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Santa (Bob Hulse of Homedale) chats with Joey Evans (left) and Alex Agnew about what they would like for Christmas at the Owyhee County El-Ada Community Action Partnership holiday party Friday afternoon. Joey, 7, is the son of Amy Evans. Alex, 7, is the son of Craig Agnew.

Christmas generosity shines

Homedale studio inundated with Toys for Tattoos

A first-time toy drive started in Homedale reached across international lines and inspired another effort on the eastern seaboard.

Voodoo Tattoo owners John and Melanie Mitchell turned over nearly \$4,000 worth of new, unwrapped toys last Wednesday to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County Toys for Tots program.

The Mitchells, who own the Homedale tattoo studio on West Idaho Avenue, started their Toys for Tattoos drive in early November. By the time the last toys were accepted on Dec. 20, the shop had taken in

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Voodoo Tattoo owner John Mitchell sorts through toys he helped gather for the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County Toys for Tots program.



Marsing Middle School social studies teacher Lachelle Wood (left) and fourth-grade teacher Loretta Rost wrap presents that went under the Christmas trees of families receiving packages from this year's Giving Tree effort.

Giving Tree helps in Marsing

About two dozen Marsing families had a brighter Christmas thanks to this year's Giving Tree.

About 15 volunteers consisting of Marsing School District teachers and administrators, students, and community members helped wrap presents and fill food boxes in the district cafeteria Thursday morning. Parents picked up the packages that afternoon.

Jolyn Green, one of the volunteers behind the community effort, said 2016 was a very good year for the Giving Tree.

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BOCC: Plans ignore OI's protection of ranching

Most BLM alternatives restrict motorized travel

Motorized travel plans borne from the document that made the Owyhee Initiative law actually go against the spirit of the historic agreement, county officials say.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) also noted in its formal comments that the Bureau of Land Management didn't thoroughly research all applicable roads crisscrossing the Canyonlands

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Homedale bridge lane switch could come this week

ITD eyes Idaho Avenue pavement rehab in 2021

Traffic on the under-construction Succor Creek bridge could switch to the eastbound lane Thursday.

Kelley Lower, a project coordinator with the Idaho Transportation Department District 3, shared the news in an email to city, fire and county officials last week.

Everything is contingent on suitable weather.

Work remaining on the eastbound side of the new bridge includes guardrail placement and cleanup, Lower reported.

Once the traffic is switched, project contractor Knife River will demolish the rest of the 50-year-old structure and begin excavation and placement of rock riprap armoring around the abutments.

"This will stabilize the new structure and the backfill around it against the spring runoff flows," Lower wrote in his email, which went to City Hall, the Homedale Fire Department and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

A temporary stoplight will continue to regulate the one lane of traffic on the bridge west of Homedale. The \$2.9 million project is supposed to wrap up by mid-2017.

City officials also met with ITD representatives Thursday regarding proposed Idaho highway 19 pavement restoration.

The state agency plans to restore pavement on Idaho Avenue between 4th Street West and 4th Street East during Fiscal Year 2021.



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Homedale Highway District moves further into black

Tax and state fee increases credited

After years of worry, Homedale Highway District officials have learned that the 100-year-old entity's overall fund balance continues to improve.

Auditor Mike Parker of Bowen Parker Day CPAs told commissioners that the district's overall fund balance is stronger than it has been in years.

Parker told directors that the district ended Fiscal Year 2016 with a net position change of \$155,373.

"It's an increase in your fund balance, and the majority of that, over \$130,000, was because of the increase in the highway user money that you got," Parker said. "For the first time in many years, we're improving that fund balance."

Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui explained that state lawmakers provided the extra funding for highway districts through gas tax and vehicle registration fee hikes.

The district ended FY 15 with a net position change of \$53,275.

Parker commended the board for how it continued to improve in handling taxpayer dollars during FY 16.

"We had total (budgeted) expenditures of \$645,466," Parker said. "You actually spent \$516,022. So you spent \$129,444 less than what you thought, including the contingency, which you didn't have to use thankfully. So that's your excess of revenue over expenditures of \$178,625. So, good job."

Last year, total expenditures budgeted for were \$613,291, but the district only spent \$516,925.

The district's fund balance at the end of FY 16 was \$497,133, compared to \$318,508 at the end of FY 15.

The two-year trend was a stark contrast to a previous visit from Parker.

When the Homedale-based auditor reported a carryover of just \$33,000 during his FY 2014 audit report in January 2015, he told the commissioners that the district would be broke if the financial trend continued.

For the time being, the trend appears to have reversed.

Director of highways Stewart Constantine wanted to confirm that the latest audit reflects a more promising outlook for the district.

"So the long and the short of it is, we're good?" Constantine asked.

"Really good," Parker said.

— SC



When Mike Conant (left) retires Friday, his son Jason will become the service manager at Matteson's Owyhee Motor Sales.

Matteson's longtime service chief retiring

Son promoted to take Conant's spot at counter

Mike Conant may be retiring, but his longtime post as service manager is staying in the family.

What else would one expect from Matteson's Owyhee Motors?

Friday is Conant's last day on the job at the repair shop on the corner of Idaho Avenue and Main Street in Homedale. He has been training his son, Jason, to take over his position behind the service counter.

The father and son have worked in the shop for the past 12 years, and Mike has 42 years of customer service experience in the auto repair business.

In typical fashion, Mike is

low-key about his impending retirement. He doesn't have a bunch of big plans just yet.

There are projects around the house, of course, and spending more time with his wife Lori, who is a paraprofessional at Homedale Elementary School.

And he definitely will continue to tinker with the 1969 Dodge Super Bee he and his son own.

More than likely, there will be some fishing plans once the weather turns around.

But for now, Mike will relax and reflect on his career, which includes more than 31 years as a service manager both at Matteson's and with a now-defunct Caldwell car dealership.

An open house to celebrate Mike's retirement and introduce Jason as Matteson's new service manager will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday at the shop.

Fugitive from two counties nabbed

A Homedale man has been arrested on a warrant stemming from drug charges filed nearly three years ago.

Richard Dallas Bower, 37, was taken into custody on Dec. 20 on felony warrants from police agencies in Homedale and Caldwell.

Bower was charged with drug offenses and related counts twice about a month apart in October 2013.

A Canyon County warrant was issued in 2014 alleging Bower failed to comply with provisions of his pre-trial release. He faces felony charges of controlled substance possession and

destruction or concealment of evidence.

Earlier in October 2013, Bower was charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors in a Homedale Police case. The felonies included harboring or protecting a person accused of a felony and controlled substance possession. Misdemeanor charges are resisting a peace officer and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bower was arrested on Oct. 1, 2013 along with the fugitive, Crystal Gabel, after a search warrant was executed at the West Montana Avenue residence they shared.

A \$50,000 bench warrant was

Homedale selling 2017 dog licenses, coop permits

Dog licenses for 2017 are now on sale at Homedale City Hall.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said the residents can obtain their chicken coop permits for next year, too.

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Search warrant leads to drug arrest in Marsing

One man was arrested for felony drug possession, and a woman received a misdemeanor citation at Marsing residence. Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said deputies were assisting Probation and Parole officers on a search of a 1st Street South residence last Wednesday. Dallas Johnson, 22, was arrested on charges of felony methamphetamine possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession. Fantasia Anderson, 27, of Marsing was cited for paraphernalia possession, too. **Man cited for drugs after wrecking pickup** A 21-year-old Marsing man was cited for misdemeanor drug offenses after a Dec. 20 car crash. Olsen said Gage Ramirez was cited for marijuana possession and paraphernalia possession after a one-vehicle rollover was reported. Sometime before 1 p.m., Ramirez apparently lost control of the maroon 1994 Ford Ranger he was driving and rolled the vehicle near Cemetery Road and Johnstone Road south of Homedale. — JPB



Fifth-graders win HMS food drive again

For the second year in a row, Rebecca Alamilla's fifth-graders came out on top in the Homedale Middle School food drive to support Hands Around Homedale. Students brought in a total of 1,225 items schoolwide, with Alamilla's class accounting for 311. David Hann's class finished in second place with 163 items, followed by Andrea Ratkowski's students (112) and David Correa's class (87). Submitted photo

Judge imposes terms in Homedale DUI case

A Washington state resident can perform community service rather than go to jail for driving under the influence. Daniel Diaz was arrested by Homedale Police on Nov. 2 and charged with misdemeanor DUI and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle. Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced the Walla Walla, Wash., man on Dec. 7 in a Homedale courtroom. Diaz may perform 16 hours community service in lieu of a one-day jail term. He received credit for one day he already had spent in Owyhee County Jail, and Grober suspended the balance of a six-month sentence. Diaz is on two years' probation and must pay \$766 in fines and court fees. City prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer dismissed the open container misdemeanor.

