Moxie Java Bistro, 404 U.S. Hwy. 95
- A&S Lumber, 328 U.S. Hwy. 95

Wish Tree families are compiled by Homedale Elementary School counselor Randee Garrett, who coordinates the town's Hands Around Homedale effort.

The town's schools are wrapping up their Hands Around Homedale food drives. The commodities will be sorted into care packages Thursday, and the candidate families can pick up their boxes between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the HES cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave.

— JPB

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

*All meals include milk variety  
and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

- Dec. 14: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 15: Pepperoni pizza, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 19: Corn, dog, potato wedges, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 20: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 21: Turkey & gravy w/mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit bar, roll, pumpkin pie
- Dec. 22-30: No school

## Homedale Middle

*All meals include milk variety  
and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

- Dec. 14: Hamburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 15: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 19: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 20: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 21: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit bar, jello, roll, pumpkin pie
- Dec. 22-30: No school

## Homedale High

*All meals include milk variety  
and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

- Dec. 14: Orange chicken or BBQ pulled pork, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 15: Enchilada or grilled cheese w/tomato soup, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 19: Spaghetti w/meatballs or rib-b-que, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 20: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 21: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, salad bar, fruit choice, roll, pumpkin pie
- Dec. 22-30: No school

## Marsing Elementary

*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*

- Dec. 14: Beef tacos, rice & beans, buttered corn or PB&J, yogurt & graham crackers
- Dec. 15: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB&J, cheese stick, rice crispy treat
- Dec. 19: Fish stick, sidewinders, coleslaw or PB&J, yogurt & animal crackers
- Dec. 20: Super nacho, mixed vegetable or PB&J, cheese stick & graham crackers
- Dec. 21: Holiday ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, roll, apple crisp
- Dec. 22-30: No school

## Marsing Middle-High

*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*

- Dec. 14: Beef tacos, rice & beans, buttered corn, vegetables or sandwiches, sun chips, salad bar & soup
- Dec. 15: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, rice crispy treat or chili cheese fries, roll, salad bar & soup, rice crispy treat
- Dec. 19: Fish stick, sidewinders, biscuit or rib-b-que, salad bar & soup
- Dec. 20: Super nachos, mixed vegetables or Philly sandwich, salad bar & soup
- Dec. 21: Holiday ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, roll, apple crisp
- Dec. 22-30: No school

## COSSA

- Dec. 14: Baked potato bar, fruit crisp, roll, fruit
- Dec. 15: Soft taco, refried beans, salad, fruit
- Dec. 16: Pizza, salad bar, fruit
- Dec. 19: Pasta bar, roll, salad, fruit
- Dec. 20: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, oriental veggies, fruit
- Dec. 21: Soft taco, refried beans, salad, fruit
- Dec. 22: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit crisp, fruit
- Dec. 23-30: No school

## Bruneau-Grand View

- Dec. 14: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, roll, fruit
- Dec. 15: Soft taco, black beans, salsa, corn, fruit
- Dec. 16: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks, cauliflower, fresh fruit, rice krispie treat

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## ✓ Giving Tree: Package pick-up is Dec. 22



Wildlife expert and biologist Corbin Maxey of Marsing taking a card off the giving tree inside Logan’s Market.

In conjunction with the Giving Tree collection, organizers are also conducting a canned food drive to assemble food boxes for each family being helped by the program.

Packages will be taken to the Marsing schools cafeteria where volunteers will wrap them starting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22. Parents can pick up presents the same day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cash donation jars have also been placed at each of the locations with a tree to help purchase gifts for tags that don’t get filled.

Green said there is always an “amazing amount” of participation in the effort to help needy families.

“The Marsing Giving Tree is so appreciative of the generosity of our community and wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy new year,” she said.

— SC

## ✓ Secretary: Beebe hired in window of investigation

said when an audience member implored the trustees to reconsider because “everybody makes mistakes.”

“We made a decision,” Shanley said. “It’s not the position that any of us want to have to sit in, but this is where we find ourselves.”

Beebe was hired as the high school secretary in July 2013.

Beebe was charged with grand theft in July of this year after an investigation that looked into thefts that the Idaho Press-Tribune reported had occurred at a Nampa orthodontist’s office between May 2009 and August 2013.

Beebe pled guilty in September.

During a Nov. 21 sentencing in the Caldwell courtroom of Third District Judge Bradly Ford, Beebe was placed on seven years probation and ordered to pay \$22,419.93 in restitution.

Ford withheld judgment, meaning no guilty verdict was entered into the record. Beebe can petition the court to have her record expunged if she successfully completes probation.

Beebe also must pay a \$1,090.50 fine. Ford also gave the probation and parole office discretion to levy up to six months in jail if Beebe violates conditions of her probation.

— JPB and SC

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# Death notices

**DOYLE HUMPHREY**, 76, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, at home. Arrangements: Accent Funeral Home, Meridian. (208) 888-5833

**REBECCA L. PRALL**, 45, of Homedale, died Dec. 11, 2016 at her home. Arrangements: Cremation Society of Idaho. (208) 322-3590

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

*Milk served every day  
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*(lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)*  
Dec. 14: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, roll  
Dec. 15: Christmas Dinner, turkey and all the trimmings  
Dec. 20: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll  
Dec. 21-22: Closed  
Dec. 27: Liver & onions, baked potato, broccoli, roll  
Dec. 28: Grilled chicken breast, baked potato, beets, roll  
Dec. 29: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, roll

## Rimrock Senior Center

*Milk served every day*

Dec. 15: Chicken fried steak, potatoes w/gravy, green beans, waldorf salad, cornmeal muffin  
Dec. 20: Roast beef, potatoes w/gravy, peas & carrots, orange slices, coffee cake & ice cream  
Dec. 22: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, pineapple & orange salad, stir fry veggies, cookie  
Dec. 27: Wiener wraps, macaroni & cheese, broccoli-raisin salad, peaches, chocolate pudding  
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# Obituary

## Kenneth James “Jim” Casey

Kenneth James “Jim” Casey, age 53, of Bruneau, passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, with his family around him. Jim was born to Mike and Helen Casey on January 20, 1963. He was the youngest of five siblings. He attended school in Nampa, and worked for his father in the construction business. He had a strong work ethic even at a young age.

He moved to Bruneau where he started work for the ranches in the Bruneau Valley. He also worked construction for his brother-in-law Henry Ashby. Jim married Sandra Disher, and to that union a daughter was born, Tanna. Jim and Sandy farmed in the Emmett area. They later divorced.

He had an adventurous life. He worked as a guide in the backcountry mountains of the South Fork of the Salmon River, horse logged on Iron Mountain



above Cascade. He built a cabin in Cuprum, Idaho, but he always returned to construction work.

Jim met the love of his life, Wanda “Sam” Paradis, in 2005. They have been constant companions since then, living in Cuprum, sharing many years of hard work and adventure traveling

to Montana and North Dakota and all over Idaho. They returned to Bruneau to live, and at the time of his death he was working for Knife River where he had many good friends.

Jim is survived by his father Mike Casey (Sharon) of Prairie City, Oregon, Jim’s love Wanda “Sam” Paradis of Bruneau, his only daughter Tanna (Sam) Rohrbacher, and grandson Tyson Rohrbacher of Emmett, sisters Marilyn Jean Taylor of Nampa, Linda (Henry) Ashby of Mountain Home, brothers David (Tami) Casey of Spring Creek, Nevada, and Duane (Deb) Casey of Caldwell. He was preceded in death by his mother Helen Casey.

Services will be held at a later date in Bruneau. Cremation is under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

# Something for everyone at Idaho Range Livestock Symposium

University of Idaho Extension along with other partners will play host to the Idaho Range Livestock Symposium on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center in Marsing. This will be a great opportunity to get updated on important topics for livestock producers.



Scott Jensen

Taylor Payne from the Utah Department of Agriculture will start off the symposium speaking about communication and mediation to resolve public land issues. Taylor played a key role in the development of a grazing association in Northern Utah where ranchers, public land managers, conservation groups, and others came together to develop a cooperative grazing strategy on 143,000 acres. This area is important habitat for sage-grouse, mule deer, and Bonneville cutthroat trout.

Taylor will discuss the social, economic, and ecologic barriers encountered in the complex political climate of environmentalism

## University of Idaho Extension

and public land management bureaucracy.

Volatility. Decline. Supply. Demand. Imports. Exports. All words that can be used to describe the current cattle market as well as commodities that play key roles in beef production. University of Idaho Ag Economist Dr. Hernan Tejeda will explain factors affecting beef cattle prices and pull out his crystal ball for a look to the future and what to expect in 2017.

Is larkspur, death camas, lupine, poison hemlock, or any other plant of concern to you? Dr. Jim Pfister from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Poisonous Plants lab in Logan, Utah, will be speaking about toxic range plants in the Intermountain West. Dr. Pfister brings a wealth of knowledge surrounding poisonous plants and how to protect your livestock.

One topic sure to be of interest is mineral supplementation of range livestock. University of Idaho Extension beef cattle specialist Dr. Jim Sprinkle will share information from his research as well as current data from a mineral survey conducted across Idaho in 2016. Dr. Sprinkle is working

with county educators to develop a mineral map of Idaho.

Dr. Bill Barton, Idaho state veterinarian, and Larry Hayhurst, director of the Idaho state brand department, will be featured as part of a panel discussing health and brand requirements for shipping livestock.

The final topic will be livestock transportation. Speakers will discuss both semi and stock trailer transportation along with related concerns for beef quality assurance. A hands-on trailer inspection demonstration will round out this session.

The symposium really has something for everybody. There is no cost to attend but an RSVP will guarantee lunch for you, thanks to our generous sponsors. You can register by calling or emailing the extension office at (208) 896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). Additional information and online registration can be found at <http://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center/events/irls>.

— Contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at [scottj@uidaho.edu](mailto:scottj@uidaho.edu). Jensen is county extension educator. The Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing, can be reached at (208) 896-4104.



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# Christmas break approaches for area students

Most Owyhee County schoolchildren will begin their Christmas break next week, but students in the Bruneau-Grand View School District will be released this week.

**Bruneau-Grand View** — Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m., on Friday with classes resuming on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

**Adrian** — The last day of school is next Wednesday with students returning to class on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

**Homedale** — Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m., next Wednesday. Schoolchildren will be back in the classroom on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

**Marsing** — The last day of school is next Wednesday, and students will return to class on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

**Jordan Valley** — The last day of school is next Wednesday, with students returning to class on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

## Calendar

### Today

- Coffee club**  
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee County P&Z public hearings**  
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2
- Preschooler story time**  
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Financial education webinar**  
12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228
- Christian Life Club**  
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464
- Grand View City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday
- Homedale Highway District meeting**  
6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Marsing City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
- Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St.

### Thursday

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**  
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Pesticide license renewal class**  
9 a.m. to noon, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4544
- Christmas dinner**  
11:30 a.m., salad bar, noon, entree, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- County commissioners special meeting**  
1 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Farmers appreciation lunch**  
1 p.m., free, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4544
- Senior center pinochle**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922
- Vision Church food distribution**  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926
- Live Nativity scene**  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Bible Missionary Church, 501 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3873
- Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting**  
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at [www.sd365.us](http://www.sd365.us)). (208) 834-2260
- AA meetings**  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community

- Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464
- Friday**
  - Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
  - Teens and Tweens program**  
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

### Saturday

- Homedale Farmers Market**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School old gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. [www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com](http://www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com)

### Monday

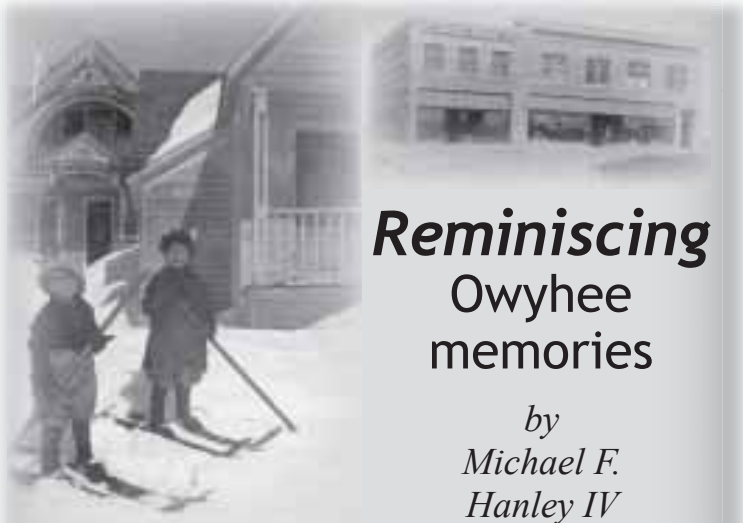
- Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Marsing schools Christmas concert**  
7 p.m., Marsing school cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

### Tuesday

- Foot clinic**  
9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922
- Blood pressure clinic**  
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Blood pressure clinic**  
10:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922
- El-Ada commodity distribution**  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee County Office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812
- After-school program**  
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- HHS band and choir dinner concert**  
6 p.m., dinner and carols, 6:30 p.m., concert; dinner, \$10, general admission, free, Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613
- Friends of the E. Owyhee Library meeting**  
7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2324, (208) 832-1949 or (208) 834-2785
- AA meetings**  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

### Wednesday

- Coffee club**  
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschooler story time**  
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- El-Ada commodity distribution**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., corner of Main and 3rd streets, Marsing. (208) 337-4812
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.



## Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by  
Michael F.  
Hanley IV

## Lyle Brace on early Juniper Mountain days

The Braces came to the Jordan Valley country in 1911. They bought out Lamberts and ranched on Juniper Mountain until 1940s when they sold out to Henry Reubelt. The ranch is know as the Brace Place, and I suppose always will be. The Juniper was an exciting place in those days, being widely known as a hangout for desperadoes of various kinds.

In fact, it wasn't until 1910 that a sheriff was successful in bringing in a fugitive from that remote corner of Owyhee County. Sheriff Mike Rock caught his horse thief there, but almost lost him when the man managed to pull a hidden gun.

Lyle and his brother, Neil, were raised among the many characters that were around their ranch and remembered many incidents and stories about goings-on there. I was visiting with Lyle, at Mindy and Jim Kershner's wedding reception in Jordan Valley on 23 April 1988, about his childhood in the junipers. I asked him if he knew Jim Rickard, after whom Rickard Crossing was named and who was a participant in the Johnson County, Wyo., range war. Lyle said, "Oh yes, very well." Then he told me the following story:

"Jim Curtis owned the C Ranch, Circle Bar, Dutcher Meadows, Bull Basin and had a horse camp at Pleasant Valley and one of the ranch we bought from the Lamberts. He was a good operator and didn't want anybody abusing his horse.

"One time Curtis and his outfit were camped at Pleasant Valley. They had just come to camp and were fixing to eat. They hobbled their horses under the rim. Jim Rickard decided he'd job John Dikeman. They were always jobbing each other.

Rickard got some choke cherries and crushed them and rubbed the juice on Dikeman's horses' side. It looked like blood from hard spurring. Rickard then went into camp and waited to see what would happen and watch the fun.

Another buckaroo came in and asked whose horse is that with the blood all over its side. Curtis and the others went out to look and Curtis was mad when he saw what Dikeman had supposedly done to the horse. Dikeman said, "You know I wouldn't hurt a horse." So they went over and looked and saw it was choke cherry juice. Dikeman, you know ... was tough. He knew Rickard did it and followed him around the rest of the day wanting to provoke him into a fight. They patched it up though."

— This recollection was excerpted from Jordan Valley resident Michael F. Hanley IV's book *Owyhee Graffiti Vol. II*, which is available for purchase at *The Owyhee Avalanche* office in Homedale. Anyone interested in sharing their memories of Owyhee country life can contact *Avalanche* managing editor Jon P. Brown at (208) 337-4681 or [jon@owyheeaavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeaavalanche.com) for submission details.

## How to submit events for community calendar

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at [www.theowyheeaavalanche.com](http://www.theowyheeaavalanche.com). Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page. Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the *Avalanche* office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to [jon@owyheeaavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeaavalanche.com) (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.



# El-Ada official: More need this Christmas

### Local food pantries struggle to meet demand

Keeping food on the shelves is a challenging task for the county's three food pantries.

Owyhee County El-Ada Community Action Partnership coordinator Olga Valero said the volume of requests for help this holiday season has increased substantially compared to last Christmas.

And, she said, the doors to her office in Homedale might be closed if not for one business in town.

"The only reason we're surviving is because of Albertsons," Valero said. "I'm so thankful, and we are so blessed to have Albertsons help us out like that, because they have been supplying most of the donations that we have."

El-Ada volunteers fill a van with groceries from Albertsons three times a week. During its extensive remodel, Albertsons sent old shelving to regional food pantries, including El-Ada.

The Homedale pantry also receives supplies from the Idaho Foodbank once a month.

Valero estimates that her office helped about 150 households last month.

Benji Graves, pastor of Vision Community Church in Marsing, said that supplies on his shelves are a little low going into the Christmas season.

"The food bank in Boise hasn't had quite as much supply, but for a while it was real bad," he said. "We're actually coming back a little now."

Graves further explained that donations to the Idaho Foodbank were down severely at the end of last winter and for several months thereafter.

Vision Community Church usually gets about 5,000 pounds of food a week from the foodbank, and the church pantry helps roughly 80 households each month.

However, the Idaho Foodbank isn't the only source of supplies for Marsing residents in need.

"(There are) private donations. People bring stuff in, and the post office also does their canned food drive every now and then," Graves said. "Also, when the Hope House has a surplus, they share with us."

He recently received 2,800 pounds of food from the Hope House, but Graves said no

### County's pantries

**El-Ada Community Action Partnership** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

**Vision Community Church** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

**Knight Community Church** — 9 a.m., the Saturday after the second Thursday of each month, 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

donation is ever enough.

"We always have more demand than we have supplies," he said. "We just ration it out."

The situation for families in the eastern end of the county facing food insecurity is even more dire.

Ivan Shetler, pastor of Grand View's Knight Community Church, said he usually doesn't have any food on his pantry's shelves. He typically hands over commodities to families just days after he receives supplies from the Idaho Foodbank.

The church's food distribution normally happens at 9 a.m., on the Saturday after the second Thursday of the month.

"If the 1<sup>st</sup> is on a Friday, it's actually the third Saturday," Shetler said. "It makes it a little confusing for people. When it's odd, we try to put out the word a little bit. There's no pretty way to say that."

Shetler added that he's always looking for volunteers to help unload the truck from the food bank around 3:30 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month.

Knight Community Church also receives some private donations and helped about 75 households last month.

Food isn't the only thing that the pantries try to keep in stock. Valero said she is always accepting warm clothing for young children and senior citizens.

"It's been really slow with those donations," she said. "Right now, we are in such great need of the coats, hats, and mittens."

The county's three food pantries also welcome donations of cash and pre-paid grocery cards, in addition to non-perishable food and winter clothing.

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STEMbusUSA.org Mobile STEM Discovery Lab spray students with steam during the assembly that was part of the mobile lab's visit to Grand View Elementary School. Submitted photo

# Elementary schoolchildren get on the STEM lab bus

Bruneau and Grand View Elementary students got up-close with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) earlier this month.

The STEMbusUSA.org Mobile STEM Discovery Lab visited the school on Dec. 2 for an assembly.

"(The assembly) provided our students with a truly unique, amazing and hands-on experience, which allowed our Bruneau-Grand View students

to dive into science, technology, engineering and math-related activities," Bruneau-Grand View School District elementary principal Ryan Cantrell wrote in an email.

The mobile lab is equipped with the latest technologies, enabling students to see drones, robots, smoke

and explosions all related to the STEM-related fields.

Students also got to experience high-end, hands-on

tools like virtual reality and circuitry, and they were able to build STEM-related projects and use their hands and minds to explore the STEM fields.

"Bruneau-Grand View is grateful to Micron and the many other STEM Bus supporters for providing our students with this unique and memorable opportunity to remind our students, staff and parents of the importance of STEM education," Cantrell said.

### Seeing clear to help the community's children see better

Steve Sloyer, Marsing Lions Club vice-president conducts a vision screening for a Marsing Elementary School student last Wednesday. The equipment used for the screenings was on loan from the Idaho Lions Eye Bank in Boise, and first-, third- and fifth-graders were tested last week. If vision problems are detected, the Marsing Lions Club helps to cover the costs of any corrective measures necessary.



### 25 vendors show up for Friends bazaar

Homedale resident Ramona Stockdale, left, talks about Grandkits and other wood-carvings at Greenleaf resident Wes Whitley's table at Saturday's bazaar at the Homedale Friends Community Church. Whitley said Grandkits are project-ready storage chests that grandparents can build with their grandchildren as a way to enjoy woodworking.

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# SMILES ALL AROUND FOR SHOP WITH A COP

Law enforcement personnel from throughout Owyhee County again was part of the Shop with a Cop event Saturday in Nampa.

Homedale Police officers, county sheriff's deputies and county Posse members all braved frigid temperatures to take at-risk children on a shopping spree at Kmart.

The sheriff's office and Posse sponsored six children — three ranging in age from 7-10 from the Grand View/Bruneau area and three 10-year-olds from Marsing.

Homedale Police officers brought four children.

A total of 113 children ate breakfast at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center-Nampa before climbing into more than 100 patrol cars for a noisy, flashy, pre-dawn lights-and-siren ride to the department store.

"All of our kids had a great time shopping for their families. Santa had a gift for each child as well as a stocking and a stuffed animal," Ferdinand said.

"It is always a very rewarding time to give back to our communities and see these kids get to give their own families Christmas gifts with not much regard for themselves. This a great community outreach, and it grows every year."



Officers like Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge (left) and their buddies took advantage of face-painting. Submitted photos



Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy James Doucet helped children wrap presents for their families.



Above: Posse member James Ferdinand (left) and reserve deputy Steve Carlin stand with their buddies as the sun rises at the end of the spree.  
Right: Homedale Police School Resource Officer Karl Kingston (left) and his wife, Jayne, snapped a shot with their buddy and Santa Claus.



# Sources of Strength mentors help elementary students

## HMS group gets off the ground after grant

Students in the Homedale Middle School's Sources of Strength program helped elementary schoolchildren get ready for Christmas last Wednesday.

Before the middle-schoolers helped the younger children make decorations, HMS counselor Brooke Winston introduced the elementary-aged boys and girls to the eight Sources of Strength:

- Generosity
- Mentors
- Positive friends
- Family
- Medical access
- Mental health
- Healthy activities
- Spirituality

After partnering with a younger student, the HMS mentors posed for the Mannequin Challenge then split up into groups.

At three stations inside the HES cafeteria, the children made a

Christmas chain, colored Christmas pictures and read stories. They also enjoyed cookies, candy canes and punch.

"The younger students were ecstatic, and our HMS SOS members were wonderful mentors for them," Winston said. "Our students came back with lifted spirits and happy feelings. It was truly a wonderful experience."

HMS was the only school in Treasure Valley to receive a Sources of Strength grant from Idaho Leads last year, Winston said.

The middle school staff chose sixth- through eighth-graders for the program. Candidates from all social groups are selected based on their leadership abilities.

Key objectives for the SOS students are to help and strengthen their peers, Winston said.

There are 36 members and five staff leaders in the HMS program. Winston said the middle school participants automatically become members of the high school SOS program after their eighth-grade year.

The SOS students will participate in campaigns to inspire hope, health and strength throughout the school. The middle school chapter teamed with their high school compatriots to hand out messages with those themes during the Homecoming parade in September.

The middle school group also inspired a schoolwide "Thankfulness Challenge," during which each student in the school wrote down three things for which they are grateful. Winston posted the lists in the school's foyer.

"Many parents, visitors, custodians and even maintenance workers have stopped to read what our students are grateful for," Winston said.

The SOS group is creating a Facebook page to showcase how the eight Sources of Strength impact middle-schoolers' lives. Another project involves producing a video focusing on the HMS PRIDE motto (Patience, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Excellence). Winston said the video will be shown throughout the school.



Homedale second-grader Anthony Rodriguez, the 7-year-old son of Stephanie Calderon, has some fun with a candy cane hanging from his eyeglasses as he and middle school Sources of Strength member Kaydince Turner read.



## Commissioners to act at BLM comment deadline

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in a special session Thursday to wrap up comment on Bureau of Land Management motorized route proposals. Commissioners are expected to sign off on a letter to be sent to address the recently released draft environmental assessments for the Canyonlands East and Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Travel Management Plans (TMPs). Alternatives in each plan could significantly curtail the total miles of trails in each travel area. Thursday is the deadline for submitting comment.

Final decisions on both plans will be made after local BLM managers have time to consider additional input received during the draft EA comment period. Copies of the EAs can be viewed at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View, and at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise.

The documents are online:

- Canyonlands East TMP – <http://bit.ly/2gdU8Ug>
- Birds of Prey NCA South TMP – <http://bit.ly/2eX3nmS>

Comments can be emailed to [oma\\_trans\\_wild@blm.gov](mailto:oma_trans_wild@blm.gov).

