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Rural Homedale truck fire creates flames, smoke in fog

Homedale volunteer firefighters battle a pickup truck fire outside of a shop behind a West Market Road home Thursday afternoon. The blaze was extinguished about 15 minutes after the call came into 911 dispatch. Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uria said the cause of the fire is unknown, but someone inside the home came out and saw flames emerging from under the truck's hood. No one was injured during the blaze, but the truck was a total loss.

Grand View bank to close in March

Mayor promises to fight move "tooth and nail"

A company representative confirmed Tuesday morning that U.S. Bank will close its Grand View branch in March 2017.

Mayor Ed Collett, meanwhile, promises to put up a fight after what he calls a "bombshell" delivered with a handshake Thursday from U.S. Bank Western Idaho regional president Justin Smith.

"It's going to be a major hardship for what they're taking away," Collett told The Owyhee

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MSD puts together basics for bond try

Public outreach could start soon

Marsing school trustees are expected to formalize a proposed bond election next week, but the wheels are already turning.

Even though the district passed up an earlier plan to try for a \$13.5 million bond in August, administrators have been working to solidify construction plans to give patrons as much information as possible ahead of the March 14 election.

Superintendent Norm Stewart said an ad hoc planning committee could meet next Wednesday, the day after trustees are expected to pass a resolution to establish

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Slim pickings at food pantries this time of year

Shelves nearly bare after holiday rush

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

Ivan Shetler, pastor of Grand View's Knight Community Church, said the Idaho Foodbank in Boise is low on supplies right now.

"And the next two months will be kind of skinny probably," Shetler said. "Christmas is often when people will step up and then they forget about it."

Shetler also said he is accustomed to the food bank having a limited supply of available food.

"It happens off and on throughout the year, but the next couple months could be pretty dry," he said.



El-Ada Community Action Partnership volunteer Rolando Aguirre (left) and service coordinator Nohemi Pena stock food boxes at the Owyhee County office in Homedale.

Shetler's church helped about 75 households with Christmas food boxes this year.

If anyone would like to help to accept private donations of restock the shelves in his pantry, Shetler said he is always happy

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Homedale car lot plans grand opening celebration Saturday

After two months of operation, Rock Solid Auto Sales in Homedale is ready for its grand opening.

Lucas Mack, who owns the business at the corner of Idaho Avenue and Main Street, said Saturday’s celebration will include hot dogs and hamburgers for sale and free water.

Ben Jeske is the Homedale’s lot’s salesperson. The lot is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

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Public land use survey goes public

U of I report: Ranchers get wide regional acceptance

Ranchers aren’t much for tooting their horns, so Owyhee County’s commissioners have decided to do it for them.

As anticipated, the county and the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission’s joint effort to publicize a recent socio-economic study kicked off last week. The U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture and University of Idaho Extension also helped fund the project.

A press release distributed to media throughout Treasure Valley disseminates the broad acceptance of livestock grazing as a public lands use, both among rural and urban residents. Agriculture-based activities comprise 80 percent of the county’s economy.

“We were really pleased to see the level of public support for not only ranching and livestock grazing on public lands, but also agriculture in general,” Board of County Commissioners chair and District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

More than 450 people from a four-county area in Southwest Idaho were surveyed as part of a University of Idaho study authored by J.D. Wulforth, Neil R. Rimbey, Paul Lewin and Scott Jensen. Lewin and Wulforth are part of U of I’s agricultural economics and rural sociology department, while Rimbey is a U

of I range economist and Jensen is the Owyhee County Extension educator.

The Social and Community Assessment for Owyhee County showed widespread approval of livestock grazing, hunting and fishing, mountain biking and horseback riding in polling carried out in Ada, Canyon, Owyhee and Elmore counties.

Despite large and diverse population increases in the region during the past 25 years, the survey points out that 90 percent of Owyheesans polled — and nearly 80 percent of residents in the other three counties — support livestock grazing.

“Owyhee County leaders and residents should take solace in that many of those neighbors across the region — rural and urban counterparts alike — do perceive the risks and challenges and the benefits of living on and in a working landscape such as the Owyhees,” the report said.

“The results reported here demonstrate that many southwestern Idahoans have perspective about costs, benefits and tradeoffs of what it means to live and work here.”

The survey could come as good news for the county’s ranchers, who are preparing for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting that takes place on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Oreana Community Hall.

The report provides evidence that urban residents of the four-county area in Southwest Idaho also have strong empathy for Owyhee County ranchers and farmers.

In one of the survey questions, more than 60 percent of the respondents in the four-county area indicated that they had friends who farmed or ranched in southwestern Idaho, including 20 percent from the urban zone.

“There seems to be a lot of mutual support and trust for ranchers,” Rimbey said.

The latest report backs up findings of an earlier survey, also carried out by the U of I.

“This study is unique in that it repeats a design used in a series of assessments in the same landscape, so these results are standing the test of time,” Wulforth said. “That this region sustains such a high degree of

cohesion amid so much social change is a significant finding in contrast to what many studies in the West have documented in energy ‘boomtowns’ or other rapid-growth contexts.”

Residents of the four-county area were polled via a random sample of phone numbers, including land lines and cell phones. The report had a 6-7.5 percent margin of error, the authors said.

The report also noted that the 280,000-acre Soda Fire revealed strong neighbor-to-neighbor support and outreach to Owyhee County from rural and urban residents alike.

“Everyone came together to help each other out after the fire,” Aberasturi said. “That was a good thing to see. People in the entire Treasure Valley wanted to do something to help.”

Jensen said the contributions from neighboring communities after the Soda fire seemed to be emblematic of the report’s findings.

“We sent out 16 pickup loads of donated water, Powerade, and high protein/energy snacks to firefighters (both volunteers and professionals) during the fire,” Jensen said.

After the fire, 200 tons of hay, \$150,000 in cash donations and 40,000 pounds of grass seed were donated from people throughout the region, Jensen said. The materials were provided to ranchers in need in a timely fashion.

Poll respondents expressed deep concern about range fires.

More than 60 percent of the respondents — urban and rural alike — indicated that wildfire risk was more of a “severe problem,” compared to other rangeland issues such as sage-grouse habitat, juniper encroachment, livestock grazing and wild horses.

In another interesting survey question, 40 to 50 percent of the residents said the issue of sage-grouse habitat was “not at all a problem,” despite the focus on that issue at the state and national level.

Public support for energy development and off-highway vehicle use was about 20 points below the other uses, coming in at a little less than 60 percent among urban, rural and Owyhee County respondents.

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Marsing auction raffle tickets on sale

56th annual event set for Feb. 4

Another Marsing Disaster Auction and Sale is scheduled next month, and the yearly raffle sales are under way.

Winning tickets for the two raffle contests will be drawn during the 56th annual auction, which starts at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 126 2nd St. N.

Bobo Carter becomes the latest person to serve a second term as auction chair. He headed up the 2008 event. His wife, Sheila, was auction chair in 2013.

Auction items vary, and donations are still being accepted. To donate to the auction or volunteer your time at the fundraiser, contact any committee member, email marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com or call Carter at (208) 880-8770.

Marsing Elementary School students are collecting items for two baskets that will be up for grabs at the auction. The elementary PTO is assembling a third basket for the auction.

More information on the auction, including committee member contacts, and the event's history is at www.marsingdisasterauction.org.

Committee members include Cindy Floyd, Angie Malmberg,

Auction full of valuable items

Among the auction items up for bid:

- Traeger Tailgater grill
- Homemade Basque bread
- Rossi Trifecta gun
- Rib-eye steak packs
- Whole pig, cut and wrapped
- A 24-gun Rhino safe
- Traeger barbecue
- A tole-painted saw blade

David and Sharon VanWassenhove, Lyle Bowers, Joe and Roman Usabel, Tim Dines, James and Jess Ferdinand, and Jason and Kelly Ineck.

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser are placed in a fund to help community members pay bills such as funeral and medical expenses, or to assist people who have been affected by fire. Some of the money also is donated to the United Way and other service organizations.

There is a \$1 raffle and a \$10 raffle, and tickets for both are now available.

Tickets for the \$10 raffle are available from local merchants and disaster auction committee members.

The \$10 raffle prizes include:

- Front-load washer and dryer, donated by Parma Furniture, Haken Insurance Agency in Marsing and Emerald Insurance Agency in Homedale
- Half a beef, cut and wrapped by Spring Valley Livestock
- 55-inch, flat-screen television donated by the Usabel Family
- Gun/security safe from Dasco of Idaho and Rhino Metals
- Savage Trophy Hunter .270 rifle and Nikon scope donated by Owyhee County Farm Bureau agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, who are based in Homedale

Marsing Middle School students and third- through fifth-graders at the elementary school are selling \$1 raffle tickets. The students are in a sales contest that brings prizes for the top sellers.

The \$1 raffle prizes include:

- \$250 Marsing shopping spree donated by American Legion Post 128
- A Boise Getaway from the disaster auction committee
- \$250 cash donated by the Carters, Russ Lindemann and Audrey Hughes
- KitchenAid mixer from Kelly and Betty Ackerman

Last year's fundraiser brought in more than \$70,000.

The 2015 disaster auction raised a little more than \$73,000, which was a decrease from \$78,000 in 2014.

Town native to assume Grand View public works directorship

Bob Servis' retirement is still a few months off, but the Grand View City Council has named his successor.

In his final weeks as the town's public works supervisor, Servis will train Grand View native Jim Hunt to take over his spot.

Mayor Ed Collett confirmed last Wednesday that Hunt was hired during a special city council meeting on Dec. 27.

Hunt was one of three applicants for the job, Collett said.

"Hopefully, it'll be a good fit for him and a longtime fit for the

city," Collett said.

Hunt begins his tenure with the city this week.

Collett said city streets have held up well despite recent snow activity, and no vehicle accidents were reported.

Another portion of the town's sidewalk was completed before the cold weather and snow hit, Collett said.

The city council's next regular meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. next Wednesday inside City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

— JPB

DUI preliminary hearing rescheduled

A 27-year-old Wilder man awaits a hearing on a driving under the influence accusation.

Homedale Police arrested Caleb John Vanslyke after a traffic stop last month. His preliminary hearing on a felony charge, originally scheduled for Dec. 19, has been moved to 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Vanslyke was pulled over in

a 1995 Volvo 850 after failing to dim his headlights on Dec. 3, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

Responding Officer Shane Witt detected the odor of alcohol when he engaged Vanslyke, according to Eidemiller, and performed field sobriety tests. Vanslyke failed the tests, Eidemiller said, adding that his blood-alcohol concentration measured .177 and .166.



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Farm Bureau youth competitions begin

The Owyhee County Farm Bureau has kicked off its yearly art, essay and speech contests.

Fourth- through 12th-graders can compete for cash prizes and a chance to advance through district and state levels of the contest.

The competition is open to all public, private and home-schooled students in Owyhee County.

Owyhee County Farm Bureau women’s chair Mary Blackstock must receive entries in the essay, art, and poster competitions by March 1, and the winners will be announced prior to the end of the school year.

Contests include:

Essay for fourth- and fifth-graders — Students are encouraged to write an essay of no more than 500 words discussing, in their own concepts, “The Many Roads of Idaho Agriculture.”

Poster for sixth-graders — Boys and girls are invited to generate a poster of up to 11-inches-by-17-inches to show how Idaho

agriculture affects their lives.