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Sagehens make annual donations

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

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

This Christmas, the Sagehens made 10 financial donations, including six to Owyhee County causes. The Sagehens did not disclose how much money was given to each cause, which included:

- CARE-ousel therapeutic riding program in Marsing
- Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy
- The Sandbar in Marsing
- Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View
- Hope House in Marsing
- Logan’s Market in Marsing, which matches the donation to make food boxes for families at Christmas
- Melba Senior Center
- The Valley Women’s and Children’s Shelter in Nampa
- The Ronald McDonald House in Boise
- Hope’s Door Women’s and Children’s Shelter in Caldwell

Last week, the Sagehens also donated 75 clothing protectors they made to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center residents



Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center resident Nancy Ash, right, accepts a gift from Wilson Sagehens co-vice-president Julia Burham. in Homedale.

The Sagehens also make three annual financial donations:

- Owyhee County Fair to help purchase 4-H prizes
- Faith Riders equestrian drill team
- Marsing Music Boosters program
- Year-round donations from the Sagehens include:
- Clothing and toiletries to

women’s and children’s shelters

- Aluminum cans and tabs, baby sweaters and quilts to the Ronald McDonald House
- Knitted caps to the St. Luke’s Mountain States Tumor Institute in Nampa

The group meets at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane off Idaho highway 78.



The Boise Valley District champion Homedale FFA Greenhand Knowledge team is, from left, Maggie Johnson, Ashlyn Miller, Delaney Dorsey, Gracie Dines, and Juliette Larzelier. Kneeling is Spencer Fisher. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA wins Greenhand district title

Homedale FFA has won the Boise Valley District Greenhand Knowledge championship.

The chapter’s first-year members captured the top five individual placings during the competition earlier this month at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Scoring the best on the 50-question exam were Homedale chapter members Maggie Johnson and Ashlyn Miller. They tied for first place after each scored 48 on the exam.

Homedale chapter members Delaney Dorsey (46), Gracie

Dines (45) and Juliette Larzelier (44) finished third through fifth, respectively.

Spencer Fisher attended as an alternate and scored well enough to place in the top 10.

Homedale FFA advisor Sue Poland said this is the second consecutive district contest victory for the chapter’s youngest members.

“(This) bodes well for success in the future with the outstanding group of Greenhand or first-year members in the Homedale FFA,” Poland said.

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2016 IN REVIEW

Business, political transition marked year

Owyhee County's business landscape saw many changes in 2016, including the disappearance of two long-standing nameplates in Homedale's commercial sector.

In April, Albertsons took over operation of the chain of grocery stores that Paul Zatica had built from one Homedale store he opened in 1955.

Zatica's sons, Stan and Steve, closed a deal to sell their stores to Albertsons, ending the Paul's Market story that had begun 61 years earlier.

Meanwhile, another Homedale fixture — Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant — closed its doors only to be reopened under a new name.

Former operators Mike and Donna Marose assumed the restaurant again because they had never relinquished ownership while the subsequent operator — Vern Tunnell — made payments to buy the business.

The Maroses remodeled the restaurant, but discovered they couldn't legally use the establishment's longstanding name. After a contest, the couple named the restaurant and bowling lanes The Bowling Alley because, as one contestant surmised, that's what the building always had been known as.

Gus's Gas in Grand View also changed hands, and new owners reopened the Bruneau One Stop.

Late in the year, the state liquor license for the Grand View area went up for grabs when, according to a state official, the owner of the Square Deal in Grand View decided to retire.

Big changes for councils

From new mayors in Marsing and Grand View to new city council members in Marsing and Homedale, the county's three municipalities found new leadership this year.

Grand View Mayor Franklin Hart resigned on June 28, about midway through his four-year term.

Ed Collett was appointed as the city's new mayor after a 3-0 city council vote on Aug. 10, ending John Morrison's two months as acting mayor.

Homedale City Councilperson Vonnie L. Harkins lost her battle with cancer in January, two years after joining the council.

After rejecting two other Mayor Gheen Christoffersen nominees, the city council approved Shane Muir as Harkins' successor in May. Muir continues to serve on the Homedale School District board of trustees, too.

James Ferdinand began his term as Marsing mayor in January, succeeding two-term mayor Keith Green.

Later in the year, Ferdinand had the opportunity to appoint a new council member after Councilman Aron Streibel resigned on Oct. 3 because he moved his primary



In a sign of the biggest change in Owyhee County business in some time, Albertsons took over Paul's Market stores, including the flagship in Homedale.

residence to Caldwell.

The council accepted the appointment of Jolyn Green, the wife of the man Green succeeded as the town's chief executive, during a Nov. 8 meeting.

Although there is only one year left on the term Green inherited, she plans to run for election to retain the position in November.

Ex-Rimrock teachers charged with sex abuse

Within the span of four months, two former Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School teachers were charged with sex crimes.

In October, Samantha Rae Henretty, 28, was arrested in Mountain Home on an Owyhee County warrant alleging three counts of felony sexual battery of a minor age 16-17. Her July arrest came at the end of a seven-month investigation into allegations that Henretty had sexual relations with a 17-year-old male Rimrock student.

Henretty resigned from Rimrock shortly after the investigation began in January.

Henretty has pleaded not guilty to the charges, and a jury trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Feb. 14 before Third District Judge Davis F. Vandervelde in Murphy.

In November, former Rimrock cabinet-making teacher, athletic director and boys' basketball coach David Ethington, 34, turned himself. He faces eight felony counts of sexual battery of a minor 16 or 17 years of age.

Ethington allegedly engaged in sexual conduct with a 17-year-old girl between October 2015 and March of this year.

Hired in August 2014, Ethington resigned on Oct. 28, 2015 after allegations of inappropriate conduct with a student came to light.

Ethington's preliminary hearing is set for 1:30 p.m., on Jan. 30 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Owyhee Canyonlands designation unclear

Whether environmentalists would get their wish of a 2.5-million-acre national monument in the Owyhee Canyonlands of Malheur County is still up in the air as the year draws to a close.

Ranchers and residents who live and work in Malheur County have held several public meetings and fundraisers in an attempt to battle folks from western Oregon who are pushing President Barack Obama to create the monument through executive order under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

As of this week's deadline, no decision had been made on the designation, which locals fear would hurt families who rely on the cattle industry that utilizes areas that would probably come under some type of restrictive protection.

Succor Creek bridge replacement begins

The first of a handful of major Idaho Transportation Department projects scheduled in coming years for the Homedale-Marsing area got under way in 2016.

Replacement of the 50-year-old Succor Creek bridge that carries Idaho highway 19 over the waterway west of Homedale is expected to last until the middle of 2017. Motorists and farmers have had to endure traffic delays because of the temporary stoplight on the bridge, which is restricted to one lane.

The work actually began in February when the City of Homedale had to hire a contractor to relocate the water delivery main running from its tank west of town under Succor Creek.

An ITD official told Homedale City Hall last week that the traffic pattern could switch Thursday — weather permitting — as contractor Knife River prepares to demolish the remaining portion of the original bridge.

Library grant application awaits answer from state

The Homedale Public Library grant application process could reach a conclusion next month.

The application for the Idaho Community Development Block Grant seeks \$486,850 of a maximum \$500,000 to build an expansion of the existing library at 125 W. Owyhee.

Total library construction cost is estimated to be \$455,000. If the grant is awarded, the Western Alliance for Economic Development stands to gain \$31,850 for executive director Tina Wilson's grant administration services.

The state Economic Advisory Council will review the grant application in January and make a recommendation to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

If Otter awards the grant, Wilson said funding would be available in May. She believes the library expansion could be completed by February 2018.

Gateway West plan disappoints county

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners voiced opposition to a route that would take the Gateway West transmission line through private property.

In October, the Bureau of Land Management announced Alternative 5 for Segments 8-9 when it released the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

The commissioners' protest letter states that Owyhee County's economy will be adversely affected if the decision stands in its current form.

The letter also says placement as proposed in the preferred alternative will have permanent detrimental impacts on the agricultural lands.

The BLM has decided to move forward with the Alternative 5 route, which the federal agency said avoids private land, sage-

grouse habitat and the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area "to the greatest extent possible."

The selected route takes Segment 9 south of Grand View and Murphy, but through private ground in Oreana and Sinker Creek, which is home to the Joyce Ranch.

County commissioners, the Owyhee County Task Force and Idaho Power all supported Alternative 1, which would have put the 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line along Baja Road in the NCA where a smaller-capacity powerline already stands.

Lawmen cleared in Homedale fatal shooting

The lawmen who returned fire in an incident that killed a Homedale man on Dec. 26, 2015 were justified in their actions, according to the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The Critical Incident Task Force investigation had determined that 38-year-old Gilbert Heredia raised a weapon and pointed it at responders during a civil standby at his residence.

In declining to file charges in May, Canyon's chief criminal deputy prosecutor, Christopher Topmiller, wrote that "Heredia posed a credible threat of death or serious injury to both officers."