## Juniper removal meeting moved

### BLM proposes long-term habitat improvement project

Facing inclement weather conditions, the Bureau of Land Management postponed a public meeting scheduled last week in Murphy. The open house on the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat (BOSH) Project will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. The public will have a chance to get more information on the plan to remove western juniper from about 600,000 acres in an effort to improve sage-grouse habitat. A draft environmental impact statement has been released on

the project, which is planned for a 1.5-million-acre project area in Owyhee County. The plan is a collaboration of several federal and state agencies as well as environmental organizations and the Board of County Commissioners and Owyhee County Sage-grouse Local Working Group. Monday’s meeting is part of the public review process for the draft EIS. Comments will be taken until Jan. 3. According to the EIS, the plan’s primary target would be early-stage juniper, but old-growth trees won’t be part of the project. The idea is to remove trees at a faster rate than the juniper’s current spread. The agency began work on the plan in 2013. Mastication would be used to remove trees from the areas near designated roads to reduce fuel loads. The majority of the acreage in the project area — more than 1 million acres — is in the Owyhee Field Office, and about 47,000 acres is in wilderness. The project area is a region south of the Idaho highway 78, east of U.S. Highway 95 and the Oregon border, west of Idaho 51 and north of the Nevada state line. If implemented, the project is expected to take 10 to 15 years to complete. BLM would monitor

treated areas to see how removal impacts sage-grouse activity. Electronic copies of the draft EIS are available via the BLM website at <http://bit.ly/2g0ncdU> and at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705. Public comment will be used to prepare a final EIS and Record of Decision for the project. Send comments to one of the following addresses:

- Email: [blm\\_id\\_bruneauowyheesagegrouse@blm.gov](mailto:blm_id_bruneauowyheesagegrouse@blm.gov)
- Fax: 208-384-3205
- Mail: BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705-5339; Attention: Mike McGee.

All correspondence should reference “BOSH Project Draft EIS” and include “Attn: Mike McGee.” For more information, contact Mike McGee at (208) 384-3300 or by email at [blm\\_id\\_bruneauowyheesagegrouse@blm.gov](mailto:blm_id_bruneauowyheesagegrouse@blm.gov). The Murphy meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, but was moved back because of the threat of inclement weather. The project is part of an effort across the West to use collaborative, landscape-scale techniques to conserve sage-grouse habitat on public lands.

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# Homedale, Marsing teens take top VFW essay honors



**Longtime VFW member honored**  
*Dick Burman received a plaque Saturday night recognizing his 22 years of service as quartermaster of Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065. Burman resided a 1955 GMC pickup truck used by the Post in parades and other events.*

On Saturday the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter recognized Homedale and Marsing schoolchildren who participated in annual essay contests.

Winners in the Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065 Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests were honored at a banquet at The Sandbar restaurant in Marsing.

Marsing eighth-grader Hannah Sevy, a student in Juanita DeLeon's class, is Post 11065's Patriot's Pen champion.

Angel Chavez, a senior in Ed Lee's English class at Homedale High School, won the Post 11065 Voice of Democracy championship.

Both students won \$100.

Other contest entrants who were recognized Saturday included Hannah's classmates Gabriela Cuevas and Chance Carbonaro.

Nikolai Ziemke and Genet Zimmerman in Sandy Dario's



Angel Chavez



Hannah Sevy

11<sup>th</sup>-grade class at the Marsing-based Hope House school also received awards from Post 11065.

The Patriot's Pen is a nationwide competition sponsored by the VFW for sixth- through eighth-graders.

Hannah's essay expressed her views on the theme of "The America I Believe in."

The 13-year-old daughter of Kenny and Sarah Sevy said she approached the topic by thinking about military veterans who have served America.

"I wrote first about the opportunities our country offers, and then about the Pilgrims, and then about the nation's education system," Hannah said.

She sees people seemingly unable to trust each other as the biggest problem facing the country right now. Hannah thinks how the U.S. education system is being managed is the best example of something being done well across the country.

Hannah said it wasn't easy for her to put the essay together, because she had difficulty in figuring out what to write about.

Her parents were caught off-guard by Hannah's win.

"I guess my dad was surprised. My mom was surprised too, but not as much as my dad," Hannah said.

Angel entered the Voice of Democracy contest by creating an audio essay on the topic "My Responsibility to America."

The 17-year-old son of Emilio and Maria Chavez said his essay focused on World War I.

"It was basically about how soldiers fought in the war, and how they gave us the freedom and choices we have to make America better," Angel said.

He further explained that what a person's responsibility is to the nation depends on their strengths and what they are passionate about.

"My responsibility to America is to educate future children on right from wrong, and to show people and companies how to make America better," Angel said.

He didn't find it difficult to write the essay. Angel said he had already been thinking about the subject matter before Lee gave him the assignment.

It took him around a week to write the essay, which he then made into a recording with a five-minute reading.

His first-place finish impressed Angel's parents.

"They were very happy. They congratulated me a lot because all my hard work has actually paid off," Angel said. "They were very surprised."

Lee also told Angel that he was proud of his win, and that his writing has come a long way.

The Post champions advance to the next round of the competition. The Voice of Democracy national champion earns a \$30,000 college scholarship, while the Patriot's Pen national winner receives \$5,000.

Despite the potential for bigger winnings, Angel said monetary awards were never a motivating factor in submitting his essay.

"Winning or losing isn't the point," Angel said. "What's important is to get the education you need to progress and continue learning everyday."

— SC

## Last Homedale Chamber meeting of 2016 cancelled

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

The Chamber usually meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., with Gavin Parker

presiding.

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

The next gathering of Chamber members will be at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

## 30 beer cans net felony charge

A 24-year-old Boise man faces a felony after allegedly walking out of a Homedale store with beer.

Brent A. Maggied was to appear Monday before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober for a preliminary hearing on counts of burglary and misdemeanor petty theft.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Maggied was arrested after 3 a.m. on Dec. 1 when he allegedly stole a 30-pack of beer from the Jacksons at East Idaho and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street East.

Eidemiller said Maggied walked into the store after alcohol

sales had ended for the night and entered the restroom. When he emerged from the restroom, Eidemiller said, Maggied grabbed the beer and left.

"He went in, we believe, with the intention of stealing beer," the chief said.

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# Marsing to receive Walking Challenge check

## Public hearing on lot size variance slated tonight

MarsingCityCouncil members will start their last gathering of the year by accepting a check from Blue Cross of Idaho.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. today inside City Hall, 425 Main St.

Mayor James Ferdinand said the confab will begin with the presentation of a \$2,000 check that he won in the 2016 Mayor’s Walking Challenge.

Ferdinand previously said he would like to use the money to start work on some sort of

greenbelt for the city.

A public hearing on a variance to the lot size and setback requirements for a property in town is also on the agenda for tonight’s meeting. Anel Barajas is requesting the variance for the parcel at 212 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W.

In the mayor’s report section of the agenda, Ferdinand will ask the council to approve a survey to be conducted on Reich Street. A resurfacing project on the roadway is scheduled for next summer.

A report by maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson is one of the few other items on the agenda. Gibson typically informs Ferdinand and the council about projects he has been tackling, such as trimming trees and filling potholes.



Quiltmaker and Homedale Senior Center staffer Romona Andrus, left, presents Don and Wanda Burdine with the quilt the Homedale residents won in the center’s Christmas bazaar raffle.

# Seniors tout successful bazaar

## Christmas meal served Thursday

Thanks to a new feature and more interest, the Homedale Senior Center Christmas Bazaar raised nearly \$1,600.

On Dec. 6, Homedale residents Don and Wanda Burdine picked up the quilt they won in a raffle.

Romona Andrus, who has made about 20 quilts for various senior center fundraisers, presented the

Burdines with their quilt prior to the lunch hour at the center. The winning ticket was drawn during the Dec. 3 bazaar.

Senior center board member Sandra Ledford said there were more vendors at this year’s bazaar than in 2015.

Eleven vendors set up tables. The quilt raffle earned more than \$1,000, and the first-year silent auction brought in more than \$100.

“The turnout was much better

this year,” Ledford said, adding that the senior center did a better job of promoting the event beforehand, including posts on social media.

The senior center will hold its annual Christmas dinner beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.

The senior center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave. Call (208) 337-3020 for more information.

The center will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21-22, for the Christmas holiday.

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# Church takes Christmas event outside

An outdoor event Thursday will begin the Christmas season at Homedale Missionary Church.

Grace Miller, the church’s Sunday school superintendent, is inviting people to drive by a live Nativity scene from 6 p.m. to 8

p.m. on Thursday.

The Nativity scene will be located on the grounds of the church at 501 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

About a dozen congregation members will participate in the event, filling various aspects of the Nativity scene. Because of expected cold temperatures, organizers have decided to use a doll to represent the baby Jesus, but church members will fill all other human roles.

There will be a limited number of live animals in the display.

“We’re thinking of using two small goats,” Miller said. “That’s the only thing that’s been promised at this point. We can’t find a donkey, and we decided a horse and a cow are too big to try to

control.”

A member of the church congregation is loaning Miller the goats to populate the Nativity scene. Another church member offered a couple of chickens, but Miller decided they wouldn’t be authentic for the theme.

This is the first time the church has ever hosted a live Nativity scene.

“We’re kind of home-spun, and it’s just going to be simple,” Miller said. “Something you would see Sunday morning inside the church, but it will be outside the church, plus two goats. I don’t even know how it’s going to turn out. We’re just going to try to have a good time.”

For more information, call Miller at (208) 216-9636.

# Pesticide license renewal set

The Owyhee Conservation District’s annual pesticide license renewal class and farmers appreciation luncheon takes place Thursday.

Producers can earn three credits during the free three-hour pesticide class. The class will run

from 9 a.m. to noon.

The free lunch begins at 1 p.m.

The class and lunch will be held at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing.

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# Pursuit ends with DUI arrest

What was reported as a pursuit turned into an arrest on suspicion of driving drunk.

Owyhee County emergency dispatch received a report of a suspect fleeing a Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement office and heading north of Idaho highway 51.

Sometime after the call came in around 3 p.m. on Dec. 5, sheriff's Deputy Larry Kendrick set up near the Idaho 51-Idaho 78 interchange and waited.

James Thomas, 34, of Boise drove a white 2001 GMC pickup by Kendrick's position and pulled over when the deputy turned

on his emergency lights, OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Thomas, who apparently led BIA officers on a 59-mile pursuit, was arrested on misdemeanor counts of excessive driving under the influence and driving on a suspended license.

Bowman said the man blood-alcohol concentration measured more than three times the legal limit at .248.

Elmore County Sheriff's deputies also drove across the Snake River to provide assistance as the situation was developing.

— JPB

# Residents warned about freezing pipes

## Homedale crews battle slick roads with treatments

Below freezing temperatures could be here for a while, so folks should take precautions against water pipe damage in their homes.

Homedale city public works supervisor Bret Smith offered some advice to help keep pipes from freezing, even for residents who may be planning trips out of town for Christmas.

"With the cold weather coming, we want people to be aware that if there is inactivity in a house, it's a prime time for frozen pipes," Smith said.

Smith said that residents should keep their thermostat set at between 50 and 55 degrees if they are leaving on vacation to ensure that there is enough warmth in the house to ensure pipes don't freeze.

He said that there have been

no reports of frozen pipes yet this year.

Another way to combat frozen pipes is opening under-sink cabinets and letting a faucet drip, but Smith reminds folks that their water bills will reflect a higher usage (and higher cost) with a dripping faucet.

Smith said people should also try to protect their outside fixtures with heat tape or other forms of insulation. Residents are responsible for the pipes behind the water meter.

He said if there is a service interruption, residents can call City Hall at (208) 337-4641, and a city maintenance worker could be dispatched to help diagnose the cause.

He also suggested folks be vigilant about water meters.

"Any time you see a meter lid ajar or askew, let the city know," he said, adding that an open lid could expose the meter and pipes to damage from freezing temperatures.

Smith said it's not recommend-

ed that folks use heat sources to try to keep their pipes from freezing. That could create fire hazards.

Making sure pipes don't freeze is just part of the cold-weather focus for Smith's department.

During last week's snowstorms, city crews were out clearing streets. A sanding operation was carried out Friday morning to combat the slick effects of freezing rain.

Smith said the city spends about \$1,000 on snow removal and street sanding during a typical year.

He said motorists should still be careful even after roadways are treated.

"Intersections and difficult areas like hills and school bus routes are where we sand," Smith said. "In the middle of the block, there will still be ice (because the city doesn't have the resources to treat every portion of a street)."

Homedale Police officers on patrol often give Smith the first heads-up that roads are becoming treacherous, he said.

— JPB

# Idaho Public TV brings Curious George to Homedale

Idaho Public Television will host Story Time at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, and bring Curious George to the Homedale Public Library.