Art for seventh- and eighth-graders — Students can create artwork of up to 8½-by-11-inches showing their vision to illustrate how Idaho agriculture affects their lives.

Speech for ninth- through 12th-graders — High school students can present a 5- to 8-minute speech on the theme of “The Many Roads of Idaho Agriculture.”

Blackstock must receive entries in the speech competition before Feb. 18, which is the tentative date for district judging. Each district champion will compete when the finals are judged on Feb. 20 at the Idaho Statehouse. If a first-place speaker is unable to attend, the district runner-up will compete at the finals.

Contest entry forms and more information can be found online at www.idahofb.org/index.php?action=programs.women. Folks can also call Blackstock at (208) 896-4512.



King of the (snowy) mountain

Three Homedale boys found some fun on a six-foot-tall snow pile in the parking lot behind Matteson’s Owyhee Motor Sales repair shop last Wednesday. **From left:** Christian Scarbrough, Mikey Acosta and Dakota Demello. Christian, 11, is the son of Michael and Kimberly Scarbrough. Mikey, 12, is the son of Gabriel and Sharon Acosta. Dakota, 13, is the son of Terry Demello and J.B. Hotchkiss.

COSSA delays start of EMT night classes

Folks will have a little more time to sign up for a new Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training course at the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) in Wilder.

COSSA short-term training coordinator Kristie Dorsey said EMT class has been rescheduled to start on Jan. 24, rather than Tuesday.

Dorsey said the launch date was pushed back to give people more time to register.

The classes will be held at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday and on occasional Saturdays. The course’s end date has yet to be determined, Dorsey said.

“It will depend on the duration

of each class on Tuesdays and Thursdays,” Dorsey said. “It will also be determined by how many Saturdays the class and instructors decide to meet.”

This is the first time COSSA has offered an EMT class to the general public. The course can accommodate up to 20 people.

To register, contact Dorsey at (208) 482-6074, ext. 249 or dorseyk@cosaschools.org.

The \$850 course fee covers all required books. If the fee is not paid up front, a \$200 deposit is due on the first night of class.

“Payments of \$200 will be required each month after that during the duration of the class,” Dorsey said. “In order to take the EMT certification test, the tuition of \$850 must be paid in full.”

The class covers the practical skills portion of the national certification test. Passing the national written registry is the final step in the process and allows someone to become state-certified.

If you have questions, contact COSSA EMT instructor Kelli Giokas at (208) 482-6074, ext. 237 or kornk@cosaschools.org.

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✓ **Bond:**
Some costs
contingent on
bond passage

the March election day. The first Marsing school board meeting of the new year takes place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday inside the district office boardroom.

Trustees have made a handful of decisions to appoint a construction management firm, a bond underwriter, an architect and a law firm.

Stewart said that the majority of the contracts are contingent on the passage of the bond; however, regardless of the outcome, there will be legal fees due to Boise law firm Hawley Troxell, which has been hired to write the bond election resolution.

Piper Jaffray has been retained as bond underwriter.

“A lot of the fees are contingent on the passage of the bond, and other fees would come out of the plant facility fund if the bond doesn’t pass,” Stewart said.

Architectural firm Design West has supplied consultant Richard Bauscher, the former Middleton schools superintendent, to help Marsing School District develop its bond strategy.

During their December board meeting, trustees selected Beniton Construction as construction management firm for any future project. Beniton also was the construction firm behind the \$50 million Middleton High School construction.

Jim Main and Bauscher of Design West joined Stewart and school board chair Betty Ackerman on the committee the recommended Beniton as the construction management firm.

The ad hoc planning committee would be comprised of district staff members volunteering their time, administrators and community members. Stewart said a list of possible committee members already has been developed.

The planning committee would help orchestrate community outreach, including open houses and other informational vehicles, Stewart said.

District officials already have outlined the general purpose of the bond.

Proposed work would include construction and improvements to school buildings in an effort to combine the high school and middle school populations in one facility, the construction of a new gymnasium to replace the high school gym on Main Street, a new library and other renovations.

There also would be safety improvements throughout school district property, including grading the high school and district office parking lots.

— JPB

✓ **Pantries:** County outposts accept food, cash donations

canned goods and other non-perishable items or “even cash because when food is short, we go to town and buy some,” he said. “Without cash that can’t happen. We’ve also used cash to buy a walk-in cooler and to replace a freezer.”

Shetler thinks the food pantry serves mostly younger families, but also helps a few senior citizens in the area.

“There are just always people who are in a jam for one reason or another,” Shetler said. “Some of them it’s a permanent jam, and some of them just temporary.”

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

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.

Benje Graves, pastor of Vision Community Church in Marsing, said the need to keep the church’s pantry stocked is a year-round priority.

“It doesn’t go away,” Graves said. “There’s just a reality that people need to eat, and not just at Christmas.”

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

While Graves is currently getting less food from the food bank, he rarely has to turn people away who are looking for help.

“But there are weeks when they don’t get much,” he said. “It’s the difference between handing out 5,000 pounds of food, and maybe handing out 500 pounds of food.”

Like Shetler, Graves also accepts private donations.

Local pantries

El-Ada Community Action Partnership — 8 a.m. to 5 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

“The things that last are the best,” Graves said. “Things like canned foods and boxed foods. Of course, money is always great.”

Cash donations given to the church are typically used for travel expenses.

“It’s a couple hundred dollars a month just to get to Boise and back,” Graves said. “And the van needs a certain amount of maintenance, and she’s getting old.”

In addition to accepting non-perishable food items and cash, the church also welcomes cold-weather clothing like gloves, knitted caps and warm coats.

“We also work with the school to distribute stuff there as well,” Graves said.

He added that mostly young families rely on his food pantry for assistance.

Owyhee County El-Ada Community Action Partnership coordinator Olga Valero said most of the food she has available at her office in Homedale comes from Albertsons.

El-Ada volunteers fill a van with groceries from Albertsons



Don Collingwood restocked shelves at the Vision Community Church in Marsing before Christmas. Now, the pantry and others like it are trying to replenish their supplies.

three times a week.

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

Valero estimates that her office helps about 150 households each month.

— SC

✓ **Bank:** Nearest financial institution about 30 miles away

Avalanche on Thursday. “They can’t leave us without a bank.

“I can’t believe that they can leave us with such an undue hardship because of their bottom line.”

U.S. Bank spokesperson Jennifer Frederick confirmed the planned closure in an email Tuesday morning.

“As a matter of good business practice, U.S. Bank regularly reviews its bank branches to optimize our presence in our footprint,” she said.

“We have always, and will continue to make sure that all of our customer delivery channels, including our digital channels, are effective and efficient and meeting our customer’s needs.”

The branch is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

The Grand View branch is

the only bank for miles around, Collett said. It’s nearly a 30-mile drive to Mountain Home, a 50-mile trek to Marsing, and there’s no financial institution within 100 miles to the south. The closest banking establishment to the east is in Twin Falls County.

“We have been proud to serve Grand View through our local branch, and we are working to make the transition as smooth as possible for all customers,” Frederick wrote without giving specifics. “While we have branches in neighboring communities, we understand they are not as convenient, and we are committed to assisting customers with their banking options.”

Frederick said customers are performing more transactions online, and she encouraged bank customers to utilize the usbank.com website and mobile banking

application.

Collett said losing the branch could have a ripple effect with other services.

“It’s going to be hard to keep the DMV here if there is no daily banker,” he said.

Collett added that Grand View businesses need the “sure cash” that is provided by having a bank in town, and there are residents who don’t drive and will be affected if they can’t just walk to the bank.

Even the prospect of driving to Mountain Home to do banking business would be treacherous during winter, Collett said.

Collett already has kicked off his campaign to fight “tooth and nail.” He called District 3 County Commissioner Joe Merrick on Thursday, and also heard back from District 23 Reps. Megan Blanksma and Christy Zito as well

as U.S. Sen. Jim Risch’s office. Contact with Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s office also is planned.

Blanksma said she put some calls out to banking contacts, but hadn’t heard back by deadline because of the holiday.

The mayor also wants to round up letters of complaint from Grand View branch customers. He wants to send those to bank regulators to put pressure on U.S. Bank. Call City Hall at (208) 834-2700 for more information.

According to Collett, Smith said branch employees would be offered jobs at other locations.

U.S. Bank took over the Grand View branch during a merger with West One Bank more than 20 years ago. West One Bank had purchased the branch as one of seven Idaho State Bank locations acquired in 1994.

— JPB

Obituaries

E. “Gale” Penrod



E. “Gale” Penrod passed away December 24th, 2016 at St Al’s hospital in Boise, ID from complications following a stroke. He was loved and will be missed by many.

He was an avid golfer, a true craftsman with a piece of wood and he enjoyed his huge garden, but the love of his life was his wife Donna. They were married nearly 60 years, and were the best example of what a marriage should be. They were always there

for each other through many trials, tribulations, and joys. Together they showed what hard work and dedication could accomplish. You cannot think of one without thinking of the other. It was always Donna and Gale, Mom and Dad, Grandpa and Grandma Penrod ...

He is survived by daughters Karen Kellar (John) of Nampa, Stacy Fisher (Ed) of Marsing and son-in-law Robert Thomas of Caldwell, 16 grandchildren,

Travis Krajnik, Dillon Kellar, Aaron Oyster, Joshua Oyster, Britany Oyster, Shannon Thomas (Manny), David Thomas (Crystal), Cassie Thomas, Trevor Thomas, Justin Fisher (Stephanie), Garrett Raymond (Marisa), Amber Upson (Bill), Anessa Fisher (James Mace), Ryan Raymond (Jacelyn), Dalton Penrod, and Taylor Ann Fisher, brothers Russell (Marie) and Lamar (Nancy), sisters Arlene King (Randy), Beth Lelandais (Ed), Karen Lackey (Glennell), 18

great-grandchildren, and dozens of nieces, nephews, great nieces & nephews and some great-greats too!

Gale was preceded in death by his parents Cecil Sr. and Jeanette Penrod, brothers Liola and Cecil Jr., sister Louise, daughters Susan Oyster and Kelly Thomas and Grandson Dusty Raymond.

Memorial services will be held at the Mormon church on January 10th, 11:00 AM, 215 3rd Ave. W., Marsing, ID.

Stanley Gordon Henry

Stanley Gordon Henry, 89, passed peacefully at his home in Boise on Saturday, December 10, 2016 with family members by his side.

He was born June 28, 1927 in San Francisco, CA, the 2nd son of Rodney and Ruby Henry. He had one brother, Ken, 2 years older. He graduated from Lincoln High School in San Francisco in 1944.

As a child he developed a love of ranching on visits to the family ranch homesteaded by his grandfather in the mid-1800s in Napa Valley, CA.



Roberta Jean Smith, 80, of Homedale (Known by some as Bobbie), was born to Charles and Della Reno in Snyder, CO March 30, 1936. Roberta moved with her family to Oregon at age three. The trip was not a comfortable one; seven in a Model A, adorned with a mattress on the roof! Roberta came from a hard-working “Farming Family,” when time permitted she loved to build tree houses, and could build them so high that no one else dared to try and reach them. Farm life instilled in her a work ethic that came in handy; as her life proved not to be one of leisure. Roberta attended school in Big Bend, OR; completing her junior year in Adrian, OR. Roberta’s life had a humble beginning. Her stories were of the love she shared with her family and the good time she had with friends.

