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Homedale High School Drama Club members Ben Holloway (center) and Jonathan Slawson kneel as they present elementary school librarian Sherri Krzesnik one of the Chris Colfer "The Curvy Tree" books. Looking on, from left, are 7-year-old second-graders Dominick Montes (parents: Kimberly Montes) and Logan Wilson (parents: Kayla Rochester and Anthony Wilson), cast members Lindy Phariss, Jayden Waltman, Leah Patton, Mauricia Villarreal, Kendra Thatcher, second-grader Lindsay Rios Bautista, 8, (parents: Antonio Rios and Nancy Bautista), and fourth-grader Allie Bell, 9, (parents: Lance and Brenna Bell).

## Actors rise to author's challenge

### HHS thespians emerge from winter with complex tale

After hurdles and hoops, Homedale High School's Drama Club is ready to jump into its next project.

The school's actors perform "The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell" on Friday and Saturday, and for all the stress of opening night and live performances, the 6 p.m. shows inside the old HHS gymnasium might be a relief for the troupe.

The shows were moved up an hour from the showtimes originally announced, advisor DeAnn Thatcher said.

The play, based on a book in a series by actor, producer and author Chris Colfer, is the longest performance the HHS group has ever tackled. It weaves fairy tales into the adventures of twin siblings who discover a book they receive as a birthday present is really a doorway into a fantasy world. After falling through the portal, the boy and girl must

— See *Actors*, page 8A

## Commercial buildings collapse under snow

### Homedale Senior Center's storage shed destroyed

In addition to collapsed carports at private residences, there have been at least four commercial buildings in the area damaged by heavy snow this month.

The latest was the old Homedale Liquidators building in the first block of North Main Street in Homedale.

Passersby reported hearing loud cracks

coming from the flat-roofed building on the east side of the street late Saturday morning. The building's roof caved in soon after.

A Monday posting on the Homedale Police Department's Facebook page sounded the call to help the town's senior center after a steel shed standing in the parking lot collapsed. The senior center stores loaner wheelchairs and walkers in the shed.

"We are looking to help them replace or rebuild," the HPD Facebook post said. "Any help would be appreciated

— See *Buildings*, page 8A



The old Homedale Liquidators building was checked out for structural integrity before police caution tape was placed across the front door.

## Gateway West's private property encroachment OK'd

### BLM releases decision in final hours of Obama presidency

Wildlife habitat and historic resources take priority over private property in the final decision for the Gateway West electrical transmission line.

But Board of County Commis-

sioners chair Kelly Aberasturi thinks this may not be the end of the issue although his chat with Bureau of Land Management Boise District manager Lara Douglas may have had an air of resignation to it.

"Like I told her, 'They just put a nail in the coffin for this to happen in Owyhee County unless (the Trump) Administration decides to do something,'" the District 2 commissioner said.

— See *Gateway West*, page 5A

## Friends reflect on Jerry Floyd's impact on Marsing, auction

As organizers gear up for the Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday, Feb. 4, they're also thinking about a community member who won't be present this year.

Jerry Floyd, a disaster auction committee member, passed away on Jan. 13 at age 74.

He was auction chair in 1980, and also was a Marsing Rural Fire District commissioner for 37 years.

Floyd's daughter, Cindy, currently serves on the auction committee, and chaired last year's event.

Betty Ackerman, the 2010 auction co-chair and Marsing Ambulance Service administrator, said Jerry would be greatly missed.

"He's been a huge part of our community in several aspects

— See *Floyd*, page 5A



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Members of the 2016-17 Homedale Middle School Future City team stand around their mythical sustainable community, Phosphora, at the regional competition Saturday at Boise State University. **From left:** Téa Uranga, Makenna DeWitt, Madison Miller, Emma Thornton, John Lejardi, Ryker Johnson, Eli Heck and Abbie Henry. Submitted photo

## HMS just misses Future City title

Homedale Middle School finished second Saturday in the Future City regional in Boise. The HMS team was runner-up to Victory Middle School by a margin of only 2.5 points after the model and oral presentations at Boise State University, advisor Kim Portwood said.

Although the 2016-17 team missed securing Homedale’s third trip to Washington, D.C., the team did earn a special award for Best City Essay. HMS’ virtual city was Phosphora located in New Zealand. “I was pretty happy with the results considering we only had

three school days and two work days after Christmas break,” Portwood said. Victory Middle School’s entry, named the Ecological Community of Shanghai (or ECOS), also won Best Virtual City and the Micron-sponsored Materials Science award.

## One week remains in MES disaster auction raffle ticket sale

Folks have until next Wednesday to buy a Marsing Disaster Auction raffle ticket from schoolchildren. Marsing Elementary students in each third- through fifth-grade class are selling \$1 raffle tickets for the auction. Tickets for the \$1 raffle are available from the older MES students until the end of the day next Wednesday. Winning tickets will be drawn during the 56<sup>th</sup> annual auction, which begins at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. Boys and girls will turn the tickets in at school on Thursday, Feb. 2, and the three students who sell the most tickets will win cash prizes.

Auction committee members are also selling tickets for the \$10 raffle, and the winning tickets will be drawn during the auction inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Raffle tickets will also be sold throughout the auction, with the drawings to be held after the last auction item is sold. The \$1 raffle prizes include:

- A \$250 Marsing shopping spree donated by American Legion Post 128
- A Boise Getaway from the disaster auction committee
- \$250 cash donated by Bobo and Sheila Carter, Russ Lindemann and Audrey Hughes

- KitchenAid mixer from Kelly and Betty Ackerman

The \$10 prizes are:

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

More information on the auction can be found online at [www.marsingdisasterauction.org](http://www.marsingdisasterauction.org). To donate to the auction or volunteer time for the effort, contact any committee member, email [marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com](mailto:marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com) or call 2017 auction chair Bobo Carter at (208) 880-8770. Other committee phone numbers include:

- Sheila Carter, 337-2100
- James Ferdinand, 794-7270
- Jess Ferdinand, 401-4964
- Jason and Kelly Ineck, 249-4476
- Tim Dines, 573-3321

## Probation ordered in drug case

A Marsing resident avoided prison during a sentencing hearing on a felony drug conviction. Guadalupe M. Lopez was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance in October. During a Jan. 13 appearance

before Third District Judge David F. VanderVelde in Murphy, Lopez was placed on 2½ years probation and ordered to pay \$635.50 in court costs. VanderVelde suspended a penitentiary sentence of two to four years.