Boys and girls will hear stories about animals, explore animal tracks and bugs and have the opportunity to hug a plush Curious George. An IPTV education specialist will lead the event, library youth services coordinator Carol

McMichael said.

McMichael said the children will make animal tracks and also take home the magnifying glass they use to examine bugs and leaves.

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## SCHOOLS PREPARED TO PERFORM HOLIDAY CONCERTS

### Marsing students tuning up for Monday

Musicians in Marsing’s school bands will gather for a holiday concert on Monday.

The performance will start at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, and admission is free. The cafeteria is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., between the high school and elementary school.

Various groups in Marsing’s school music program will participate in the concert, including:

**Middle school choir** — “Little Drummer Boy” and “You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch”

**Middle school beginning band** — “Jingle Bells” and music from “The Nutcracker”

**Middle school advanced band** — “Believe” from The Polar Express and “Bell Carol Rock”

**High school choir** — “The Bells” based on a poem by Edgar Allan Poe and “Hot Chocolate” from The Polar Express

**High school band** — “Parade of the Tin Soldiers” and “Yuletide Cheer”

MHS music teacher Dawn Sandmeyer said all of the school choirs and bands will come together for the conclusion of the performance.

“Everyone is going to do a combined piece at the end,” Sandmeyer said. “We’re going to do “Ode to Joy” with all five groups.”

### Homedale musicians play for Christmas dinner Thursday

**School concert is fundraiser for Seattle trip**

Homedale’s school bands and choirs will entertain during a holiday dinner concert Tuesday.

The concert is free, and seating will be available in the high school gymnasium bleachers.

Dinner costs \$10, and people will be seated at tables on the gym floor. The menu is soup, salad and rolls.

Dinners and carols begin at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30.

Proceeds from the night will help send the concert band and choir to Seattle in April for the Heritage Festival.

Various students in solos, duets and trios will sing carols before the concert begins, and folks will be able to browse silent auction baskets chock full of items provided by students, music boosters and local businesses.

Several different bands in the Homedale program will perform, including:

**Jazz band** — “A Jazzy Merry Christmas” and “Christmas Time is Here”

**Fifth-grade band** — “Jingle Bells” and “Holiday Sampler,” which features solo water glasses and solo pots and pans

**Sixth-grade band** — “Silent Night” and “Christmas in the Kitchen”

**High school choir** — “Grinch!: A Christmas Choral Medley,” “O Christmas Tree,” and “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy”

**Seventh- to 12<sup>th</sup>-grade band** — “Celtic Carol” and “Carol of the Drum”

**All bands and choir** — “Sleigh Ride”

### HES students present concerts

Homedale Elementary students will hold their Christmas concert Thursday.

The school’s Pre-first-graders, first-graders and second-graders have been studying different traditions for their “Around the World at Christmas Time” program, music teacher Eileen Walker said.

Each class from each grade level will sing two songs then the entire grade level will sing together.

The second-graders will perform at 10:30 a.m., and the pre-first and first-grade classes will sing at 12:30 p.m. Both concerts take place inside the school’s gymnasium.

Students in both concerts will sing “Snow is Falling Today,” and “A Christmas Greeting.”

Songs for the second-grade concert are drawn from several different cultures:

**Germany** — “O Christmas Tree”

**Scandinavia** — “O Come, Little Children”

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#### Food drive closing at Marsing schools

Marsing Elementary second-grade teacher Wendy Stansell sorts through a food donation container in her classroom Monday afternoon. The food drive started last Wednesday and continues through Thursday. Students can bring donations of non-perishable food to their classrooms in all three schools.



### Christmas bazaar helps county museum expansion project

The holiday season is helping to pay for the Owyhee County Historical Museum expansion effort.

Director Amy Johnson said a silent auction at this year’s Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 3 in Murphy brought in \$450.

The money will be used to help fund the installation of electrical wiring inside the new 6,000-square-foot building next to the existing museum.

“We had a great turnout for the bazaar,” Johnson said. “We had more vendors than we have had in the past few years. We also had wonderful volunteers to help sell Christmas trees, work the pie shop, and sell raffle tickets.”

She estimates that the bazaar generated about \$4,000 for the historical society.

Johnson said the first portion of the electrical work is expected to cost \$8,000 to \$9,000.

“I have submitted a grant in hopes of raising some funds for this, and I am in the process of submitting a second grant for the same project,” Johnson said. We hope that the electrical will be completed in the summer of 2017, but that all depends on the funds we are able to raise.”

The total cost of the wiring for the expansion is estimated at \$13,000. Once the electrical work is complete, fundraising will begin to put plumbing in the building, Johnson said.

Commemorative tiles of various sizes are still on sale to help generate a total of \$85,000 in construction capital.

“So far we have had 31 tiles ordered, and raised \$7,700,” Johnson said.

Prices are \$100 for a 6-by-6-inch tile, \$500 for a 12-by-12-inch tile and \$1,000 for an 18-by-18-inch tile. The tiles can be personalized with a name, brand, or logo. They will be hung on a wall inside the new building once it is completed.

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## Huskies challenge Parma again

Boys ready for 3A champs after routing Richfield

Marsing High School rolled into the biggest week of its non-conference boys' basketball schedule with a blowout victory Saturday.

Four players scored in double figures as the Huskies battered Richfield, 62-30, in the Small School Kickoff showcase at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

With well-balanced scoring against the Class 1A, Div. 2 Tigers, coach Tim Little said the game featured a season-high 17 assists.

"We played well together and continued to control our turnovers staying at our season average of about 10 a game," the coach said.

Marsing (3-2 overall at week's end) used the Richfield victory to get ready for showdowns against some of the state's toughest teams. The Huskies played 1A, Div. I Liberty Charter after deadline on Tuesday and will have a rematch against reigning 3A state champion Parma at home on Thursday.

The Panthers (3-2 overall with

— See *Huskies*, page 7B



Marsing freshman Emily Loucks concentrates on a layup during the Huskies' blowout victory against Wilder. Photo by Dan Pease

## Marsing girls cruise in 2A WIC opener

A big quarter and its big two lifted the Marsing High School girls' basketball team to victory in its conference opener.

The host Huskies lit off on a 25-5 run through the second quarter to establish their largest lead in a 50-30 rout of Nampa Christian in the 2A Western Idaho Conference season opener for both teams Friday.

Sheyanne Glorfield accounted for all but one of Marsing's successful free throws and kept the Trojans' chances at a minimum.

The senior knocked down 11 of 15 foul shots and fired in three three-point goals for the bulk of her game-high 26 points. She also had all seven of her rebounds on the defensive end of the floor.

Nampa Christian struggled to find the bottom of the net, connecting on just 13 of 55 field goal attempts (23.6 percent). The Huskies were successful of 21 of their 58 shots (26.2 percent).

Marsing (6-2 overall, 1-0 in conference at week's end) held a 20-4 rebounding edge on the Trojans' glass.

Junior Mackenzie Farrens led Marsing with 13 rebounds as the Huskies collected 69 percent of the available rebounds in the contest. Farrens added 11 points for another double-double.

She also had four of her team's 13 steals as the Marsing forced Nampa Christian into 27 turnovers.

— See *Girls*, page 6B

## Adrian girls roll to title in own tourney

The Adrian High School girls' basketball team used a couple of blowouts to extend its perfect start and win its own tournament.

The Antelopes blasted Cove, 53-28, on Saturday in the Adrian Tipoff Tournament championship game. No statistics were provided.

Adrian (4-0 overall) is tied for fourth with Powder Valley of North Powder in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll, which was released Monday afternoon.

**Friday: Adrian 50, Nyssa, Ore., JV 17** — The Antelopes opened both halves in dominating fashion to rout the Bulldogs in an opening-round tournament game.

Carlee Morton and Mariah McLay canned two three-point goals apiece, and Gracie Morton and Sadie Speelmon also added

long-range baskets for the Antelopes.

Shyanne Allaire scored 11 points and grabbed five rebounds and four steals to lead Adrian. Morton scored 10 points, and all of McLay's points were scored from behind the three-point line.

Hailey Long scored nine points to lead Nyssa, while teammate Alexis Hernandez had a team-high eight rebounds.

**Dec. 6: Adrian 64, Notus 51** — The host Antelopes withstood the Pirates' 23-point fourth-quarter barrage to grab another non-league victory.

Adrian built a 52-38 lead after three quarters against their 1A Western Idaho Conference visitors.

— See *Adrian*, page 7B



Shyanne Allaire drives into the key Friday against the Nyssa, Ore., junior varsity during Adrian's Tip-Off Tournament. Photo by Bob Radford

## MHS' Hall, Gonzalez fourth at Calhoun

Two Marsing High School wrestlers reached the Calhoun Classic semifinals but had to settle for fourth place Saturday.

Both Huskies lost to wrestlers from larger schools in their respective third-place matches.

Junior Mason Hall, a 220-pounder, lost the third-place match in Nyssa, Ore., to Caldwell's Travis Mitchell, who pulled off a pin.

Senior Oscar Gonzalez, wrestling at 160, was pinned by Bishop Kelly's Chris Doiron in the third-place match.

Hall pinned Kuna's Tucker

— See *Calhoun*, page 6B



Sports

Keller piles up victories in Trojans' mat opener

JV'er Babcock  
third in weight  
class at Calhoun

Shane Keller's hard-fought second-round victory highlighted a handful of Calhoun Classic wins for the Homedale High School wrestling team.

Keller won three matches overall at 160 pounds during the Trojans' season-opening action, which took place Friday and Saturday in Nyssa, Ore.

It marked the debut for head coach Jake Levinski and assistant Alex Willson, both of whom coached middle school wrestlers last season.

"I'm ecstatic to have him as my assistant coach," Levinski said. "His strengths counterbalance my weaknesses. Together, we blaze a wider path as a coaching staff."

Keller is one of a handful of seasoned wrestlers on the Trojans' roster this year.

"All returners are key," Levinski said. "They have the experience, at any level of competition."

Keller's experience paid off early when he edged hometown wrestler Adam Vanmeter, 4-2, to set up a quarterfinal match against eventual bronze medalist Chris Doiron of Bishop Kelly. Doiron pulled off a 6-2 victory to send Keller into the consolation bracket.

Keller then pinned Parma's Joey Renfro and Borah's Ian McCandless before seeing his tournament end with a 14-4 major



Homedale senior Brodee Walker gets the upper hand during a quick pin of New Plymouth's Jake Watson in a 182-pound consolation bracket match. Walker beat Cole Gooch of Fruitland, 6-5, before losing in the consolation semifinals to Kuna's Joel Kellogg, who went on to finish third. Photo by John Braese / Malheur Enterprise

decision loss to Marsing senior Oscar Gonzalez in the consolation semifinals.

Another returning wrestler, Tanner Miller, rallied from an opening-round loss to post an 11-3 major decision over Grant Union (Ore.) 145-pounder Jay Goldblatt in the consolation bracket.

Joel Padilla, a transfer from Middleton, was 2-2 in the tournament. He nipped Kuna's Cedar Miller in the second round of the 170-pound consolation

bracket for his first Homedale victory.

No other Homedale varsity wrestlers managed victories, but Levinski understands that the early-season battles are part of the conditioning for bigger events such as 3A Snake River Valley conference duals, the 3A District III Tournament and the state tournament.

"The highlight of the tournament season is watching the hard work pay off for our wrestlers," the

coach said. "There is nothing like watching someone pour dedication into a goal and watch it pay off."

Michael Babcock had Homedale's highlight in the junior varsity tournament when he won five of six matches and finished third at 126 pounds.

Brodee Walker (senior, 182) and Brady Trout (freshman, 170) each had two wins in the JV tournament. Freshman Wyatt James (106) and junior Brayden Miller (160) each

won JV matches.

Babcock is among a slew of newcomers for the Trojans this year, including exchange students Christain Bauer from Germany (160) and Gabriel Martin from Switzerland (170). Bauer is a junior, and Martin is a senior.

"I believe all newcomers are important to have," Levinski said. "Without new blood in the room, the team will become stagnant and eventually dwindle to nothing."

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**Boys' basketball**  
**Mason Kincheloe, so.**  
Career-high 24 points in 58-45 win over Melba



**Girls' basketball**  
**Ashley Burks, jr.**  
Averaged 8.0 points and 4.5 rebounds for the week



**Wrestling**  
**Shane Keller, sr.**  
Reached Calhoun Classic quarterfinals as part of three-win weekend

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Saturday, Dec. 17, winners bracket games at Skyview H.S., or losers bracket games at Columbia H.S., 1:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
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If win: Friday, Dec. 16 vs. Columbia-Ontario, Ore., winner, Columbia H.S., 7:30 p.m.  
If lose: Friday, Dec. 16 vs. Columbia-Ontario, Ore., loser, Nampa H.S. auxiliary gym, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 17, winners bracket games at Nampa H.S., or losers bracket games at Nampa H.S. auxiliary gym, 1:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.

