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Winter storms wreak havoc, worry



Melting snow could cause problems

Last week's heavy snowfall kept road maintenance workers busy throughout Owyhee County.

Snow accumulation also reportedly collapsed carports and the roof of a storage building in downtown Homedale.

Now the question is what to do with all the white stuff and what happens when the melt comes.

City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said Friday morning his crews were prepared to work during the weekend, if necessary, to move snow to the municipal airport and keep storm drains and gutters clear.

"We're beginning to move the piles that are in critical areas," Smith said Friday morning. "We'll have two on-call people available all weekend if they have to jump on a machine (for snow removal)."

"We're going to see it melt partially and then see black ice and then a little more melt. The ground still has some frost in it, and the water has nowhere to go."

However, with the weekend snow and ice storms, there was

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Above: Homedale maintenance worker Kent Curtis swings the city's road grader east as he tries to clear snow on West Wyoming Avenue late last Wednesday afternoon. **Right:** Devyn Mansisor with Mansisor Excavation helps clear snow off of the Homedale High School parking lot Monday morning.

Snow, ice close government, force schedule changes

Schoolchildren got several snow days, but the series of storms that battered Owyhee County throughout the week disrupted more than education.

The Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy was closed Monday because of icy driving

conditions.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said court dates set for Monday would be rescheduled and all parties notified.

County offices in Murphy were closed on Monday, too. The plan was to reopen Tuesday.

The Board of County Commissioners meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday as well.

Already closed last Wednesday and Thursday because of heavy snow, Homedale and Marsing schools were closed again Monday after Sunday's ice storm

made travel treacherous. Officials closed school in both districts again Tuesday.

School was closed last Wednesday through Friday in the Bruneau-Grand View district. Classes are typically out on Mondays, and there was no word on whether

school was closed again Tuesday.

Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer said the district calendar has extra hours built in for snow days, and that the state Department of Education allows 11 hours for

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Rural legislators working on stock water law again

Fine-tuning process part of job ahead for Brackett in Senate, Boyle in House

Protecting stock water rights could be back on the table as the 2017 Idaho Legislature convenes.

Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rog-

erson) said he will be working to help Dist. 9B Rep. Judy Boyle (R-Midvale) reintroduce legislation aimed at codifying the LU Ranching Co.-Joyce Livestock Co. court

victory over the federal government.

Legislation Boyle introduced in last year's session to make stock water rights state law didn't get much traction.

After a decade, Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton prevailed over the Bureau of Land Management in 2007 when the Idaho Supreme Court reaffirmed the ranchers'

stock water rights on their public lands grazing allotments and denied the federal government's claim to the water.

A year later, the Utah Legislature passed the law that Idaho ranchers are still waiting for.

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Last of old Succor Creek bridge coming down

Traffic switched to eastbound lane

Demolition of the final portion of the old Succor Creek bridge is slated for the next two weeks.

In an email to local officials, Idaho Transportation Department District 3 project coordinator Kelley Lower said Qualitree was supposed to begin mobilization for the project Monday.

The demolition is expected to take five or six days, depending on weather conditions, Lower said. Flaggers will be present at some point during the demolition, Lower said.

Lower said traffic delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected at times during the project, but under ITD guidelines contractors strive to keep delays at a minimum.

“On this project, we rarely will see the possibility of a delay of up to or over 10 minutes, except possibly when we are setting the girders for the second half of the new structure,” Lower said.

There’s no timeline of when the girders will be set.

The project began last year to replace the 50-year-old bridge that carries Idaho highway 19 over Succor Creek west of Homedale.

Before the snow hit, crews from contractor Knife River Construction switched traffic on the bridge west of Homedale

from the westbound lane to the eastbound lane on Jan. 3.

After the remaining portion of the old bridge is demolished, Inland Foundation Service will drive piling in preparation for rip rap shoring and production piling for the bridge abutments, Lower said.

The piling phase should take one or two weeks, Lower said, barring weather and obstruction delays. Flaggers will be on hand to regulate traffic when pile-driving takes place close to the lane of travel, Lower said.

Lower also said that driving pilings for the first portion of the new bridge was good education to inform the second phase.

Crews also are planning for the rise in the creek level expected in the spring after this winter’s abundant snowfall.

“The good thing about the second half is we have already encountered the underlying difficult soils conditions and will be anticipating them with the data we collected from the first go-around,” he wrote. “In short, we are trying to get everything done that will occur below the floor elevation of the creek bed before we experience high runoff flows first.”

Once the rip rap is installed and backfilled, abutment construction will begin. During that phase, Lower said, there



Motorists are now driving over the new portion of the Succor Creek bridge west of Homedale. The lane of travel was changed last week and the final phase of demolition on the old structure was set to begin this week. Drivers will run into traffic delays of up to 10 minutes during the project.

will be excavation along the old roadway to construct mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) retaining walls. MSE retaining walls are built using soil and artificial reinforcing.

Lower said, for the most part, traffic shouldn’t be affected during the retaining wall construction.

Lower also provided insight into how emergency responders cope with the construction.

Fire, law enforcement and medical personnel have access to the signal service provider call center. Using cameras on the signals, remote monitors watch for the emergency vehicle traffic to approach and turn the signals to red when those responders roll through the work zone.

Homedale Fire Department volunteers were issued flashing red beacons so monitoring technicians could differentiate their personal vehicle traffic from other motorists when they are responding to a call.

Lower also said that residents living near the construction zone can trigger the automatic signal when they leave their driveways or approach from southbound River Road.

— JPB

Tammy Payne resigns as Grand View clerk

Successor could be named tonight

Finding a permanent replacement in the city clerk position is among the business for the Grand View City Council tonight.

City Clerk Tammy Payne’s last day at City Hall was Thursday. She tendered her resignation on Dec. 30, according to city council president John Morrison.

Katy Hazlett has been hired as interim city clerk, Morrison said. The former clerk hired previously to fill in for Payne on an as-needed basis, Teena Lewis, turned down a chance to return to the job full-time, he said.

Hazlett ran for city council in 2015.

Mayor Ed Collett reserved comment on the city clerk position until after tonight’s meeting.

The city clerk position is just

one item on the agenda for the first city council meeting of 2017, which takes place at 6 p.m. today inside City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

The scheduled closure of the U.S. Bank branch also will be discussed. According to a letter to bank customers dated Dec. 30, the branch will close at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

The council also will discuss the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23.

The council also has planned an executive session, presumably to discuss hiring a permanent city clerk.

A former city councilperson in both Homedale and Grand View, Payne became city clerk in the summer of 2013 after resigning as mayor. She also served on the town’s old water and sewer association board of directors.

— JPB

Homedale library board reappointment set

Snow removal efforts undoubtedly will be on the mind of Homedale city councilmen tonight, but they’ll also take up some public library business.

The council holds its first meeting of the new year at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The agenda is light with the usual departmental reports being the only things listed outside of the reappointment of Homedale Public Library board member Debbie Packer.

Packer was first appointed to the board on Oct. 22, 2015 to complete the final year of Karlyne Landrum’s term. With an appointment tonight, Packer will serve until October 2020.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and public works supervisor Bret Smith also will give their regular reports.

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Allocating surplus funds on legislators’ minds

Brackett:
Infrastructure
work, tax breaks
on table

How to appropriate the rise in state revenue will be an important question before the state Legislature this session.

Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) says education and state infrastructure upgrades could be primary targets of a surplus that is expected to be as much as \$133 million for Fiscal Year 2017.

“There will be effort for some sort of tax relief,” Brackett said, adding that any such move would have to originate in the House of Representatives. “We could bring rates down a little bit, both corporate and personal. That’s been an ongoing effort.”

The fifth-term state senator said he expects the Legislature to show its commitment to support education by moving ahead with two ongoing initiatives that could cost around \$100 million.

“I’m confident that the Legislature will fund the next of the recommendations from the Governor’s Education Task Force and also fund the first year of the career ladder,” Brackett said.

Transportation issues and state building maintenance deferred during the economic downturn also will be considered.

Brackett said he favors extending the surplus eliminator for transportation funding. The measure will sunset in May unless

the Legislature takes action.

The eliminator has helped move general fund money into transportation budgets, which Brackett said the state was loath to do for years. It kicks in only when there is 4 percent growth in state revenue, and half of the money is set aside in a budget stabilization fund while the rest goes to finance transportation projects.

If the program is extended, Brackett would like to see the addition of an aspect he supported when the surplus eliminator was implemented — sharing revenue with local jurisdictions rather than all the money going to the Idaho Transportation Department.

“I felt strongly then, and still do, that the locals should be able to participate in some of that,” Brackett said.

He proposes a special account for road safety projects that allows municipalities and local and county highway districts to compete in a grant process to get project funding.

The registration surcharge for hybrid vehicles could be re-examined, Brackett said.

“There has been quite a bit of push-back, so probably something will be done there to eliminate it or some sort of a break,” Brackett said.

But other fees and taxes may not change.

Tax relief probably won’t include a personal property tax reduction, he said.

“The grocery tax always comes up, but it’s got a pretty stout price tag on it,” Brackett said. “I guess I don’t see us doing a whole lot

there.”

New Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) said federal overreach, taxes, gun legislation and education as well as a Constitutional Convention are among the issues she anticipates during the session.

“Decisions being made by those thousands of miles away are in no way comparable to those made by men and women making a living and raising families on the land,” Zito said. “On that same thought, the control of our water and decisions made with regards to the lifeblood of our land is best managed on a local level.”

While Zito anticipates “passionate debate” on health care, Brackett said he envisions a “wait-and-see” approach as local lawmakers watch what the Trump Administration has in mind. But the senator says, “There still is some sentiment and drive to address the gap population.”

“There will not be Medicare expansion,” Brackett said. “Had the national election gone the other way, there would have been more push to do something there.”

Zito and Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) are starting their inaugural two-year terms at the Statehouse.