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# Marsing's Maxey makes way back to NBC's Today

## Wildlife expert keeps in touch with nature at Snake River oasis

Marsing-area residents might not know that one of their neighbors is a nationally recognized wildlife expert and biologist.

Corbin Maxey will make his 20<sup>th</sup> appearance on NBC's Today Show next Wednesday during the 9 a.m. hour Idaho time.

Maxey has also made numerous appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Martha Stewart Show, Late Night with Seth Meyers, and Inside Edition.

The 27-year-old spent his childhood in the Robie Creek area of Boise, and his family moved to Meridian when he was about 10.

His parents, Jeff and Jan, bought a home on the Snake River in Marsing in 2006, and he purchased a house on the river 15 miles away from theirs in 2012.

Maxey has about 30 reptiles and an emu named Napoleon on his private five acres.

He said the area along the river is perfect for one of his animals.

"We have naturally heated water on our properties," Maxey said. "It enables us to have our alligator outside year-round."

Exactly how much time he spends in Marsing depends on what time of year it is.

"In the summer, I'm really, really busy just traveling," Maxey said. "I try to be here as much as I can. Obviously in the winter it's a lot slower, but in the summer it really picks up with my touring schedule."

Maxey added that he's thrilled about making his 20<sup>th</sup> appearance on the Today Show set.

"I love it. It honestly feels like home," he said. "You start seeing

familiar faces, obviously with the producers, but also with the on-air talent. After 20 times, they actually start getting to know your name, which is nice."

Maxey estimates that he will bring about 17 birds for the nationally televised appearance, but will only show off about five.

The birds could include an aracari (a medium-size toucan), a two-month-old spectacled owl chick, and a silvery-cheeked hornbill.

Maxey said he chose birds that exhibit specific behaviors.

"We have a bird that's trained to take a prop, like a can or something," he said. "It's trained to take it to a recycling bin. I'll show things to demonstrate their intelligence."

Maxey sees a lot of birds around his house, and said the Snake River Valley region has one of the highest concentrations of birds of prey in the world.

"Out my back porch a couple of days ago, we had bald eagles doing a mating display," he said. "I just saw a red-tailed hawk that lives in our tree. The bird life is amazing out here."

Maxey also has beavers, foxes, and coyotes around his property, along with native reptiles, such as gopher snakes and garter snakes.

"When it's nice, I like to run, so you'll see me get snakes off the road to prevent them from being road kill," he said. "I also hike a bluff across the river from our property, and I've come across several Great Basin rattlesnakes."

Maxey also enjoys floating the Snake River, and hiking around



Today Show hosts Al Roker (left) and Tamron Hall with Corbin Maxey holding a kestrel. Maxey said kestrels are commonly seen around Owyhee County.

Jump Creek.

He graduated from Boise State University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

At the age of 12, Maxey founded Cyprus Hill Reptile Reserve. The non-profit located in Meridian is dedicated to reptile rescue, conservation, and education.

In 2008, when he was 18, Maxey became the producer and host

of his own television show called "LIVE with The Reptile Guy." The 10-episode pilot series was based in Boise, and he went on to produce about 30 episodes over four successful seasons.

When he's touring the country for speaking engagements or television appearances, Maxey said most people he meets have no idea where Marsing, Idaho is, and

he thinks that's a shame.

"I am so proud to be a resident," Maxey said. "I think we live in some of the most beautiful country. As I'm talking to you in my living room, I'm looking out at the river. I feel so blessed."

"I'm sure everyone here has the same feeling. I couldn't imagine living anywhere else in Idaho."

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# The Sandbar holds grand opening Friday

The Sandbar café in Marsing, which has been back in business since November, is ready to celebrate its grand opening.

The event will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday inside the restaurant at 18 Sandbar Ave.

“It’s a big thank you to the community, and it’s just a big message to say we’re finally here,” The Sandbar director Kim Coonis said.

The event will include free appetizers made by The Sandbar’s chef, tasting of products from local wineries and craft breweries, raffles and prizes. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase.

Coonis said a shotgun and a garden table are among the raffle prizes. Tickets are available at the restaurant and cost \$1 each, six for \$5 or 25 tickets for \$20.

All ages are welcome at The Sandbar for meals and activities. Proceeds from the 501(c)3 non-profit benefit Meals on Wheels and Riverhouse Care and help disabled people and older adults in Marsing and the surrounding area, including Givens, Wilson and Murphy and the Sunnyslope area in Canyon County.

The Sandbar also serves about 200 meals a week to homebound seniors in its Meals on Wheels program.

Meals on Wheels coordinator Alana Squires points out that there is no charge for the home-delivered meals, but donations from the community are accepted.

“Because we’ve been accepting food from the food bank, (any money received is) strictly a donation, and it’s not for the food, it’s for services,” Squires said.

“Any food that you use from the food bank you’re not allowed to charge for. So, our donations are for the cooking, the preparation, the delivery, that type of stuff.”


For more information about The Sandbar and the services it offers, call (208) 896-4124.

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# Homedale student on Fox Dean’s List

Homedale resident Melanie Schroeder has earned a spot on the George Fox University Dean’s List for the fall semester.

A senior majoring in English, Schroeder qualified by earning at least a 3.5 grade-point average on 12 or more hours of graded work.

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# ✓ Gateway West: Legislation or litigation may be only way to fight back

In one of the last major announcements from the Obama Administration, the BLM released its Record of Decision (ROD) on the two segments crossing Owyhee County on Friday morning, hours before Donald J. Trump took the oath of office to become the 45<sup>th</sup> president.

As county officials and private property proponents expected, the ROD bypassed a recommendation from the BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee to utilize an existing energy corridor through the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA).

Instead, under the federal government's authorization, Segments 8-9 of the 500-kilovolt powerline will cross a private ranch, and the route takes transmission towers closer to Greater Sage-grouse habitat areas than an NCA-predominant alternative would have.

"Gateway West has been an Administration priority project to transform our electric power grid and spur development of renewable energy," BLM Director Neil Kornze said in a Friday press release.

"Today's decision authorizes the routes with the least impact on private property, farmland, historic trails and cultural resources, visual resources, wetlands, sage-grouse habitat, and the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area."