**Girls' basketball**  
Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Invitational In Nampa Varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 15 at Skyview, 6 p.m.  
If win: Friday, Dec. 16 vs. Columbia-Ontario, Ore., winner, Skyview H.S., 6 p.m.  
If lose: Friday, Dec. 16 vs. Columbia-Ontario, Ore., loser, Nampa H.S., 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 17, winners bracket games at Skyview H.S., or losers bracket games at Columbia H.S., noon or 3 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 15 at Skyview, 3 p.m.  
If win: Friday, Dec. 16 vs. Columbia-Ontario, Ore., winner, Columbia H.S., 6 p.m.  
If lose: Friday, Dec. 16 vs. Columbia-Ontario, Ore., loser, Nampa H.S. auxiliary gym, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 17, winners bracket games at Nampa H.S., or losers bracket games at Nampa H.S. auxiliary gym, noon or 3 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Marsing tri-meet with Adrian, 5:30 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17 at Wylee Dobbs Invitational, Twin Falls

Go Trojans!



Sports

Big second half lifts Trojans boys past Mustangs

Boys open Nampa tourney Thursday against Skyview

Homedale High School beat Melba and lost to Mother Nature in boys' basketball last week.

After a non-conference game at Cole

Valley Christian was postponed because of weather, the Trojans played two games in four days ahead of their appearance in the Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament.

The three-day tournament begins Thursday with Homedale taking on Skyview at 7:30 p.m. in the Hawks' gymnasium.

The Trojans (2-2 overall before Tuesday's non-conference game in Baker, Ore.) tuned up for Skyview (3-1 overall with a three-

game winning streak) by avenging one of their losses Saturday on the road.

Sophomore Mason Kincheloe's career-best 24 points powered Homedale to a 58-45 victory over Melba.

Kincheloe drilled three of his four three-point goals in the third quarter, scoring 11 of his team's 18 points as the Trojans claimed a 36-32 lead.

Kincheloe and Carson Brown led the

march at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter as Homedale kept Melba at bay by sinking 11 of 20 chances.

The Trojans scored 22 fourth-quarter points while holding the Mustangs (2-3 before Tuesday's non-conference game against Weiser) to 13 points.

Beau Bromgard scored 15 points, and Dillon Bodily chipped in 12 (including a pair of treys) for Melba.

Elite Eight gives HHS girls a feel for State

Scoring difficulties haunt Trojans in losses

Even though his team opened the conference season Saturday, Homedale High School girls' basketball coach Joe Betancourt has had his eye on this week's Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament.

"I think we have a shot at winning it this year," the fifth-year Trojans' coach said of the three-day competition that begins Thursday in Nampa.

"If we continue to improve like I know we can, I really do like our chances."

The Trojans (3-4 overall, 0-1 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference after Saturday's 53-34 loss to Weiser) have one of the tougher schedules around.

They've split with Cole Valley Christian, the second-ranked team in the statewide Class 2A coaches' poll, and lost to Melba, which some coaches see as a sneaky team to watch in the 2A Western Idaho Conference. On Thursday, the Trojans fell at home to the unbeaten No. 6 team in the 2A Oregon rankings, Vale (4-0).

The Vikings knocked off Melba, Weiser and Parma before taking down Homedale.

The Trojans' tough assignments continue at the Elite Eight, which is played at all three public high schools in Nampa.

Homedale opens against Skyview (2-6) on the Hawks' floor. The Class 4A Hawks ended a season-opening six-game losing streak with a narrow 45-44 victory over Emmett, which gave Homedale fits in its two seasons in the 3A SRV. Skyview beat Vallivue, 58-50, on Saturday. Despite the early losing streak, the Hawks still received consideration in the coaches' poll that was released last Wednesday.

Also in the Elite Eight field is fellow 3A SRV member and perennial state contender Fruitland, and 4A schools Spring Creek, Nev., Nampa, Ontario, Ore., and Wood River.

A victory Thursday puts Homedale in Friday's semifinal against either Oregon 4A Ontario

(1-4 or 5A Columbia of Nampa, which has has yet to win this season. The tournament concludes Saturday.

"I really like being in this tournament because it's the only thing we do all year that prepares us for the state tournament schedule," Betancourt said.

"We play three straight days, and you have to win three straight days. It's a physical and mental challenge. We can talk about what it's going to be like at State, but this gives us an actual look."

**Saturday: Weiser 53, Homedale 34** — Struggling to find offensive chances, the Trojans dropped their conference opener Saturday night on the road.

Weiser limited Homedale to just 42 shots in 32 minutes to take a 53-34 victory in the first conference game for both teams.

Both teams got off to a slow start with the Trojans holding on to a slim 5-4 lead after one quarter. The Wolverines (4-3, 1-0) took control with a 20-10 run through the remainder of the first half.

The game was a defensive struggle. Weiser managed just 45 shots, but hit two more field goals and outscored Homedale, 17-8, from the free-throw line.

CJ Davis scored five three-point goals, and Weiser dominated from long range. Homedale players missed on all four of their three-point shots, while the Wolverines were 6-for-11.

Davis led all scorers with 26 points.

Ashley Burks and Josey Hall each scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds for Homedale. Hall was 4-for-5 from the foul line, but the rest of her Trojans teammates managed to sink just four of 16 free throws.

Carlie Sawyer scored six points, but was in foul trouble and took only five shots. Faith Jacobson, Homedale's leading scorer, didn't play.

**Thursday: Vale, Ore., 39, Homedale 26** — What Betancourt has described as a "tough" non-conference schedule continued with the Trojans posting their lowest point total of the season at home.

The Vikings finally got its offense going in the fourth quarter, closing the game on a 16-8 run.



Homedale High School's Josey Hall puts up a first-quarter jump shot against Vale's Heather Dearing in Thursday's non-league home loss.

The two teams struggled with shooting woes in the first half with Vale controlling the glass but unable to capitalize because of a propensity for turnovers.

The Trojans had just as much frustration, though. Homedale missed its first three shots and managed just a 5-2 lead despite Vale's turnovers when junior Kendall Nash hit a jump shot with 4 minutes, 52 seconds left in the first quarter. Fifty-nine seconds earlier, Ashley Burks had banked in a three-point goal to give Homedale the lead.

But Vale used its half-court strategy to grind the game to a halt. The Vikings stymied Homedale with their half-court defense, and

was able to show patience in the offensive set.

Heather Dearing, a 5-foot, 9-inch junior guard, gave Vale the lead with an offensive putback with 2:26 left in the first quarter, but she missed the ensuing free throw after being fouled.

Vale shot 13.3 percent (4-for-30) in the first half, but maintained a lead despite Homedale shooting slightly better at 24 percent (6-for-25) in the game's first 16 minutes.

The Trojans' cold continued in the second half and the team shot just 18.5 percent (10-for-54) in the game.

Vale's shooting fortunes improved after halftime. Vikings

senior forward Abby Hamilton, who counted key defensive rebounds among her nine boards, led all scorers with 14 points. She converted all six of her free throws.

Josey Hall snagged 10 rebounds for Homedale, but was limited to four points on 1-for-7 shooting and two successful free throws. Homedale connected on just eight of 17 foul shots on the night.

Faith Jacobson emerged as the Trojans' leading scorer again, firing in a three-pointer as part of her eight points.

Burks scored six points, but made only one of her eight two-point field-goal attempts.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense A family affair

If you live in a rural community, you can probably name many examples of a multi-generational family that operates a ranch or farm. Their lives are built around the animals or crops they raise. Last August, I spent a couple days gathering and branding calves for a local rancher.

It was obvious that Dad was in charge and every member of this tight-knit family knew his job. You expected things would move smoothly along, in part because of the up-to-date facilities and reasonably calm livestock. He said a prayer for the gather, then sent us out to bring in the 100 or so cows.

When we got the pairs to the corral we sorted the 250-pound calves off into a separate pen. “We” is defined as the four hired help plus the Dad, the Son and the Daughter, all family members over 6 feet, 2 inches tall ... and tough! I was assigned to fill the holes, sort of a quality control position. Ropers rotated. We had at least three muggers on the crew that seemed to take pleasure doing the flanking. I got tired just watching them!

By noon, it was 96 degrees, and the dust was thick as diesel fumes. Dad had a Nord Fork calf holder he wanted to try. It reduces labor by holding the front quarters while the roper holds the hind legs. The muggers ignored him. Every time he attempted to hook up his Nord Fork, the muggers stepped in front and dove at the calf!

We were down to the bigger calves. Roper drug a big’un by the hind legs into the sweat-soaked, dirty crew. I reached down to hold the rope tight so Roper could take up slack.

The rest of the story is still blurry in my memory; visions of Gettysburg, Moby Dick, Star Trek, the Ziegfeld Follies and Jurassic Park clash, wherein Captain Ahab gets his harpoon line tangled around Dr. Spock’s ankle as he is fishing for Jaws. Shrek is water skiing, Cat Woman is juggling the vaccine gun, a branding iron, an ear tagger, open pocket knife and a can of fly spray. This whole extravaganza is accompanied by Beethoven playing “Ship My Body Back to Texas if I Die Out on the Trail!”

The calf got one hind foot loose. Daughter dived on top of the calf. From my view looking up, Dad’s silhouette is trying to get his Nord Fork on the front end but gets sucked into the vortex and crashes forward onto the growing pile. This is when Son jumps on top of Sister, alias Daughter. Mind you, Brother, alias Son, weighs as much as the calf, which makes Sister a 500-pound sandwich!

This is the moment when I stood up and took an imaginary photograph. I titled it “Killer Whales attacking a Writhing Porpoise.”

PAUSE.

The calf rose to his feet, castrated, vaccinated, tagged and branded. He stared at the creatures around him. Although he had never seen a coal miner he figured that’s what they would look like comin’ home from work. All they needed was a light helmet and lunch bucket.

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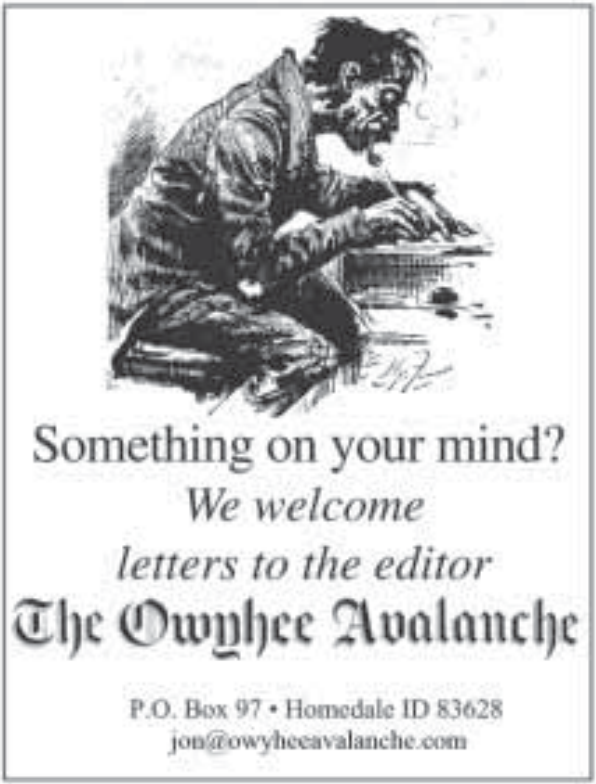
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I want to thank everyone involved in our hugely successful effort both in the primary and general election. Our campaign captured over 70 percent of the vote in each race through a lot of hard work and support throughout our communities. I am excited about the new opportunities this will bring for all of us in District 23.

All of the members of the Legislature were sworn in Dec. 1, and committees were also assigned at this time. I am proud to serve, in particular, on the House Local Government Committee. This will give me the opportunity to continue to advocate that the best government is that which is closest to its people. Know that, in me, you will always have a strong voice and commitment for the importance of local government on both the county and city level.

It’s an exciting time to be involved in our Idaho State Legislature. With huge changes to come on a federal level, this session should be one to remember. I look forward to a return in focus to the rights of the states rather than the demands of the federal government. Positive things should be on the way for all of us feeling the burden of unnecessary federal involvement in our lives.

I hope I can continue to count on you for support and advice as the session goes on and we try to tackle the tough issues facing Idaho. You can reach me by phone at (208) 580-4207, and my legislative email is [mblanksma@house.idaho.gov](mailto:mblanksma@house.idaho.gov). Please feel free to contact me, at any time, with any issues, ideas, or interests you may want to



share. Together, I believe we have great things to offer, and I am eager to get to work for you when the session starts this January.