“I am personally looking forward to the session,” Zito said. “It is such an honor for me to represent the people of our district. I have loved meeting them and hearing their concerns.

“It is important to me for all to know that this seat belongs to the people.”

— JPB

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✓ Water: Efforts to codify Lowry-Nettleton water ruling went nowhere in 2016

“We got a draft of a bill that will facilitate landowners to get a decreed livestock water right,” Brackett said last week. “I know that will be of interest. It has been a concern.”

Brackett is back in an influential position to help the legislation along. The fifth-term senator has been reassigned to the Senate Natural Resources Committee for the 2017 session. He is no longer on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, but retained his Senate Transportation Committee chairmanship.

Brackett said the 2017 path for the water rights legislation could be decided early.

“It’s one of the first things that we’ll make a decision on to move forward,” he said. “It’s just starting to gel. Early there in January, we’ll kind of make decisions on how to proceed or where to proceed.”

The senator and southeast Owyhee County rancher said Boyle is scheduled to introduce the legislation in the House of Representatives.

But there is work yet to be done to hammer out details, Brackett said.

“The challenge has been how to implement it or how to structure it,” he said, adding that legislators will have to work with the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Farm Bureau and Idaho Water Users Association executive director Norm Semanko.

Brackett envisions some type of application fee for ranchers seeking a livestock water right.

“It will require some initiative by the rancher, but we’ll limit the fees and the expense of what it will be,” Brackett said.

Part of the work will be securing government funding to process applications, he said.

“The policy should drive the appropriation, so if we get policy, we should get the appropriation to process those claims,” Brackett said.

— JPB

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Today

Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Preschooler story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting
7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Thursday

TOPS meeting
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Range livestock symposium
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., free, RSVP for lunch, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4104

Senior center pinochle
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

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

Grand View Lions Club meeting
11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Game night
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older, 2nd Friday of each month. (208) 896-4690

Saturday

Rimrock food pantry distribution
9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630

Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199

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

Family movie night
5 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Marsing Lions bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird; 7 p.m., regular games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Tuesday

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

Foot clinic
9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Blood pressure clinic
10:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Marsing Lions Club meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 318-3982

Friends of E. Owyhee Library meeting
7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2324, (208) 832-1949 or (208) 834-2785

AA meetings
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Wednesday

Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Preschool Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Bruneau speaker series
Noon, free, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. RSVP by Monday at (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131

Financial education webinar
12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228

Christian Life Club
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Grand View Chamber of Commerce
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Owyhee youth head for the Statehouse

The Know Your Government conference is coming up during Presidents’ Day weekend, Feb. 18-20. It is being held in Boise at our state capitol building

This conference is an opportunity for our youth to participate in legislative and judicial workshops. There will be a total of 175 eighth- and ninth-graders from all over the state. Owyhee County filled four of the delegate positions and will be well represented by:

- Carter Clay, a Marsing eighth-grader and the son of Greg and Amber Clay
- Annie Miller, a Marsing eighth-grader and the daughter of Darin and Janet Miller
- Gage Purdom, a Homedale High School freshman and the son of Greg and Carina Purdom
- Fallon Wasson, a Marsing eighth-grader and the daughter of



Janelle Thompson

University of Idaho Extension

Jeff and Rebecca Wasson
These four 4-H members will learn several aspects of civics, including:

- How the judicial system works.
- What is involved in bringing a case to court.
- How the state government decision-making process works.
- Observe the legislative process in action.
- Meet and share ideas with legislators, judges and other elected officials as well having breakfast with legislators and judges.

The Know Your Government Conference aims to improve communities through informing youth of our government and how it works. Citizens who are informed about their government are better prepared to participate in the governmental processes.

Each 4-H member will set goals and determine the steps necessary to reach their goals. They will also demonstrate responsibility, leadership skills, their ability to work

effectively in teams, practice critical thinking, problem-solving skills and their knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

The youth submitted applications and went through an interview process to be selected for the 2017 Know Your Government Conference. The selected delegates will attend an orientation to further prepare them for this conference.

We look forward to hearing about the experiences and ideas these 4-H members will be coming home with and sharing with others. Also, keep an eye out at the Owyhee County Fair in August for their displays on KYG.

Again, congratulations to Annie, Gage, Fallon, Carter and all the delegates participating in 2017 KYG conference!

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

MLK Day changes listed

County commissioners to meet on Tuesday

Monday’s Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting will move to Tuesday because the county courthouse is closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Usually scheduled for Mondays, the county commissioners meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Monday is considered a legal holiday, so government offices in Murphy, Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are all closed, including the Owyhee County DMV offices.

Emergency services including county dispatch, law enforcement, fire and ambulance will be available.

The University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing will be closed. Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau, Murphy and Grand View will also be closed.

US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed Monday.

Schools in Homedale, Marsing, Adrian, Jordan Valley and Pleasant Valley will be closed. The Bruneau-Grand View School District will be closed on

Monday, as part of its regular four-day schedule.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy will be closed Monday as usual. Its regular hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The Homedale Public Library will be closed Monday.

The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be open with regular hours Monday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed Monday.

The Bruneau Valley Library will be closed on Monday. It is only open Tuesday through Thursday.

Albertsons in Homedale will be open regular hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The pharmacy will be open with regular hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Homedale Drug will be open as usual from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Logan’s Market in Marsing will be open regular hours Monday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The senior centers in Homedale and Grand View will be closed Monday.

Westowns Disposal Inc. service will collect garbage in rural areas as normal Monday.

The Owyhee Avalanche will be open for regular business hours Monday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All advertising and editorial deadlines remain the same.

How to submit a calendar listing

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.



Residents come together to battle snow aftermath

With more snowfall than many had remembered seeing in several years, community members banded together to keep Homedale from getting snowed under.

Several pieces of heavy equipment and farm tractors — both contracted and volunteered — zipped around Homedale last Wednesday and Thursday in an attempt to make life with more than a foot of snow on the ground — and more still coming down — a little more bearable.

Homedale Realty’s Rick Echevarria cleared parking areas along the first block of East Idaho Avenue with his Michigan loader last Wednesday. His path also helped keep South 1st Street East passable.

Rich Roland, who owns a tree-trimming business, cruised around in his 1952 Ford tractor on Thursday, clearing the Homedale Senior Center parking lot as well as the driveway and property of a friend on North 2nd Street West.

There were contractors out clearing parking lots, such as Ric Uria from Uria Pump and Corby Garrett from Super G Services, but Roland said he was doing his work wherever it was needed as a community service.

“I don’t need the money,” he said. “This tractor was paid for in 1952.”

Private citizens also worked to keep driveways in Murphy clear, too, as the county seat picked up about a foot of snow.

City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said work to keep the parking areas clear on the town’s main thoroughfares will help when the snow begins



Homedale resident Rich Roland tooled around town Thursday on his 1952 Ford tractor looking for areas where he could provide help clearing snow. Here, he’s scooping up snow near a driveway on North 2nd Street West.

to melt. Warmer temperatures and rain are expected this week, but overnight temps will more than likely freeze any melted snow and create slick conditions.

“With the melt (this week), those areas are going to become ice floes,” Smith said.

Smith was grateful for the community’s help.

“I wish we had the manpower and the resources to hit the parking areas,” he said. “As a matter of fact, there were all kinds of volunteers. Thanks to everyone and anyone who helped out.”

Smith said Mansisor Excavation offered to clear roads, and the South Board of Control and Homedale Highway District also offered to provide services and equipment.

Grand View City Council president John Morrison also

said community members worked to keep streets clear in the eastern Owyhee County municipality.

“We had a bunch of people come in with loaders and graders and skid-steers,” he said.

— JPB

Storms improve snowpack in Owyhee Mountains

Snowfall that arrived last week and during the weekend helped bolster snowpack numbers at snow telemetry (SNOTEL) sites monitored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

On Jan. 3, South Mountain

had a snow depth of 29 inches. By Monday, data from the site showed an increase to 36 inches.

A similar buildup was reported at the Reynolds Creek SNOTEL site. It showed a snow depth of 20 inches on Monday, an increase of seven inches over six days.

Data regarding the snow depth at the Mud Flat SNOTEL site was not available on Jan. 3, but as of Monday, the telemetry showed 24 inches of snow.

Icy driving conditions lead to road closures

Snow and ice from a series of storms forced officials to close roads.

Most of the roads were open by Monday afternoon, but Owyhee County announced through its AlertSense emergency notification system that Jump Creek Road from Poison Creek Road to Jump Creek Falls and Rec Area would remain closed for a few days after the county commissioners took action.

Other roads momentarily closed Monday included Sommercamp

Road between U.S. Highway 95 and Clark Road outside Marsing, Murphy Flat Road and Reynolds Creek Road.

A stretch of Rabbit Creek Road near Murphy was closed just before 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Closures weren’t the only problems facing motorists.

There were at least 22 vehicle slide-offs reported between Jan. 2 and Sunday. No one was injured.

The slide-offs took place on every highway and vehicles involved ranged from SUVs,

pickup trucks and passenger cars to semis. At least two semis jack-knifed.

The bulk of the slide-offs came during the weekend.

There were reports of stranded vehicles at the Cove Rec Area near Bruneau and on China Ditch Road on Saturday and Sunday.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said most of the slide-offs during the initial storm last week were cleared with a simple tow back onto the roadway.

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✓ Problems: City workers, contractors, civilians continue to dig out

more work clearing roads — once the snow stopped falling. By Monday morning, the streets were covered with frozen snow and sidewalks were slick with a treacherous coat of ice.

Street and parking lot clearing took place throughout Monday, which dovetailed into Smith's attempt to alleviate fears of local flooding downtown. He said Friday that snow piled up in parking lots and on the side of streets would be removed either by city workers or the contractors who also made piles.