Owyhee Sheriff's Deputy Terry McGrew and Homedale Police reservist Chris Steed were not injured during the incident.

Wounded six times, Heredia died after his family removed him from life support on New Year's Day.

Marsing dissolves P&Z

Seeing a lack of activity for the volunteer advisory board, the Marsing City Council voted to dissolve the town's Planning and Zoning commission.

City leaders surmised because of the infrequency of permit filings, it would be easier for the city council to handle such requests directly with public hearings as needed.

Another factor was the difficulty that was found to keep the P&Z commission seeded with enough members able to attend regularly enough to maintain a quorum at meetings.

Service academies beckon HHS grads

Two recent Homedale High School graduates made the big leap into U.S. service academies in 2016.

Dylan Burks, a 2016 high school grad, began his studies at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Victoria (Tori) Nash moved on to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., after completing a year of preparatory school in Rhode Island.

Shifting foods’ nutritional focus

The 2016 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo that is put on by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics focuses on the newest in healthy food options available to consumers for consumption. At their conference in October, specific foods that assist in the digestive process were highlighted to more than 10,000 nutrition professionals from around the world. With these experts being in-tune to the necessities of their clientele, it is clear that the food industry is aware of that it must meet the needs of customers demanding healthy food choices.

Foods with low FODMAP — or fermentable oligosaccharides, disaccharides, monosaccharides and polyols — were a focus because of research that has found



Surine Greenway

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these foods to be part of treatment for people with difficult digestive issues, such as irritable bowel syndrome. The food world is taking notice of these foods with steps even being taken to create a program to certify low-FODMAP foods similar to the stamp that is applied to gluten-free products.

Fermentation was also a food emphasized at the expo. Highlights included new products on the market that are considered unconventional as well as modern. Within the past three years, fermentation has gained massive popularity with food specialists and curious foodies alike, with research strongly supporting that it can reduce gut health concerns. With commercial products available as well as opportunities for consumers to complete some recipes in their homes, this is an increasingly popular area of the food market.

Lastly, plant-based and whole

grains were largely stressed, but in a way that stands separate from the traditional view of these two food classes. Instead of pushing plant products in place of meats in the diet, it was encouraged to combine the two by introducing ways the two can accompany one another at a meal and provide mutual benefits in the diet. This is encouraging, especially because both protein needs and plant nutrients should be seen as dietary priorities while acknowledging that meat does not need to be eliminated in order to meet the recommendations of the other.

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Today

- 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

Thursday

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Adrian City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179
- 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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- After-school program**
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- AA meetings**
7:30 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
- Wilson Sagehens meeting**
1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.
- 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

Thursday, Jan. 5

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday, Jan. 6

- 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

Sunday, Jan. 8

- Marsing Gun Club shoot**
11 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 941-1922, (208) 880-6543 or marsinggunclub@yahoo.com

Monday, Jan. 9

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

What’s closed for New Year’s holiday

Government offices, banks and stores have varying closing schedules for the New Year’s holiday.

Because New Year’s Day falls on Sunday this year, Monday is the legal observance for the holiday, and most offices will reopen on Tuesday.

Emergency services — All emergency service agencies, including Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, Homedale Police, and fire, medical and ambulance services will be in operation during the holiday.

County government — County Clerk Angie Barkell said all county offices will close at 5 p.m. Friday and will reopen Tuesday.

City government — City Halls in Homedale and Marsing will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, and reopen on Tuesday. City Halls in Grand View, Adrian, and Jordan Valley are always closed on Fridays, and they will reopen on Tuesday.

Banks — US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will observe a three-day weekend and reopen Tuesday.

Senior centers — The Homedale Senior Center and the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View are always closed on Fridays and Mondays.

Magistrate court — Court dates that would have been set for Monday in Murphy have been moved to Monday, Jan. 9. Homedale’s court clerk’s office will reopen on Tuesday.

Public libraries — Homedale Public Library will close Satur-

day and reopen Tuesday. Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and will be open on Monday. Grand View’s Eastern Owyhee County Library will also be open Monday. The Bruneau Valley Library is always closed Friday through Monday.

Albertsons — The grocery store in Homedale will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. The pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on New Year’s Eve and closed on New Year’s Day.

Logan’s Market — The Marsing grocery store will be open regular hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., during the three-day weekend. The liquor retail counter will be open New Year’s Day.

Homedale Drug — The store and liquor retailer will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on New Year’s Eve, and will be closed on New Year’s Day.

Garbage pickup — Westowns Disposal Inc. will have its regular routes in the days following New Year’s. The company picks up garbage on Tuesdays in Homedale and on Fridays in Marsing. Rural routes also will be on the regular schedule. Snake River Rubbish in the eastern end of the county will also pick up garbage on its regular schedule.

The Owyhee Avalanche office — The office will close at 5 p.m. Friday and reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Most deadlines remain the same, but the classified advertising deadline for the Jan. 4 edition will 5 p.m. on Friday.

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Sage-grouse habitat plan unveiled
From left: Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Chad Nettleton, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland and Bureau of Land Management fuels specialist Ben Sitz study a map during the Dec. 19 Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat (BOSH) Project open house in Murphy. The comment period has been extended until Jan. 18. BLM photo

Man sentenced on DUI, drug charges

A former Wilder man has been placed on two years' probation after entering a guilty plea to six misdemeanors.

Juan Carlos Moreno Trejo was sentenced on Dec. 12.

The charges included driving under the influence, two counts of drug possession (including one originally filed as a felony), two counts possession of drug paraphernalia and a count of a driver in possession of an open alcoholic container.

Trejo was credited with six days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after his Sept. 4 arrest, and Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober suspended the balance of a 90-day sentence. He must pay nearly \$2,000 in fees and fines.

Trejo also will be able to perform 100 hours of community service in Washington state. Grober made the allowance when he learned Trejo was leaving Idaho.

COSSA fitness set to resume in new year

ESL class to launch Jan. 9

The 2017 session of night fitness classes at the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) campus in Wilder will begin next week.

COSSA, which is located at 109 Penny Lane, will resume holding Strength, Sweat, Stretch classes from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday.

TurboKick/strength training fitness classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Zumba fitness classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Thursday starting Jan. 5.

Admission to any of the fitness activities is \$5 per class, or people can buy five classes and get the sixth class for free.

COSSA instructor Janet McCornack, a Homedale resident, will start teaching a new English as a Second Language (ESL) course on Monday, Jan. 9.

The ESL classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday through March 22. No class will be held on Monday, Jan. 16, which is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The cost of each ESL class is \$5.

Anyone wanting more information on the classes or wishing to register can contact COSSA beginning Tuesday morning. The school is closed this week because of the Christmas holiday.

Contact COSSA short-term training coordinator Kristie Dorsey at (208) 482-6074, ext. 249 or dorseyk@cosaschools.org.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/21	2.5	11	4.5	31	6	20
12/22	2.3	11	4.3	37	13	22
12/23	2.3	11	4.3	35	13	27
12/24	2.7	n/a	4.6	31	16	25
12/25	2.8	15	4.7	23	-2	13
12/26	2.6	14	4.5	21	0	9
12/27	2.6	14	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
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12/22	1.8	6	5.0	25	14	20
12/23	1.5	6	5.0	29	15	22
12/24	1.8	10	5.5	28	14	20
12/25	2.2	12	5.7	16	12	14
12/26	2.2	11	5.6	27	13	19
12/27	2.2	11	5.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/21	5.7	22	8.5	34	18	26
12/22	5.8	22	8.4	39	24	30
12/23	5.7	22	8.4	35	23	31
12/24	6.0	22	8.9	29	13	20
12/25	6.6	29	9.4	16	10	13
12/26	6.6	28	9.4	30	10	20
12/27	6.6	27	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 29 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 178 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 28 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 207,000 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale. Last week's weather recap was unavaialble

Marsing Fire responds to dairy tractor blaze

Outside of a couple controlled burns on Main Street, things have been quiet lately for the Marsing Fire Department.

But volunteer firefighters were dispatched to DeRuyter Dairy on Buntrock Road after 6 p.m. on Dec. 20 to deal with a fully engulfed tractor.


Fire Chief Brion Showalter said the tractor wasn't in use at the time of the fire, and it's believed an electrical short sparked the blaze.

Showalter said a fire engine, water tender and six personnel responded.

Another controlled burn was conducted to raze a residence at the corner of Old Bruneau Highway and Main Street earlier that afternoon. It was at least the second controlled burn in that block as landowner Les Loucks clears the area of dilapidated buildings.

— JPB

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GIVING TREE 2016



Sam Galligan (right) and other members of the Marsing High School boys' basketball team help sort through non-perishable goods in the district cafeteria Thursday morning. The items went into food boxes for needy families that submitted their names in this year's Giving Tree program.



Dozens of donors from throughout the Intermountain West helped create a wall of toys at Homedale's Voodoo Tattoo.

✓ Homedale: Voodoo inspires eastern drive

330 different items.