The authorized route takes Segment 9 south of Grand View and Murphy, but through private ground in Oreana and Sinker Creek.

"In the Oreana and Sinker Creek properties, it will impact quite a few of those farm acres," Aberasturi said.

More private ground is impacted than would have been under the alternative down Baja Road in the NCA.

"We found out about it from Idaho Power earlier," Aberasturi said. "We already knew what they were going to do."

Aberasturi said it's difficult to reverse course once an ROD is issued. But, he says, there are some possible remedies:

- A land swap proposal suggested earlier by Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) and supported by the rest of the Idaho Congressional delegation. Simpson's plan to create 4,700 acres of National Conservation Landscape in parts of Owyhee and Elmore counties could open up the existing energy corridor in the NCA, according to Aberasturi's comments after a September meeting.
- The Trump Administration could take the extraordinary step to remand the decision back to the BLM.

One possible side-effect of authorizing the transmission line so close to sage-grouse habitat is litigation from environmentalists, Aberasturi said.

"Our biggest issue is just like everything else," the Homedale resident said. "If this goes through, the environmental groups will sue on it and force Idaho Power and BLM to put the line back on private land."

In a November protest letter, county commissioners said the federal government's preferred alternative was inconsistent with county plans — to which the BLM is required to adhere under coordination law — and ignored a chance to actually enhance degrading habitat in the NCA.

Idaho Power, which is a partner in the transmission line with Rocky Mountain Power, was willing to take mitigation and enhancement measures in the NCA when the RAC subcommittee was examining routes for its recommendation.

"Idaho Power had actually put together an enhancement package that they thought BLM would seriously look at," Aberasturi said.

Like county commissioners, the Owyhee County Task Force and residents whose property could be impacted by the powerline, Idaho Power backed Alternative 1 through the NCA when the final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was released for comment in October.

Friday's decision creates right-of-way for the utilities to build 321 miles of the line across public land in Owyhee, Elmore, Twin Falls, Gooding and Cassia counties. The 1,100-mile route stretches from the Windstar substation in Glenrock, Wyo., to Hemingway substation in Wilson.

The segments will cross only 17.6 miles of the NCA as 8.8 miles of each segment are separated by 250 feet in a 500-foot right-of-way.

The BLM said authorized routes avoid all Priority Habitat Management Areas for Greater Sage-grouse identified in the 2015 Great Basin resource management plan amendments for Idaho.

Idaho Power must still mitigate effects to resources such as the Oregon-California National Historic Trail, visual resources, and habitat for migratory birds.

Segments 8-9 were the final piece of the puzzle. Segments 1-7 and Segment 10 were approved in November 2013, but decisions on the final two segments were delayed when the BLM determined supplemental environmental analysis was required.

— JPB

# ✓ Floyd: 1980 Marsing auction chair immersed himself in community

with the auction and the fire department," Ackerman said.

Herb Churruca, 1998 auction chair, said Jerry followed in his dad Harold's footsteps in serving the community.

"He took his father's place on the fire board," Churruca said. "When his father passed away, it just kind of went to him. And he was always there helping with the ambulance whenever we needed something. He was always there to help people, all the time. I never saw him when he wasn't helping somebody."

Ackerman also said Jerry Floyd was a great supporter of the ambulance service.

Fire Chief Brion Showalter said Floyd was critical for the success of the rural department.

"He was very oriented toward helping the department save money," Showalter said. "We probably added and replaced more vehicles in his time than in the life of the department. If we needed loans or something, he always got it done."

Showalter, chair of the 1988 auction, remembers how dedicated Floyd was to the fundraiser and the fire department.

"He always made sure that people knew how important it was to support the fire department and the disaster auction," Showalter said. "He would buy tickets for our crab feed, and several tickets for friends."

This year's auction chair, Bobo Carter, described Floyd as a "tremendous" supporter of Marsing.

"He was always a community-involved person," Carter said. "He was a big-time contributor to the town. He was just great for whatever was going on. Whatever would help the community, that was Jerry Floyd."

Churruca remembers Floyd as being an essential component of the auction.

"He'd been doing all the electrical work at the auction until I got here," Churruca said. "I started working with him, and he finally said, 'You're good enough to do this on your own.'"

Carter said Floyd was also part of a long-standing culinary tradition at the auction.

The doughnut booth dates back to the very first disaster auction in 1961.

"The doughnut table that we use, that was from his mother (Helen) originally when she was involved with the doughnuts," Carter said. "Every Saturday before the auction, here would come Jerry packing that big table, and time to spend with a person to talk with them."

"He never missed a chance to wave at you."

Funeral services for Floyd were held on Saturday inside the town's high school gymnasium.

Carter said everyone involved with the auction is having a hard time dealing with Floyd's passing.

"It's a shock to our system," Carter said. "We can't believe it happened obviously, and we wonder what will happen without Jerry there."

Ackerman and Churruca echoed Carter's thoughts that folks were stunned by Floyd's death.

"We will all feel it," Ackerman said. "He was just like an icon of the community."

"Everybody's saying it's another one that's lost," Churruca said. "He was a good supporter and was somebody that was always there when you needed something."

Showalter said he thought highly of Floyd, and will always remember him.

"He was a friend, and not only as a fire commissioner," Showalter said. "I've known Jerry forever. He was always willing to work with the circumstances, and he was just a Class-A guy."

— SC

*"He was always a community-involved person. He was a big-time contributor to the town. He was just great for whatever was going on. Whatever would help the community, that was Jerry Floyd."*

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# Obituaries

## Jerry Floyd

Jerry Floyd was born on April 26, 1942 & passed away January 13, 2017 at age 74. Jerry was the son of Harold and Helen Floyd and had two sisters, Shirley (Dan) Gibbens and Gayle (Al) Hagler. Jerry graduated from Marsing H.S. in 1960. Following in his father’s footsteps, Jerry bought his first farm after high school in his beloved community of Marsing, ID. Jerry was known for his meticulous farming, and everyone admired the way he did it so well. He worked from sun up to sun down raising crops and caring for his livestock. Jerry was a pillar of the community. He was a member of the Elks, Marsing Disaster Auction Committee and served as the Marsing Fire Dept. Commissioner for 37 years. Jerry is survived by his wife



of 17 years, Sue Floyd, and his two daughters, Cindy Floyd and Becky Bosma. Jerry was “Papa” to 13 grandchildren who he loved and adored. He was an amazing father who was very supportive and active with his girls’ 4H, sports and school activities. He



his mother, wife, children and grandchildren will live on forever in their hearts. His smile and wave will be greatly missed. Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Harold Floyd. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Marsing Disaster Auction Fund. Funeral services were held at 10AM, Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Marsing H.S. gym and lunch was served at the Legion Hall following the interment at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences may be left at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