Megan Blanksma  
District 23B Idaho State Representative  
Hammett

— See **Letters**, Page 5B

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington Tribes’ contributions vital to Idaho, national success



A Haskett point from the Snake River is one of the historical items from Idaho on display in the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The museum dates the point’s creation to a remarkable 10,000-6,000 BC. The Native American tribes of Idaho — the Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock and Shoshone-Paiute — are undoubtedly a deep and central part of Idaho’s history and development. Learning more about and celebrating this profound history can broaden our understanding of the role the tribes have in forming Idaho’s heritage.

There are many opportunities to learn more about the history of the Native American tribes of Idaho by visiting tribal museums and the tribes’ websites ([www.cdatribe-nsn.gov](http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov), [www.kootenai.org](http://www.kootenai.org), [www.nezperce.org](http://www.nezperce.org), [www.shoshonebannocktribes.com](http://www.shoshonebannocktribes.com), and <http://shopaitribes.org>) that include information about the history of the tribes. For example, historic photos and artifacts of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes can be viewed at the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Museum of Fort Hall. In addition to seeing historic objects, there are many places to visit in Idaho with significant cultural importance. The Nez Perce Tribal website contains information about historic locations in the Nez Perce National Historical Park. These are just a few examples of the many locations and events across Idaho honoring tribal heritage. Additionally, pictures of some of the artifacts from Idaho at the National Museum of the American Indian can be viewed through the museum’s website.

On Nov. 17, the Senate passed by unanimous consent S.Res.619 to celebrate the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. As a longtime supporter of this effort and member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, I again co-sponsored this bipartisan resolution also co-

sponsored by 31 fellow senators. The resolution includes the following recognitions:

- Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community;
- Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy, triumph and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations;
- Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art;
- Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders and scholars;
- Native Americans have served with honor and distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States, and continue to serve in the Armed Forces in greater numbers per capita than any other group in the United States.

In addition to honoring the remarkable achievements of Native Americans and their ancestors, the resolution emphasizes Congress’ reaffirmation of tribal self-governance and its commitment to “strengthening the government-to-government relationship that the United States has maintained with the various Indian tribes.”

The Native American tribes of Idaho have helped shape our state and national history, and their perspective helps guide advancements. Joining in celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States is an honor as we look to the future of our great state and nation.

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



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Yes, there are ways to get a home loan without a credit score

**Dear Dave,**

My daughter is in her first year of college. Recently, her math instructor walked students through the process of getting a credit card and building credit. We’ve always followed your plan and taught her to do the same. When she asked the instructor if no credit score was as good as a high credit score, the instructor said no. He told the class the only way to buy a home without a high credit rating is by having a huge amount of assets or savings. I think I know your answer, but how do I explain this to an 18-year-old?

— Allison

**Dear Allison,**

Well, the first thing you explain is that college instructors — even tenured college professors — can be absolutely wrong sometimes. A few years ago, my daughter took a personal finance class in college, and on the first day the instructor went on a rant saying Dave Ramsey is stupid. He didn’t know I was her dad, but she went through the entire class and never said a word. When she called home and asked what she should do, we told her to take the class and give him the answers he wants on the tests. We reminded her that she’s just taking a class, and that doesn’t mean she has to form her life opinions around what that guy thinks.

Sit down with your daughter and gently explain that, in this instance, her instructor doesn’t have a clue what he’s talking about. Explain to her you can get a home loan even if you have no credit score. People do it all the time. It’s called manual underwriting. All you have to do is make a reasonable down payment, have two years at the same job, and provide two years of tax returns.

Hope this helps, Allison!

— Dave



the money I’ve saved and buy a \$6,000 car while paying off \$6,000 of the student loan?

— Phil

**Dear Phil,**

If I’m in your shoes, I want that student loan out of my life as quickly as possible. At the same time, I don’t want you living life without some money in the bank.

If you’ve followed me for very long, you know I teach the Baby Steps when it comes to getting out of debt and saving money. Baby Step 1 is to save a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. Baby Step 2 is to pay off all debt, except for your home, using the debt snowball method. The third Baby Step is to build a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.

You don’t have quite enough on hand for your idea and to have something left over. I recommend paying off \$11,000 of the school loan now and then finishing it up as you go. It won’t take much more time. Limp along in the beater for a little while longer and then, when you have no student loan debt, finish your emergency fund and start a car fund.

I talk to a lot of people your age who still have student loan debt. But you have the opportunity to punch its lights out in a hurry. If you pour on the coals, you should be able to save money and get a better car in just a few months!

— Dave

— *Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

### ✓ Letters

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#### The Bowling Alley owners find support uplifting

Dear community of Homedale,

Mike and I would like to give a big “shout out” to the people in this little corner of the world. Since May, when we became owners of Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant again, the support that has come from the people of this area has been unbelievable.

Much to our surprise, we had former customers and now friends come to the rescue in so many ways. We would like to thank Tami Radford, Lisa Rourke, Jackie Dines, Kirk, Traci and Jo McGee for help with cleaning, painting and endless hours of dish washing.

Thank you to:

Roland Radford for stopping by and checking on us all summer and the encouraging words, literally opening up an abundance of building supplies to us and being so generous.

Connie and Pancho Garibay and crew that stepped in and cleaned the kitchen top to bottom.

Tyrel Aberasturi and his willingness to give Mike a hand even though he was busy himself.

Can’t forget the nearly 300 people that participated in the “Name the Lanes” contest when we found out the previous name was not available for us to use. Lindsay Love was the first, but certainly not the only one to suggest that we officially name it what it has been called forever: “The Bowling Alley.”

I know this doesn’t name each person, but it doesn’t mean that your kindness was overlooked. We have been lifted up by so many. Pastor Chuck Ryan who prayed us through this, thank you, Chuck!

This community has the biggest heart and the outpouring of friendship. The love and hard work is a breath of fresh air in this day in which we live. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the warm welcome back. We appreciate you all.

Mike and Donna Marose  
The Bowling Alley owners  
Homedale

Rep. Raúl Labrador

## From Washington Electoral compromise united America, protected small states



Some Americans are so disappointed by the result of the election that they call for abolition of the Electoral College — a 229-year-old institution that has kept our nation strong and united.

How can it be, they ask, that Secretary Hillary Clinton received 2 million more popular votes than President-elect Donald J. Trump but lost in the Electoral College 306-232?

The answer is at the core of our great experiment in self-governance. The Framers intended to protect small states like Idaho, designing a system that dilutes direct democracy in favor of a stable constitutional republic. The result has been the most successful system of government in the history of the planet.

One of the final compromises of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 was the Electoral College. For most of the Convention, the debate was chiefly between those who advocated state legislatures choosing the president and those who wanted Congress to do the job.

Eventually, Pennsylvania delegate James Wilson suggested that the people elect the president. That idea prompted a deal striking a balance between population and the states. Each state, regardless of population, would get two senators *and* two electors in the Electoral College, with additional electoral votes based on population reflecting seats in the U.S. House.

The Founders expressly intended to give the states a say in electing the president. That is precisely why 100 of the 538 members of the Electoral College are apportioned to states equally.

Knitting together the original 13 states demanded respect of state sovereignty. Otherwise, the three large states of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia would dominate the 10 small states and our great experiment might well have failed.

In the 2016 election, Clinton received 64.8 million popular votes, Trump 62.5 million. But her margin in the popular vote came from a single state — California — where she bested Trump by 4 million votes, 8.3 million to 4.3 million.

Without the Electoral College, California would have singlehandedly swung the election, thwarting the wishes of its sister states. Trump’s electoral victory was broad, carrying 30 states to Clinton’s 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Idaho has four electors. Taken together, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska and North and South Dakota have 21 electoral votes. Were the popular vote to decide the matter, these states would truly be irrelevant “fly-overs” ignored by candidates spending virtually all their time on vote-rich California, Florida, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

I heard a great analogy about the Electoral College. Football games are not won by how many yards you run or how many first downs you make but how many touchdowns you score. As you can imagine, a team’s strategy for winning the game would be different if the rules changed to count the yards and first downs instead of the touchdowns.

Similarly, the strategy would change for campaigns if the result were based on the popular vote and not the Electoral College. Unfortunately, that strategy would include ignoring states like Idaho and paying all the attention to states like California. That would have dire consequences beyond campaigns, as big states would dominate policy-making to the detriment of Idaho and other small states.

The Electoral College ensures candidates listen to both Idaho farmers and Hollywood moguls. It is part of a constitutional fabric protecting minority rights. These include a bicameral Congress, the Bill of Rights, and a constitutional amendment process requiring ratification by three-quarters of the states. This outcome affirms the genius of the Framers, who established a system of federalism that makes America a great and diverse republic.

— *Congressman Raúl Labrador, a Republican, represents Idaho’s First Congressional District. He will begin his fourth term in January.*



# Sports



Marsing's Joseph Ineck battles Fruitland's Clayton Mordhorst in a consolation match in the 152-pound bracket at the Calhoun Classic. Ineck won, 11-2. Photo by John Braese / Malheur Enterprise

## ✓ Calhoun: Joseph Ineck wins consolation match

From Page 1B  
Heindel to reach the semifinals, but lost to eventual runner-up Jose Sanchez of Nyssa by pinfall.

A pin of Middleton's Gabe Lamas in the consolation semifinals set up Hall's shot at bronze.

Like Hall, Gonzalez got a first-round bye then beat two opponents to reach the semifinals.

He pinned *Mason Hall* Parma's Joey Renfro then dispatched Damien Curiel of Echo, Ore., 11-1, before losing to eventual runner-up Dearden Woodruff of Nyssa, 14-3, in a major deci-

sion during the semifinal.

Gonzalez rallied in the consolation semifinals with a 14-4 major decision over Homedale's Shane Keller before losing the third-place match.



Joseph Ineck (152) beat Fruitland's Clayton Mordhorst, 11-2, in a consolation match for his only victory of the tournament.

*Oscar Gonzalez* Five other Huskies competed in the junior varsity tournament, including Justin Ineck (113), Adonis Stelzried and Hayden Kish (152) and Dawson Walker (160).

## ✓ Girls: Margarito's 21 points lead lopsided win over 1A, Div. I Wilder

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The Trojans (6-3, 0-1), who are coached by Homedale Elementary physical education teacher Cam Long with help from former Marsing coach Jaime Wood, rallied from a 33-11 halftime deficit with an 11-4 third-quarter run, but couldn't close the gap.

Ella de Jong paced Nampa Christian with eight points. Freshman Jessie Wood, a Marsing resident, scored six.

**Dec. 6: Marsing 77, Wilder 9**—The Huskies scored 36 of the game's first 38 points—including all 31 first-quarter points—and never took their foot off the gas at home.

Elsa Margarito fired in four three-point goals and scored 21 points to lead three Marsing double-digit scorers in the non-conference game. Margarito also had a game-high seven steals.

The Class 1A, Div. I Wildcats, who didn't score in the first

quarter, were led by Thalia Guajardo's three points. Dez Sandoval and Marissa Adams scored two points each.

Mackenzie Farrens and Sheyanne Glorfield each missed just two of their field-goal attempts from inside the three-point line.

Farrens was 8-for-11 overall and scored 19 points, but her streak of double-doubles ended when she managed only eight rebounds, which still led the team. She also had four steals.

Glorfield was 6-for-8 from the floor for 13 points. She also dished five assists.

Marsing limited its turnovers to six, while scoring 34 points off Wilder miscues.

**Dec. 5: Liberty Charter 38, Marsing 32**—The Huskies' field-goal shooting worsened in the second half in Nampa, opening the door for the Patriots' comeback in the final quarter.

Marsing converted just six of 36 shots (16.7 percent) and visited the free-throw line only three times (hitting two) in the final 16 minutes of the non-conference game.

Only three Marsing players scored in the game, led by Glorfield with 13 points.

Liberty Charter, meanwhile, dropped seven of 15 free throws in the second half after getting only four chances before the break.

Glorfield sank five of her seven free throws and connected on Marsing's only successful three-point goals. She was 3-for-21 from the floor and finished with seven rebounds.

Marsing shot 17.9 percent overall (14-for-78) in the game.

The Patriots' Hallie Ashton led all scorers with 15 points.

Farrens had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Emma Heitz was the only other Marsing player to score, putting in seven points.

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## MARSING HUSKIES Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball  
Tyler Wood, Jr.  
Scored 10 points in Saturday's 62-30 blowout of Richfield



Girls' basketball  
Emma Heitz, so.  
Averaged 7.3 points and 3.3 rebounds for the week as Huskies went 2-1 for the week



Wrestling  
Joseph Ineck, Jr.  
Rallied to win a consolation-bracket match at Calhoun Classic

### Boys' basketball Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 15, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Wilder, 7:30 p.m.