The Mitchells placed the toy drive flyer on the Voodoo Tattoo Facebook page, which created inspiration and confusion.

John says there are at least four other Voodoo Tattoo studios across the country, and folks in other regions were confused when their local shops were accepting toys.

Others, such as people in Washington state, Utah, Oregon and Colorado, made arrangements to make sure the Homedale toy drive was a success. All toys received at Voodoo Tattoo, including those donated by out-of-state folks, will stay in the local area, the Mitchells said.

Each donor earned a tattoo work gift certificate for double the value of the toys donated. William Crow of Richland, Wash., won the drawing for a \$200 gift certificate.

Crow was just passing through Homedale on the way from Salt Lake City when he decided to contribute to the cause, John said.

The toy drive's Facebook post was shared 2 million times and got exposure in the United Kingdom.

The owner of Iron Heart Evolution Studios, a tattoo and art gallery in Salem, Va., heard about the Voodoo Tattoo toy drive and asked John if he could start his

own effort in the Roanoke area.

According to Iron Heart's Facebook page, the studio's Toys for Tatts collection brought in about \$2,600 worth of toys by Dec. 13, and toys were accepted for another week.

John said the Ironheart promotion wound up with about \$6,000 worth of toys in an area with a population base several times larger than the Homedale area.

The Ironheart Proceeds were donated to The Rescue Mission of Roanoke.

The Mitchells intend to bring back the Toys for Tattoos effort next holiday season.

— JPB



From left: Marsing Elementary School principal Mary Lou Lopez, Parent Teacher Organization co-president Megan Astorquia, and elementary reading intervention and English language development teacher Debbie Elizondo were among about 15 people who volunteered their time Thursday morning to wrap presents for the Giving Tree.



From left: Marsing boys' basketball players Cash Sevy, Julian Sandoval, and Landry Villa lend a hand.



Owyhee County El-Ada coordinator Olga Valero (left) presented the Mitchell family with a certificate of appreciation Friday afternoon for helping to gather nearly \$4,000 worth of toys for El-Ada's Toys for Tots program. From right: Melanie Mitchell, Amitie Mitchell, John Mitchell, and Taylor Mitchell.

✓ Marsing: Caring community members filled every Giving Tree card

"Participation this year was excellent," she said. "All of the cards were taken from the trees. Participation was unbelievable."

Last Christmas, 33 families had wish

tags on the trees. In 2014, 44 families received gifts and food boxes from the Marsing tradition.

The Giving Tree has been going on for at least 11 years, and some of the volunteers

behind the program think it could even date to 1997.

Green wants folks to know that the effort wouldn't be possible without the support of so many people around town.

"Thank you for the generosity of the community (members) that do this for the children of our community," Green said. "We truly appreciate it."

— SC

CELEBRATING THE SEASON



Marsing's holiday reflections
The city Christmas display illuminates Island Park in Marsing on Thursday night, providing a mirror effect on the pond.



OHR drive a success
Dola MacLeod picks up Christmas presents for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center residents at The Owyhee Avalanche's gift drive last Wednesday. The gift drive and efforts by the Last Chance Saloon provided a bright Christmas for residents.



HMS crowns ugly sweater champions
Homedale Middle School celebrated Christmas with spirit days. Winners of this year's ugly sweater contest were, from left, eighth-grader Bella Smith, the 14-year-old daughter of Faydra and Corey Smith; seventh-grader Josh Brown, 13, son of Keri and Shane Brown; sixth-grader Kambell Garrett, 11, daughter of Kasey and Keri Garrett; and fifth-grader Lexie Heck, 11, daughter of Jason and Camille Heck. Submitted photo

Homedale holiday dinner and concert



Homedale high school and middle school musicians performed a holiday dinner and concert on Dec. 20.
Clockwise from top:
Music director John Zieske conducts the sixth-grade band.
The high school choir performs a selection.
The high school band takes direction for Zieske.
The high school jazz band livens up the evening.

Marsing wrestler fifth
at M.S. State

Avalanche Sports

Homedale crab, steak
feed on horizon



Norm Stewart

Stewart steps down as Marsing football coach

Superintendent wants flexibility to be available for college-bound son

The hunt is on for the next Marsing High School football coach. Norm Stewart, the school district superintendent who took on coaching responsibilities early in the 2015 season, has resigned to have more flexibility for his son, who will begin

pursuit of an electrical engineering degree at the University of Idaho in the fall. “I love coaching the game of football, but looking at different things such as the time demands for the (proposed school bond election in

March) but also being available for my son as he transitions to college for his first semester, I wanted to have the time and freedom on weekends to take off and go visit,” Stewart said. Stewart’s son, Taylor, is a senior at Eagle High School.

Stewart said ending his coaching career after 25 years at four different schools wasn’t easy. “It was a tough decision to make. I love coaching the game of football,” — See *Coach*, page 14

La Grande ends Adrian girls’ winning streak

Adrian High School’s season-opening six-game girls’ basketball winning streak came to an end Thursday in the second round of the Nyssa Tournament. La Grande, Ore., edged the Antelopes, 40-36, on what turned out to be the final day of the tournament. Organizers cancelled the third round of the Nyssa Tournament on Friday. Adrian (6-1 overall) trailed 27-9 at halftime Thursday. Carlee Morton led the Antelopes with seven points, and Kierra Hernandez’s 10 points paced La Grande’s balanced attack. **Last Wednesday: Adrian 51, Baker, Ore., 40** — After falling behind early, the Antelopes started the second half of their tournament opener on a 15-6 run to take control in the Nyssa Tournament opener. “We came out in the second half and applied some pressure and made some things happen,” Adrian coach Gene Mills said after the game. The Bulldogs had more second-chance points, but Adrian cashed in 36 Baker turnovers to build a 16-point lead in the second half. Anna Hutchings had eight steals, and Carlee Morton added six as the Antelopes racked up 26 thefts as a team. Adrian’s leading scorers missed just four shots from the field and two free-throw attempts. Shyanne Allaire was 8-for-10 from the foul line and hit four of seven field goals for a game-high 16 points. Lauren Barraza (6-for-6 from the charity stripe and perfect in three shots from the floor) scored 12 points. They were also Adrian’s top rebounders with Allaire snagging seven boards and Barraza grabbing five. “It was a good game against a high-quality opponent,” Mills said. Kaeli Flanagan went 4-for-4 from the floor for the bulk of her 11 points to lead Baker. Teammate Gracie Huggins had nine points and eight rebounds.



Marsing High School’s Joseph Ineck prepares to take Payette’s Jordan Wolery to the mat during their 145-pound match Thursday.

Top MHS wrestlers triumph in dual defeat

Forfeits in hard-to-fill weight classes helped widen the gap in Marsing High School’s loss to Payette on Thursday. Freshman Adonis Stelzried continued to show he could be a stalwart for the Huskies with the toughest victory of the night in the home team’s 48-21 non-conference dual meet defeat. The Pirates’ Cruz Villarreal stayed close with a reversal and a takedown in the first period of the 132-pound bout, but Stelzried (13-4) gave up only a penalty point the rest of the way in a 7-4 win that drew the Huskies to within nine points, 18-9. Stelzried’s victory was the only varsity match that went the distance. — See *Wrestlers*, page 14



Mason Hall

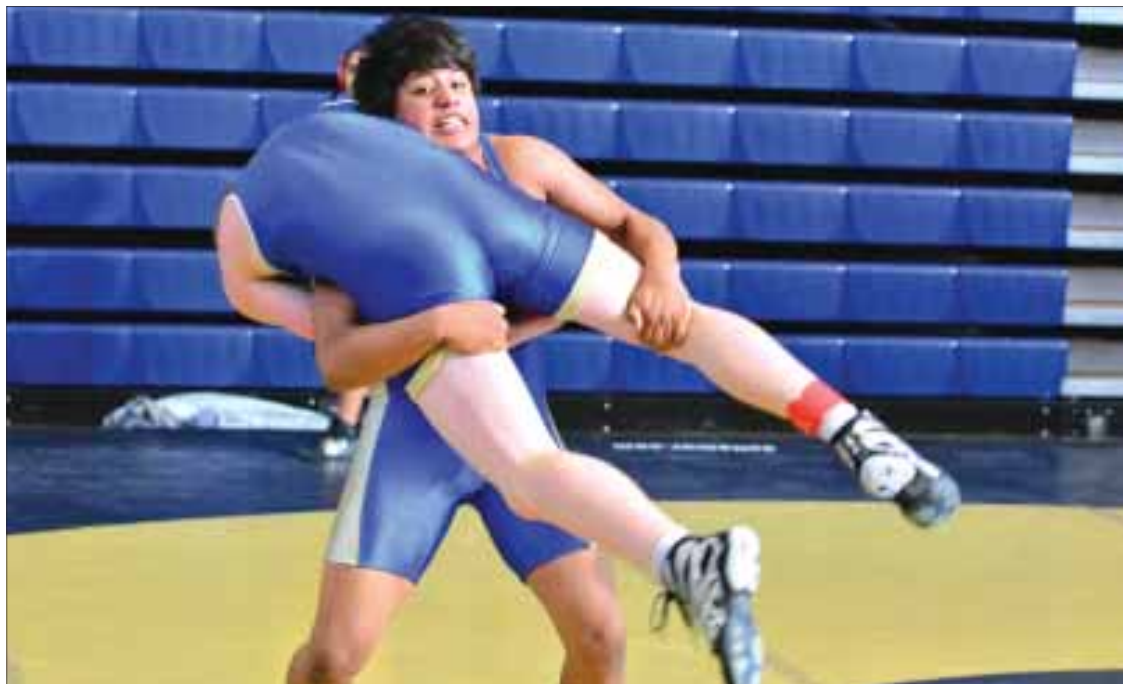
Marsing’s Dakota Hardy drives to the hoop as Wilder’s Cristian Aguilar steps into the lane in the Huskies’ non-conference victory at home. Hardy scored five points and doled out five assists. Photo by Dan Pease