Roberta Jean Smith



After a short stint in the Navy he was honorably discharged in 1946 after WWII ended. He graduated in 1950 from UC Davis in Animal Husbandry. This is where he met the love of his life, best friend, and wife of 64 years, Lorraine Besant.

In 1950, after graduation from Davis, he purchased the Birch Creek Ranch on the Owyhee River, OR. They began their career and family here. Three of their four children, Phyllis, Mika, and Steve, were born while living at Birch Creek.

In 1960 they purchased and moved to a ranch in Arock, OR. Their fourth child, Jim, was born there in 1965.

He retired from ranching in the early 1980s, which led to another 35 great years in Boise where they continued serving their family, church, the poor and homeless. He volunteered at the Red Cross for 25 years.

Dad’s life can be summed up by saying he loved the Lord; his wife, Lorraine; his four kids, Phyllis (Mike) Jones, Mike (Dottie) Henry, Steve Henry, and Jim (Charlene) Henry; his 9 grandchildren

and 12 great-grandchildren. He loved people and serving them, including giving over 4,000 haircuts to the homeless, retiring at age 87. He was an avid sports fan.

Some of the treasures that Dad left us with by his example are patience, a positive attitude, never complaining and continuing to live life to the fullest until God calls you home. We will truly miss him.

Vigil service will be held Friday, January 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 811 S. Latah St., Boise, ID 83705. Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. also at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A reception dinner will follow the mass. The cremation was performed by Cremation Society of Idaho and the interment location is TBD.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful people from Horizon Hospice for all their love and care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Vincent de Paul or Corpus Christi House at 525 Americana, Boise, ID 83702.

drove for the Homedale School District. So Mother and daughter were on the bus for a dozen years. Valerie said her penance in life was letting her mother sit behind her in the bus telling her how to drive every day! During this time Roberta pursued her GED as it had always bothered her that she had not graduated. It seemed at sixteen that getting on with life was more important than school. No surprise to anyone who knew her — she always seemed to be a racehorse wanting to exit its chute. At age 55 she did it; diploma in hand! She also felt it was time to become baptized into the Catholic Church. Father Oscar was instrumental in helping her accomplish this very important happening. She enjoyed fellowship with her new church family, and felt very blessed to have them in her life.

her that her family (including her extended family) know where they came from. With the help of a few key people she made over fifty family history books for her relations. Her home was her pride and joy and it showed - never a thing out of place; even the blades of grass stood up straight!

On December 27, 2016, Roberta went to meet her Heavenly Father. It was the third occurrence of cancer that took her from us, but cancer could not take the footprints she had made. She had walked on the sand with Jesus her whole life. I believe that most of her life’s journey there were only one pair of prints that could be seen, but we know that He always carried her and she is home with the Lord now. Roberta is survived by her three children: Val (Joe) Bideganeta of Wilder, ID - Cole Smith of Scottsdale, AZ - Robin (Bruce Shaw) Smith-Shaw of Nampa, ID. Grandchildren: Andrea (Gavin) Parker of Homedale, ID- John Bideganeta of Wilder, ID - Jason (Ashlyn) Bideganeta of Meridian, ID - Milo Shaw, Samuel Shaw, Nicholas Shaw of Nampa ID. Great-grandchildren: Emma, Jacy, Gwen, and Hadley Parker - Lylah Bideganeta. And many numerous nephews and nieces that she dearly loved - as well as their families. Roberta was preceded in death by her parents - Charles and Della Reno, Brothers: Clinton and Kenny, Sisters: Lorraine, Alberta, and Darlene. At her request a private family service will be held at Wilder Cemetery, Wilder, Idaho. Cremation was under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Condolences may be given at www.FlahiffFuneralChapel.com

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Continuing livestock education

Malcolm X once stated that “Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” I wholeheartedly agree. Education is vitally important in order to be successful in almost everything. Continuing to pursue educational opportunities can help broaden our horizons and deepen our understanding of things.



Scott Jensen

One good personal example happened at last month’s Owyhee Conservation District-organized pesticide applicator training. Much like many of you, I have logged many hours in pesticide applicator trainings to keep my license current. I often feel like I am just hearing the same old stuff. At this particular class, however, we were taught about how important water quality (tank mixing water) is to pesticide efficacy. Hard water and high pH water can have a significant negative impact on pesticide performance. I think I may have learned the reason why I sometimes get little effect from the herbicides I use to spray weeds around my place. Not only did I learn why, I also learned how

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to overcome those water issues. What a valuable training! I have spoken with several others who were in attendance that day who expressed the same sentiments.

There are several upcoming educational opportunities for those interested in livestock-related topics. The Idaho Range Livestock Symposium will be held at the American Legion Hall in Marsing on Thursday, Jan. 12 beginning with registration at 9 a.m. There is sure to be something of value for all attending as a variety of speakers will cover industry-relevant topics. Of special mention are the topics of communication and mediation to resolve public lands conflicts, mineral supplementation of range livestock, and transportation from farm to fork. This is a great opportunity to interact with friends and neighbors as well as speakers and sponsors. There is no charge to attend, but we do ask that you RSVP for lunch by contacting the Extension Office.

The 2017 Owyhee County Winter Beef School will be held in conjunction with the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association Winter Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Oreana Community Hall. The program is still being developed; however, we anticipate hearing

from one of our local veterinarians on animal health-related issues. There will also be an opportunity to certify or renew your beef quality assurance certification.

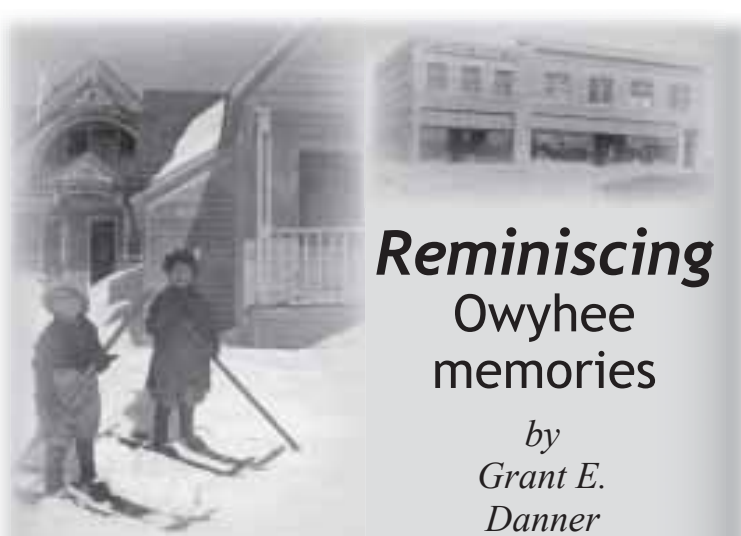
The third upcoming opportunity is an artificial insemination (AI) school for anyone interested in learning to breed cattle. The school will be held at the Extension Office in Marsing beginning Tuesday, Feb. 28 and concluding Friday, March 3. Palpation practice will be at a dairy south of Nampa. The class will cover anatomy and physiology, semen handling, heat detection, AI technique, and selection. Participants who successfully complete the class will receive a certificate, and those who desire can take the state AI license exam.

To sum it up, Henry Ford stated “Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.” Let’s take opportunity to stay young and keep on learning!

— Contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension Office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104.

Calendar

- Today**
Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Preschool story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Wilson Sagehens meeting
1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson. (208) 495-2461
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
- 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419**
- Sunday**
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**
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Marsing Fire Department meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.
- Tuesday**
Senior center bridge
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
Homedale Senior Center board meeting
1:30 p.m., open to public, 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
After-school Story Time
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Library board meeting
5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460
AA meetings
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464
— Call (208) 337-4681 or email jon@owyheeavalanche.com to submit an item.
- Wednesday**
Senior center bridge
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Wednesdays and Fridays
Homedale Senior Center board meeting
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- 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
Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
AA meetings
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464
- Friday**
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Saturday**
Free lunch
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N.



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Grant E. Danner

An old ski

My father, Harold Danner, was born in Danner, Ore., in 1923.

My grandparents, Robert and Ruth Danner, established the post office there in 1920. They soon moved to Arock and homesteaded at the southeast intersection of Arock Road and the old Idaho-Oregon-Nevada highway.

My father grew up there with his older brother, Don, and older sister, Hazel.

Dad graduated from Ontario High School in 1941.

After high school, my dad worked for the Jordan Valley irrigation district, which was based in Arock. In this time, the district hired a manager, Bob Hamilton.

My dad and Bob soon became lifelong friends.

In the late 1940s, it was their job to go to South Mountain in the winter to check snow levels and predict the upcoming water season for the project. On such an excursion, they drove an old pickup to South Mountain as far as they could go and snow-shoed up to the snow marker, carrying skis in. The skis they packed in were swapped for snowshoes to ski out.

While skiing out, Bob hit something. His ski broke and hit his face, popping one eye out. Dad wrapped a snow-filled scarf around Bob’s head and eventually got him to the pickup.

On the way to Jordan Valley, a chain link broke on the tire chains, and Dad told me every time it hit the fender, Bob moaned. Bob, for the rest of his life, sported a glass eye.

Growing up, I noticed an old pair of wooden skis in the basement. They were very crude in making and had steel-strap bindings on them. My dad related the story as I have remembered.

Some 10 years ago, I was in Arock visiting my cousin who lives there. He had to go to the irrigation district for something, so we drove over to Arock. This was slack season, and the employees of the district were cleaning out an old wooden shed about the size of a single-car garage.

My cousin and I were talking to the district manager when one of the ditch riders walked by and in his hand was an old wooden ski.

“Why are we keeping one old ski?” he asked.

My cousin pointed at me and said, “Ask him.”

So I related the story of Bob Hamilton and my dad.

When I finished the story, I was handed the single ski.

Is this third ski the one? It is the same as my dad’s pair. I would like to think so. I have three skis hanging on the wall and memories.

— Grant E. Danner now lives in Nampa. This is the latest in a periodic look at the memories and tales of Owyhee country residents. For more information on submitting a Reminiscing entry, contact The Owyhee Avalanche at (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 or jon@owyheeavalanche.com.

Winter weed seminar set

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area’s winter weed seminar will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

After Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison makes opening remarks at 10 a.m., property owners and producers will hear a series of presentations throughout the day during the seminar inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall at 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95).

Pesticide recertification for Idaho and Oregon will be available.

Morrison said he is still working on an exact agenda for the seminar, and no registration is required for the event.

For more information about the seminar, contact Morrison at jvcwma@qwestoffice.com or by phone or fax at (541) 586-3000 or by mail at P.O. Box 43, Jordan Valley, OR 97910.