He said that private property behind the Txoko Ona Basque Center and Amalgamated Sugar Co. property on the west side of U.S. Highway 95 south of the city entrance was available to store snow if necessary.

As far as private residences, Smith said citizens should work to keep snow piles away from their homes to lessen the possibility of flooding when the melt comes.



Rick Echevarria, owner of Homedale Realty, used his loader to help clear off parking areas around downtown last Wednesday afternoon.

"You don't want that water to stand and seep into areas where you don't want water," Smith said. "If they know the natural lay of the land and the way the grade goes, they should have a channel where the water is flowing away from the house."

Smith said if residents see problems cropping up, they can call City Hall at 337-4641 and request an assessment. He stressed, however, that city workers' response time would be affected by the amount of snow work at hand.

With more snow forecast for the weekend, though, the work also included clearing the streets again.

Smith said Homedale maintenance crewmembers were out early both last Wednesday and Thursday trying to keep snow

accumulation on the streets to a minimum.

Idaho Avenue, however, wasn't touched by city crews until early Thursday. Smith also asked the Idaho Transportation snow plow drivers to lift their blades through town because of vehicles parked on either side of the main drag during business hours.

"During the daytime, it is almost impossible to properly plow Idaho," Smith said. "With further accumulation and assessment, the roads were still passable. That's why we waited until early Thursday morning."

In a move that is rare in most municipalities, Homedale maintenance crews did try to plow some subdivisions.

"We went beyond what we normally do. We took a blade through the subdivisions anywhere we could get the machine around without backing up," Smith said.

Smith said he has spent about \$1,100 this winter on snow removal manhours, materials and repairs, such as keeping edges on blades sharp. He figures the city's three-man crew — himself, Kent Curtis and Curtis Stansell — put in 60 hours in two days battling the flakes.

"We're definitely going to be a higher cost than that number," Smith said. "I would be surprised if we don't go over that line item."

The Streets and Highways budget overall, however, will stay in the black, he said.

While Homedale crews began work at 4 a.m. each day during the storm, Marsing city maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson said his crews were out at about 6 a.m. each day. But Marsing's department also was at a disadvantage against a rare, heavy series of storms.

"We don't have any snow plows," Gibson said. "We have an open-cab small loader and an open-cab small backhoe. It's just the two vehicles."

"We do have a small sander. We've been using that to put a little sand out."

Gibson estimates his crews have put down about 20 yards of sand this winter at a cost of \$10 per yard.

The City of Grand View,

meanwhile, had issues with its sander last week. Still, city council president John Morrison said, public works supervisor Bob Servis and his assistant, Jim Burnett, and volunteers were able to clear some of the city's main streets and side streets last Wednesday and Thursday.

A third employee, Jim Hunt, joined the workforce this week. He will eventually ascend to a supervisory role when Servis retires later this year.

The sander will be a topic of discussion at tonight's city council meeting.

"We'll decide what will do with it," Morrison said. "We'll either fix it, update it or replace it."

— JPB and SC



Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram stuck a 12-inch ruler in a snowpack on top of the City Hall picnic table to show 11 inches of accumulation by last Wednesday morning. Submitted photo

✓ Snow: Icy weather jumbles school plans

emergency closures.

Homedale, Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View all had a snow day in December, too.

"We are working on the numbers, but believe we are still above the required number of hours," Sauer said before Tuesday's closure.

If schedule modification is necessary, Sauer said officials would look at holding school on Presidents' Day and possibly a Friday. The superintendent said school trustees would have the final say on any official changes.

Superintendent Norm Stewart

said there were hours built into Marsing's schedule, too, but the discussion of possible makeup days was to take place during a school board meeting scheduled for after deadline Tuesday.

According to the Bruneau-Grand View School District Facebook page, Friday's athletic events were cancelled because of weather. Games on Jan. 3 also were lost because of the weather.

The Homedale school board rescheduled its monthly meeting, usually held on the second Monday of the month, because of icy roads and weather conditions.

District business manager Faith Olsen announced Monday morning that the meeting would be held at 7 p.m. today in the district office boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Several high school athletic events were postponed because of the storms, but weekend games were played. Homedale's girls' basketball game against Fruitland set for Tuesday was postponed that morning.

A bus carrying Prairie City athletes home after Saturday's basketball games in Jordan Valley slid off the highway. No injuries were reported.

— JPB

Marsing Lions bingo returns Saturday

The Marsing Lions Club bingo season resumes Saturday.

The monthly fundraiser begins with a 6:45 p.m. early bird game followed by a regular set of 12 games. Bingo takes place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing

American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The early bird game costs \$1, and the first set of game cards for the regular 12-game series is \$15. Each additional card set costs \$5. Daubers and markers

are available, and there is also a hot number option.

Proceeds will help the Lions Club finance its various programs and events.

Free popcorn will be offered, and soda and snacks will be sold.

Idaho senators sign on to national monument bill

Legislation would require congressional, state approval

With the fate of the Owyhee Canyonlands national monument movement still unknown, dozens of Republican U.S. senators have started down the road to what they hope is designation reform.

Idaho Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch are among 26 Republicans who are co-sponsoring the Improved National Monument Designation Process Act.

Introduced Thursday, the bill would result in greater local input and require state approval before national monument designation is allowed on public lands and waters managed by the federal government.

“This legislation would allow for greater transparency in the monument designation process and would allow Idahoans to have greater input on monument proposals,” Risch said.

“Further, congressional authorization would be required before any national monument can be declared on public land, which would prevent the president from designating a monument based on the administration’s agenda.”

The senators announced the bill two days after the 115th Congress convened and a week after President Obama designated monuments in Utah and Nevada.

Environmentalists and an Oregon-based footwear company are hopeful that Obama will designate 2.5 million acres in Malheur County as national monument before he leaves office on Jan. 20. Neither Crapo spokesman Lindsay Nothern nor Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) spokesman Hank Stern had heard any updates on the possible Owyhee Canyonlands designation.

The news release from Risch’s office made no mention of Democratic support of the bill. Both of Oregon’s senators — Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley — come from the other side of the aisle.

Stern said Wyden’s office has no position on the designation reform bill.

The bill would add steps to the national monument designation process that currently, under the Antiquities Act of 1906, permits designation simply through presidential executive order.

Under the new legislation, the designation criteria would include:

- Specific authorization by Congress
- Approval by the Legislature of the state in which the proposed monument lies
- Certification of compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines

“President Obama has locked up more acres through monument designations than the previous 18 presidents combined,” bill co-sponsor Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) said. “His unilateral withdrawals have routinely come with complete disregard for local concerns and opposition, threatening energy, mining, fishing, ranching, recreation, and other reasonable uses of public land and waters.

“At this point, we have no choice but to reform the Antiquities Act to ensure that the people being impacted by these

designations are heard and respected.”

The Antiquities Act provides the president with authority to create national monuments, but explicitly requires the reservation of “the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

In a press release, the sponsoring senators said that in recent years the Antiquities Act has become a tool to sidestep Congress and create sweeping conservation areas despite opposition from local residents. The release said the Obama administration alone has now designated a total of 554 million acres — equal to 865,625 square miles — onshore and offshore as national monuments.

Possible national monument designation in Owyhee County during the Clinton administration spurred the Owyhee Initiative process. Obama made the Initiative law when he signed the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. Still, aspects of the Initiative have been slow in implementation or completely sidestepped by the Bureau of Land Management.

Marsing livestock symposium to tackle myriad topics

Keeping livestock healthy both on the range and on the way to market is a main focus for Thursday’s third annual Idaho Range Livestock Symposium.

The free event, which includes a trade show, takes places from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

A free lunch also will be offered, but prospective attendees must RSVP to ensure enough food is available. RSVP by calling (208) 885-6536 or log on to www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center/

events/irls.

After morning registration, coffee and donuts will be available as producers peruse the trade show. Presentations will include:

- Taylor Payne from the Utah Department of Agriculture discussing the use of communication and mediation to resolve public land issues.
- The livestock market outlook from University of Idaho Extension agricultural economist Dr. Hernan Tejada
- A discussion of the new veterinary feed directives and what they mean for cow/calf producers

led by Idaho state veterinarian Dr. Bill Barton

- A look at toxic range plants in the Intermountain West with Dr. Jim Pfister of the U of I poisonous plants lab
- Dr. Jim Sprinkle, a U of I Extension beef specialist, will discuss mineral supplementation for range livestock.
- Barton will team up with Idaho Brand Inspector Larry Hayhurst to lay out Idaho brand and health requirements during livestock shipments.
- U of I Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen will

talk about livestock transportation via stock trailer and how to maintain Beef Quality Assurances.

Discussion topics include human and animal safety as well as the condition of the tow vehicle and trailer. Jensen will walk attendees through how to determine if their truck can handle the load and a checklist to ensure good working condition for the trailer’s tires, lights, reflectors, floor, latches and sides.

The capacity of different stock trailers according to the volume and size of animals being shipped also will be covered.

- Dr. Lily Edwards, the director at Arrowsight Remote Video Auditing, will make a presentation titled “Transportation from Farm to Fork.”

For information on the symposium, contact Jensen at scottj@uidaho.edu or (208) 896-4104.

The lunch is provided through sponsorship by the University of Idaho Rangeland Center, the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission, the Idaho Department of Lands, the ISDA, the Idaho Cattle Association, the Bureau of Land Management and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Rangeland firefighting class planned in Jordan Valley

Later this month, the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association will offer fire suppression training for property owners.

Bureau of Land Management officials will lead the training, which is required for anyone who wants to fight fires in the ORFPA.

Dave Mackenzie, a fire protection association board member, is organizing this year’s training.

Trainees must attend all four sessions, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 23-24 and Jan. 26-27.

The training will take place inside the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area office located at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Unlike previous years, lunch will not be provided at the training sessions.

“They’re asking people to just bring their lunch and plan on working through lunch,” Mackenzie said. “That way they don’t have to be there as many

hours.”