Huskies tame Wildcats

Rallying from a sluggish start, Marsing High School beat Wilder in non-conference boys’ basketball last week. Enrique Quebrado’s 21 points led the Huskies in a 50-36 home victory on Dec. 20. Trailing at halftime, Marsing (4-3 overall) went on a 14-6 tear through the third quarter to surge ahead and then widened the lead with 22 points over the final eight minutes. “With some missed practice due to weather and not game in over a week, we struggled to get into a rhythm in the first half,” MHS coach Tim Little said. Quebrado dropped six of nine free throws. He was the only Marsing player to visit the foul line. He also took the most field-goal attempts, knocking down half of his 12 shots. He had half of his team’s successful three-point goals. Jose Ponce fired in a pair of treys for the bulk of his 10 points, and Nick Lankow led the Huskies’ defensive rebounding dominance with four of six boards on Wilder’s end of the floor. Marsing held a 14-6 edge on the Wildcats’ glass. Ponce led the defense with three steals. Freshman Norman Gonzalez scored eight points for Wilder, while junior Cristobal Rodriguez added seven.

Sports



Above: Isai Arriaga lifts his Marsing Middle School teammate, Trayton Jacobi, during their preliminary match at the Idaho middle school state meet. Arriaga finished fifth at 152 pounds. Below: Jacobi's arm is raised after he beat Max Collins of North Junior High School. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Marsing Middle School wrestlers face off during state tournament

Two Marsing wrestlers faced each other in the middle school state championship meet earlier this month. Isai Arriaga beat teammate Trayton Jacobi in the quarterfinals en route to a fifth-place finish in the 157-pound bracket at Meridian's Mountain View High School on Dec. 17. Arriaga edged Lake Hazel's Austin Tyler, 3-0, in the fifth-place match. Arriaga's first victory of the tournament was a 3-minute, 19-second pin of Jacobi in the quarterfinal. He lost the semifinal to Tazyn Twiss. The West Minico wrestler prevailed by pinfall at the 1:14 mark. Jacobi's day began with a 10-3 decision against North Junior High's Max Collins. He picked up a pinfall victory over Eryk Carter (1:17) in the second round of the consolation bracket before losing by pinfall (1:45) to Tyler.



Trojans lose third straight boys' game

Homedale High School will try to end a three-game losing streak when it restarts its boys' basketball season after the Christmas break. First-year coach Chad Mann's squad is scheduled to play host to Baker, Ore., on Jan. 7. The Trojans (2-5 overall) narrowly lost to Cole Valley Christian, 58-56, last Wednesday in a non-conference makeup game on the road. According to a video posted to the Cole Valley Christian Athletics Facebook page, the Trojans

trailed by a point, 54-53, with 35.9 seconds left in the game. No other information on the game was provided. The Baker game is the first of four consecutive home games for the Trojans, including the first three games of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.



Chad Mann

Homedale Boosters dinner tickets on sale

Preparations have begun for the fifth annual Homedale Boosters Crab and Steak Feed. The event benefits Homedale school sports programs. A dinner, raffle and auctions will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale. Advance tickets are \$45 and are available from Homedale High School student-athletes when school resumes next week or by posting a message to the Boosters Facebook page. Tables that seat eight people also are available for \$400. Doors open at 6 p.m., and a silent auction will start. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and a

live auction begins at 8 p.m. A rifle is among the live auction items, and themed baskets created by each sports team will be available. Boosters board member Keri Brown said the club is working on gathering more donations. A gun safe will be given away in the raffle. The Boosters board consists of Brown, Jane Pfost and Matt Dorsey as well as new members Oscar Evans, Ami Packer, Nikki Hilton and Carina Purdom, who were elected in the fall.

Find out What's happening Read Calendar each week in the Avalanche

Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

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Boys' basketball
Scott Matlock, jr., center
Has flashed scoring ability, including season-high 12 points vs. Cole Valley Chrsitian on Nov. 29

Girls' basketball
Kendall Nash, jr., guard
Has logged 25 points, 15 rebounds and seven steals this season

Wrestling
Joel Padilla, sr., 160 pounds
Finished sixth at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational and has a 4-4 record overall

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Baker, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Baker, Ore., 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Baker, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 6-7 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa

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Sports

✓ Wrestlers: Forfeits, Payette’s power play part in non-conference loss

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Payette wrestlers were able to get quick pins to keep their distance against Marsing.

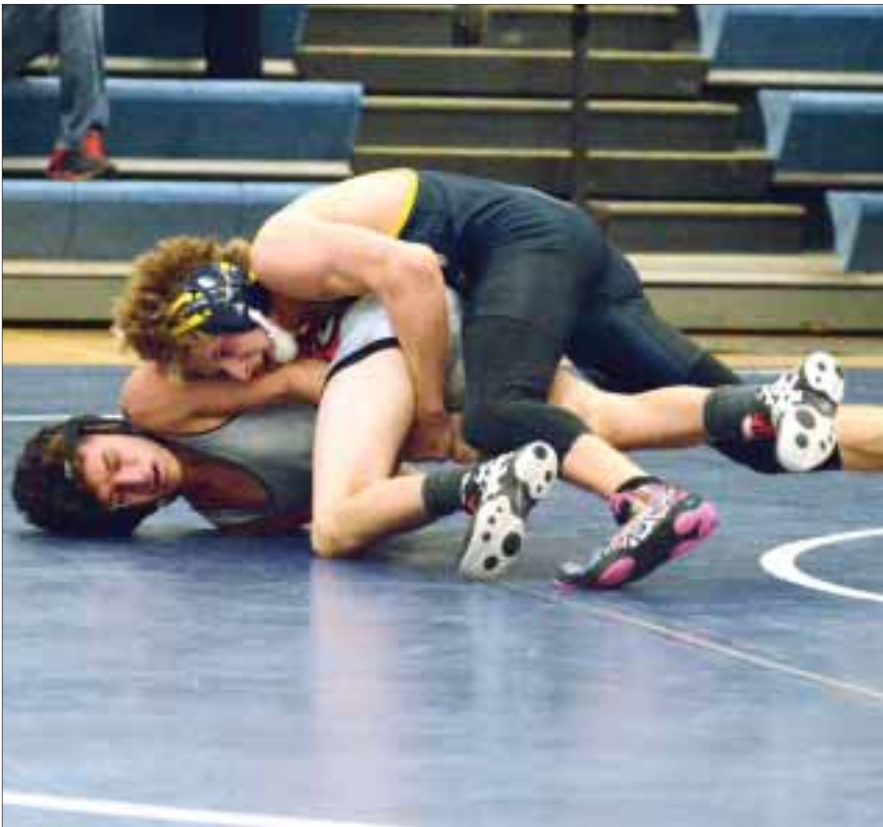
Joseph Ineck (10-2), the Huskies’ junior at 145 pounds pinned Payette’s Jordan Wolery with 23 seconds left in the second period to narrow the gap again to nine points, 24-15.

But the Pirates reeled off three straight pinfalls and collected a forfeit to put the match away heading into the upper weights.

Junior 220-pounder Mason Hall (12-2) pinned Payette’s Cesar Herrera in 1 minute, 16 seconds in the final match of the varsity meet.

Marsing wrestled without the services of Oscar Gonzalez, the 152-pound returning state qualifier.

The Huskies gave up 18 points by forfeit, primarily in the light weights. Payette wrestlers were able to get full points in matches with pinfalls at 126, 138, 145, 152, 160 and 170.



Left: Payette’s Anthony Dovalina picks up Marsing sophomore Kadin Goins in their 152-pound match during Thursday’s varsity dual meet inside the Huskies’ gymnasium. **Right:** Marsing freshman Adonis Stelzried struggles to gain control against the Pirates’ 132-pound Cruz Villarreal during what turned out to be the meet’s most competitive match.