## Connie Lee Murray Trunnell (Red)

Connie Lee Murray Trunnell (Red) was born May 21, 1952 to Thomas and Evelyn Mears Murray. Connie passed away after a valiant battle of 26 days in ICU at a Caldwell hospital on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. She was raised in Owyhee County and graduated from Homedale High School with the class of 1970. She met and married Warren (Woody) Trunnell in 1980. To this union were born three children: Bradley (Erin) Trunnell, Butte, Montana, and their 6 children; Tyffannie (Scott) McGaugh, Butte, Montana, and their 2 children; and Tabitha (James) Russell of Cottage Grove, Oregon and their 3 children. Woody had a law practice in Caldwell, and Connie spent most of her working years as his office manager. When not in the office, she assisted him on the farm they had in Wilder, Idaho. They were huge Boise State Bronco fans and held season tickets for many years. They both dearly loved loading up the camper and boat for their favorite



fishing spot, Phillips Lake near Baker, Oregon. She also enjoyed pheasant and geese hunting in the fall. Many great memories were made with the children, family and friends. Though the marriage ended in divorce, she always stayed close to Woody, and they remained friends until his passing. Connie had a big soft spot for animals, and always cooked up treats for homeless cats and kittens of the neighborhood, and never got over the loss of her beloved Boston Bulldog when

she developed cancer. She also had a keen interest in all the children in her close and extended families with their sports and school achievements. Connie will be remembered for her wide smile and gorgeous red curly hair, passed down to her from her mother and grandmother. Connie is survived by her children and grandchildren, her sister Debby Grant and family, brother Tom Murray and family, brother Randy, and many dear and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, sister Kooki, and former husband Woody. If roses grow in Heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my Mother’s arms and tell her they’re from me. Tell her I love and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day. But there is an ache within my heart that will never go away. There will be a memorial for friends and family this summer.

# Death notices

**DENNIS ANDERSON**, 67, of Marsing died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017.

**MARIA LIDIA MENDOZA DE VILLA**, 58, of Homedale died Monday, Jan. 23, 2017 at a Caldwell care facility of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

# Calendar

### Today

- Coffee club**  
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschool Story Time**  
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Financial education webinar**  
12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228
- Homedale Talent Show auditions**  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale High School band room, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. [jzieske@homedaleschools.org](mailto:jzieske@homedaleschools.org)
- Christian Life Club**  
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

### Thursday

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**  
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Senior center pinochle**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Homedale Talent Show auditions**  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale High School band room, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. [jzieske@homedaleschools.org](mailto:jzieske@homedaleschools.org)
- STEM open house**  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Adrian City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179
- AA meetings**  
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

### Friday

- Idaho Foodbank drop-off**  
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
- Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Teens and Tweens program**  
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- The Sandbar grand opening**  
4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., free, The Sandbar, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4124
- HHS Drama Club production**  
6 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

### Saturday

- Free lunch**  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- HHS Drama Club production**  
6 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

### Tuesday

- Blood pressure clinic**  
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- After-school program**  
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- After-school Story Time**  
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
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# Livestock care in snow, cold

Old man winter seems to have forgotten that the Treasure Valley of Idaho is supposed to be the banana belt. We are currently experiencing one of the coldest and snowiest winters in many years. The snowfall will help fill the reservoirs, providing water for the coming irrigation season, and hopefully the sustained cold will reduce the nuisance insect population in the area.

But the sustained cold and snow have also made life challenging for many livestock producers.

Providing drinking water is one of the challenges. While an animal's water consumption is reduced during colder weather, they still require water to stay healthy and functional. Water tanks should be checked daily and cleared of ice. It is possible for cattle on pasture or range to meet much or even all of their water requirements by eating snow. Several studies have shown no difference in cow performance when cows eat snow to meet their water requirements.

One study evaluated the effects of snow as a water source on milk yield and calf growth. A group of



Scott Jensen

## University of Idaho Extension

pregnant beef cows were provided only snow as a water source. A similar group of cattle were given access to heated water. Cows eating snow consumed between 30 and 40 pounds of snow per day to meet their water needs. Cows with access to water drank two to three gallons, but also ate seven to 25 pounds of snow. In the end, there was no difference in average milk yield or body weight between the two groups of cattle or the calves they produced.

When cows are forced to eat snow to meet water requirements, it is important to watch them closely. Eating snow is a learned behavior and it may take four to five days for the animals to learn how. Snow should be clean and accessible. Ice crust, trampled, and dirty snow will reduce intake. If the cows' feed intake falls below 2.5 percent of their bodyweight, they may not be getting enough water intake.

Cold stress also increases the energy requirement of livestock. Energy density of the diet should be increased by 1 percent for every degree Fahrenheit below an animal's lower critical temperature. Lower critical temperature varies by species and conditions. For cattle with a sufficient winter hair coat under dry conditions, it is estimated to be 18° F. Energy supplements

in these conditions can help reduce cold stress on the animals. Protein, vitamin, and mineral requirements do not change with the weather.

Many producers have started to calve. This is a serious challenge in the weather conditions that we are currently experiencing. My first recommendation is to change the time of year that you calve! Calving in sync with Mother Nature can have some real benefits. With that said, having calves born in the daytime so that you are around to assist if needed is helpful. Various studies have shown that feeding in the late evening significantly increases the number of calves born in the daytime. One study of 15 Iowa ranches reported that over 85 percent of calves were born between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. when cows were fed late in the day. Young calves can endure significant cold if they get a chance to get totally dried off after birth and get sufficient colostrum in their bellies.

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



## Puppet shows entertain at Homedale library

Hunter Bell (left), was among the boys and girls who attended puppet shows of “Three Billy Goats Gruff” and “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” during Story Time at the Homedale Public Library on Friday morning. Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael (right) read the stories while her twins, Mackenzie and Cameron McMichael, were behind the stage operating the puppets. Hunter, 6, is the son of Lance and Brenna Bell.

# Homedale library marks Groundhog Day

Boys and girls attending Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will learn about Groundhog Day on Friday morning.