For more information on the training, call Mackenzie at (208) 583-2354.

The ORFPA was organized by western Owyhee County in 2012. Large rangeland fires in adjacent Malheur County were the catalyst for ranchers who wanted to better protect the rangeland resource they rely on.

ORFPA volunteers serve as the initial attack on wildland fires. In addition, they provide needed information on the area such as structures, access, water sources and areas that have been grazed where the fire can be slowed or stopped.

Not all ORFPA members are required to fight fires.

Mackenzie said landowners and others can join for \$200 to support the cause.

“And that’s per entity, per ranch or parcel,” Mackenzie said.

For more information about the association, call Mackenzie or ORFPA chairman Doug Rutan at (208) 583-4444.

Mtn. View Nazarene men’s game feed set

This year’s Men’s Wild Game Feed at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene has been scheduled for next weekend.

Tickets for the 14th annual dinner and auction are \$15 for adults, and \$5 for children age 10 and younger.

The event starts at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 21 inside the church’s Fellowship Hall at 26515 Ustick Road north of Homedale in Canyon County.

The church is located at the corner of Ustick and Batt Corner roads.

Proceeds from the event help the Men’s Group in its work focusing on the well-being of widows and orphans in the community.

Church office administrator Sherry Sheets said the keynote speaker will be local freelance outdoors writer Tom Claycomb of Meridian.

“He will be sharing outdoor

stories along with his testimony,” Sheets wrote in an email.

This year’s event will feature a silent auction with about 25 items rather than the usual live auction.

Door prizes will include a Marlin Model 60 .22 rifle. People must be present to win the door prizes.

Dinner tickets are available at the church. Call (208) 337-3151 for more information.

Fire destroys state line residence

A Homedale family has been displaced after a house fire that broke out Friday night.

The blaze on Sipes Road south of Napton Road/River Road northwest of town was reported around 8 p.m.

Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uria said the cause of the fire is unknown, but the home was completely destroyed.

No injuries were reported among the family of four that relocated into another home on the property.

“They had another house to go

to right beside it,” Uria said.

He also said the department gave the family money from the burnout fund and contacted the American Red Cross.

All of Homedale’s apparatus was dispatched to the house fire, Uria said.

At about 4 a.m., on Monday, volunteer firefighters rolled a pumper and two tankers to a chicken coop and haystack fire in the 3000 block of West Market Road.

The cause of the fire hasn’t been determined, but about two

tons of hay burned, Uria said.

The coop was completely destroyed, but Uria didn’t know if any chickens were inside.

Shortly before 8 a.m. on Saturday, a shed was reported to be on fire in the 23000 block of West Market Road.

Uria said it was actually a doghouse that was on fire, and the department did not respond to the blaze.

He didn’t know if there was a dog inside the structure, and cause of the fire is undetermined.

— SC

Adrian girls add to winning streak

Avalanche Sports

Mustangs sweep 1A HDL weekend

Jordan Valley girls' basketball starts league perfect

Jordan Valley High School rebounded from the end of its season-opening girls' basketball winning streak with a decisive league-opening win.

The Mustangs (8-1 overall, 2-0 in 1A High Desert League) saw their six-game win streak end Jan. 2 with a 58-40 loss on the road in Idaho Class 3A Parma.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 46, Prairie

City 32 — Regann Skinner scored 18 points and snagged seven rebounds in the Mustangs' home-court victory.

Jordan Valley ended the first half on an 11-2 run to own a 20-7 advantage at the intermission.

Alisha Rogers hit a pair of three-point goals on the way to eight points, while Zoey Warn (six points) grabbed seven of

her team-high 10 rebounds on the Panthers' end of the floor.

Taylor Warn chipped in seven points and six rebounds, while Emilee Burch added seven boards.

The bus transporting the Prairie City teams back home later Saturday slid off a snowy road. No injuries were reported.

Friday: Jordan Valley 63, Monument/

Dayville 29 — Skinner knocked down 10 of 15 shots and finished with a team-leading double-double of 21 points and 10 rebounds.

The Mustangs burst from the gate on a 23-3 first-quarter run and didn't look back.

Rogers sank four three-pointers and

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Sharp-shooting Marsing downs Nampa Christian

The team didn't reach its stated defensive goals last week, but Marsing High School opened the boys' basketball conference season the right way.

Powered by a prolific night from the free-throw line and beyond the three-point line, the Huskies beat Nampa Christian, 66-53, in both teams' 2A Western Idaho Conference season opener Friday night in Marsing.

"It is difficult to talk about one player for MHS. We have seven or eight that filled up the stat line Friday night, and all contributed," Huskies coach Tim Little said. "Any win against Nampa Christian is a big win for us."

The Huskies (6-4 overall, 1-0 in 2A WIC) rebounded from their worst defeat of the season behind 50 percent three-point shooting and a 29-for-46 night at the foul line.

"Coming off the beating that Parma gave us — with only practicing once (the day of the game due to school closures) — I thought we opened up league mentally ready to play," Little wrote in an email.

Marsing forged a 13-point halftime lead and held a 48-32 advantage after three quarters.

"Defensively, the first three quarters we were solid," Little said. "(The players were) defending correctly to the game plan and playing with some intensity."

Nampa Christian scored the fourth-most points by any Huskies opponent this season, behind Parma, which posted 80 in a 20-point victory earlier last week, Payette, which beat MHS, 60-48, on Dec. 6, and Liberty Charter, which pulled off a 54-46 win on Dec. 13.

Led by Tyler Simonson's six defensive rebounds, Marsing collected 24 boards on the Trojans' end of the floor. Simonson had seven boards total, while Enrique Quebrado grabbed five defensive rebounds, and Tre Ponce swept four off Nampa Christian's glass.

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Jose Ponce (right) tries to put up a shot against Nampa Christian defenders. Photo by Dan Pease

Boosters ticket contest starts

Homedale High School student-athletes are competing for a cash prize as ticket sales for the Homedale Booster Club Crab and Steak Feed begin.

The boy or girl who sells the most tickets will win \$100. Club president Keri Brown said the Boosters will provide the cash award unless a donor comes forward.

Student-athletes were to receive their ticket allotments last week.

The fifth annual dinner, auctions and raffle takes place on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale. The event benefits Homedale school sports programs.

Advance tickets are \$45 and are now available from Homedale High School student-athletes, by posting a message to the Boosters Facebook page or by contacting HHS athletic director Casey Grove at cgrove@homedaleschools.org or (208) 340-4611. Tables that seat eight people also are available for \$400.

Brown said for the second year in a row, the Boosters will hold a deck o' cards raffle for a gun safe. A card from the deck costs \$20.

Local wrestlers complete Rollie Lane odyssey

Three Huskies grab first-day wins

After a fourth-place finish as a sophomore, Mason Hall was unable to medal in the weekend's Rollie Lane Tournament despite starting things off on a tear.

The Marsing High School junior wrestled into Saturday's quarterfinals with quick championship-bracket pinfalls during first-day action at the Ford Idaho Center.

The 220-pounder pinned Eagle's Jonas Loyens in 29 seconds and finished the day with a 1-minute, 36-second fall against Shelley's Shad Foster.

Hall's stay in the championship bracket ended in his first Saturday match when Moscow's Adam Wallace pinned him in 2:37 of their quarterfinal. The Huskies upper-weight stalwart's hopes of repeating

with a medal ended when Churchill County's Ben Dooley picked up a pin nine seconds before the end of the opening round of their consolation match.

Oscar Gonzalez returned to the mat with two victories in the first day before bowing out of the main tournament at 160 pounds.

He pinned Nampa's Alex Ramirez in 2:45 to start the tournament and beat Nyssa, Ore.'s Adam Simpson, 8-5, in a consolation bracket match.

Gonzalez was among five Marsing wrestlers to finish fourth in Saturday's second-chance pod tournament. Pinfall

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Trojans place in pod tournament

Joel Padilla was the only Homedale High School wrestler to pick up a championship bracket victory at the Rollie Lane Tournament.

A 160-pounder, Padilla and 138-pounder Jaegar Rose rallied in Saturday's second-chance tournament to finish fourth in their respective pods.

Padilla opened his stay in the 160-pound main bracket Friday at the Ford Idaho Center with a major decision over Wyatt Parker of Crook County, Nev., rolling to a 16-2 victory.

Padilla lost to Baker/Powder Valley, Ore., wrestler Dylan Feldmeier, 11-4, in the second round before reeling off two consolation bracket victories. Padilla's

main tournament ended with a 5-1 loss to Fruitland's Cameron Russell.

After taking his opening opponent into the third round of their 145-pound match before losing, Tanner Miller collected back-to-back consolation bracket victories Friday.

He prevailed by injury default over Bishop Kelly's Matt Baca then pinned Anthony Hardesty of McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen, Ore., 16 seconds into the second round.

Miller was knocked out of the main tournament when Mac-Hi's Riley Chester posted a 17-2 technical fall 25 seconds into

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Sports

Adrian girls continue basketball winning streak

Boys lose third consecutive game

Adrian High School started the league girls' basketball season with its third consecutive victory Friday.

Coach Gene Mills' squad rum-bled past Prairie City, 53-37, in a 1A High Desert League game played on the Antelopes' floor.

Adrian (9-2 overall, 1-0 in

league at week's end) took control with a 25-12 first half. Prairie City committed 37 turnovers — 26 of which were steals by the Antelopes — and Adrian scored 21 points off those miscues.

Carlee Morton had 19 points and six steals to lead Adrian. Erin Nielson scored nine points with four steals. Morgan Bayes (six steals) and Anna Hutchings (five) also paced the defensive effort.

The Panthers' Brianna Zwey-

gardt led all scorers with 21 points. Teammate Cassie Hire chipped in 12 points.