The JVCWMA office is located at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Jan. 4: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
Jan. 5: Pizza coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar
Jan. 9: Hamburger, french fries, veggie & fruit bar
Jan. 10: Chicken drumstick, sidewinders, roll, veggie & fruit bar
Jan. 11: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

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

Jan. 4: Crispito or ham/cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & salad bar
Jan. 5: Pepperoni pizza or PB&J, tossed salad, cinnamon roll, fruit & salad bar
Jan. 9: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar
Jan. 10: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, fruit & salad bar
Jan. 11: Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

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

Jan. 4: Crisпитos or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 5: Calzone or corn dog, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 9: Pepperoni pizza ripper or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 10: Beef taco or burrito, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 11: Orange chicken or BBQ pulled pork, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing Elementary

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar

Jan. 4: Enchiladas, rice, baked sweet vegetables or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers
Jan. 5: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers, pudding
Jan. 9: Cheeseburger, sidewinders or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers
Jan. 10: Chicken penne alfredo, breadstick, broccoli or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers
Jan. 11: Chicken drumstick, baby bakers, roll, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers

Marsing Middle / High

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar

Jan. 4: Enchiladas, rice, baked sweet potato or BBQ pulled pork, baked sweet potato
Jan. 5: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, or PB&J, sun chips, tossed salad, pudding
Jan. 9: Cheeseburger, french fries or chicken nuggets, roll, french fries
Jan. 10: Chicken penne alfredo, breadstick, steamed broccoli or assorted sandwiches, chips, steamed broccoli
Jan. 11: Chicken drumstick, baker potatoes, roll or pork taco, corn

Bruneau-Grand View

Jan. 4: Teriyaki chicken bowl, rice, stir-fry veggies, fruit
Jan. 5: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
Jan. 6: Hamburger, potato wedges, baby carrots, fresh fruit
Jan. 10: Chicken wrap, steamed carrots, romaine salad, fruit
Jan. 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, peas, fruit, bread stick (Rimrock)

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

*Milk served every day
Salad Bar available with each meal
(lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)*

Jan. 4: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread
Jan. 5: Pork chow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables
Jan. 10: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend vegetables, roll
Jan. 11: Beef stew, roll



Today

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Fri

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Sat

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Sun

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Mon

36° 24°

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
12/28	3.0	13	4.9	38	13	25
12/29	2.7	14	4.7	36	12	24
12/30	2.8	13	4.8	38	13	23
12/31	2.8	12	4.8	23	-4	10
1/01	2.7	11	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
1/02	n/a	n/a	n/a	27	8	18
1/03	3.1	n/a	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/28	2.5	13	6.0	31	18	24
12/29	2.6	12	5.8	32	17	24
12/30	2.6	12	6.0	38	16	28
12/31	2.6	12	5.9	30	16	22
1/01	2.7	12	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
1/02	n/a	n/a	n/a	22	14	17
1/03	2.6	13	5.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/28	6.6	26	9.6	32	22	26
12/29	6.6	25	9.6	47	28	39
12/30	6.7	25	9.7	42	18	32
12/31	6.6	25	9.6	35	17	26
1/01	6.6	24	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
1/02	n/a	n/a	n/a	21	14	17
1/03	6.7	29	9.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 30 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 199 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 25 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 214,014 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

Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents receive gifts

Nancy Ash smiles as fellow Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center resident Ken Watson opens a present during a Christmas party on Dec. 24. Residents received gifts community members had donated to The Owyhee Avalanche annual drive as well as presents provided with proceeds from the Last Chance Saloon's annual auction and celebration. Submitted photo

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Range Livestock Symposium returns to Marsing

Stock transportation, care on Jan. 12 agenda

Marsing is the final stop of a three-town tour to help improve rangeland practices. The third annual Idaho Range Livestock Symposium kicks off Tuesday in Salmon before traveling to Twin Falls next Wednesday. The trade show/educational opportunity wraps up at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., on Thursday, Jan. 12. The symposium, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is free, but organizers seek RSVPs to ensure enough food is available for the free lunch.

RSVP by calling (208) 885-6536 or log on to www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center/events/irls. Before evolving into an annual three-town tour each winter three years ago, the event was held in one location every other winter, and that usually was Twin Falls. “We are trying to bring the symposium to the people in order to reach more people,” University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen said. “The idea behind the symposium is that of making current research available to local producers, providing a forum for discussion of current issues, and bringing in industry leading speakers to share information geared toward improving management, profitability, and sustainability.”

The event kicks off with coffee, donuts and the trade show before guest speakers are brought forward. The presentations go beyond rangeland health, though. Jensen, for example, will discuss stock trailer transportation of livestock and Beef Quality Assurances. The talk will cover safety concerns for both people and animals and examine the suitability of the tow vehicle, including whether it can handle the load. The condition of the trailer’s tires, lights, reflectors, floors, latches and sides also will be covered. The volume and size of cattle that can be hauled in a particular stock trailer also will be addressed. Jensen’s talk will be one of three

presentations dealing with the various aspects of shipping livestock. Other topics on the agenda include:

- Resolving public land issues through communication and mediation
- The market outlook
- How the new veterinary feed directive will affect cow/calf producers
- A look at toxic range plants in the Intermountain West
- Mineral supplementation for range livestock

Speakers will include state and federal agency representatives as well as University of Idaho faculty. Symposium partners include state and federal governmental agencies as well as industry organizations.

Owyheean expands mission to help Native American agriculture producers

Crutcher begins two-year term on national advisory panel

Sherry Crutcher has been looking out for her neighbors for decades as a part of the Shoshone-Paiute Duck Valley Reservation government. Now, the Owyhee County rancher has expanded her service to a national council advising the federal government on Native American farming and ranching issues. Crutcher, who is the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe’s land and natural resources director, is one of six new appointees to the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching. The group held its latest meeting Dec. 8-9 in Las Vegas, and the next meeting is planned for April in Washington D.C. Crutcher has lived in Owyhee County her entire life. The 52-

year-old sees her service on the national council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency state committee as a way to help preserve a way of life and quality of life for future generations.



Sherry Crutcher

“I view the Duck Valley Indian Reservation as God’s land. We’re here. We don’t have any smog. We don’t have any traffic jams. We don’t have all that city life has,” Crutcher said. “We really need to protect our area from everything because we have grandkids coming up and great-grandkids coming up, and I want land to leave to them, and I want them to raise their horses and cattle on the land. I want them to go out there and be proud and compete to the best of

their ability.” Crutcher and her husband of 32 years, Robert, own the C Lazy L Ranch in southern Owyhee County where their son, RC, his wife and their three children help out. “We started the ranch with nothing and built it up to where we are now,” Crutcher said. She lives one mile north of the Idaho-Nevada border, and works in the part of the tribal headquarters that stands in Idaho. Constructed on the Idaho-Nevada line, the new building opened about 18 months ago. Crutcher has served as the Tribe’s land and natural resources director for 24 years. Before that, she was involved with the Head Start education program. As the land and natural resources director, Crutcher coordinates ranching operations such as grazing, cattle and horse counts, fence mending and range control, as well as services such as grave-digging and snow removal on the roads. She also helps coordinate USDA programming and grants, including obtaining money for noxious weed management on the 289,381-acre reservation that straddles the Idaho-Nevada border. Most importantly, Crutcher is in a position to help the Tribe’s farmers and ranchers. Anyone who has issues with federal programs can call her at the tribal office at (208) 759-3100, ext. 1217. “I’m honored, and that’s what I wanted to do is pass the word because if there is someone not being treated properly or fairly, I can help because that’s what I do on the reservation,” she said of her position both with the Tribe and now on the national council. “I’m kind of like a mama bear. I take care of you.” Crutcher also has been part of the FSA county committees in Owyhee, Elmore and Elko counties and received appointment to the FSA state committee on which she currently sits. The state FSA executive direc-

tor, Mark Samson, encouraged Crutcher to submit her résumé when the call for national council applications went out. Crutcher became one of 11 council members weeks before the December meeting. Mark Wadsworth, range conservationist of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Fort Hall, was elected to a two-year term as council chair last month. He and Crutcher are the only Idahoans on the council that also draws membership from tribes in Alaska, Arkansas, New Mexico (two members), Oklahoma (two members) and Washington state. There are four USDA officials on the 15-person committee. Crutcher was placed on subcommittees during the Las Vegas meeting. She chairs the Land Management Subcommittee and also sits on the Credit Subcommittee and Administration Subcommittee. As a discretionary advisory committee, the Council provides recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on changes to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers. “The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching strengthens our partnerships with tribal governments, businesses, farmers, and ranchers,” U.S. Interior Secretary Tom Vilsack said. “Their work encourages participation of new and historically underserved agricultural producers in USDA programs, and reflects a strong intergovernmental relationship built upon shared values and inclusion.” The council plays a vital role working with the Office of Tribal Relations and other USDA agencies to help Native American farmers and ranchers find success when utilizing government programs to enhance their businesses.

Three Creek 4-H news

Submitted by Katie Brackett and Owen Thompson

The Sage Chics 4-H Club, comprised of Three Creek School students, has a better idea of what to expect when it comes to projects and fair exhibits. During its Dec. 1 meeting, the club learned about Christmas break project camps such as Fold and Fly for paper airplanes, Rockets to the Rescue, Drone Discovery and a robotics camp. Camps took place at the University of Idaho Twin Falls County Extension Office between Dec. 27 and Dec. 29. Club leader Kimberly Brackett handed out record books and curriculums and project/exhibit requirements. Members worked on record books and projects after the business meeting ended. Under leader Shannon Thompson’s guidance, Belle and Sarah Brackett, Sophie Thompson, and Lizbeth Arellano worked on their crochet projects.

Charlie Thompson and Javier Arellano worked with leader Kimberly Brackett on their cooking projects. Will Brackett and Cordell Hinton worked on welding projects with leader Jennie Hinton. Other members, such as Natasha Hinton and Owen Thompson, worked on projects independently. Charlie and Javier, with help from Brackett, provided snacks, including Ants on a Log. On Nov. 9, Brackett awarded certificates of participation to Cloverbuds and premiums to older 4-H members. Elections were also held. The 2017 officers include president Natasha Hinton, vice-president Belle Brackett, secretary Lizbeth Arellano, reporter Owen Thompson, and photographer Sophie Thompson. Other responsibilities include Sarah Brackett (flags), Charlie Thompson (snacks) and Javier Arellano (greeter). The club members snacked on cookies and juice and discussed a date to sort recycling.

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New year, same irrigation directors

Local boards to convene Tuesday

The South Board of Control (SBOC) board of directors will be comprised of the same officials for 2017 as in 2016.

Bret Nielsen, who has served nine years on the Ridgeview Irrigation District board, ran unopposed in the November election.

The term of Homedale farmer Dennis Turner, who has been Gem Irrigation District's Div. 3 director since 2008, was also renewed through Dec. 31, 2019 after he ran unopposed.

The first meetings of the year will include the reorganization of the boards and administration of the oath of office to members beginning new terms.

The irrigation directors' next series of meetings takes place Tuesday downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 S. 1st St. W. in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at

1 p.m., followed by the Gem directors at 1:15 p.m. and the South Board of Control at 1:30 p.m.

Typical items that come up at the meetings include a review of finances, paying bills, and a summary of any needed equipment repairs.

SBOC manager John Eells also usually gives the directors an updated water report.

He expects the meetings to be short, and estimates that the directors might be there for about 90 minutes.

"I really don't have anything," Eells said. "We're just going over bills and projects. Nothing new."

Eells' water report may be rosier than recent winters, though.

At the end of the growing season this year, the reservoir had a carryover of 166,000 acre-feet of water after the first year since 2011 in which SBOC water users received their full allotment of 4 acre-feet.

On Dec. 21, 2015, South Mountain had a snow depth of 25 inches.

That compares to a snow depth of 22 inches on Dec. 21 this year.