Groundhog Day falls on Thursday, Feb. 2 this year.

The event that begins at 10:15 a.m. on Friday will feature a reading of “Go to Sleep, Groundhog!” by Judy Cox. “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs” by Jon Scieszka will also be read.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said children will also participate in Groundhog Day activities and a craft.

Friday's Teens and Tweens session at 4 p.m. will focus on learning about some new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) devices recently purchased by library administrator Sharla Jensen with grant money.

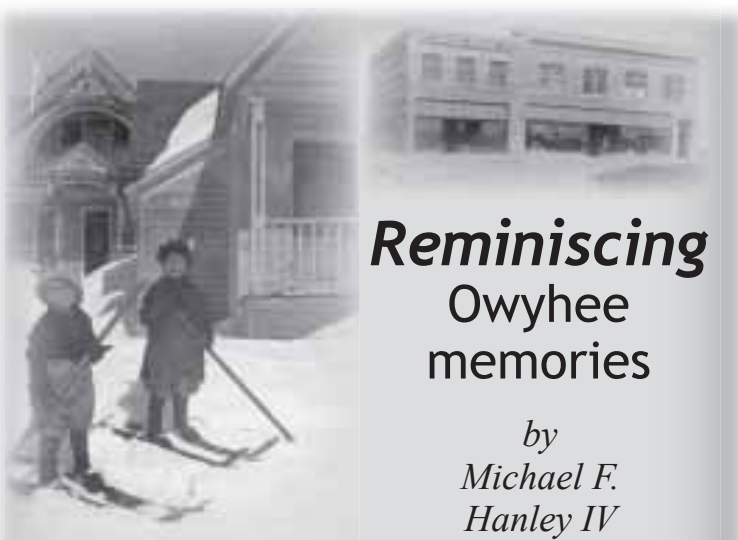
Boys and girls ages 10-17 will

be shown how to use the a 3D printer and robots, named “Dash and Dot.”

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.



## Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by  
Michael F.  
Hanley IV

# Proud Papa

Until you have your own, the fuss over grandchildren isn't really appreciated. Oh, I know my grandparents thought a lot of me and I them, which was tempered by my being their only grandson.

David Michael Rose, the child of Michael and Sarah, was a bright-eyed baby. As he got older, he had opinions on most everything.

I asked him once, after an enlightened statement, “Where do you get all that, Mikey?” (I called him Mikey).

“I know these things, Papa,” was his knowledgeable answer.

When neighbor Rosemary Lowry was visiting with him and she also questioned, “Where do you learn these things, David?” Without missing a beat, he said, “From my papa.”

I told Linda what Rosemary told me, and she said, “I hate to break your balloon, but remember when you asked your little buddy what sex a cat was and it turned out to be a Jessie instead of a Jessica? He told you then, ‘I know these things, Papa.’”

Years later, I was taking him to school at Pleasant Valley and icy roads made the going slow. A good time, I thought, to inform him that we should have a papa-grandson talk about the facts of life.

“What do you want to know, Papa?” was his answer. Remembering the cat, I let the matter drop.

Today, 2 Dec. 2016, Linda and I attended David's graduation from the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill. Seeing confident young men and women march to drums and martial music truly stirs the soul.

I and a few other grandfathers wore our old field jackets and dress uniforms. When we were in the military, during the Vietnam War, it was a different era. I visited other family members who were pleased that patriotism had returned.

Linda and other grandmothers felt just as the lady who saw her sailor approach, but thankfully didn't say it: “Here comes my baby boy.”

— Michael F. Hanley IV is a Jordan Valley rancher, historian and storyteller. This is another installment in the occasionally “Reminiscing” series through which readers of The Owyhee Avalanche share their personal and sometimes humorous recollections of life in Owyhee country. To submit a story, contact managing editor Jon P. Brown at [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com), or call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information.

# Diabetes prevention coming to Homedale

Reservations are being taken for a yearlong diabetes prevention program that begins next month.

The sessions will be held at the Southwest District Health Homedale office, 132 E. Idaho Ave., beginning Tuesday, Feb. 7. The cost is \$5 per month.

The program strives to help patients with pre-diabetes take charge of their health. Participants will meet with a trained coach who will help them make lifestyle changes such as eating healthier, including physical activity into their daily lives, improving problem-solving, and coping skills to prevent diabetes.

The program will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. for nine consecutive Tuesdays until April 4. The next 11 sessions will be held every other Tuesday between April 18 and Sept. 5.

The final four sessions will be held one Tuesday each month between Oct. 17 and Jan. 9, 2018.

Space is limited, so organizers encourage folks to call (208) 455-5423 to reserve a spot or to get more information.



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✓ Buildings: At least three towns affected

by them.”

Adrian Market’s ceiling partially collapsed because of roof leaks created by snow accumulation.

A photo circulated on Facebook appeared to show the damage at the town market involved more than sheetrock as beams also came crashing down on the north end of the store near the cash register.

The market remains closed.

A seed storage facility in Adrian also reportedly collapsed under the weight of snow.

In Marsing, DeRuyter Dairy also reportedly lost a building.

Earlier this month, the roof collapsed on a storage building in the vicinity of the Terry Reilly Health Services Homedale clinic.



Snow caved in the roof of a storage shed standing in the Homedale Senior Center parking lot.



Homedale Middle School librarian Nikki Christiansen said she has a difficult time keeping Chris Colfer’s books on the shelves because of demand. **Back row, from left:** Christiansen, drama club members Kendra Thatcher, Ben Holloway, Leah Patton, Mauricia Villarreal, Jayden Waltman, Jonathon Slawson and HMS principal Amy Winters. **Second row standing, from left:** Fifth-graders Jackson Kerbs and Elias Tines and Abagale Hall. **Kneeling, from left:** Lindy Phariss, Heather Reynolds, Wyatt James and Rylan Love.

✓ Actors: Winter makes preparation tough

gather items to unlock a spell to get back to their grandmother.

“I’ll be the first to say we have bit off almost more than we can chew, but it has been exciting to try,” Thatcher said. “I have faith in these kids, and it is fun to watch it come together as they stretch their wings.”

The play tops “Wizard of Oz” as far as length of a Homedale production.

“Be prepared for about three hours of entertainment,” Thatcher said. “I was worried about this, but my family was able to attend MTI’s (Music Theater of Idaho) production of Mary Poppins and it was three hours.