The Antelopes' Thursday league opener at Harper Charter was postponed because of snow. The Antelopes took visited league foe Crane on Tuesday after deadline.

Friday: Prairie City boys 73, Adrian 53 — The Antelopes' losing streak stretched to three games a night after what was to be the team's league opener at

Harper Charter was postponed because of snow.

Trailing 34-23 at halftime, Adrian (2-6 overall, 0-1 in league at week's end) climbed back into the game with a 20-point third quarter.

The Panthers, however, widened a six-point lead with a 24-10 run through the fourth quarter.

Adrian committed 24 turnovers, but held a 44-28 edge in rebounding. The Antelopes corralled 24

offensive rebounds and scored 22 second-chance points.

Miller DeMark and Kenny Purnell both notched double-doubles for Adrian. DeMark scored 23 points, and Purnell added 10. They snagged 11 rebounds apiece.

Andy Walker chimed in with seven points and nine rebounds.

Levi Burke (24 points) and Dorran Wilson (22 points) were among three Prairie City players to reach double-figure scoring.

Adrian wrestlers medal

Adrian High School's leading wrestlers came to the forefront Saturday in the Joseph, Ore., tournament.

Furtado pinned Echo/Stanford's Kyle Ranger in 51 seconds to capture third place at 120 pounds.

Drake Marquez, finished fifth at 195 pounds, pinning Pine Eagle's Joseph Aguilar in 62 seconds.

Furtado (19-4) reached the semifinals with pins against Union/Cove's Jaxon Blackburn (3 minutes, 55 seconds) and Clearwater Valley's Alfredo Gonzalez (1:20).

Orofino's Aurelio Morales pulled off an 8-4 win over Furtado in the semifinal match before the Adrian wrestler continued his success with a sudden-death victory over Blackburn in the consolation semifinals.

Marquez pinned Echo/Stanford's Ian Faulkner in 1:24 to open his tournament, but lost a 4-2 decision to Orofino's George Bolling in the quarterfinals.

Pins against Imbler's John Foster (1:42) and Gavin Baldwin of Joseph (1:18) set up Marquez's 9-3 consolation semifinal victory over Culver's Cylus Hoke.

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Marsing's average margin of victory this season is more than 22 points. The average score in Marsing's six victories is 59.8-37.2.

Jose Ponce fired in three-pointers early, scoring all nine of his points from behind the line. Enrique Quebrado scored a season-high 22 points and was 10-for-14 from the free-throw line and missed just twice in seven field-goal attempts.

Dakota Hardy, who has connected on 80 percent of his free throws this season, tallied the bulk of his 17 points with a 14-for-16 showing at the stripe.

Tyler Wood hit a trey and scored nine points with five rebounds.

"Tyler Wood continued his strong play that he has displayed since the Christmas break and is becoming a very good player on both ends of the court," Little said.

Marsing controlled the

rebounding game despite the absence of Sam Galligan, who has been nursing a hamstring pull. The coach expects his 6-foot, 5-inch center back for the Jan. 20 conference game against Melba.

Nampa Christian's 6-5 guard, Griffin Carson, put in a co-game-high 22 points, while the Trojans' Dusty Rhodes, a 6-4 post, scored 10.

Jan. 3: Parma 80, Marsing 60 — The high-efficiency and physical Panthers built a big lead en route to a non-conference victory on the Huskies' floor.

"Parma demonstrated why they are the defending 3A champs and are looking to repeat," Little said of the reigning state champions. "Not only did they shoot the ball extremely well, they were very physical and intense."

"This game gave us a lot of insight on what needs to be improved upon for some success in league play."

Parma, which avoided an upset with a 47-45 victory in a Dec. 2 meeting with Marsing, missed only six shots in the first three quarters last week. The Panthers built a 58-35 lead after 24 minutes.

Marsing's shooters were accurate, knocking down 45.5 percent of their attempts, but the Huskies managed just 44 field-goal attempts (20-for-44).

Three Huskies reached double figures, and seven cracked the scoring column.

Sophomore Enrique Quebrado led the way with 14 points, while senior Nick Lankow had his strongest all-around game of the season with 11 points and nine rebounds. Jose Ponce dropped a pair of three-pointers for most of his 10 points.

Payton Pinz led all scorers with 20 points for Parma. His sophomore teammates, Jared Nielsen and Braydon Jensen, scored 19 points apiece.

✓ Basketball: Streak ends

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finished with 20 points, while Nicole Terry chimed in with nine points.

Jan. 2: Parma 58, Jordan Valley 40 — After a shootout first quarter, the Mustangs held the Panthers to just four points in the

second period but trailed, 24-17, at halftime.

Rogers was at it again, hitting five treys for the bulk of her team-high 19 points.

Zoey Warn grabbed seven rebounds, while Skinner scored 13 points.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Dakota Hardy, sr., point guard
Sank 14 of 16 free throws as part of season-high 17 points vs. Nampa Christian

Girls' basketball
Alex Grant, so., point guard
Has averaged 4.5 points and 3.5 steals per game since returning from injury

Wrestling
Oscar Gonzalez, sr., 160
Four victories during Rollee Lane Tournament

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 11 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17, home vs. Homedale, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 11 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 13 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18 at tri-meet vs. Columbia and Mtn. View, Nampa, 5:30 p.m.

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Go Huskies!

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense A journey to the FDA

I have never seen the Taj Mahal, the Vatican or Fort Knox, all monoliths wrapped in mystery, placed beyond politics, Google and the Rubik’s Cube. But I can now claim I have seen the FDA in the Land of Acronyms, Washington DC, and survived. In my case, it was the FDA, CVM ... Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine.

I was escorted by my friend Dr. Jim, DVM, CEO, President and Founder of SVC, a company that consults and guides pharmaceutical companies through the maze that is required to earn drug approval for use in animals. The mental picture I had before my visit was akin to the Supreme Court or a Court Martial — a line of wizened, beady-eyed scowling geezers wearing robes and wigs looking down at the poor supplicant who is trying to present his case while strapped to a wooden chair with duck tape under a swinging interrogation lamp.

I WAS WRONG!

Ten of the most influential people in the world of veterinary drugs invited me to join them at a conference table, which appeared to be borrowed from a high school teacher’s lounge. Two were wearing jeans, three wore a tie and all were wearing comfortable shoes. The attire was casual.

Each one took the time to explain their position and responsibility, including livestock, equine, dogs, cats, minor species, legality, finance, practicality and impact. The subject on top of their pile is the possible resistance of organisms to antibiotics passed from animal to man. To date there is no proof that it happens, but others think it might. It’s like the cause of “Global Warming.” Tough decisions.

To appreciate the scope of their job, imagine a list of all veterinary drugs in use from 1965 through today that were approved by CVM. The process of approval is detailed and time consuming. Their mission statement reads, “Protecting Human and Animal Health: to insure the drug is safe and effective for the patient and in food animals safe for people to eat.” Talk about all consuming! That is a huge promise. But they keep it and don’t back down. There are no loopholes. Rarely do we see such solid-rock commitment to the people’s benefit, especially from government. It is the gold seal, the guarantee, the third-party verification. It’s the law. Until CVM was instituted, medicine was CAVEAT EMPTOR, “Let the buyer beware.” And that same warning exists today on drugs for animals and humans that don’t have the CVM FDA seal of approval. Just read the label on the back.

Being able to talk to those brilliant, dedicated people at that table made me realize they can see into the future of medicine. Genes loom large.

Hearing them talk amongst themselves was mesmerizing, sort of a cross between ESPN sports announcers and J. Robert Oppenheimer in Los Alamos speculating with his crew about their next atomic bomb.

It takes a while for their profound contribution of “Protecting human and animal health” to sink in. Think about it. The least I could do was to offer to buy ’em lunch. They graciously declined.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Tinsel, Mistletoe and Reindeer Bait!”, and other books, CDs and DVDs.

Letters to the editor

Marsing’s great holiday decorations need moved

I would like to congratulate the Marsing crew for the most wonderful Christmas display at the Marsing Island Park. It has never been more beautiful.

As a word of caution, I think it should be picked up as I remember the Chinook years ago that put a foot of water over the island and washed all the decorations down the river.

P. T. Rathbone
Marsing

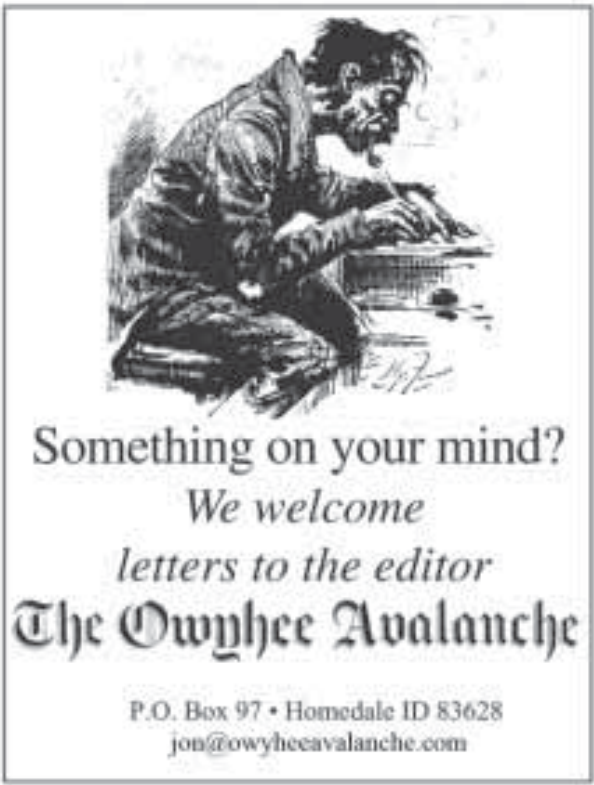
Stats can’t gauge richness of Homedale community

Recent statistics gathered by the Census Bureau and the Wall Street Journal seem to indicate that Homedale is not exactly an economically rich town based on per capita income. Although I respect the scientific methods that must have led to this conclusion, I must present a finding of my own, based on a lifetime of experiential research and data collection.