Eells said so far, the overall numbers look promising.

"If we continue to get the snowpack, then we'll be good," Eells said. "We have to continue the storms."

As of Dec. 22, snowpack in the Owyhee Basin was 144 percent of normal.

However, Eells finds that particular statistic to be deceiving.

"The thing with snowpack is that it changes," Eells said. "It's the average on that day. So if we don't get any more precipitation, that average goes down one percent a day."

On Friday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 30 percent full with 211,757 acre-feet of water. Water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 206 cubic feet per second. Water was flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 25 cubic feet per second.

— SC



Paisley Bell (left) and her sister Allie play with confetti poppers they made during an activity following Story Time at the Homedale Public Library on Friday morning. The girls took the confetti poppers home to ring in the new year Saturday night. Paisley, 3, and Allie, 9, are the daughters of Lance and Brenna Bell.

Curious George visit set at Homedale library

Story Time at the Homedale Public Library is slated to have a special guest Friday.

Idaho Public Television will host Story Time at 10:15 a.m., and bring along Curious George.

IPTV education specialist Cindy Lunte's previously scheduled visit was cancelled because of inclement weather.

On Friday, boys and girls will hear stories about animals, make animal tracks and explore bugs and have the opportunity to hug a plush Curious George, library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said.

The children will also take home the magnifying glass they use to examine bugs and leaves.

Children also will be eligible to win a Curious George book

and a Curious George plush toy, McMichael said.

Friday's Teens and Tweens session will focus on fun in the snow. Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend at 4 p.m.

Activities will include snow painting, a snowman-building contest and snow games. Prizes will be given for the best snowman, and children will warm up afterward with hot chocolate and a snack.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

Lizard Butte Library seeks input from patrons

The director of the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing wants to know what folks would like in their library.

Director Janna Streibel has put a new survey on the library's website at www.lizardbutte.lili.org to gauge people's opinion on how to improve the library and the services it offers.

The questions on the survey include:

- Have you visited the Lizard Butte Library in the last six months?
- What do you like about the Lizard Butte Library?
- If you could change anything about the Lizard Butte Library, what would it be?
- If you could add anything to the Lizard Butte Library, what would it be?

The survey can be completed online, or by filling out a printed version at the library's front desk.

Programs at the library include:

- Preschool story time at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday
- Afterschool story time at 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday
- Game night at 6 p.m. on the second Friday of each month
- Book club at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month

The library is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The library is located at 111 3rd Ave. W. in Marsing.

Call (208) 896-4690 for more information.



MRW Fire awards prizes
The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District drew the winning tickets for two giveaways during the MRW Fire/Sunrise Sky Park Christmas gathering. District public information officer Louis Monson thanked everyone who purchased raffle tickets.
Shotgun raffle: Monson, left, presents Wilder resident Mike Frank and his family with the Winchester over-under shotgun.
Quilt: Marty Nelson from Melba, left, accepts her quilt prize from Monson.
Submitted photos



Three Creek pulls off "Grinch" play

School has new computers, wireless network

Three Creek schoolchildren returned to class this week with memories of their Christmas program still fresh in their minds.

The students performed the Dr. Seuss classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," with Sam Thompson, Natasha Hinton, and Katie Brackett helped direct the students during the puppeteer portions of the show.

Teacher Dena Pollock said Paula Brackett, who played piano during the performance, also helped remedy a problem that cropped up three days before the production. Taking her lead from the students' suggestion, Brackett

borrowed a projector from the Filer School District to replace Three Creek's device, the bulb of which blew.

Natasha Hinton handled the lighting for the production, and Katie Brackett modeled three posters to add to the presentation.

The Parent-Teacher Organization provided a ham dinner prior to the program, and Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett provided the blessing for a potluck meal. Santa Claus also visited, listening to Christmas wishes and passing out candy and oranges.

The program closed with the children signing "Silent Night," with the help of Katie Brackett, who recently completed a sign language class.

Pollock also announced technology upgrades for the school in her most recent newsletter.

The students will continue

learning their new laptops and operating system this week after beginning the exploration during the holiday break. Wireless access also has been added to the classrooms and community center. The school also has a new email address, admin@threecreepschool.org.

Students returned from Christmas break on Monday, and the first semester ends Jan. 17. The students ski at Magic Mountain on Jan. 19.

Pollock also announced that Zach and Tiffany Poole recently welcomed a son, Maxtin Pearch Poole. He joins older sisters Madison and Pazlee.

In school board news, trustees have decided to sell some of the desktop computers that the new laptops have replaced.

The PTO continues its Box Tops for Education campaign. The next turn-in date is March 1.

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Avalanche Sports

Huskies wallop Wendell on road

Playing on the road during Christmas break isn't ideal, but Marsing High School made the most of the situation in a boys' basketball blowout.

The Huskies held Wendell to a free throw in the first eight minutes and rolled to a 59-26 non-conference victory Thursday.

"We played very well on the

road," MHS coach Tim Little said. "Defensively this was our best game of the season to this point."

The Huskies (5-3 overall before Tuesday's non-conference home game against reigning 3A state champion Parma) limited the Trojans to just three field goals in the first half.

Enrique Quebrado led all

players with 15 points. Tyler Wood scored nine points in one of the Huskies' final tune-ups before beginning 2A Western Idaho Conference play on Friday against Nampa Christian at home.

Dakota Hardy chipped in seven points, while fellow seniors Tyler Simonson and Nick Lankow scored six each.

Lankow and Tre Ponce shared rebounding honors with six boards each, while Quebrado notched five assists.

Senior point guard Evan Matos scored 14 points to lead Wendell, which saw its season-opening losing streak grow to eight games ahead. The Trojans played South Fremont on Friday.



Tre Ponce goes in for a layup against Wendell in an early December home game. He had another big showing Thursday. Photo by Dan Pease

MHS girls challenge bigger schools in Parma tourney

Comeback falls short vs. Emmett

Playing against larger schools, Marsing High School lost three games in the Parma Holiday Tournament.

The Huskies (7-6 overall) ended the tournament Thursday night against 4A Oregon squad Baker.

Marsing stayed close through the first three quarters of the seventh-place game, but the Bulldogs rode a 20-9 fourth-quarter run to a 75-59 victory.

Sheyenne Glorfield scored more than 20 points for the second straight night, pouring in 24 points, but fouled out with about six minutes left in the game. The senior had half of Marsing's three-point goals.

Elsa Margarito dropped two treys as part of her 12 points. She also had three assists and three steals.

Emma Heitz scored 11 points. Baker out-rebounded Marsing, 41-21, and outscored the Huskies,

12-2, in second-chance points. The Bulldogs also scored 24 points off Marsing's 26 turnovers.

Dec. 28: Emmett 63, Marsing 58 — Marsing's mad dash in the game's final minute came up short against Emmett from the 4A Southern Idaho Conference.

Marsing trailed by 10 points with 58.5 seconds remaining, but mounted a comeback to get to within three points, 61-58, with less than 10 seconds left.

Marsing had a chance to cut the lead to a point after intercepting an inbounds pass for the team's 15th steal and Emmett's 30th turnover, but the field-goal attempt went awry.

Emmett hit a pair of free throws to close out the victory. Emmett also benefitted from a 14-0 edge in second-chance points as Marsing played the entire tournament without the services of leading rebounder Mackenzie Farrens.

Glorfield nailed four three-point goals and was 6-for-6 from the free-throw line for the bulk of her 26 points. She also had four defensive rebounds.

Senior wing LeAnn Garcia snagged a team-high six rebounds, while Alex Grant led the team with five steals. She and Ashley Loucks scored five points apiece, and Elsa Margarito and Emma Heitz chipped in seven points each.

Dec. 27: Caldwell 67, Marsing 37 — The Cougars of the 4A SIC took control with a 22-10 run in the second quarter and outscored the Huskies, 39-18, over the middle 16 minutes of their tournament opener.

Glorfield led Marsing with 10 points, and Margarito added seven. One of four players to hit three-point goals, Grant scored eight points.

Margarito, Ashley Loucks and Glorfield also hit three-point goals, while LeAnn Garcia led the team with four rebounds.

Caldwell's Jade Martinez led all players with 16 points, and Katrina Vallejo chipped in 12.

The Cougars also grabbed twice as many rebounds as the Huskies with Adrianna Lara leading the way with eight of Caldwell's 40 rebounds.



LeAnn Garcia drives to the hoop during Thursday's tournament finale against Baker, Ore. Photo by Dan Pease



Homedale's Tanner Miller (right) battles Weiser's David Perez in the semifinals at 145 pounds during the Charlie Anthony Memorial in Nyssa, Ore. Photo by John Braese / Malheur Enterprise

Area wrestlers grab titles

High school wrestlers from Marsing, Adrian and Homedale collected championship to wrap up Christmas break.

Marsing — Junior 220-pounder Mason Hall led the

— See *Wrestlers*, page 13

Adrian, JV keep state rankings

Adrian boys lose at Notus tourney

Despite suffering its first two losses, Adrian High School maintained its position in the latest girls' basketball rankings.

The Antelopes (8-2 overall) were rated fifth by the 1A Oregon School Activities Association.

Adrian swept its assignments in the Notus Christmas Tournament, routing Carey, 46-22, on Friday. The Antelopes outscored Carey, 16-2, in the second quarter to take control.

Carlee Morton had 10 points and six steals, while Shyanne Allaire carded six rebounds.

The Antelopes rallied to drop Tri Valley, 36-21, in Thursday's tournament opener behind Morgan

Bayes' double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds and six steals.

Anna Hutchings scored nine points, and Adrian scored 14 second-chance points.

Valery Kindell led all players with 11 points for Tri Valley, which faded after Adrian's 12-4 start to the second half.

The Adrian boys' losing streak stretched to three games with losses in the Notus tournament.

The Antelopes (2-5 overall) fell, 58-29, to Tri Valley on Thursday.

Kenny Purnell and Kevin Rodriguez scored seven points each in Friday's 41-28 loss to Notus.

Girls' poll

In the Dec. 26 coaches' poll, Adrian was one of three 1A High Desert League teams in the top 10.

Jordan Valley was tied at No. 6 with Hosanna Christian, and Crane was ranked eighth.

North Douglas and Nixyaawii had the most first-place votes at seven apiece, but North Douglas earned the top spot by seven overall votes.

Adrian opens 1A HDL play on the road at 6 p.m. Thursday against Harper Charter. The Antelopes face Crane at 5 p.m. MST on Tuesday.

Jordan Valley owned a 6-0 record. The Mustangs were scheduled to play Parma and Notus on Monday and Tuesday after deadline.

The league season starts for the Mustangs with a two-game home stand against Monument/Dayville (6 p.m. on Friday) and Prairie City (3 p.m. on Saturday).