“I figured if they can do it, we can do it. The trick is to make time fly for your audience. What better thing to do on a cold, winter night than support and enjoy the talent of our Homedale students?”

The cold winter is just one of the challenges the actors have had to overcome to get the production rolling.

“While we need the moisture, we certainly didn’t plan on missing two weeks of practice the month of the show,” Thatcher said. “We

finally got to practice (Jan. 13), and we about froze, indoors.”

The series of storms led to a leak in the school’s drama closet, and Thatcher said many items got wet.

“We have had to throw out, dry out, and launder quite a bit of stuff,” she said.

Thatcher said it took longer than expected to obtain Colfer’s permission to use his material then adapt the young adult book into a script.

Rather than paying royalties, Colfer asked the club to buy about a dozen copies of his various books — written for all ages — and distribute them in town. In costume, the actors visited Homedale’s middle and elementary schools last Wednesday to drop off books at the libraries. Other books were to be delivered to the high school and Homedale Public Library, and Thatcher said one title would be sent to St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital in Boise.

Proceeds from admission prices will help the club recoup the funds used to buy Colfer’s books. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3

for students and senior citizens. A family ticket is available for \$15.

“The Land of Stories” is a six-book series from Colfer. The final book in the series is scheduled for release this summer. “The Wishing Spell” is the first book in the youth reading series, and it was released in July 2012.

“The Wishing Spell” has an enormous number of characters, Thatcher said, which put a big strain on the club.

“We like to give everyone interested an opportunity to participate. Plus this play has 46 characters, and our 35 club members are already double-rolling,” she said. “We didn’t even use every character in the book.”

Drama club members spread their talents across several different extra-curricular activities, and that proved to be a scheduling nightmare, Thatcher said.

“Our other challenges involve coordinating around all the other activities that the drama students are involved in — sports, band, honor band, cheerleading, work, babysitting, etc. — plus health issues,” she said.

— JPB

Fairgrounds, farmers market could benefit from WAED group

The Western Alliance for Economic Development may help Homedale fixtures.

Members discussed how to provide assistance for the Homedale Farmers Market and the Owyhee County Fairgrounds during a Jan. 17 meeting at The Sandbar in Marsing.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, Owyhee’s WAED representative, said the county is moving forward with plans to replace the Homedale Armory at the fairgrounds with a new exposition hall.

“If we can get the City of Homedale to work with us a little bit, it’ll be a fair building and a community hall,” Aberasturi said.

He said engineers are working on a preliminary plan that could include suggestions on funding, such as an Idaho Community Block Grant for public facilities or U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development money. Aberasturi said the county also would provide funding.

WAED executive director Tina Wilson gauged the board’s willingness to help the Homedale Farmers Market establish its own non-profit.

Wilson said the market approached the WAED about

the possibility of working under the economic development organization’s 501(c)4 status after the market’s relationship with the Idaho Center for Sustainable Agriculture apparently ended.

Wilson said she encouraged the farmer’s market to apply for its own non-profit status and offered the WAED’s technical assistance in getting the job done.

“That’s what we’re supposed to do,” Aberasturi said about helping the market. “If not, what are we here for?”

Wilson said the market’s \$54,000 educational grant is coming to an end, and the organization wants to apply for more assistance.

“I think their mission is right in line with ours in helping the community grow,” Wilson said.

Wilson also mentioned that the Marsing Chamber of Commerce and Sunnyslope Wine Trail will team up again on May 6 for an art and wine in the park event.

The WAED executive board will remain the same this year as it was in 2016. Re-elected to their positions were chair Dave Lincoln from the Wilder Housing Authority; vice-chair Nathan Lay, the mayor of Parma; and secretary Lee Belt, Greenleaf city clerk.

— JPB

Woman cited after crash

A 25-year-old Caldwell woman was cited at the hospital for driving violations after a wreck.

Rosy Gonzalez Ramirez was transported to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Nampa after a single-car accident was reported after 7 a.m. on Sunday.

Gonzalez Ramirez sustained facial cuts when she crashed a 2010 Nissan Versa near the Idaho highway 78-Idaho 45 interchange.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen said a deputy cited the woman for driving on a suspended license and failure to provide proof of insurance.

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# Library children’s room named for longtime volunteer

## Betty White has left mark on Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library

Betty White has spent a lot of time over the years at the Lizard Butte Library.

White, 72, volunteered for about 12 years at the Marsing public library for the Story Time hour.

She stopped volunteering for the after-school event at the end of the last school year, saying that it was taking time away from other activities that interest her. One of the main reasons she left was to make more time to help at the Deer Flat Methodist Church, where she assists with the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Now, the same room where she read to boys and girls so many times has been named The Betty Ann White Children’s Room.

A dedication ceremony was held on Jan. 17 in that room.

Library director Janna Streibel tricked White into coming to the library by asking her to be the substitute reader at Story Time that day.

Streibel said the idea to name the room after White came up during a library board meeting.

“We wanted to do something to honor her and really thank her for her time,” Streibel said.

Having the room named after her was a complete surprise to White.

“That’s probably one of the nicest things anyone has ever done for me,” White said. “Over the years I’ve gotten plaques and awards, but as far as I’m concerned, that is something much, much nicer. It’s wonderful, but I’m kind of overwhelmed by that.”

White retired 14 years ago from her teaching position at West Canyon Elementary in the Vallivue School District.

Stephanie Kincheloe is a frequent patron of the library and has known White all her life. The two were born and raised in the Sunnyslope area of Canyon County northeast of Marsing.

Kincheloe said White found Story Time to be a nice break

from teaching.

“She loved it because there was no teachers, or parents, or government involved,” Kincheloe said. “She could just do it like she wanted, and the kids loved it.”

Streibel said it wasn’t easy for her when White stepped away from Story Time.

“I don’t think she realizes the impact that she’s had on myself and my career in the library, just because of her passion for books, and for kids, and how much she gives back to the community,” Streibel said.

White admits that it was hard for her to walk away from the weekly event.

“I miss those kids,” she said. “I absolutely loved watching them get excited about reading.”

White went to high school in Marsing, and worked during the summers packing peaches. She got her degree in elementary education from the University of Idaho, and began her career in California teaching third-graders before coming back to Idaho.

Kincheloe said White was always passionate about showing children the joy of reading.