The unofficial, but undeniable, data would indicate that in terms of the most important qualities of a prosperous life: love, kindness, faith, generosity, and the support of children, schools, local business and hurting families, our community of Homedale is the richest on Earth.

On both a personal and professional level, I have experienced over and over again a giving spirit that only comes from a wealth of human compassion that overflows in our little town. This community rallies time and time again to show support whenever a need is made known, when tragedy strikes one of our own, or to celebrate the victory or success of a neighbor.

I, personally, wouldn’t trade my life in this wonderful



community for all the money in the world.
Ranee Garrett
Homedale

Retiring deputy reflects on good people of county

For the past 10 years I have spent 20 hours a week patrolling the C.J. Strike area for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office. I want to publicly thank everyone that

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington With new start in D.C., Social Security fix must be focus



In its most recent report out in June, the Trustees of the Social Security trust fund provided another warning that Congress must act now to address the shortfalls of the Social Security trust fund. The trustees reported that the Social Security program will be “unable to pay scheduled benefits in full on a timely basis in 2034” and recommended that lawmakers address these shortfalls soon, so that “a broader range of solutions can be considered and more time will be available to phase in changes while giving the public adequate time to prepare.” Many Americans depend on Social Security, and we must not waste more time and act on this warning to prevent the program’s insolvency.

By law, the Social Security Trustees provide an annual assessment to Congress of the current and projected condition of the Social Security trust fund. This report builds on past warnings that the trust fund’s shortfalls must be addressed now. The Trustees’ report included the following troubling projections:

- Social Security’s combined trust funds will be depleted in 2034, the same year projected in last year’s report;
- When the reserve is depleted, income to the funds would be sufficient to pay 77 percent of the scheduled benefits to retired workers, their families and survivors of deceased workers;
- The Disability Insurance (DI) Trust Fund that supports the DI program, which assists disabled workers and their families, is projected to be depleted in 2023, at which time continuing income to the DI Trust Fund would be sufficient

to pay 89 percent of scheduled DI benefits;

- “If substantial actions are deferred for several years, the changes necessary to maintain Social Security solvency would be concentrated on fewer years and fewer generations.”

The program provides benefits to millions of senior citizens and the disabled, and the solutions are increasingly difficult as more time is wasted. The Trustees report that there were 61 million Social Security beneficiaries and 171 million covered workers and their families in 2016. The non-partisan Congressional Research Service reports that, “maintaining financial balance after trust fund insolvency would require substantial reductions in Social Security benefits, substantial increases in income, or some combination of the two . . . The sooner Congress acts to adjust Social Security policy, the less abrupt the changes would need to be, because they could be spread over a longer period and would therefore affect a larger number of workers and beneficiaries.”

The warnings are clear. As a new Congress and new Administration kick off this month, we must act as the trustees advise, “With informed discussion, creative thinking, and timely legislative action . . .” to prevent Social Security’s insolvency.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Share your story to help family break free of credit cards

Dear Dave,
I've followed your plan for three years. I'm living totally debt-free except for my home, and I pay for everything with cash. It's so freeing! I'd like to convince my family to stop using credit cards and follow your advice, too. How can I do this?

— Allen

Dear Allen,
It does feel great, doesn't it? Congratulations! I'm really proud that you've worked hard, been disciplined, and taken control of your money.
When it comes to your family, however, I'm not sure that words will do the trick. There's an old saying, "Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still." Some people are just stuck in their ways and have been brainwashed into believing

that credit cards and debt are an unavoidable part of life.
Trust me, I know what I'm talking about here. I've been fortunate enough to help millions of people change their lives, get out of debt, and take control of the finances. But there are millions more who just won't listen. They just keep going deeper and deeper into debt. As much as I want to help people, I had to accept the fact long ago that being stupid with money isn't illegal.
You can make some irrefutable arguments against credit cards. You don't need them to get a hotel room, rent a car, or buy airline tickets. A debit card will do all of that without piling up debt. For an emergency fund, you can simply save up cash. It takes some discipline and hard work, but relying on credit when things go wrong is a trap.
If they won't accept these



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points, try telling them your story. Don't leave out the part about old habits being hard to break, but stress how great your life has been — both financially and emotionally — since you made the decision to control

your money. Maybe a light will come on, and you can walk them through the process!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I work for the police department, and I'm required to contribute nine percent of my paycheck toward my pension. I know you recommend putting 15 percent toward retirement, so I was wondering if I should put an additional six percent into this plan or go with something else.

— Brian

Dear Brian,
Your pension is probably pretty stable if you work for a police department, so if you feel good about your position and the returns you're seeing, I'd be OK with you putting the extra six percent there — maybe even a little bit more.

If you're feeling iffy about the pension, I'd recommend putting the remaining six percent in a Roth IRA invested in good growth stock mutual funds. Make sure these funds have strong track records of at least 10 years.
I'm glad to know you're serious about saving, Brian. By planning for the future now, you can look forward to retiring with wealth and dignity!

— 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

Americans for Limited Government

Ending EPA rules key to making America competitive again

by Natalia Castro

The EPA has helped to strangle U.S. economic growth for the past eight years with its 2009 carbon endangerment finding and subsequent rules against new and existing coal power plants, dubbed the Clean Power Plan. But regulatory policy has not just represented significant government overreach, it has also undermined U.S. competitiveness globally.
Now, with President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration on Jan. 20, the U.S. could be poised to reclaim its mantle as the world's foremost economic power — by stopping further job-killing regulations from being implemented and rescinding the Obama regulations either under the terms of the Administrative Procedures Act, a process that can take a couple of years, or via Congress' Article I power of the purse.
As the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce noted in July, since President Obama took office the EPA has published just under 4,000 final rules in the Federal Register, which caused significant "Legal, cost, and practical implementation issues; effects of the rules on the electricity and oil and gas sectors; impacts on the affordability and reliability of energy supplies; impacts on American households and consumers; and, impacts on American workers, jobs, and economic growth."
These regulations have cost the American companies hundreds of billions in compliance costs, and under the

Obama administration cost more than \$50 billion in annual costs each year. Hill contributor Jason Pye explained in December, the Clean Power Plan alone is estimated to cost the energy sector between \$41 billion and \$73 billion simply to comply. This is making electricity more expensive in the U.S., increasing the cost of doing business and killing jobs, particularly in the coal sector, with an estimated 126,000 jobs expected to be lost as a direct result to the Clean Power Plan.
Even Democrats know this is a mistake. Resource-rich states such as North Dakota have consistently urged for looser EPA regulations in order to remain economically efficient. In August 2015, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) fought increased regulations of greenhouse gas emission standards under the Clean Power Plan. Heitkamp complained to the administration that, "The Administration claims to support an all-of-the-above energy strategy, but has provided no viable path forward for coal and now seems to be going after natural gas as well — a fact this EPA rule makes resoundingly clear — and that will only hurt consumers, businesses, and our economy."
Heitkamp explained that coal supports 13,000 jobs in North Dakota, and mining has an economic impact of \$3.5 billion. The Democrats' own EPA regulations are strangling their own states, as well as Americans' opportunities across the country.
As taxpayers and state governments seem to bear the

brunt of these overreaching regulatory policies, the national economic problems these regulations have caused have become more and more evident. Industry Week of March 2016 explains that based on the 2016 Global Manufacturing Competitiveness Index developed by Deloitte and the Council on Competitiveness, China remains the most competitive place in the world to manufacture goods.
It's little wonder. China has increased global market share of manufacturing goods exports from 3 percent in 1994 to more than 16 percent in 2014, according to data compiled by the World Bank, while the U.S. has dropped to less than 8 percent.
The United States has the potential to become competitive again, but not with the EPA continuing to cripple the economy. U.S. manufacturers surveyed by Industry Week complained that excessive taxation and costs work against their aims to expand manufacturing in the U.S. Reducing EPA regulations, on the other hand, could diminish their economic burden.
One thing that is hurting U.S. competitiveness is not our industry, but some of the excessive regulations the Obama administration has put into place through the EPA. U.S. companies have the potential to earn billions back once these rules are rescinded, and if we hope to reclaim our place as the No. 1 economy in the world, it is a necessity.
— Natalia Castro is a contributing editor at *Americans for Limited Government*.

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helped in making this the greatest retirement job anyone ever had.
I began on Oct. 1, 2006 with 33 years of experience as a city cop. I quickly found out that patrolling Owyhee County was far different from the familiar streets of Nampa. Other officers were on duty in the county, but most times they were an hour away. This was unnerving until I realized that every citizen I met was watching my back and would step in at a moment's notice to help out. I also learned Owyhee County citizens had a strange concept of actually taking part in raising their children not expecting the police department and school district to do it for them.
Working the Idaho Power contract, I developed a close

relationship with workers at the dam and the Wildlife Management areas and found they also had a pro-law enforcement attitude and a willingness to help out a sometimes-lost city cop. I know Idaho Power employees are a vital part of the communities where they live and work.
Everyone should be proud of OCSO. This agency is supervised by dedicated law enforcement professionals who always have county citizens' best interest in mind. I have observed Sheriff Grant and Chief Deputy Bowman working hard, shoulder-to-shoulder with the line officers, to solve the many day-to-day situations that arise. Probably the best compliment I can give is "They know what they don't know." They will not let their ego get in the way of doing what is right and will work to find the solution to any problem that the county has. They both have excellent relationships with the county commissioners, and that helps the day-to-day operations with an open dialog between

OCSO and the commissioners.
I know I will miss the sheriff's office and, maybe even more, the people of the county. I have seen cowboys riding through the frozen nights assisting cows with calves, volunteer EMTs rushing to accident scenes, sheriff's volunteers working traffic control all night at a flooded roadway, and farm workers stopping to assist me with a stalled vehicle. I know that the people of Owyhee County have a hard life, full of even harder work, but to a person I found that they wouldn't have it any other way.
Thanks for all of the memories.
Rick Wiley
OCSO deputy sheriff (ret.)
Nampa

Wiley's last day with the sheriff's office was Jan. 2.
— Ed.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 15, 1992

Speakers urge county to support land use planning
Speakers stressed county government as the answer to federal lands issues at the National Federal Lands Conference Saturday in Jordan Valley.
About 250 people attended the day-long conference.
The speakers stressed that ranchers and other rural county residents are in danger of losing their way of life because of government regulations on federal lands, which make up a large portion of rural counties in the West.
Wayne Hage, past president of the National Federal Lands Conference, assured listeners that ranchers do have rights on federal lands by tracing the history of the management of federal lands in the United States.
Hage quoted past court cases and government acts, such as the 1934 Grazing Act, and the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which requires just compensation for the taking of private property, to support this position.
The speakers encouraged listeners to demand these rights through county land use plans.
“County government is the strongest form of government in this country,” said Richard Manning, member of the board of trustees of the Coalition of County Government in Glenwood, N.M.
Manning explained to the audience how the people of Catron County, N.M. forced the federal government to listen to them when they began to suffer economically because of government actions taken on federal lands.