✓ Coach: Marsing program has had six coaches in the past 10 seasons

From Page 12

he said. “I loved working with our football players, with our guys.

“It was a tough decision to make, but I felt ... for the athletes themselves and my own family, it was the best decision to make so that everybody could have the time they truly deserve to have for a good quality football program and for good quality family time.”

Marsing was the final stop in

Stewart’s coaching career that also included time with Cove, Stanfield, Powder Valley and Echo in Oregon.

The Huskies have the longest current losing streak among Idaho’s 11-man football programs. Marsing has lost 24 consecutive games comprising three straight 0-8 seasons. Murtaugh, an eight-man program, has lost 25 consecutive games.

The school board of trustees

accepted Stewart’s resignation during its Dec. 13 meeting. He continues in his role as district superintendent.

Stewart took over two games into the 2015 season when school board trustees fired Brad Hill. Hill had succeeded Jaime Wood to start the 2014 season after serving as co-head coach in 2013.

Wood coached four seasons and led the Huskies to the 2A state playoffs three times.

The team went 9-2 and reached the state semifinals in 2012 and posted a 5-3 record in 2013, Wood’s final season.

Marsing’s two seasons under Stewart were marked by run-oriented offenses that struggled to find the end zone. The team averaged 3.75 points per game over the past two seasons, and the closest game in that time was a 14-6 loss to Cole Valley Christian on Sept. 25, 2015. The Huskies

failed to score in half of their losses in the past two seasons.

The Huskies have had five coaches over the past nine seasons. Wood succeeded one-year coach Scott Bryant, who took over after Jake Walgamott coached the 2008 season.

Walgamott became coach when the school board didn’t renew longtime coach Don Heller’s contract after the 2007 season.

— JPB

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Enrique Quebrado, Jr., guard
Three 3-pointers, 21 points vs. Wilder



Girls' basketball
Mackenzie Farrens, Jr., post
Averaging double-double of 13.5 pts and 12 rebounds through first 10 games



Wrestling
Mason Hall, Jr., 220 pounds
76-second pin closed dual meet vs. Payette

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 29 at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 29 at Wendell, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Parma, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 29 at Wendell, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Varsity
Parma Holiday Tournament
Wednesday, Dec. 28 vs. Baker, Ore., or Soda Springs, 8 a.m. or 2 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29, team and time TBA

Wrestling

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 6-7 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 1, 1992

Commissioners pass broad land use plan

The Owyhee County Commissioners adopted an Interim Land Use Policy Plan at their regular meeting Dec. 23.

According to the plan, it will be used “to guide the use of public lands and public resources in Owyhee County and to protect the rights of private landowners.”

Commissioner Dick Bass said the plan is designed to insure that the federal government and other land planning agencies taking actions in Owyhee County take into consideration the “culture and custom” of the county, community stability and impacts the action might have on the county.

If potential negative impacts are identified, the agency must come up with some alternatives.

Early in the fall, the commissioners passed some land use ordinances concerning solid waste and sludge, making it mandatory for those looking to use Owyhee County for a disposal site to first obtain a permit.

Bass said the recently adopted plan is much broader, covering areas such as land disposition, water resources, agriculture, timber and wood products, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife and wilderness.

The plan is designed to be an interim set of policies to provide a general planning framework until a permanent Owyhee County comprehensive land use plan can be developed and implemented.

Under the plan, the commissioners are asking that they be consulted and coordinated with on any planning that takes place in the county.

Local singer cuts records

A 32 year-old area woman who says she has been composing songs and singing professionally off and on since the age of 18 may be facing the biggest career break of her life.

JoAnn Redburn Beebe, who lives on a dairy farm a mile or so beyond the Stateline store outside Homedale, returned from Nashville little more than a week ago where she cut an album for K-Ark Records containing two of her “country music” songs. The “demo” 45 RPM album is expected to be distributed to area radio stations under her professional name, JoAnn Redburn, and she thinks it will be circulated nationwide.

Asked last Friday what the development means, Beebe replied, “I think this is the beginning of a really big thing for me ... They say I’ll start touring in the spring, with a band made up of musicians from the Nashville area.”

She said that John Capps, producer of the record under his K-Ark label, invited her to come to Nashville at her own expense after she sent him a “demo” recording of 10 of her own songs that she had made sometime earlier.

“I immediately flew there and we cut a single, two songs off the original, ‘A Foolish State of Mind’ and ‘I Miss Your Lovin’ ’,” Beebe said.

Maher receives cowboy honors

Longtime cowboy Frank Maher was inducted into the state Cowboy Hall of Fame when he received the “Million Miles in the Saddle” award at this year’s Idaho Cattle Association annual convention in Coeur d’Alene.

“It makes you feel pretty humble,” Maher said of receiving the award. “It’s sure quite an honor, I tell you.”

Maher was born Nov. 11, 1917 at Cliffs. He was the fourth in a family of nine, born to parents Ambrose and Ethel Welch Maher. He spent his early years attending a one-room log schoolhouse.

As a teenager, he started working for his father and his Uncle William “Bill” Maher, who were partners on a ranch. Maher said they were both wonderful ropers, and good riders when they were young.

He said he learned a lot from them, as well as many others he worked with throughout the years, both about being a cowboy, and being a person.

“I’ve never been with a person yet that I couldn’t learn something from, even if it’s just not to be like them,” he said.

50 years ago

December 29, 1966

Area’s farmer of year to be selected from 10 nominees

The area’s farmer-of-the-year and a runner-up will be selected on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the annual Homedale Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Installation of officers, announced Don L. Shaffer, president-elect of the CC.

The ten farmers chosen from a field of 25 young farmers in the area listed in alphabetical order: Paul D. Akichika, Larry Bahem, Theodore W. (Ted) Chadez, Fred L. Demshar, James H. Hinton, Roy Kubosumi, Tony Larrocea, Don Schaeffer, Keith Stansell, and Lynn Taggart.

The Farm Organization Committee met on Dec. 22, to choose the above farmers, 35 years of age and younger who live in the Homedale School District.

The farm organizations represented were: ASC, Jack Stansell; State Line Grange, John Jack Walker; Owyhee County Farm Bureau, Rolf Geertson; Homedale Farm Labor, Ray Mansidor; Idaho Horticultural Society, D. Arthur VanSlyke; Sugar Beet Industry, John Cegnar; South Board of Control, Don Parker; Owyhee Soil Conservation Service, Art Bahem and Hank Sweep; Owyhee County Extension Service, Jess Wilson; Homedale Highway District, Howard Carpenter; Homedale Chamber of Commerce, Ronald Vance and Homer Anderson.

Survey shows family food bills up \$48 a year in county

How much is spent in Owyhee County per month for food? For the average local family, to what extent have food bills gone up in the last two years?

Rising food prices, locally and in other parts of the country have captured the headlines. They have led to consumer revolts, and in many areas to boycotts.

In Owyhee County, according to latest figures, the annual food bill has climbed an estimated \$48 per family in a period of two years.

The findings are based on the average price changes, as reported by the Department of Agriculture and others, for the nation as a whole. The two-year rise in the cost of food was approximately 8.5 percent.

Owyhee County’s total food bill last year, according to the annual survey by the Standard Rate and Data Service, came to \$1,241,000.

Apportioned equally among the local population, this was equivalent to \$56 per month per family.

Judges named for Lions essay contest

Judges for the local entries in the Lions International Peace Essay contest have been selected, Tom Collett, president of the Grand View Lions Club announced last Friday.

Those chosen judges include Rollin Johnston, pastor of the Knight Congregational Church; Leon Wickel, manager of the Grand View branch of the Idaho State Bank; and Charles Brown, superintendent of schools.

Smith sells Marsing Drug to Boise man

Glenn Smith announces the sale of the Marsing Drug Store to Elmer Darnell of Boise. Mr. Smith gives possession of the business on Dec. 25. Mr. Darnell is a retired pharmacist and has arranged with Ted Webb of Melba to operate the drug store. Ted is a pharmacist, and son of Ed Webb, who operates the Melba Drug store.

Mr. Smith has purchased the Meridian Drug Center where he will be assisted by another pharmacist. He said he will not move his family from Marsing at present in order that his children may finish the semester in the Marsing schools.

Silver Star has gift exchange

Members of the Silver Star chapter OES had a Christmas gift exchange following the December 20 meeting at the Masonic hall.

Acting as Santa Claus to distribute the gifts was Mrs. Paul Sligar. Mrs. Willis Titmus and daughter, Mrs. Bill Moore, served refreshments.

140 years ago

December 30, 1876

THERE are two ways in which the Presidential difficulty might be settled. Congress might order a new election, or the points in dispute relative to the electoral vote of three or more of the States might be brought before the Supreme Court for final adjustment. Either course would be infinitely preferable to involving the country in the turmoil and strife threatened by the inauguration of a President who is conceded not to have an honest majority of the votes cast at the recent election.