“She was very supportive of getting that new library built, and then to be there every Tuesday during school time for those years,” Kincheloe said. “And every Sunday afternoon she’d bake dozens of cookies to take down there on Tuesdays. It was pretty important to her.”

She thinks her friend was honored, and humbled, to have the children’s room named after her.

Streibel said White excels at helping children with English and reading skills.

“To have somebody there outside of their teachers, and their family, somebody that really cares, they can truly feel that,” Streibel said. “It had an effect on them wanting to do better in school.”

White said a woman once told



Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel (left) showing Betty White the sign that will hang in her honor renaming the children’s room of the library.

her that attending Story Time caused her children to score higher on reading tests.

She’s not doing Story Time anymore, but White still keeps busy. She belongs to a bridge club, plays Mahjong, plays golf, does crafts and beading, makes greeting cards, and enjoys knitting. She is also a gardener and birdwatcher and collects snow globes.

Kincheloe pointed out that White always found time for the library, despite her many hobbies.

“She really has a lot of energy,” Kincheloe said. “She always loved teaching, and she loved

kids. It was the one little fix of kids that she got to have. She doesn’t have any grandkids.”

White does have two grown children — son Wayne, and daughter Rachael.

Streibel described the longtime volunteer as an “invaluable” resource for the library.

“I appreciate her time and commitment in coming to the library,” Streibel said. “The reading and the cookies were her idea; she started the program. It was fun to be a part of that.”

White said she values the relationship she forged with Streibel, and she thinks very highly of her.

“She is a young woman with more potential than anybody could imagine,” White said. “She is so resourceful, she finds grants whenever something is needed. I’ve been so impressed with her.”

— SC

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# County prosecutor adds second full-time secretary

Some extra help has been added to the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. During a Jan. 17 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) approved making Bethany Casselman a full-time employee in Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery’s office. Casselman had been working

as a part-time secretary for Emery since around Sept. 1. Emery now has two full-time secretaries, Casselman and Shaina Cheney. Emery said tasks such as opening case files, generating subpoenas, filing and requesting court documents, trial preparation and telephone duties became too

much work for one secretary. “Most Idaho counties in this region have experienced a 15 percent increase in criminal filings,” Emery wrote in an email. “The caseload and office demands of this office have conservatively increased 20 percent over from this time last year.” Casselman will be paid \$12.66

per hour out of two budget lines. Emery said that there is approximately \$20,000 remaining in the deputy salaries and part-time employee budget lines for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017. Emery said Casselman graduated from Melba High School a year early in 2012. “She lives in the greater Nam-

pa area, and previously worked at a Nampa restaurant,” Emery wrote. “She is a rapid, accurate typist, has a pleasant personality, and has established proficiency as an office secretary.” Emery started his third four-year term this month. — SC

# Semis struggle in latest snow

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies dealt with several slide-offs on treacherous, snow-covered roads last week. Authorities closed a stretch of U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing on Thursday morning after a semi-trailer hauling restaurant equipment and food slid off the road. The truck driver lost control when his rig hit ice. The tractor and trailer went off the west side of the highway into a small depression near the Marsing Grade overlook at milepost 14. The truck driver was unhurt in the accident, which was reported before 6:45 a.m., but sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a head-on crash off the roadway was narrowly avoided. “Right at the last second, the tractor turned sideways before it plowed into the mountain,”

Bowman said. The highway was shut down between Rock Spur Road and Idaho highway 55 because of icy conditions until Idaho Transportation Department crews could get caught up on sanding. Bowman said the trucking company used flaggers to control traffic later in the day when the cargo was loaded onto another semi-trailer. Semi-truck drivers found the sledding tough in other areas of the county, too, last Wednesday. One semi got stuck at the Gem Stop off Buntrock Road west of Marsing when the driver tried to back into the parking lot and got bogged down in a snowdrift. Bowman said a tow truck was called to pull the vehicle out of trouble. At milepost 68 on Idaho 78 in Bruneau, two Transystems

semi-trailers hauling sugar beets became stuck east of Black Sands Road. The Idaho Transportation Department had dispatched sand trucks to help with traction on the highway after the incident was reported at about 9:45 a.m. About 45 minutes earlier, an 18-year-old Grand View man, Anthony Mowery, escaped injury in a rollover accident attributed to icy conditions created by freezing rain in the area of Black Sands Road and Idaho 78. Bowman said Mowery was driving west on the highway in a 1991 Chevrolet half-ton pickup when he lost control and the vehicle rolled. There was at least one more slide-off Friday morning at milepost 14 on Idaho 78 near Bernard’s Landing as black ice crept onto roadways. — JPB

# Homedale Police notch three DUIs

A 45-year-old Nampa man is due in court Monday on a charge of felony driving under the influence. Christopher Lee Staats is one of three people arrested on suspicion of DUI by Homedale Police in recent weeks. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Staats was driving a 1992 Toyota Tercel when he was arrested after midnight on Jan. 16 near West Owyhee Avenue and North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West. Staats has a preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Monday in a Murphy courtroom on a charge of felony DUI and misdemeanor driving without privileges. The DUI charge is Staats’ third. His blood-alcohol concentration measured .176 and .157. He was also arrested on a warrant out of Ada County. Two Homedale residents also were arrested by Homedale

officers on suspicion of DUI. • Shortly before 6 p.m. on Jan. 7, Danielle Felty-Miller was arrested for misdemeanor excessive DUI, Eidemiller said. Felty-Miller was allegedly driving a white 1998 Nissan Sentra with the headlights off when she nearly hit a City of Homedale snow plow, according to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch log. The 31-year-old woman registered BAC readings of .295 and .293, Eidemiller said. Both readings are more than 2½ times the legal limit of .08. Felty-Miller was released from county jail on a judge’s order, according to the victim’s notification network website (VINELink). She was arraigned on misdemeanor DUI and open container possession last Wednesday in Homedale. Her DUI arrest came just four

days after she was sentenced to 40 hours community service and placed on two years probation for misdemeanor disturbing the peace. Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober suspended all but five days of a six-month jail term, credited her for two days spent in jail and gave her the option of performing community service in lieu of three days behind bars. Felty-Miller originally was charged with domestic battery when arrested by Homedale Police on Oct. 16. • Jesus Delarosa Torres Sr., 64, was arraigned last Wednesday in magistrate court on misdemeanor charges of DUI and driving without privileges. Eidemiller said Delarosa’s BAC was measured at .213 and .193 after his arrest after 4 p.m. on Jan. 4 in the 100 block of West Wyoming Avenue. — JPB