### Junior varsity A

Thursday, Dec. 15, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Wilder, 6 p.m.

### Junior varsity B

Thursday, Dec. 15, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Wilder, 4:30 p.m.

### Girls' basketball Varsity

Friday, Dec. 16, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

### Junior varsity

Friday, Dec. 16, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

### Wrestling

Wednesday, Dec. 14, home for tri-meet vs. Adrian and Homedale, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 17 at Justin Wolfe Memorial, Glens Ferry



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# Sports

## DeMark's on the mark in Adrian boys' tourney sweep

Warren DeMark left his mark last weekend as the Adrian High School boys' basketball team won its own Tipoff Tournament. DeMark scored 25 points and grabbed five steals Saturday to help the Antelopes edge Cove, 57-55, in the championship game. DeMark averaged 22.5 points and 5.5 steals in the tournament.

The teams entered the final eight minutes tied, but Adrian won a shootout in the final quarter to win its second game in as many nights after starting the season 0-2. Adrian was able to win the championship game despite only 40 percent field-goal shooting. The Antelopes scored 12 points

off turnovers. Ryker Murrey scored 12 points, while Miller DeMark added nine. **Friday: Adrian 63, Nyssa, Ore., JV 46** — Warren DeMark led the way with 20 points and six steals while setting up 12 more points with six assists. Adrian started fast and slammed

the door with a 21-10 run to open the second half. The team scored 15 points off Nyssa's 22 turnovers and held the Bulldogs to just 28.1 percent shooting (18-for-64). Wyatt Jensen had half of his team's six three-point goals and led Nyssa with 14 points. Kenny Purnell hit six of nine

shots for 13 points and completed a double-double with 10 rebounds for Adrian. Teammates Kevin Rodriguez and Miller DeMark grabbed 10 rebounds each as the Antelopes corralled 53 rebounds to more than double Nyssa's output on the glass. Adrian's Andy Walker logged nine points and seven rebounds.

## Two Adrian wrestlers reach Calhoun semis

Veterans Marcus Furtado and Drake Marquez got victories over wrestlers from larger schools during the Calhoun Classic. The Adrian High School leaders reached the semifinals of their respective weight classes. Furtado pinned Caldwell's Jose Avila with 20 seconds remaining in the second round of their quarterfinal match at 120 pounds.

While Furtado got a bye in the first round of his tournament, Marquez had to get two victories in Nyssa, Ore., to qualify for the semifinals. He pinned Corbin Poole of Borah before beating Fruitland's Eric Collins, 7-3, in the 195-pound quarterfinal. Both Adrian wrestlers forfeited their semifinal matches.

## ✓ Adrian: Transfer student leads the way vs. Notus

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The Pirates hit half of their shots, converting 22 of 44 attempts, to make things interesting in a sloppy game that saw the teams combine for 67 turnovers. Adrian's senior transfer, Shyanne Allaire, led all scorers with 17 points. She also had six rebounds. Anna Hutchings scored eight points, and Sadie Speelmon came off the bench to do the same for Adrian on 4-for-5 shooting. Notus' Cheyenne Stewart

missed just one field-goal attempt in seven tries, but was just 3-for-15 from the foul line while leading the Pirates with 15 points. Destiny Quebrado hit a three-pointer and was 6-for-10 on her two-point shots for 13 points. The Pirates struggled at the foul line overall despite getting nearly twice as many chances as Adrian. Notus was 5-for-23 (21.7 percent), while the Antelopes nailed three of their 12 chances (25 percent).

## ✓ Huskies: Lankow sparks defensive glass domination

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a two-game losing streak before Tuesday's game against Vale, Ore.) edged the Huskies, 47-45, in Canyon County on Dec. 2. Senior Tyler Simonsen hit five of his six field-goal attempts to lead Marsing with 11 points against Richfield. Enrique Quebrado, Dakota Hardy and Tyler Wood scored 10 points each. Wood had the Huskies' only three-pointer. Quebrado dished a team-high eight assists, and Jose Ponce had

four steals as Marsing forced the Tigers into 24 turnovers. Nick Lankow snagged five of his team-best nine rebounds on the defensive glass where the Huskies held a 16-5 advantage. Lankow and Tre Ponce collected four rebounds apiece on Marsing's end of the floor. Anthony Hukill paced Richfield with 11 points. The Huskies opened the week with a 60-48 non-conference loss to Payette on Dec. 6.



Jordan Valley's Garrett Youren goes to the rim against a Notus defender. Photo by Tara Echave

## Echave's play can't prevent JV defeat

Senior JJ Echave's 20 points couldn't overcome early-game woes for the Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team. Notus pulled off a 40-37 non-league victory to hand the visiting Mustangs their first loss of the season Friday. It was incorrectly reported last week that Jordan Valley (1-1 overall) had lost its season opener against McDermitt, Nev. Coach Clint Fillmore's squad prevailed, 56-30, at home on Nov. 30. On Friday against the Pirates from the 1A Western Idaho Conference Echave also led the Mustangs with 11 rebounds. "JJ played well underneath," Fillmore said. The Mustangs were 7-for-9 from the free-throw line, but couldn't find their range from the field. "Notus played pretty well," Fillmore said. "We missed early baskets. We didn't shoot well from the outside."

Garrett Youren scored seven points, while Chase Fillmore added six and Kirk Eiguren kicked in four. The Mustangs travel for the Union Christmas Classic on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, opening against Umatilla. **Girls stay unbeaten** — Jordan Valley will take a 2-0 record into Thursday's Union Christmas Classic opener against Umatilla. The Mustangs traveled to Notus on Friday and pulled off a 43-28 non-league victory. No statistics were provided. Jordan Valley dropped to 10<sup>th</sup> in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll.



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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

### December 18, 1991

#### Aman graduates from FBI academy

Gary Aman, Chief Deputy for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, returned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Sunday, after spending 11 weeks furthering his education in areas such as forensic science, management, computers and weapons.

He graduated from the academy in Quantico, Virginia, Saturday. Aman was chosen to attend the academy from several officers across the state. His wife Trina, and dispatcher Betty Mealer flew down to see him graduate.

Aman said he learned a lot from the academy and will be able to apply it to his work throughout the county.

“It was very good training,” he said.

Aman returned to work Tuesday and said it was “great” to be back.

#### Greeley named Industrial Tech. teacher of year

Mike Greeley, a member of the faculty at Homedale Junior-Senior High School, has been selected as Industrial Technology Teacher of the Year in Region 3, HHS Principal Nolan Taggart announced at the latest local school board meeting.

Greeley was voted the honor by his fellow shop teachers in the region, which encompasses Treasure Valley and other parts of southwestern Idaho. His name will now be entered into a similar statewide competition, with the winner to be announced next March during a state industrial technology conference in Boise.

Greeley, a native of the Jordan Valley area, is serving his fifth year at Homedale teaching industrial arts. When he first came here, there was no such program in operation, and he built it up from nothing.

#### Marsing girls defeat Wilder

The Marsing varsity girls’ basketball team beat Wilder 44-34 in a match-up at home Monday night.

Deb Webb and Becky Floyd scored in double figures, the first time this season two players have done so in the same game, coach Carol Henggeler said.

The win ups the team’s overall record to 3-13, but after a loss to McCall and Fruitland last week, their conference record sits at 1-5.

#### Local youth selected to All-American team

Marcus Christoffersen, an 11-year-old Homedale runner, won selection to the All-American Team and was designated a “National Champion” at the National Junior Olympic Cross-Country Championships in Sandy, OR, Dec. 13-15.

Christoffersen accomplished the feats by placing 23<sup>rd</sup> in a field of 242 runners from throughout the U.S. in the 3-kilometer cross country run for 11-12 year-olds. His eight-member Team Idaho (with 6 runners from Boise and one from Gooding) placed 1<sup>st</sup> out of 23 teams in the 3K “midget” boys’ competition. To win the “All-American” title, competitors had to finish in the top 25 in their event.

Christoffersen, who has been averaging 5:40 per mile despite his young age, received two trophies and two medals at Sandy.

Five other local members of the Randy Shanley Track Club also qualified and competed. They were Jessica Zatica, Tony Hoshaw, Janelle Bates, Kory Bean and Jeff Christoffersen.

#### Tro girls split pair

Homedale girls’ varsity hoopsters split a pair last week, pounding Vallivue 50-40 on Dec. 10 before taking a 54-41 punishing from Payette last Friday, Dec. 13. They played McCall here last night, after the Avalanche press time. Going up against the Vandals, the young-look Trojans were 2-7 for the season.

Top scorer for Homedale against Payette was Amy Binford, a junior guard, followed by Sally VanVliet, sophomore center, with 12. Both shooting aces nabbed 7 rebounds.

## 50 years ago

### December 15, 1966

#### Lt. Col. Davis tells Kiwanis of Vietnam tour of duty

Lt. Col. Raymond Davis, commanding officer of the Wilder Radar Base, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis regular noon luncheon meeting Wednesday at the Masonic hall.

Lt. Col. Davis, who recently returned from a six-month tour of duty in Vietnam, stated that the armed forces are fighting a different kind of war there and despite the mixed feelings of the people, the attitude and morale of the men is very high. “They feel that there is a job to be done and they are there to do it,” he said.

The boys who are fighting there live in tents with dirt floors, where it rains continuously and is foggy a good part of the time also. This is where the radar units come in for ground and air support.

We have sent many men from the Wilder site to Vietnam, and there will be more being sent in the coming months, he said. “When these boys come home, we should give them a real welcome when we see them,” Lt. Col. Davis added.

“The purpose of the conflict now is to clear all of the North Vietnamese south of the 37<sup>th</sup> Parallel and this is most difficult really not knowing which people are your enemy – as they are all from the same country,” he explained. There are thousands of people moving all the time – usually one can only guess which are the enemy. “However knowing this, one usually becomes a very good shot with a rifle,” Lt. Col. Davis added.

#### Don Shaffer elected president of Homedale CC

Donald L. Shaffer, local manager of the Idaho First National Bank in Homedale, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce by the newly elected board of directors at Tuesday’s regular noon luncheon meeting held at Bicandi’s Café.

The new directors elected for a two-year term were: Ray Tolsma, Dale Jackson and Roy Schamber. Tolsma was elected vice-president.

The directors held over for another term are: Don Shaffer, Harold Wilson, Merrill Baigrie and Homer Anderson.

#### Homedale pins Marsing

The Trojans of Homedale showed their determination after bouncing back from a trouncing by Middleton last Thursday.

The Trojans won the dual meet with Marsing by winning six out of 12 matches in a perfect example of hustle and drive. The recovering Trojans have now evened their mark at 1-1. The Trojans next meet the Parma Panthers December 15 at Homedale.

The results were the following:

- 98 – Engle (M) won by forfeit
- 106 – Phillip George (M) pinned Werre in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round
- 115 – Steve Higgins (H) pinned Cossel in the 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 123 – Larry Maybon (H) dec. Swinney 2-0
- 130 – Birmingham (M) pinned Mike Kelly in the 1<sup>st</sup>
- 136 – Shea (M) pinned Arrizabalaga in the 1<sup>st</sup>
- 141 – Smith (M) dec. John Linder 11-10
- 148 – John George (H) dec. Whittaker 6-2
- 157 – Webb (M) dec. Eddy Fisher 11-1
- 168 – Steve Larzelier (H) pinned Frailey 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 183 – Jack Kershner (H) pinned Gaines in the 1<sup>st</sup>
- HVY – Steve Fisher (H) won by forfeit

#### New bridge to be put on Highway Dept’s ’68 budget

The new Homedale bridge will be placed in the 1968 budget the State Highway Department Board of Directors told a delegation of Homedale businessmen last Thursday at their regular monthly meeting in Boise.

Mayor Lester Carter, Chamber of Commerce president Homer Anderson and businessmen Dale Jackson and Ray Tolsma attended the meeting.

The directors explained that the river bottom would be surveyed this winter while the water level was down, and engineers could then determine the type of foundation for the bridge and actual drawings of the span could be completed.