LEGISLATION FOR OWYHEE. R. Tregaskis, Esq., Councilman for Owyhee, came home on Sunday for the purpose of spending a portion of the holidays here and also to see his constituents and to get their views on the subject of needed legislation for this county. There are various matters connected with our county affairs that require earnest and immediate attention. In fact, the finances of Owyhee are, to say the least, in a very demoralized condition. The manner in which the collection of taxes has been carried on for the past year or two is simply farcical. The Assessor, the Sheriff and the District Attorney, have each in turn tried their hand at the business, and still there are taxes to an immense amount which remain uncollected, and which would not have been the case if more promptness and vigilance had been exercised. The consequence is that the various County Funds are far short of being in a plethoric condition while the depreciated status of county scrip is not only producing serious inconvenience to many, but gives rise to a feeling of general uneasiness that ought to be remedied without delay. The rate of taxation is entirely too high. The system adopted in the general management of the county finances is very defective and calls for an immediate and thorough reform. To this end, we hope the Owyhee members, in the two branches of the Legislature, will give attention to the perfection of such a measure as the emergency demands. Let them bend their energies to the work and do something before adjournment takes place. If they fail in this the people will have good reason to feel very much dissatisfied.

SCHOOL AT BRUNEAU. The people of Bruneau have now a school in successful operation. It is kept by Mr. Sullivan in a building owned by John Turner, Esq. There is an attendance of about fifteen scholars which will probably be increased to twenty before long. The Trustees are A. Rokerson, O.H.P. Lee and Joshua Miller.

POLITICAL NOTES AND OPINIONS. Seeley, Foster and several other Republican Congressmen, are unprepared to acknowledge the South Carolina, Florida, or Louisiana returning boards as the final arbiters in so momentous a question as the settlement of the Presidency.

“Whoever is declared by the President of the Senate to be elected President and Vice President of the Nation, it will be my duty to recognize them and surrender to them, and to them alone, the reins of authority. This I shall do. I have no wish to force any particular person upon the people, but I shall see that the man declared my successor shall be placed in possession of the government.” – U.S. Grant.

The New York World knows all about it. It says Senator Sherman is to become President of the Senate, and if no regular declaration of a President is made, or if two Presidents are declared, Senator Sherman at noon on the 4th of March will assume the Executive functions. His brother at the head of the army will sustain him and the two will run things to suit themselves. Of course this is all fiction. – St. Louis Journal.

If the Republicans had obtained a majority in the National House of Representatives, a bill would have been introduced to Congress and forced to a passage creating the rank of Field Marshal in the army, to be bestowed upon General Grant as a provision for the remainder of his life. The country was to be divided into two great military divisions, the Eastern and Western. He was the have command of the former, while General Sherman was to be assigned to the latter. – S.F. Examiner.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Tell Me How It Was

The little kid sat on his knee
And looked up with stars in his eyes
He said, “Granddaddy, tell me again
“How it was when you were my size.”
The old man remembered with care
And the memories flooded his mind.
He said, “It was wild and free in the West
“But that was before your time
“I had me a little blue roan
“And son, he could run like the wind.
“And right over there where the parking lot is
“We raced and always would win.
“Where they put up the State Valley Bank
“The Indians would camp on the site
“And the very first antelope herd that I saw
“Was right at the new signal light
“And down by the furniture store
“Where every week they have a sale
“The Overland stage at the end of each week
“Would come by and drop off the mail.
“And, oh, I remember the time
“When Buffalo Bill all alone
“Caught up with the Daltons and they shot it out
“It was down by the savings and loan.
“And Grandma, may she rest in peace
“Would wait for me down by the strand
“And finally, one day, I gave her a ring
“That spot’s now a hamburger stand.
“Asphalt and pavement now run
“Over all of my boyhood days
“People need people and out west they came
“But I don’t begrudge’m their ways
“Oh, yes, it was different back then
“And everything’s changed so it seems
“But deep in my heart I miss it sometimes
“So I have to go back in my dreams.”

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Letter to the editor

BLM operates under own definition of collaboration

I’m disappointed that only six western counties and a soil conservation district filed a lawsuit over the Bureau of Land Management’s new decision-making process. West-wide support is needed to drain the swamp that has engulfed public land management.
Last summer, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell toured the Soda Fire burn area of Malheur County and Owyhee County. She announced BLM was initiating a collaboration process.
Before going further, reference to Webster’s Dictionary sets the scene.
The prior process was known as the three Cs of cooperation, coordination and consultation.
Cooperation is defined as the act of working together to one end; joint operation; concurrent effort of labor.
Local entities, represented by county commissioners, found the road rocky but did contribute to the process.
Political correctness has taught that words matter.
Collaboration is defined as the act of performing work

or labor together, especially literary work or scientific research.
The problem is that BLM’s authorized officers will determine what is scientific instead of decisions based on cooperation.
The second half of the collaboration definition gets closer to the BLM rule-making process as seen through western eyes.
It would be difficult to find a public land permittee or county official who believed BLM’s perceived bias is nothing but “cooperation with the enemy.”
At this writing, citizens of Malheur County and southern Oregon await word that monuments proposed for us will clear President Obama’s desk with or without a signature.
Whether designation or not, it is a classic example of collaboration and a rule-making process run amok.
Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director

Eye on the Statehouse
Time for tax breaks for all



The legislative session that starts Jan. 9 is already shaping up to be a panoply of special interests. Gov. Butch Otter will propose no tax relief for you, but don’t confuse that to mean he won’t propose tax relief.
Otter has at least two special-interest tax-break bills slated for consideration by the Legislature. One would provide a sales tax exemption to companies that build data centers in Idaho. The other bill would expand the state’s tax incentive program, started in 2014, which gives an arbitrary reduction in the tax liability of select companies that win the blessing of the Department of Commerce.
No doubt the Otter administration will tell us how special deals for the politically connected is good for Idaho. He’ll argue that such proposals will result in companies wanting to locate here. What he won’t tell you: special-interest tax breaks have been proven in study after study to be failures. Such breaks increase the cost of doing business and produce little in increased economic vitality. Sweetheart deals increase expenses for everyone not fortunate enough to have been blessed by the government.
Such tax breaks wind up rewarding companies that would have moved here anyway. A data center might locate in Idaho because of lower electricity and wage costs. Value-added agriculture companies (cheese and yogurt makers, for example) come here to be close to plentiful dairy farms. In general, favored companies don’t bring new jobs with them. Rather, the favored companies hire employees away from existing businesses, which forces incumbent businesses to pay more to retain their current workforce or recruit new employees.
We’re supposed to suspend our disbelief and not question what we’re told about backroom deals and proposals that clearly are intended to benefit a select few. We’re told to

ignore the cries of small businesses when they talk about treading water in an increasingly painful labor environment — created and propped up by our own state government. We’re told to ignore the fact that Idaho’s taxes are among the highest in the intermountain region and to let yet another year slip by in which the Legislature does nothing to address the problem.
For too long, the desires and priorities of special interest groups have held sway with the state’s policymakers. My New Year’s resolution is to expose, combat and defeat special interests in all forms. I hope it’s yours, too.
Fighting special interests is more than an invitation to object to cronyism and corporate welfare. This is an invitation to propose new ideas for the betterment of our households, our families and our communities. This is also about demanding to be heard. If our politicians are going to hear about a plan to give a sales-tax break to specific kinds of companies with specific types and levels of investments, they should also hear more about the long-sought proposal to eliminate the sales tax on groceries, a plan that would save money for every single Idahoan. They should also hear proposals to cut Idaho’s income taxes for *all* businesses and *all* residents.
For too long, special interests have had their way in our state. It’s time for the rest of us to get a fair shake. Let’s resolve to make 2017 the year special interests are kicked to the curb.
— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

Letters to the editor

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

Financial management
Talk out husband’s fears that make him cling to credit

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are trying to follow your plan. We’ve paid off all of our credit cards, but he still doesn’t want to close the accounts and cut up the cards. Instead, he wants to keep them in a drawer and use them as an emergency fund. He grew up really poor, and I think he’s afraid of being poor again. We both know that’s not what you recommend, so what can I do to convince him to follow your advice?

— Lynn

Dear Lynn,
I think rather than trying to convince him, it might be a better idea to gently ask questions and talk things through. You said he grew up in poverty. What I’m hearing is that the cards represent a kind of security blanket for him. I can understand

that. But if you had \$10,000 set aside for emergencies, you’d have the security of knowing that a transmission repair on the car or a new water heater for the house would only be a minor inconvenience — and you wouldn’t have to go back into debt to make things right again.
Explain to him that what you’d like to do is replace the credit cards with your own money. You’d also be replacing what they do with a debit card. Ask him if there’s a reasonable amount you two could have in the bank that would take away his worry and stress. Talk it out, agree on the amount, and then agree that when you’ve saved up and hit that number, the cards get cut up and the accounts are closed.
Just be patient and understanding. Above all, make sure you work together. If he has recognized the wisdom of getting



out of debt and taking control of your finances, he’s moving in the right direction!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about using

layaway programs?