Sports

✓ Wrestlers: Marsing’s Hall, Homedale’s Padilla, Adrian’s Furtado rule

From Page 12
Huskies’ effort in the Golden Wings JV Invitational on Saturday in Caldwell, beating a pair of Columbia wrestlers en route to the championship. He pinned Ethan Call in 1 minute, 38 seconds in the title match.
Joseph Ineck (145) pinned

Caldwell’s Isaac Ferro in 13 seconds for third place, and Dawson Walker (160) grabbed third with a 2-0 decision against Middleton’s Riley Habel. Jaden Kinney (170) finished third after a pin in 3:05 against Jose Flores of Capital.
Adonis Stelzried (132) clinched

fifth with an 11-0 major decision against Caldwell’s Fabian Flores.
Homedale — Joel Padilla beat Weiser’s John Huston, 8-6, to win the 160-pound championship at the Charlie Anthony Memorial on Friday in Ontario, Ore.
Jose Flores placed second in the 120-pound B division, and Jorge

Vega (113), Brodee Walker (182) and Tanner Miller (145) captured third place in their respective weight classes.
Fourth-place wrestlers were Brayden Miller (16) and Robert Nix (182), while Brady Trout (160) and Christain Bauer (170) placed sixth.

Adrian — Marcus Furtado pinned Weiser’s Alex Raby at the 5-minute, 18-second mark in a 120-pound championship match at the Charlie Anthony.
Other Antelopes placing included Wade Bond (fifth at 120), Logan Griffin (fifth at 132) and Daniel Price (sixth at 138).

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Tre Ponce, sr., post
Achieved 6 rebounds for 2nd time this season against Wendell. Scored season-high 8 pts. vs. Wendell



Girls' basketball
LeAnn Garcia, sr., wing
Grabbed 8 rebounds in the Parma Holiday Tournament



Wrestling
Kadin Goins, so., 145 pounds
Two of three victories this year have been by pinfall

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 6, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday, Jan. 6, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Jan. 6, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Melba, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

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

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Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Jordan Van Es, sr., guard
Season-high 10 points came against Nampa Christian on Dec. 2



Girls' basketball
Carlie Sawyer, sr., wing-post
Had 18 points and 19 rebounds in team's first eight games



Wrestling
Robert Nix, so., 182 pounds
Has won five straight matches, all by pin

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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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
John's scrapbook

I stood with George, ears perked, eyes alert, like border collies waiting for the signal. John, (we'll call him John), finally made his momentous decision known, "We'll do a C-section! But, I want pictures for my scrapbook!"

John was a senior veterinary student spending the week with me during calving season. George was my assistant.

The object of John's attention stood quietly in the chute. She was a crossbred heifer, carefully selected for those quality criteria: four legs and a pulse. Although she weighed over 800 pounds, she wasn't much taller than a bathroom sink and wide as a mobile home! Being nine months pregnant made you want to paint "GOODYEAR" on her side!

John was well-taught, so George and I offered to be his surgical aides during the procedure. John had never actually performed one before, but I had insisted that he call the shots. George and I were at his beck and call.

John chose to make a lateral incision in the left flank. We haltered and cast the beast on the ground.

Under John's watchful eye we clipped and scrubbed and shaved the incision site. He asked for a drape. I had one, fortunately. I had been cutting hair with it in the bunkhouse! But it was clean.

Before he double-gloved-up he asked if I would record his first C-section on film. I took his camera and snapped him poised above what appeared to be Plymouth Rock! He looked over his shoulder at me as I clicked on. Once he made his first incision, he peeled off the outer gloves and asked me to adjust the light. I moved George closer.

All was going well, as the photographs would show. John was doing the perfect imitation of a qualified veterinary surgeon. He penetrated the abdomen authoritatively and immediately the bladder of a blue whale welled up through the incision! John recoiled in terror as the mass came at him like a driver's-side air bag!

It was, of course, the rumen. This huge organ obscured the surgical field and interfered with his manipulation of the uterus, which he couldn't find, and 26 feet of small intestine that kept crawling into play.

Before I could say, "No! Wait!" John pricked the rumen wall with his scalpel to relieve the pressure. A stream of green fluid at 2,800 psi painted the left half of John's body!

I took one photograph of George sluicing down the young surgeon with a bucket full of water. Another of John wiping his face on the drape. One of him lifting the newborn from the womb and, my favorite, John sewing away at the uterus while keeping one knee on the ground and the other pressed against the protruding rumen!

I don't know if the last one made the scrapbook.

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Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director



Eye on the Statehouse
2017 legislative to-do list

The 64th legislative session that's about to begin Monday has the potential to be a game-changer, one that builds upon a clear, voter-led directive to change how government operates.

Elected officials can embrace an aggressive, pro-freedom agenda that leaves Idahoans with more money in their pockets and greater opportunities for themselves, their families and communities.

The next few months provide state legislators an opportunity to show the rest of the country that Idaho still retains its sense of western independence and can lead when it comes to conservative policies that have proven time and time again to invigorate the economy.

To help Idaho shine, Idaho Freedom Foundation has compiled ideas for our elected officials to advance. Below is a partial list, a starting point for the possible.

Fiscal policies

- Cut taxes. Around \$200 million in cuts is doable if lawmakers aggressively restrain spending. If lawmakers commit to no tax cuts (something the governor has already indicated is his preference) or they offer up anything less than \$100 million, you'll know they're not trying hard.
- Along with tax cuts, repeal the grocery tax and the grocery tax credit. Give Idahoans instant relief at the checkout line.
- Reduce the rate of spending growth. End the massive annual spending increases that have caused the state budget to grow by one-third in just six years.
- Dedicate a portion of general fund money to highways and bridge repair and construction.
- Eliminate the ill-conceived hybrid vehicle tax that lawmakers passed in 2015.
- Reduce the state's reliance on federal grants and put

in place new restrictions on the acceptance of federal grants by state agencies.

Local government

- Stop local governments from using taxpayer resources to promote tax increases, as occurred during 2016 in school and other taxing districts throughout Idaho.
- Reform the state's property tax system. Allow local governments to opt-out of being able to make use — in the future — of uncollected property tax dollars known as "forgone balances."

Education

- Pass education reforms that put the needs of students ahead of the needs of the education system.
- End the state's involvement in Common Core.
- Give school boards the ability to decide whether they negotiate with labor unions and, if negotiations do occur, protect teachers' right to a secret ballot in the selection of which group represents them at the bargaining table.
- Repeal the state regulations that give labor unions the exclusive right to use school property for their elections.

Government reform

- Pass ethics reforms. Make it illegal for politicians to accept gifts from lobbyists and other special interests.
- To reduce conflicts-of-interest, remove politicians and special interest groups — including education and government lobbying groups — from the state retirement program.
- Get government employee healthcare expenses under control through the use of self-insurance programs, health savings accounts, direct primary care programs and other innovative solutions that have been demonstrated to

— See *Legislative*, Page 15

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington
New Cures Act strengthens
medical research, treatment

As participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. Realizing that many may not have the chance to contact me, I post the top five issues of concern from Idahoans and my responses on my website. The following is my response regarding the 21st Century Cures Act:

I voted in favor of this important legislation. The 21st Century Cures Act, H.R. 34, is a landmark health care innovation package that will accelerate the discovery, development and delivery of new cures and treatments. The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 34 on Nov. 30 by a vote of 392-26. Then, the Senate passed it on Dec. 7 by a vote of 94-5. President Obama signed the bill into law on Dec. 13.

This comprehensive legislation contains a wide variety of policies, but its centerpiece is the establishment of Innovation Funds within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). H.R. 34 authorizes \$4.8 billion over 10 years to the NIH and \$500 million to the FDA. These funds are subject to the annual appropriations process, and the increased discretionary spending will be offset with an equivalent amount of savings from mandatory programs. The 21st Century Cures Act includes the following key components:

- \$4.8 billion over 10 years for the NIH to be used for the Precision Medicine Initiative, the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovation Neurotechnologies Initiative,

cancer research and regenerative medicine using adult stem cells,

- \$500 million over 10 years to clear out the FDA backlog and increase the speed at which drugs and medical devices are approved,
- \$1 billion over two years for grants to states to supplement opioid abuse prevention and treatment programs, and
- numerous provisions that address the country's mental health crisis and help the one in five Americans living with mental illness.

The passage of the 21st Century Cures Act is a critical first step in modernizing health care. Throughout my tenure in the U.S. Senate, I have always supported medical research initiatives and will continue to do so. Scientists, researchers and doctors continue to make great strides in finding treatments and cures for many conditions; however, there is still much that we do not know. We need ongoing research to better understand all aspects of medicine. I look forward to continuing to promote health policies that are in the best interests of all Idahoans.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He began his fourth six-year term when the 115th Congress convened Tuesday. He has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. To view responses to the top five issues of interest, visit <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

Commentary

Financial management

Dock boat idea and be there for cancer-stricken wife

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have been married for 12 years. Last month we found out she has terminal cancer and only six months to live. We've been fortunate enough to become fairly wealthy during our lives together, and she wants to buy me a boat. We always went fishing together, and her last wish is for me to have the boat I've always wanted. Even with this prognosis, I'll be OK financially when she's gone. Still, I can't stand the thought of this. It's just too painful. Do you have any advice?
— Andrew

Dear Andrew,
Buddy, I am so very sorry. I hope you realize that you have the sweetest woman on Earth for your wife. Even with all she's going through, her thoughts are of you and your happiness. That is one

amazing lady.
The first thing I'd tell you both is to make sure your faith is intact. Hug her a lot, and keep talking to, praying with, and loving on each other. Be there for her all you can, and keep in mind that doctors can be wrong. It happens a lot, believe it or not, so don't give up hope.
If she brings up the boat again, just smile and let her know it's all about her right now. Remind her that she did the nicest thing possible many years ago when she agreed to spend the rest of her life with you. If she's really stubborn about this idea — something tells me she is, and in the very best way possible — promise her that whether you win or lose this fight you'll buy that boat someday and name it after her.
In other words, just tell her the truth and be real. If she goes home to be with the Lord, there might come a day down the road when



the pain you'll feel has dulled just a little, and you find yourself sitting on that fishing boat that's named after her. That would be OK. I'm sure she would be smiling at you while you reeled in a big one. But you've got more important things to take care of

right now — namely her.
God bless you both, Andrew.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband has two trucks, one of which is a work truck at his construction site. It's in really bad shape, and he wants to take \$16,000 out of savings to buy another one. We only have \$17,000 in the account. What should we do?
— Caroline

Dear Caroline,
Your husband wants to drain your savings to buy a \$16,000 vehicle and roll it up to a construction site? I think this guy has been watching too many macho-man truck commercials.
In the real world, some hard hat will run into it with a piece of heavy equipment or drop a load of bricks off-center and put some

big time damage on this truck before he puts 1,000 miles on it. He wants to buy way too much truck. This kind of decision will wreck your finances and spell bad news for the business, too.
You can buy a perfectly good work truck for \$6,000 or \$7,000, and that's what he needs to do. This truck is going to get destroyed, and trashing an inexpensive truck is a much better idea than trashing the family finances!
— 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

No indication Obama will exit White House quietly

Now that Christmas is in the rear-view mirror, we are in the true closing stretch of the Obama Administration, and it just won't go away.
The outgoing president's decision to stay in Washington, D.C., living less than two miles from his former digs on Pennsylvania Avenue will ensure that he stays in the flow of official D.C., and his promise made in a CNN interview to keep quiet for a while after he leaves office to "still" himself is likely to be forgotten within the first hundred days of the new Trump Administration.
But it is Obama's actions leaving office that are much more startling than any sidebar comments he makes in private with his buddies from the Washington Post that will be splattered across the pages of their birdcage-lining rag.
Obama is determined to cement his legacy in the hopes that the mortar dries before the true "change" administration can dismantle it. The range of Obama's chutzpah is startling going from foreign policy to a regulatory onslaught to a virtually unprecedented release of high-level drug traffickers and violent criminals.
Obama's choice to abstain rather than veto a United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolution condemning Israel's settlement of land that has been deemed to be occupied — in contravention of settled international law — fundamentally changes U.S. policy in the Middle East, opening the door for Israeli soldiers and government officials to be subjected to world court harassment or worse. If Israel's enemies invade those Israeli territories, they can wave the new Security Council Resolution as a ready-made justification.