## 140 years ago

### December 16, 1876

THE NEXT PRESIDENT – The situation remains comparatively unchanged. The Electoral College vote, as announced from the Capitals of the several States produced no marked effect in the way of foreshadowing a decisive result; unless importance can be attached to what transpired in Oregon. In the State, the Governor, as previously announced in these columns, refused to give a certificate to one of the Republican Electors, claiming that he was ineligible by reason of the holding a Federal office at the time of his election. Thereupon he gave the certificate to the Democrat who had the next highest number of votes on the Electoral ticket. This action of Governor Grover has been the subject of fiery criticism at the hands of a portion of the press all over the country. It seems that the laws of Oregon provide for the filling of such a vacancy as occurred by the disqualification of Watts, and it was designed to be done in a different way from that pursued by Governor Grover. It is, however, quite instructive to note the animus of the attacks upon the official for his course in this matter. While his action may not bear the test of a strict legal criticism, we have no hesitation in saying that the irregularity complained of is but as a “drop in the bucket” compared with the infamous and atrocious decisions against law, right and justice as practiced by the returning boards of Louisiana and one or two other Southern States. It makes all the difference in the world “whose ox is gored” when such questions are viewed from a standpoint of partisanship, but when in treating of them men rise to the level of fairness, candor and patriotism, then there is no difficulty in detecting baseness and dishonesty as they come to light. The friends of Tilden had better base their hopes on his election upon the frauds, which have been perpetrated against him in the Southern States, rather than upon this action of the Governor of Oregon. Congress can never with any spirit of fairness sustain the infamies perpetrated by these returning boards, and the rejection of fraudulent returns from these sources will doubtless be one of the results of the Congressional investigation that has already been commenced. The people will never acquiesce in the selection of a Chief Magistrate by such a wholesale process of subverting the will of the people as has been carried out in Louisiana for instance, and this view is sustained by the attitude of prominent Republicans who are gradually coming to the front and furnishing evidence that the national honor is of more consequence to them than a party victory obtained by such disreputable methods. With such a commendable spirit, accompanied by the prevalence of wise counsels among the best men of both parties, the nation will be spared the disgrace that anarchists and extreme partisans have been looking forward to in the elevation of a man to the office who has not been legally elected President. It may be that neither of the distinguished gentlemen who were voted for at the recent election will fill that high office, and it will require calm and deliberate joint action on the part of the two Houses of Congress to settle the vexed question and put the country at peace.

THE COUNCIL passed a resolution a few days ago to the effect that no consideration would be given to divorce bills by that body. We think the gentlemen have acted quite hastily and inconsiderately in this matter. We know of many worthy ladies who are at present trying to rid themselves of encumbrances in the shape of worthless husbands and have not the means to go before the courts and effect the desired object. Better re-consider your action, gentlemen. Give these ladies a fair show anyway.

IN A message to Congress, February, 1865, Abraham Lincoln used the following language. “The two Houses of Congress convened under the twelfth article of the Constitution have complete power to exclude from counting all electoral votes deemed by them to be illegal. And it is not competent for the Executive to defeat or obstruct that power by a veto, as would be the case if his action were at all essential to the matter.”



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE  
PROCUREMENT  
BY OWYHEE COUNTY  
IDAHO OF 2007  
CHALLENGER MOWER  
FROM WILSON  
EQUIPMENT IN WHITE  
CITY OREGON FOR THE  
AMOUNT OF \$69,500.00**

Notice is hereby provided by Owyhee County, in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2808(2), of declaration of only one vendor reasonably available for purchase of said equipment. This declaration is made under provisions of subparagraph (v): “ The purchase of public works construction, services or personal property for which it is determined there is no functional equivalent;” and (viii): “Where competitive solicitation is impractical, disadvantageous or unreasonable under the circumstances.” Owyhee County Clerk Angela Barkell  
12/7,14/2016

**LEGAL NOTICE  
OF CATEGORICAL  
EXCLUSION FOR THE  
CITY OF HOMEDALE  
DRINKING WATER  
IMPROVEMENTS**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed drinking water improvement project for the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, conforms to the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and the “Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program” (IDAPA 58.01.20), by which the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

Project Description:  
• Replacement of existing 2” and 4” water mains with 6” pipe and looping dead ends  
• Construction of a backup well west of the Snake River, with well house and appurtenances  
• Replacement of the 12” Permastran main along Highway 19

Copies of the notice of categorical exclusion and the environmental information document upon which it is based are available for public review on DEQ’s website at [www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx) or at the following locations:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706. Grant/loan SERP contact: Mike May (208) 373-0406

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise Regional Office, 1445 North Orchard Street City, Idaho 83706. Regional Office contact: Kevin Ryan (208) 373-0184  
City of Homedale, 31 West Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho. Contact: Alice Pegram, City Clerk (208) 337-4641  
12/14/2016

**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT  
DUE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2016 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o’clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2016. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United

States, negotiable bank draft or cashier’s check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary,  
PO Box 9, Grand View, Idaho 83624  
12/7,14/2016

**NOTICE**  
Market Road Storage abandoned storage sale on 12/17/2016 at 9-10am, 4595 E Market Rd, Homedale, Idaho 83628.  
Linda Malmberg #7, PO Box 399, Marsing, ID 83639. Unit contains household items. To be auctioned as whole lot.  
12/7,14/2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV2016-1154H  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estates of HARRY J. ZANKS and LEORA U. ZANKS, Deceased Persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho 83606.

DATED this 30 day of November, 2016.

LEORA Z. SUMMERS,  
Personal Representative  
12/7,14,21/2016

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S  
SALE**

On March 14, 2017, at the hour of 9:00 o’clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, CHARLES C. JUST, ATTORNEY AT LAW, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

**In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.**

**Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the High Line Canal.**

**E X C E P T I N G  
THEREFROM**

**Any portion thereof which may lie within the East 330 feet of said Government Lot 3.**

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **HC 79 Box 420 n/k/a 12946 Bailey Road, Melba, Idaho**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the

cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Eric J. Fritzler and Angela M. Fritzler, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with North American Mortgage Company as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119; Modification Agreement recorded September 26, 2006, as Instrument No. 258249; Modification Agreement recorded April 14, 2009, as Instrument No. 267932; Modification Agreement recorded 12-07-2012, as Instrument No. 279354, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association, recorded June 19, 2008, as Instrument No. 265399, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$706.39 for the months of May 2016 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$107,462.86 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 4.1250% from April 1, 2016, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Taegan N. Curzon, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106  
11/23,30;12/7,14/16

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S  
SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 14, 2016 File No.: 8077.20137 Sale date and time (local time): March 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1620 Hill Road Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Everett Bud Jones & V. Pauline Jones, husband and wife Original trustee: First

American Title Insurance Company Original beneficiary: KeyBank National Association Recording date: 05/14/2007 Recorder’s instrument number: 260961 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 14, 2016: \$76,488.73 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Situated in the County of Owyhee and State of Idaho: In Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 25: That part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter lying West of the “D” Canal of the Gem Irrigation District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 25 being the true point of beginning; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes West a distance of 344.9 feet to the centerline of the “D” Canal; thence South 48 degrees 05 minutes East a distance of 308 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 282.3 feet to the true point of beginning. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: Situated in the County of Owyhee and State of Idaho: In Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 25: That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter lying West of the “D” Canal of the Gem Irrigation District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast (shown of record as Southwest) Quarter, Section 25 being the True Point of Beginning; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes West a distance of 344.9 feet to the centerline of the “D” Canal; thence South 48 degrees 05 minutes East a distance of 308 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 282.3 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Jones, Everett (TS# 8077.20137) 1002.289367-File No.  
11/30;12/7,14,21/16

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with IDAPA 15.10.01.011.05 (“ISLD Rule” 011.05), the Idaho State Liquor Division (ISLD) hereby gives public notice that it will be relocating the existing contract store located at: 215 Main Street, Grand View, Idaho. The store will continue to be operated as a Contract Store as defined in ISLD Rule 004. Desired location of said Contract store is described as: Within the Grandview, Idaho trade area

Anyone interested in being considered to operate a Contract Store in the Grand View area may acquire an application by contacting the Idaho State Liquor Division:

Idaho State Liquor Division, Attention: Gwynna Jensen, PO Box 727, Emmett, Id. 83617 Or email to [gwynna.jensen@liquor.idaho.gov](mailto:gwynna.jensen@liquor.idaho.gov)

Applications will be considered by the ISLD Director in accordance with ISLD Rule 011.06. Completed applications must be received by no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and returned to Gwynna Jensen at above address or email address.  
12/7,14/2016

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S  
SALE**  
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 9, 2016 File No.: 8296.20496 Sale date and time (local time): March 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location:

in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1 West California Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Justin W Kelleher, a married man as his sole and separate estate Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for HomeStreet Bank, a Washington State Chartered Savings Bank, successors and assigns Recording date: 12/31/2013 Recorder’s instrument number: 282952 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 9, 2016: \$127,796.73 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 57 of the Amended Plat of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Kelleher, Justin W. (TS# 8296.20496) 1002.289318-File No.  
11/30;12/7,14,21/16

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12/7,14/2016



# Public notices

**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:**  
57-11882, WILSON CREEK CATTLE FEEDER, 12353 FEEDLOT DR, MELBA, ID 83641  
Points of Diversion L1(NENE) L2(SENE) SWNE SENW NESW NWSE S9 T01S R03W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER  
Points of Diversion NENW NWNW SWNW S10 T01S R03W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 4.5 CFS  
Total Diversion: 4.5 CFS  
Date Filed: 9/6/2016  
Place of Use: STOCKWATER

T01S R03W S9 NENE SWNE SENE SENW NESW NWSE T01S R03W S10 NENW NWNW SWNW  
Applicant proposes to construct two wells in two of the nine locations.  
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190;

or for a full description of the right(s), please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(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 12/27/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.  
GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
12/7,14/2016

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M8: Polo style shirts 2x, nylon pants jogging 2x, socks black 10-12, western calendar, western music CDs, solar system ceiling projector  
M9: Western style long sleeve button up shirts 2x, sweat pant 2x, T-shirts xlg, crew socks 10-12, baseball caps  
M10: Western style button up shirts 2x, Wrangler jeans 38/30 stretch waist band, T-shirts 2x, western/action movies, sunflower seeds  
M11: Long sleeve pullover shirts 2x, sweat pants 2x, western books on CD, western calendar, cologne  
M12: Button up dress shirts long sleeve (m), dress slacks 32/32, western style piggy bank
- F1: Pullover tops long sleeve (m), sweat pants (s), Silver Jeans (5), beanie or headband, skier hat/scarf  
F2: Large print books, Louis LaMour, western biographies, dictionary  
F3: Sweater/long sleeve button up blouses 1x, black slacks 16, bra 40C, camis xlg, White Diamonds perfume, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray  
F4: Sweater/blouses 2x, jeans elastic waist 1x, camis xlg, slippers 8, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray  
F5: Sweaters (m), long sleeve pullover blouses (m), leggings (m), camis (m), 2 piece PJs, throw blanket, stuffed animal  
F6: Blouses xlg, sweats 1x, camis xlg, fuzzy socks 6-10, relaxation CDs, soft plush stuffed animal  
F7: Button up blouse sweaters (m), slacks elastic waist (m), camis (m), ankle socks 7-10, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, box chocolates  
F8: Blouses (m), slacks (m), word search, earrings, french vanilla Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, markers, velvet posters, water bottle  
F9: Pullover blouses/sweat shirt xlg, slacks xlg, camis (l), crew socks 8-10, stuffed animal, throw blanket  
F10: Blouses long sleeve (l), slacks elastic waist (l), knee high socks 9-10, jewelry box, Bath/Body Works lotion /spray  
F11: Sweaters long sleeve blouses (m), yoga pants (l), PJs 2 piece, camis (m), non-skid socks (l), soft like realistic baby doll, spill proof cups  
F12: Long sleeve button up blouses 2x, slacks elastic waist 2x, boot style slippers 8, chocolates, pink/peach/coral lipstick & nail polish  
F13: Pullover blouses 4x, slacks elastic waist 4x, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, cherry blossom, Cera Ve moisturizing cream, fingerless gloves, nail polish, shawl or scarves, BSU gear  
F14: Button up long sleeve blouses 1x, slacks or sweats 1x, night gown xlg, fuzzy socks 9-10, throw blanket, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray  
F15: Long sleeve blouse w/vest 2x, slacks 2x, fuzzy socks 8-10, CDs old country music: Loretta Lynn, George Jones  
F16: Ladies Poncho lrg, fuzzy socks 7-10, chocolates, baby wipe warmer  
F17: Moo-moo style night gowns (m), fuzzy socks 7-10, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, realistic looking doll or animal  
F18: Sweat tops 4x, sweat pants 3x, York Peppermint chocolates, throw blanket (blue)  
F19: Pullover blouses (m), slacks (m), throw blanket  
F20: Blouses long sleeve button up 2x, slacks elastic waist 2x, throw blanket, plain M&Ms, Louis LaMour short story collection volume 1  
F21: Sweat shirts 2x, Wranglers 44x32, chocolates, slip on shoes 7.5  
F22: Long sleeve blouses 3x, jean/slacks elastic waist 3x, throw blanket, PJs 3x, BSU gear  
F23: Long sleeve pull over blouse (l), slacks/sweats 14, sports bra (l), camis (l), earrings, purse filled with compact, fake money, kleenex, hair brush, etc.

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