Bill Ross receives award
Bill Ross, longtime Jordan Valley rancher, was honored Saturday at the National Federal Lands Conference in Jordan Valley for his leadership in protecting and enhancing private property rights.
Ross was presented with a plaque from conference speakers who called him a “protector of constitutional rights.”
“He’s always been a voice in the West for freedom,” one speaker said.

Mayors, council members take oaths of office
A new mayor and two new council members were sworn in at the first Marsing City Council meeting of the year Wednesday night.
Mike Fromm was sworn in as mayor in front of several enthusiastic family members.
Fromm said he is “ready and willing” to take on his duties as mayor.
“I’m going to do the best job I can for the city,” he said.
Audrey Larsen and Cecil Bish were also sworn in, as city council members, replacing Roger Howard and Jim Thomas.

Trojan girls top Marsing, next game with Rimrock
An increasingly tough Homedale varsity girls basketball team is scheduled to play the Rimrock Raiders there Friday night, heading into the countdown for the district tournament in two weeks at Payette.
The youthful squad has only two more regular season games to go after Rimrock, the Senior Night game here Jan. 23 against Payette and a Jan. 25 faceoff at McCall.
Meantime, the Trojans showed here Saturday night against Marsing that they’re stoking up their competitive fires, easily scorching the Huskies 59-29 and staying far ahead through all four quarters. The locals led 19-6 at the end of the first quarter, 30-11 at halftime, and 38-18 at the end of the third quarter.
The win elevated Homedale to 4-9 for the season before last night’s game with New Plymouth. No score from yesterday was available before press time.

Huskies win, lose in last two
The Marsing Huskies won in Payette Tuesday night before losing to Homedale Saturday in an away game.
After last week’s games, the boys’ varsity team sits at 1-2 in league play.

50 years ago

January 12, 1967

School supt., principal, teachers in Marsing school system quit jobs
The Marsing School Board failed to reach a settlement Tuesday with teachers who have submitted resignations effective at the start of the next school year, July 1, reported Arthur Allen, president of the Marsing Education Association.
Marsing Superintendent of Schools Elvin J. Dennis and High School principal Thomas J. Moore have resigned and at least half of the Marsing School District’s teachers have either submitted resignations or have threatened to resign, it has been reported.
Juno Churruca, chairman of the district’s board of trustees, said that Dennis and Moore submitted resignations to the board last week, which has accepted them. The resignations are effective at the end of the current school year.
Churruca also confirmed reports that a number of teachers have submitted resignations, which he said are in the possession of Trustee Harold Curt. Churruca said he was not certain exactly how many resignations Curt had received but added that he understood the entire high school teaching staff of about 14 teachers had either submitted resignations or indicated intent to resign and that part of the grade school teaching staff had threatened to resign.
It has appeared that Moore and the dissident teachers had taken their action in support of Dennis.
Information reported from informed sources said 18 teachers were involved in the move, but the figure could not be confirmed.

Shaffer predicts crucial period for Homedale
“The next three years will be crucial for Homedale – that is, whether we stay on the map or not,” stated incoming President Don Shaffer at the regular noon luncheon meeting Tuesday of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce at Bicandi’s Café.
Everyone can do a little bit to help the community and to help each other, Shaffer continued. He added that the meetings would be held on the same schedule as before and requested better attendance at the regular meetings.

Gov’t. seeks to reclaim Owyhee lands from group
Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, in related actions involving the administration of the Desert Land Act, today ordered:
That a hearing examiner’s recommended decision be accepted invalidating the Indian Hill group enterprise in Owyhee County, thus canceling seven of the twelve entries involved and requesting that the Justice Department act to recover the other five, already patented; and
That the Interior Department’s Bureau of Land Management resume processing other group applications under the Desert Land Act, but only under criteria carefully specified in a directive to BLM.
The Desert Land Act, originally passed by Congress in 1877, permits citizens to claim up to 320 acres of federally owned land in certain western states, including Idaho, classified by the Secretary of the Interior as “desert lands.” Persons seeking to acquire such lands must comply with conditions prescribed by the Congress and by implementing regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
Important among the conditions are that the claimant be a citizen of the state where the desert land is located; that he intend, in good faith, to reclaim the desert land by irrigated farming; that the proposed farming operations be economically feasible; that expenditures be made to improve the land; and that the claimant not assign his claim to a corporation.
In the Indian Hill case, twelve parcels of land (entries) have been operated as a single irrigated farm of nearly 3,700 acres by Hoodco Farms, Inc., an Idaho subsidiary of Hood Corporation of California. Potatoes have been the principal crop. The lands are located in Owyhee County, Idaho, some 400 feet above and immediately south of the Snake River.

140 years ago

January 13, 1877

ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE. It is a question, we think, that will admit of grave doubt, as to whether the gentlemen who composed the Council and House of Representatives in the session just closed at Boise City, will be able to point to the record of their doings with that feeling of pride that would leave grateful recollections in the minds of their fellow citizens of Idaho. Many good measures have been hinted at. Some have actually been proposed, but it must be confessed, and we say it in sorrow rather than anger, that but little has been accomplished in the way of originating and perfecting measures that our young Territory stood sadly in need of. Blessed in many respects with one of the most favored regions that the sun ever shone upon, with a meager population to take advantage of such an auspicious situation, the occasion was presented in the example of older Territories and more populous sections of the country to make a stride towards the achievement of objects embodying a foundation for hope in the direction of the development of the marvelous resources the few thousands of people now inhabiting the Territory have at command. Idaho wants more people. We want railroads. We stand sadly in need of greater facilities for communication with the outside world. We want more people to come and dwell with us. Our wants in fact are numerous, but a little judicious legislation might have paved the way for realizing some of the most conspicuous of these pressing and urgent requirements based upon the future growth and development of the country. After all, the great want with our people is leading minds to make known and give direction to the popular demands which inherent questions connected with the welfare of the Territory give rise to. The requisite brains and genius did not come to the surface among the representatives of the people recently assembled at the Capital. Our hopes in this direction were never very promising. The opportunities were not wanting, but the men lacked the foresight, intellect and capacity to comprehend the situation. Legislative doings under such auspices are next to a farce and these biennial sessions might as well be done away with.

COMMODORE VANDERBILT is finally dead. He was over eighty years old and lived to this ripe age by means of a firm and unflinching habit of temperance in eating and drinking. His wealth is estimated at somewhere in the vicinity of ninety millions, consisting, principally, of New York Central Railroad stock, in the management of which he is succeeded by his son. This road has four steel tracks between New York and Buffalo.

SMALL BUSINESS. If any evidence were needed of the limited caliber of some of our legislative solons, it may be found in the actions of the Council on Wednesday, limiting the compensation of the gentlemen who may be designated to write up the Territory, in accordance with the provisions of a bill which passed that body, to the sum of \$50. To do this work, properly, the party should be required to visit all the leading mining camps and agricultural districts in the Territory in order to get full information on such an important subject. Several weeks would, unavoidably, be consumed on such a work. To suppose that it can be done, properly, for the “princely” sum of \$50 is a gross absurdity. The prevalence of such a narrow-minded, niggardly and contemptible policy as this will always keep our Territory in the background.

WINTER. We are having a remarkable winter in this latitude. We have not yet had a snow fall of any consequence, and the ground now in the middle of January is nearly bare. Up to this time last year we had three months of solid winter. In the Eastern States snow is abundant. At Nashville, Tennessee, they had a fall of snow recently which was the heaviest experienced in 40 years.

BREVITIES. Many bets on the Presidency still remain in *status quo* here. Charles S. Peck wants to bet a few hundred more that Tilden will be the next president.

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public meeting will be held on January 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed road categorizations of RS2477 rights of way shown on USGS quadrangle maps within portions of the following townships and ranges:

6S8E, 7S8E, 8S7E, 8S8E, 8S9E, 8S10E, 08S11E, 8S12E, 9S7E, 9S8E, 9S9E, 9S10E, 9S11E, 9S12E, 10S8E, 10S9E, 10S10E, 10S11E, 10S12E, 11S7E, 11S8E, 11S9E, 11S10E, 11S11E, 11S12E, 12S7E, 12S8E, 12S9E, 12S10E, 12S11E, 12S12E, 13S7E, 13S8E, 13S9E, 13S10E, 13S11E, 13S12E, 14S7E, 14S8E, 14S9E, 14S10E, 14S11E, 14S12E, 15S7E, 15S8E, 15S9E, 15S10E, 15S11E, 15S12E, 16S7E, 16S8E, 16S9E, 16S10E, 16S11E, and 16S12E.