However, the fallout for the UN could be even more significant, as the corrupt international body's anti-Israel decision should lead to a complete examination by the new Congress and administration of whether the UN actually serves any valid purpose, or if it should be shunted aside as the failure which it has proven to be. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) has already urged a half-measure, calling on Congress to suspend U.S. funding to the UN so long as this latest resolution remains. At a time when discretionary budgets for the U.S. government are likely to tighten, it would be easy to in the least deny the approximately \$5 billion in non-peacekeeping contributions in 2017 and 2018 and allocate those monies to other important domestic needs.
In the end, if the UN comes under intense scrutiny in 2017 — which it will thanks to Obama's extremely provocative move to allow the UN to declare Israel's post-1967 borders illegal — it will be because of Obama's Hanukkah breach of U.S. policy, declaring that Jewish homes that have been built in certain territories of Israel are illegal, even including those in East Jerusalem.
While Obama continues to do internationally in his lame-duck period what he wouldn't dare prior to the election, his administrative state is churning along, pushing out a regulatory barrage of bad ideas designed to tie up the first hundred days of the incoming Congress that must use the Congressional Review Act to overturn dozens of regulations. It is reported that at least five new environmental regulations are scheduled to go final in the upcoming 3½ weeks from the EPA and Department of Interior alone at a cost of \$6 billion.

Unlike the Bush Administration, which put much of its regulatory writing on hold during the final six months of that president's term, Obama is working at a whirlwind pace to tie up the next Administration for much of its first four years in office attempting to unwind his maze of economically destructive paperwork.
But Obama's pen has not just been busy clogging the system with regulatory overreach. He has also engaged in a legal jail break of historic proportions through his mass clemency program. In the past year alone, 872 drug offenders, some of whom were violent, have either had their sentences shortened or been granted outright clemency.
To put this in perspective, if you combine the numbers of people released from federal prison by Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush, it would not equal Obama's total.
Obama is going out with all of his guns blazing, and you can be certain that his home in the wealthy D.C.-based neighborhood, Kalorama, will be viewed by the establishment press as the government in exile, given almost diplomatic status in their minds.
With all of the challenges in the world, perhaps one of Donald Trump's biggest problems will be Obama's government-in-waiting undermining U.S. policy, led by their former boss who apparently has no intention of giving his successor the same courtesy that was afforded him.
— This Americans for Limited Government editorial first appeared on the organization's website NetRightDaily.

✓ Legislative: Lawmakers have opportunities to lessen citizens' burden

From Page 14
improve quality and contain costs.

- End the House of Representatives' prohibition on video recording and photographing our elected officials as they meet in committee and on the floor.

Healthcare

- Reform the state's health insurance laws. Allow insurance to be bought and sold across state lines and build the foundation for a competitive insurance marketplace post-Obamacare.
- Do not expand costly Medicaid. To help those in need,

expand the use of charities in the delivery of medical services.

Criminal justice

- De-criminalize the use of non-psychoactive cannabis lotions and extracts that are used to treat epilepsy and chronic pain.
- Pass civil-asset forfeiture reform, prevent law enforcement from seizing people's property without a person having been convicted of a crime.

The opportunities and ideas cited above are described in greater detail at IdahoFreedom.org. In early November,

Idahoans clearly gave policymakers a mandate to support such ideas and conservative principles.
It's time for our elected officials to deliver. More importantly, it's up to us — you and I — to commit to holding our elected officials accountable for that end result.
— 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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 8, 1992

Son replaces Prow on Homedale highway board

At the first meeting in 1992 of the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners last Thursday, Elmer Prow swore in his son, Larry Prow, to take his place as the District 1 Commissioner. The younger Prow won the seat in a Dec. 2 election. Mark Stimmel, the District 3 Commissioner, was re-elected without opposition and replaces the senior Prow as chairman.

Prow devoted 31 years of service to the local highway district. Fred Demshar is the District 2 Commissioner. Terri K. Uria serves as the district’s secretary.

Whilden named acting chief

Homedale Mayor Paul J. Fink confirmed Monday that Officer Joe Whilden is now serving as acting chief of police in Homedale while the selection process is under way to find a new leader for the local police department.

Fink reported that interviews of some applicants were scheduled last night. He estimated that a new police chief might be picked by midmonth to replace former HPD Chief Mike Moysard, who departed the position at the end of December.

Abandonment of rail line possible

Union Pacific Railroad officials will meet with users of the Homedale Branch line of the railroad January 29 to answer questions and concerns about the company’s possible abandonment of the line because of a lack of revenue.

The railroad company printed an amended System Diagram Map in the September 25 issue of The Owyhee Avalanche, showing the proposed abandonment, and saying the line will be the subject of an abandonment application within three years.

The line runs from milepost 2.0 near Nyssa, Ore., to milepost 33.5 near Marsing.

Gem Dist. hydro plan attacked by LaRocco

Gem Irrigation District board members have not yet met to discuss what to do about Idaho Congressman Larry LaRocco’s new bill to block the local district’s proposed hydroelectric project on the North Fork of the Payette River, a Gem spokesman said Friday.

Clyde Hutton, manager of the South Board of Control and affiliated Gem and Ridgeview Irrigation Districts headquartered in Homedale, said, “We haven’t even discussed it yet. We haven’t had a board meeting since all this came out.”

Hutton was referring to the recent spate of scathing criticism appearing in the Idaho Statesman in Boise, which disclosed Dec. 15 that the Gem District has obtained a preliminary permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The permit could lead to an eventual federal license to build the project, despite an Idaho law passed last March to protect the North Fork by prohibiting dams, hydro projects, mining or mineral extraction on the stream. LaRocco thereafter announced he would introduce similar legislation at the federal level and soon afterwards did so in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Plans under way for new armory

Idaho National Guard officials plan to seek Congressional help to get federal funds appropriated for fiscal year 1993 for the purpose of aiding in construction of the long-planned new Homedale Armory. Fiscal year 1993 starts on Oct. 1st of this year.

Lt. Mike Aguilar, project manager for the new armory at the Guard’s headquarters at Gowen Field in Boise, said the plan to seek help with the project on Capitol Hill is being pursued because the military construction bill is “not high on the list of priorities” anymore.

The new armory is estimated to cost approximately \$1.1 million in current dollars. Aguilar pointed out that the state has already set aside \$385,000 for it. That indicated the federal share is about \$715,000, because the federal government is expected to foot 75 percent of its cost.

50 years ago

January 5, 1967

Marsing agency set for closure

Sufficient cause for the closing of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., Marsing branch, has been found by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, according to officials of the Commission.

On Nov. 17, 1966, the Railway Express Agency Inc., 1815 Egbert Ave., San Francisco, Calif., filed an application with this Commission seeking authority to close its office at Marsing for the reason that the maintenance of the office was uneconomical.

The applicant alleged the amount of business transacted at the Marsing office was insignificant, averaging approximately eight shipments per month. It further pointed out that the business at Marsing could be conveniently, properly, reasonably and efficiently cared for through the Caldwell office.

Koenig to visit family in Germany

Herman Koenig, Homedale businessman and owner-manager of Koenig Jewelry here, leaves by jet Wednesday for a trip to his homeland for the first time since he moved to this country 13 years ago.

Koenig plans to be gone for about three weeks in which time he will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hinrich Koenig, at East Friesland, near Norden Germany. Koenig’s father is retired.

He will leave the Boise air terminal for Salt Lake City then stops at New York, Amsterdam, and his destination at Bremen, Germany.

Koenig moved to the United States in 1953 and, after moving to Homedale, opened the Koenig Jewelry store here.

Baigrie gets Kiwanis gavel

Homedale business Merrill Baigrie, the new president of the Kiwanis Club, took over the gavel from 1966 outgoing president Doyle McPherson at Wednesday’s regular noon luncheon meeting at the Masonic Hall.

The installation of offices will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, it was announced at the meeting.

The Rev. Edward Alora, the First Presbyterian Church was appointed as the chairman of the Red Cross blood drawing after it was suggested that a member of the club should be chairman of the project.

It was pointed out that Homedale had a poor showing in the past several drawings and that, with the club heading the program, more incentive might be behind the project.

The next blood drawing for Homedale was set for Monday, Feb. 13, it was announced.

Bredy named Idaho champion in cooking competition

W. E. Bredy of Homedale was named as Idaho’s champion from a field of 408,712 of the nation’s best amateur male cooks who entered the seventh annual Men’s National Cooking Championship. A champion was selected by a panel of leading women food authorities for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

More than 490,000 recipes for original main dishes using potato chips as an ingredient were submitted by men in all walks of life, and the state champions were up against the stiffest competition in the history of this national event, stated Harvey F. Noss, championship executive director. The competition is sponsored by the Potato Chip Institute International.

Bredy, owner and manager of Mayflower Furniture here, says that his friends and family are wild about the flavor of his winning dish, “Chips on the Green Custard.” He won the state honors against a field of over 300 expert amateur cooks from Idaho.

Bredy is president and secretary in both the Toastmasters and the Men’s Forum and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Besides cooking, he enjoys camping, outdoor cookery, outdoor sports, travel and wood and leather craft.

His wife, Lucille, also a prize-winning cook, likes his cooking so much that he has prepared a meal several times a week since they were married.

140 years ago

January 6, 1877

MATTERS AT THE CAPITAL. Boise City, Dec. 27th, 1876.

Editor Idaho Avalanche:

Excepting the Christmas festivities, of which I wrote, little or nothing of interest to the general public has transpired. In the Council a bill introduced by Porter, of Owyhee, entitled “An Act Supplemental to, and amendatory of, an Act relating to the discovery of gold and silver quartz lodes and the manner of their location” has passed the Council. This act provides for the appointment of Deputy Recorders in mining camps under the County Recorders. Such an Act has long been necessary, as, owing to the Act of Congress relating to quartz lodes, it has been necessary for us miners, hundreds of miles away from our county seats, to be obliged to travel in all weather and at a great expense of time and money in order to record our discoveries. A bill has been introduced by Stevenson, of Boise County, to elect a Territorial Treasurer and Controller by a joint convention of both Houses. It is generally looked upon as a bill that can only benefit some “war horse” or party hack of the Democratic brotherhood of Idaho, which is not the idea of the introducer of the bill. The bill has little chance to pass, as the act of Congress, especially, provides that the Executive shall appoint any and all officers except township, district and county officers, with the advice and consent of the legislative Council.

The Lower House met to-day after an adjournment since Saturday. It is hardly necessary to state that nothing of any importance has worried this body lately. Two years ago the Avalanche correspondent reported that our solons have turned the legislative hails into a vast pedro establishment. This “cor.” will not go that far, but he will say that the Lower House members hardly know what to do or how to do it. However, we have strong hopes that ere the session endeth that, with the advice and parliamentary experience of their Chief clerk, who is generally credited – and with good reason – of the honor of running the House, something may yet be performed. Our members, individually, are good men – for the mountains – and have nobly done their duty as pioneers of civilization and the “deeds they done are but the earnest of the things that they will do” but, collectively, as law makers, the stern naked truth is self evident, that, as law makers for a young and rich, undeveloped Territory, the mountains, and not the legislative hall, is their proper sphere, for there they know what to do and how to do it.