— Jay

Dear Jay,
I’m not a huge fan of layaway plans, because they’re not really the solution to a problem. What’s wrong with just saving up and buying stuff when you have the cash? I mean, Christmas comes at the same time every year, you know? It’s not like it snuck up on you.
I know there are rare instances when particular items are on sale, and you can take advantage of it through layaway if you don’t have the cash at the moment. I don’t really have a problem with that kind of thing — in rare instances. But I would not, under any circumstances, use a layaway plan that has fees attached. You might as well borrow the money if you’re going that route.

Here’s a good rule of thumb: If you don’t have the money, you can’t afford it. And make sure you don’t get into the habit of lusting after things you don’t own, because that lack of contentment is always tied to people being broke. Just don’t make plans like this a way of life, Jay. If you do, you’re liable to stay chained to layaway programs just like you’d be chained to debt!

— 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.*

Americans for Limited Government
Obama’s legacy can be wiped away by executive action

by Robert Romano

Whatever can be done with executive action can be undone by executive action.
That was one of the messages outgoing President Barack Obama had for his successor, President-elect Donald Trump in an interview with NPR, where Obama said, correctly, that “If he wants to reverse some of those rules, that’s part of the democratic process. That’s, you know, why I tell people to vote — because it turns out elections mean something.”
So, suddenly, upon assuming office, Trump could start immediately rescinding controversial executive actions, whether it be Obama’s executive amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants with U.S.-born children, or his decision to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility.
In total, Obama has issued 260 executive orders. Those could all be rescinded on Day 1, as there is no legal requirement they be retained.
There’s also a bevy of regulations, including the 2009 Carbon Endangerment Finding by the Environmental Protection Agency and its corollaries, the new and existing power plant rules, that constituted the agency’s expansive war on coal electricity.
There are labor regulations, including the overtime pay rule or the persuader rule.
There was the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule

that conditioned the receipt of community development block grants on municipalities making changes to local zoning along racial and income guidelines.
Those could be rescinded by the agencies that issued them, through the process under the Administrative Procedures Act, which could take a couple of years. Best to get started right away.
There is also the Congressional Review Act (CRA), which gives Congress the power to roll back with simple majorities regulations within 60 legislative days of being implemented. That goes back to June, and according to the Heritage Foundation, includes “many dozens of major rules [that] could be vulnerable to a CRA challenge. These include, among others: Rules under the Dodd–Frank financial regulation law, sick leave for federal contractors, offshore drilling rules, and energy mandates for home appliances.”
It would also include a bevy of midnight regulations now being implemented at lightning speed, said to cost \$6 billion.
Then there is Obama’s executive action to indefinitely seal off much of the outer continental shelf in the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans from oil and gas drilling. Obama officials are bragging that this is one action that cannot be undone by executive action, although there is a clear process under the law for issuing new offshore drilling leases.
But even if an attempt to undo Obama’s action to block

drilling via executive action got caught up in federal court, Congress could always just defund it or pass new legislation repealing the provision he invoked.
Speaking of which, Congress could always defund, or prohibit the use of funds to implement regulations and any other executive action. So, where all else fails — if for example litigants manage to preserve certain regulations and other actions via federal court mandates — there is always the budget and the power of the purse where Congress can intervene.
With that in mind, Congress could act preemptively, and defund what it can in the April continuing resolution, particularly controversial items the left is likely to sue over, to strengthen the President’s hand.
A lot can be done to undo Obama’s legacy, and Trump will be in the driver’s seat. Ironically, not so much action is required by Congress. But, really, that’s Obama’s fault, because he relied on executive action so much during his tenure.
If Trump washes away Obama’s legacy, ending implementation of scores of Obama executive orders, actions and regulations, they will be wiped away like a dry erase board — and Obama will have nobody to blame but himself for acting unilaterally to begin with.
— *Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.*

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County buys new gear for first-responders

Commissioners appropriate HazMat funds for purchases

Over the past two months, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has used a hazardous materials budget line to make multiple purchases of new equipment for area emergency responders.

The most recent use of the HazMat budget line happened during a Dec. 19 meeting.

Commissioners approved spending \$20,721 to buy new extrication equipment for the Homedale Fire Department. The equipment is similar to what was bought

for Grand View Fire last month.

During a Nov. 7 meeting, the BOCC approved \$29,374 for Grand View's new extrication equipment. The purchase from the Salt Lake City, Utah location of L.N. Curtis and Sons included a hydraulic ram, \$7,965; a hydraulic cutter, \$9,221; and a hydraulic spreader, \$12,188.

District 2 Commissioner, and BOCC chair, Kelly Aberasturi said he had no qualms about buying the extrication equipment.

"We're asking people to go out there and assist the citizens of this county," Aberasturi said. "We just need to get them the proper tools to do the job."

The Homedale Fire extrication equipment purchase was tabled on Nov.

14 to allow commissioners to review the current HazMat budget.

"We looked at that this morning," BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi said on Dec. 19. "I have a copy of the HazMat funds. I told the commissioners this will put us back under \$400,000."

He estimated that the HazMat line is around \$393,000 after making the purchase for Homedale Fire.

However, Aberasturi, who is the District 2 county commissioner, pointed out the bottom line will rise above \$400,000 again once the county receives more revenue from state coffers. HazMat funding comes from fees paid to the state by the US Ecology Idaho hazardous waste site in Grand View.

Aberasturi and District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland further explained that the county always likes to have at least \$350,000 in its HazMat fund.

At a Nov. 21 gathering, the BOCC signed off on tapping HazMat money to buy 10 radios for Homedale Ambulance Service. The purchase from White Cloud Communications, Inc. of Boise cost \$6,884.

During a Nov. 14 meeting, commissioners approved a quote from Intermountain Communications, Inc. of Mountain Home to use HazMat funds to buy two pagers for the Homedale Fire Department. The \$890 quote included a \$40 mail-in rebate, bringing the cost down to \$850.

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✓ Plans: County says feds didn't follow law in developing travel plans

East and Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area South travel management areas (TMAs).

Draft environmental assessments on proposed Travel Management Plans (TMPs) for Canyonlands East and the Birds of Prey South area were released last month.

The Canyonlands East Travel Management Area (TMA) covers approximately 1,036 square miles in the BLM's Bruneau Field Office. The alternatives being considered in the proposed TMP would allow anywhere from 904 to 1,521 miles of des-

ignated motor routes.

Currently, there are 1,521 miles of trails in the Canyonlands East TMA, and the BOCC would like to see that figure remain the same.

In a Dec. 15 letter to Bruneau Field Office Manager Tanya Thrift, the commissioners stated that they can only support Alternative A for the TMA. Alternative A calls for no action and would maintain the current 1,521 miles of trails.

The BOCC wrote that Alternatives B, C, and D exceed the limits of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement, which became law as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act (OPLMA) of 2009. Officials said any of those alternatives would harm ranching operations, which comprise the most significant element of the county economy.

Commissioners went on to say that OPLMA obligates the BLM to "conduct resource and route inventories of the area covered

by the plan" before completing the plan. However, the county said the BLM "did not inventory and otherwise document all applicable roads."

The BOCC also stated that the TMP omits any consideration or analysis of the socio-economic study University of Idaho researchers recently completed for Owyhee County.

There are 435 miles of existing, inventoried routes in the 306-square-mile NCA travel management area in northern Owyhee County. The agency proposes to allow between 299 and 435 designated routes.

In a separate comment letter sent to NCA manager Amanda Hoffman, commissioners said the NCA TMP also "exceeds the intent of the OPLMA and the OI Agreement by imposing motorized travel restrictions upon the very grazing operations that the OI was intended to preserve."

"With the exception of Alternative A, the no action alterna-

tive, each proposed Alternative in this plan places restrictions to motorized travel on permittees," commissioners wrote. "Such restrictions place an economic burden on those permittees which the plan fails to acknowledge and analyze."

The letter added that under Alternatives B, C, and D, the BLM would curtail access to permittees and others to routes identified as essential to their permit activity.

"Reductions of access to specific elements, such as fences, pastures, trailing and water are comparably reduced," commissioners said.

The BOCC also objected to a section in the document that said all of the action alternatives "would increase employment opportunities" by enhancing recreational areas.

"Recreational activity in Owyhee County does not provide or generate sufficient economic benefit to a level that even begins

to offset costs," the BOCC letter states. "Recreational activity in the county does not generate tourist dollars to a significant degree."

The BLM said both plans establish comprehensive systems of motorized access to public lands while ensuring long-term protection of natural and cultural resources.

The agency also said the plans ensure access for those with valid rights such as ranchers, miners and holders of rights-of-way and easements across federal lands.

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.

While comments are no longer being taken, the documents can still be viewed online:

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

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