The categories group the rights of way located on federal lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups. No groups cover rights of way located on private lands. The proposed maps are available for viewing in the planning and zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm, and 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

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NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

THE REGULAR HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR January 11th, HAS BEEN CHANGED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, January 12th, AT THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 102 E. COLORADO IN HOMEDALE, AT 7 P.M.

DATED THIS 6th day of January, 2017
Terri Uria, Secretary
1/11/2017

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

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

NOTICE

An Idaho Non-Profit is applying for a State of Idaho Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant. The grant is for equipment and expenses for trail maintenance and land stewardship along the Owyhee Front. Comments should be directed to: Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation,

**ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT
CITY OF HOMEDALE**

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	\$0
RECEIPTS	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Sale of assets	\$0
Interest income	\$370
Fund transfer from non-highway accounts	\$11,759
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	\$10,976
Total Local Funding	\$23,105
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	\$114,224
Total State Funding	\$114,224
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$137,329
DISBURSEMENTS	
NEW CONTRUCTION	
Other	\$195
Total New Construction	\$195
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	
Roads	\$11,215
Other	\$200
Total Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$11,415
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	\$21,036
Patching	\$21,257
Winter maintenance	\$4,390
Grading/blading	\$1,056
Other	\$17,563
Total Routine Maintenance	\$65,302
EQUIPMENT	
New equipment purchase	\$6,051
Equipment maintenance	\$3,923
Other	\$838
Total Equipment	\$10,812
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$4,355
OTHER	
Street lighting	\$35,979
Professional services	\$3,423
Total Other	\$39,402
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$131,481
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,848
CLOSING BALANCE	\$5,848
Funds obligated for specific future projects & reserves	\$5,848
ENDING BALANCE	\$0

City of Homedale, Alice E. Pegram
Clerk/Treasurer 12/30/2016

Recreational Grants Program.
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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
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GARY SPACKMAN, Director
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BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER1, 2015	318,508
RECEIPTS	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property Tax Levy	65,572
Interest Income	449
All Other Local Receipts	7,089
Total Local Funding	73,110
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway User Revenue	602,791
Sales Tax/Revenue Sharing	15,232
All Other State Receipts	3,514
Total State Funding	621,537
FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES	\$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	694,647
DISBURSEMENTS	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	\$0
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	
Bridges, Culverts and Storm Drainage	11,674
TOTAL RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	11,674
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip Sealing	213,180
Patching	7,521
Winter Maintenance	6,492
Grading/Blading	6,859
Other (Signs, Signals or Traffic Control)	11,736
TOTAL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	245,788
EQUIPMENT	
EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE	11,531
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	11,531
ADMINISTRATION	221,461
OTHER EXPENDITURES	
Professional Services- Audit, Clerical, Legal	5,571
Professional Services- Engineering	775
All Other Local Expenditures	19,222
TOTAL OTHER	25,568
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	516,022
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	178,625
CLOSING BALANCE	497,133
FUNDS RETAINED FOR GENERAL FUNDS AND OPERATION	497,133
ENDING BALANCE	\$0
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS: Larry Prow, Joel Wilson, and Scott Salutregui	
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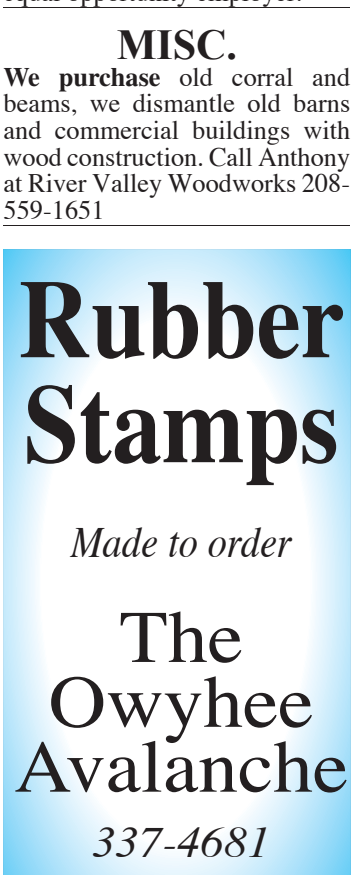
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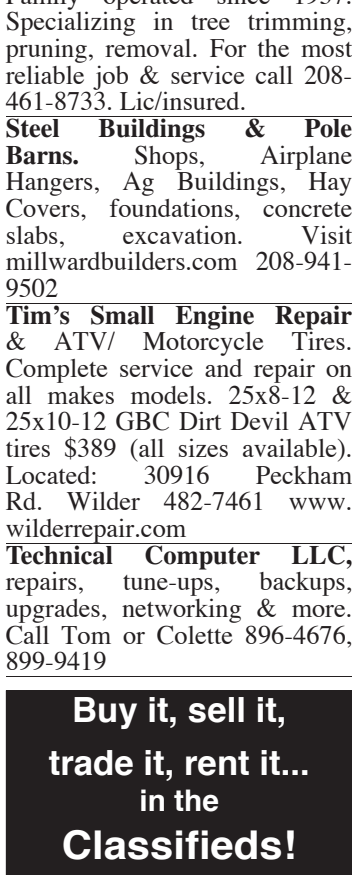


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Homedale library acquires STEM devices, such as robots, 3D printer

Homedale Public Library administrator Sharla Jensen is anxious to show off some new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) toys.

An open house will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26 at the library for folks to see demonstrations of new robots, a 3D printer, coding programming, an iPad, other tablets, and a new Viewmaster.

Jensen said the robots, named “Dash and Dot,” and the printer cost \$640 and were purchased with a grant from the Walmart Community Foundation.

The Viewmaster and another robot cost \$50 each and were purchased out of the library’s last fiscal year budget.

“We had to buy a \$580 iPad to run Dash and Dot,” Jensen wrote in an email. “The iPad was bought with donations from The Friends of the Homedale Public Library group.”

She added that patrons can call to schedule one-hour blocks to do hands-on training with the robots to learn the basic computer coding it takes to operate the machines.

Jensen also said people can stop by at anytime to learn how to use the 3D printer, and then schedule a time to use it.

She currently only has yellow filament for the printer, but has ordered a few more colors.

The 3D printer can make small objects such as cellphone cases.

Folks can also see six new Android-based tablets donated to the library by Idaho Public Television.

The tablets were delivered to the library Friday by IPTV edu-



Lily Ormond peers through a magnifying glass to examine a seashell during Story Time at the Homedale Public Library on Friday morning. Lily, 6, is the daughter of Chris and Katie Ormond.

cation specialist Cindy Lunte during a Story Time visit.

Software on the devices includes Public Television-themed games with characters like Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in the Hat.

Hats, animals among Story Time topics

Boys and girls attending Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will hear about hats and animals in the winter Friday morning.

The 10:15 a.m. event will feature a reading of The Hat by Jan Brett. Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barrett will also be read.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said children will also make paper hats and talk about animals that hibernate in the winter.

Friday’s Teens and Tweens session will include winter science experiments. Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend at 4 p.m.

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.

Melba auction set to mark 68th anniversary

A benefit event that raises funds to help people facing tough times — including some in Owyhee County — returns Jan. 21.

The Melba Community Auction started in 1949. This year, it will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21 at the high school gym at 6870 Stokes Lane, Melba.

There will be indoor and outdoor sales, and the fundraiser typically runs until about 3 p.m.

Admission to the auction is free and food vendors will be set up inside the gym.

Money raised is used to help local families that have emergencies such as fires or catastrophic health issues. The auction also supports the Melba volunteer Quick Response Unit, the Melba volunteer fire department, youth sports, LifeFlight, and St. Luke’s Mountain States Tumor Institute.

Items for sale outside include calves donated by local ranchers and hay. Automobiles have also been donated for the auction several times over the years.

Inside the gym, folks will find

a wide variety of things up for grabs including tools, electronics, wood working crafts and home-baked goods.

Heather Packer lives on the Owyhee County side of the river between the Wilson and Guffey areas, and is on the auction board.

She said people never know what they might end up taking home from the sale.

“There’s always fantastic cakes donated. We generally have all sorts of gift certificates and baskets for a date night or a movie night,” Packer said. “Last year, we had what was an old record player that had been refurbished into a little bar. We always have two or three pieces like that.”

The Wilson Sagehens also donate quilts and other items to the auction every year.

Canyon County resident Megan Volkers is the chairwoman of the auction. For more information about the auction, contact Volkers at (208) 870-7127, or search for Melba Community Auction on Facebook. — SC

DUI brings suspended license, probation

A 47-year-old Melba man must serve a year’s probation and can’t drive for a year after his driving under the influence conviction.

Scott McDonald was sentenced Dec. 19 in Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober’s Murphy courtroom.

Grober levied fines and costs

totaling \$702.50, and also suspended 178 days of a 180-day jail sentence.

McDonald got credit for one day served in Owyhee County Jail after his Nov. 9 arrest in downtown Marsing. The man’s blood-alcohol concentration measured at .157.

Man in stuck vehicle arrested for DUI

A 23-year-old Caldwell man pled not guilty plea to misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Harry Packwood arrested Jose Luis Jimenez-Hernandez before 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 2.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Packwood had stopped to help Jimenez-Hernandez, whose vehicle was stuck in a parking lot near the Marsing Labor Camp on Idaho highway 78.

Bowman said Packwood detected alcohol on the suspect’s breath, but field sobriety tests

couldn’t be performed because of the icy parking surface.

Jimenez-Hernandez was booked into county jail in Murphy on misdemeanor charges of DUI and driving without privileges.

Measured at jail, the man’s blood-alcohol content was .168, more than twice the legal limit.

Jimenez-Hernandez entered a not guilty plea during a Jan. 3 arraignment in Murphy. A pretrial conference before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1 in the Homedale magistrate courtroom.



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