LEGISLATION FOR OWYHEE. We have been favored with the perusal of a bill which is now before the Territorial Legislature which calls for the inauguration of sundry reforms in the mode of collection of taxes and the management of the finances of this county. The measure originated with the leading business men of this city and has very general approval. It provides for many sweeping changes but not more than circumstances and the present condition of the county warrant.

Under the new bill the Sheriff will get a salary of \$1,500 in addition to fees. The Treasurer’s salary is reduced to \$700. The salary of the County Commissioners is increased to \$250 and they are required to give a bond each in the sum of \$2,000. The Assessor is made collector of all per capita and property taxes, having the entire business of this department to attend to and relieving the Sheriff and the District Attorney of all services in the way of collecting taxes. This is a most salutary change. As compensation, the Assessor received 15 per cent on property tax. This is all the compensation he receives. A great saving will be effected by this arrangement and the compensation of the officer will prove quite ample.

THE BELLE PECK. The prospects of this mine are improving daily. The ledge at the bottom of the shaft, about 180 feet from the surface, which is being worked now, is turning out splendid ore. Operations are being prosecuted with vigor, and plenty of gold bars will be turned out in the coming few months.

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CORRECTED ELECTION CALENDAR 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2017:

ELECTION NAME	ELECTION DATE	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE
Three Creek Highway District 864 Filer Avenue Twin Falls, Idaho (2) 4 Year Term Districtwide Positions	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Gem Highway District 1016 Main Street Marsing, Idaho Zone 1 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 2 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Homedale Highway District 102 E Colorado St. Homedale, Idaho Sub-District 2 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Bruneau Valley Library 32073 Ruth St. Bruneau, Idaho (1) 6 Year Districtwide Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Lizard Butte Library 111 3 rd . Ave. West Marsing, Idaho (1) 6 Year Term Districtwide Position (1) 2 Year Term Districtwide Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Bruneau Grand View School District 39678 State Hwy 78 Bruneau, Idaho Zone 1 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 3 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 5 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Castleford School District 500 Main St. Castleford, Idaho Zone 4 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 5 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Glenns Ferry School District 800 Old Highway 30 Glenns Ferry, Idaho Zone 1 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 5 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Homedale School District 116 East Owyhee Ave. Homedale, Idaho Zone 2 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 3 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 4 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Marsing School District 209 8 th Ave. West Marsing, Idaho Zone 1 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 3 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 5 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Melba School District 600 Broadway Ave. Melba, Idaho Zone 4 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 5 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Pleasant Valley School District 28026 Juniper Mtn. Rd. Jordan Valley, Oregon Zone 3 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Three Creek Joint Elementary School 864 Filer Ave. Twin Falls, Idaho Zone 1 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 2 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 3 – 4 Year Term Position	May 16, 2017	March 17, 2017
Bruneau Cemetery District 30073 Hot Springs Rd. Bruneau, Idaho (2) 4 Year Term Districtwide Positions	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
Marsing – Homedale Cemetery District 4410 Cemetery Road Marsing, Idaho Sub-District 1 - 4 Year Term Position Sub-District 2 – 4 Year Term Position	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
Riverside Cemetery District 645 Idaho Street Grand View, Idaho (1) 4 Year Term Districtwide Position	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017

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ANNUAL STREET & ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF GRAND VIEW
CITY OF GRAND VIEW
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Beginning Balance as of October 1st, 2015:	\$0.00
Receipts:	
Local Funding Sources:	
Interest Income	\$43
All Other Local Receipts - Idaho Power Franchise	\$8,532
State Funding Sources:	
Highway User Revenue	\$20,635
Federal Funding Sources	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$29,210
Disbursements:	
New Construction	\$0.00
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$0.00
Routine Maintenance	\$915
Equipment	\$1,950
Administration	\$14,525
All Other Expenditures	\$4,540
Total Disbursements	\$21,930
Receipts Over Disbursements	\$7,280
Closing Balance	\$7,280
Funds retained for specific future projects	\$0
Ending Balance	\$7,280
Tammy Payne, City Clerk/Treasurer	
City of Grand View	
01/04/2017	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Before the Owyhee County Planning & Zoning Commission
On January 25, 2017 beginning at 11:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matter:
Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit (Z17-07) filed by Mary York & James Cook seeking to establish a one lot subdivision on a 6-acre parcel of land, parcel number RP01N04W020910A. The property is in an agricultural zone, located South of the intersection of Clark Road and Opaline Road. The subject property is located in a portion of the S½ of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Copies of the proposed project is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.
1/4/2017

CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2018 71-passenger school bus (complete - body and chassis).
Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday until day of bid opening.
Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2017 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date

will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager
1/4,11/2017

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:
51-13119, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 3948 DEVELOPMENT AVE, BOISE, ID 83705
Point of Diversion NWSW S28 T14S R04E OWYHEE County Source OTTER CREEK Tributary MARYS CREEK
Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE
01/01 to 12/31 3.9 AF
Total Diversion: 3.9 AF
Date Filed: 5/9/2016
Place of Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE
T14S R04E S28 NWSW
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. 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 1/23/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
1/4,11/2017

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CORRECTED ELECTION CALENDAR 2017

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Homedale Fire District 19 E Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho Sub-District 2 – 4 Year Term Position	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
Bruneau Fire Protection District 31286 Hwy. 51 Bruneau, Idaho Zone 1 – 4 Year Term Position	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
Marsing Rural Fire District 303 main Street Marsing, Idaho Zone 1 – 4 Year Term Position Zone 3 – 4 Year Term Position	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
City of Grand View 425 Boise Ave. Grand View, Idaho Mayor – 4 Year Term Position (2) 2 Year Term Councilman Positions	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
City of Homedale 37 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho Mayor – 4 Year Term Position (2) 4 Year Term Councilman Positions	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
City of Marsing 425 Main St. Marsing, Idaho (3) 4 Year Term Councilman Positions	November 7, 2017	September 8, 2017

Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the ‘Elections’ link. All Political Subdivision forms are available at the address listed above.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, the 6th day of April, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, 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:

Lot 3 in Block 1 of Santa Fe Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 260827, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor 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 Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 307 Rio Grande Ct., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JOLENE K. MAXWELL, an Unmarried Person, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded September 17, 2008, as Instrument No. 266270, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated September 15, 2008, in the amount of \$891.00 each, for the months of July through November, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.08% per annum from June 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$110,965.27, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.08% per annum from June 1, 2016.

DATED This 6th day of December, 2016.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
1/4,11,18,25/17

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state

Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0210-1701, Idaho Reportable Diseases. (Temporary and Proposed) The Arboviral Diseases are being added to the list of Diseases and Control Measures that are required to be reported, and includes how the diseases are to be investigated, and any restrictions necessary for facilities or individuals; updates documents incorporated by reference. Comment by 1/25/2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

IDAPA 16 – Department of Health and Welfare

16-0210-1701, Rules Governing Residential Habilitation Agencies. (See Bulletin for scheduled meetings)

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin **January 4, 2017, Volume 17-1**, for the notices and text of all rulemakings, proclamations, negotiated rulemaking information and schedules, public hearing information, executive orders of the Governor, and contact information.

Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at www.adminrules.idaho.gov/

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BLM proposes mining cuts for grouse’s sake

Public meetings are scheduled next month as the Bureau of Land Management moves forward with a proposal to withdraw lands from future mining claims as part of its sage-grouse conservation plan.

The federal agency released a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) last week, and there are plans for a series of eight public meetings throughout the West in February.

The comment period for the draft EIS runs through March 30.

Two public meetings are planned in Idaho, both will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- **Thursday, Feb. 16** — Shilo Suites, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls
- **Friday, Feb. 24** — Best Western Vista Inn, 2645 W. Airport Way, Boise

The draft EIS grew out of a public scoping process begun in 2015, and covers about 10 million acres in Greater Sage-

grouse habitat where minerals are located, including the breadth of southern Owyhee County and part of Malheur County south and east of Jordan Valley. The Duck Valley Indian Reservation is excluded from the proposal.

There are other withdrawals proposed in Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

“We appreciate the input we’ve received from states, tribes, and other important stakeholders to help develop this draft analysis of the proposed mineral withdrawal,” BLM assistant director for resources and planning Kristin Bail said. “We look forward to working closely with the public in the coming months as we finalize a proposal to protect important Greater Sage-grouse habitat from potential future disturbance resulting from mining claims.”

If withdrawn, the lands would be exempt from new mining claims for up to 20 years. Existing mining claims won’t be affected.

Marsing school program rewards good behavior, actions

Good character means special lunch table

Marsing Elementary School has implemented a rewards program to promote good behavior.

Several students earned the right to sit a table of honor for lunch after they earned PRIDE Behavior coupons throughout November.

Principal Mary Lou Lopez told school board trustees about the program and how it works during their meeting earlier this month.

Students receive a PRIDE Behavior coupon from staff members who observe displays of proper behavior. When the student returns the coupon to the school office, the boy or girl is entered into a drawing for a chance to sit at the PRIDE lunch table at the end of the month.

Lopez said students who sat at November’s table of honor “felt very proud and honored,” and they came up with ideas for additional rewards such getting pizza or ice cream for their special lunch.

“They even had suggestions of selling their old toys to earn money to be able to do that,” Lopez wrote in her school board report. “I’m so proud of them.”

November’s character trait was Service, and boys and girls earning student of the month honors for exhibiting that trait included:

- **Kindergarten** — Thomas Brown and Kaison Rowley
- **First grade** — Madeline Jerome, Jancy Jean Carper, and Maylee Astorquia
- **Second grade** — Emilee Castro, Job Waters, and Lizeth Perez
- **Third grade** — Tristan Izzard, Jaxon Astorquia, and Oscar Lopez
- **Fourth grade** — Nikita Ro-



Marsing Elementary students enjoyed burgers and fries at a special table recognizing PRIDE Behavior. Submitted photo

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- **Fifth grade** — Daniel Storey and Jaci Sotelo

Students were encouraged to focus on compassion as the December character trait, and they got some help in understanding the trait from the student leadership team and student council.

The leadership and council members took photos to illustrate the right and wrong way to follow behavior expectations on the playground, such as the proper use of swings and monkey bars and to not push fellow students.

During a school gathering, the leadership team led the students in a quiz in which they replied yes or no to the photos based on whether the illustrated behavior was proper or not.

Also during the assembly, six fourth-graders performed a cheer to introduce December’s character trait focus, Lopez said.

Lopez also has announced November’s winners in the school’s Walking Program.

Loretta Rost’s fourth-grade class and Stevi Campbell’s kindergarten class earned Golden Shoe status for their mileage in the program.

Emanuel Molina reached the 100-mile mark and will receive a new pair of shoes, Lopez said.

Lopez said the school is working on securing donations of running shoes to reward students who have reached milestones. There are three other students who have surpassed 75 miles and are expected to reach the century mark. A request has been submitted to Nike as well as a store in Boise, but Lopez planned to purchased Emanuel’s shoes last week with Associated Student Body funds if donations hadn’t been received.

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