# Homedale library grant goes before state evaluators

The state’s Economic Advisory Council will review Homedale’s library expansion grant application today. Unlike the City of Homedale’s most recent successful Idaho Community Development Block Grant try for sidewalks, curbs and gutters downtown, the public library application does not require a physical presentation before the EAC, according to Department of Commerce spokesperson Megan Hill. Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson prepared the grant application that will be reviewed during the EAC’s meeting at the Statehouse. The city council signed off on the \$498,200 public facilities grant application in October. The Homedale grant is one of 25 applications the EAC will consider

today. Funding recommendations will be sent to Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter after the advisory council’s April meeting. Hill said applications are scored on strength of matching funds, the need of the project in the community and how it would impact that community and how prepared organizers are to start construction. Matching funds for the Homedale grant include the in-kind amount spent to purchase the lot immediately east to the library on West Owyhee Avenue and the cost to raze the old Mormon church on that property. R&M Steel of Caldwell has donated a steel building for the 3,600-square-foot addition, too. The city’s ICDBG application is \$1,800 below the maximum that an entity can request in the public facilities grant program.

# Slick road into Jump Creek closed for now

Folks can still enjoy the Jump Creek Recreation Area. Just plan on hiking in to the Bureau of Land Management site. The road leading into the site has been closed because of slick conditions — and because a nearby landowner was routinely pulling motorists out of situations when they became stuck trying to get down the steep, snow-covered grade. BLM Owyhee Field Office outdoor recreation planner Ryan Homan said although the gate across the access road was locked for safety reasons, the area is still

open. Folks will just have to hike in to enjoy the natural beauty, he said. The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman reminded folks that there is a penalty for ignoring the road closed sign on Jump Creek Road. County dispatch received a report on Jan. 16 of people driving over the closure sign that apparently had been blown over. “We will be writing citations to anybody who goes around (the sign),” Bowman said. — JPB

# Motorist stuck in snow charged with DUI

A Grand View woman has been arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after a sheriff’s deputy found her vehicle stuck in the snow. Jaden Pollard, 21, was charged with misdemeanor DUI and open container possession after an

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy was checking out the report of a stranded vehicle after 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen said. Pollard’s red 2006 Chevrolet Silverado was stuck near Idaho highway 78 and Beet Dump Road

in the Grand View area. Pollard’s blood-alcohol concentration measured at .149 and .138. She’s scheduled for a 9 a.m. arraignment on Monday, Feb. 6 in Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober’s Murphy courtroom.

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# Man gets community service option after DUI

A Nampa man can serve community service in lieu of five days in jail for a driving under the influence conviction. Cole C. Young was sentenced in Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober’s courtroom in Murphy on Jan. 4. An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy arrested Young in June, and he spent one night in jail. During sentencing, Grober suspended all but six days of a

180-day jail sentence and gave Young credit for time served. Grober also said Young could perform 40 hours of community service by May 3 instead of heading back to jail for the five-day balance of his sentence. Young must pay \$640 in fines and court costs. Grober suspended another \$400 in fines. One year of probation also was ordered.



# School districts make calendar modifications

## Friday class definite in Marsing, possible in Homedale

High school seniors are facing a shakeup if snow keeps falling.

An unprecedented number of emergency closures has at least two local school districts looking at schedule tweaks that would affect upperclassmen, who generally leave school earlier than their peers.

### Homedale

“The two grades that are right up to the numbers as far as just not being able to miss any more (instruction time) are the seniors and kindergarteners,” Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer said Friday, one day after the district took its eighth snow day of the year.

Seven of the eight emergency closures for the Homedale and Marsing districts have come in January. Students attended class only three days between Jan. 3 and the end of last week.

Sauer said mitigation of missed instruction time could come with all students attending class during what normally would be student support Fridays on March 10 and May 5.

“If we have any more days where we have to close school, we’ll look at more Fridays,” he said. “We will utilize our Fridays, and we have no plan to go beyond the current end of the school year.”

Homedale High School’s graduation is set for May 22 with the seniors’ final day of school set for May 18. The last day of school for all other grades is May 25.

### Marsing

Meanwhile, Marsing school trustees

voted last week to add five days to the schedule, including four Fridays and the Presidents Day holiday (Feb. 20). The added days will begin Friday and include Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17.

“I recommended that we do four make-up days,” Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said.

“The board was concerned knowing the storms coming in that we may have an additional day (of closure), and they approved five make-up days just to account in case we had one more.”

Stewart said that without the make-up days the district would have been only 4.75 hours short of meeting the state Department of Education requirement of 990 classroom hours.

“Technically, we wouldn’t have had to make up any days, but there was a concern about the loss of instruction time over the past three years,” Stewart said.

He said the district had 147 student contact days three years ago, but that number dropped to 144 this year.

Officials are concerned with how the drop in contact time affects student performance overall and with student achievement tests.

“It’s one of those unique situations I hope I never have to deal with again,” Stewart said. “This is one of the parts of my job that I dislike the most because you have to take safety into account, but you have to make up the days of instruction.

“Plus people are struggling with day-care, and they have to go to work themselves.”

Stewart said communication with Sauer and Melba superintendent Andy Grover has “has been really beneficial” in dealing with the day-to-day challenges Mother Nature has thrown at the region’s educators.

“It’s a constant battle you have to face every morning looking at the weather,” he said.

Teachers are keeping busy from home preparing for class days, and Stewart said one instructor has been working on a data system to track student assessment and develop specialized student plans.

“Some people are using the time to prepare for other lessons, some are using it as a means to catch up, and other people are using it the same as the students,” he said.

### Bruneau-Grand View

Bruneau-Grand View superintendent Dennis Wilson is in a similar predicament after the district’s fifth emergency closure of the 2016-17 year was taken last Wednesday.

“If we miss one more day, my senior class is affected,” Wilson said Thursday. “I talked to my seniors about that today, and they said it would be OK if we pulled them in on a Monday, so we’ll probably do that (if necessary).”

Like Homedale, Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High seniors are on a reduced schedule because of their early graduation date. Wilson is also building principal, and the district is usually dark on Mondays as part of its four-day schedule.

Bruneau-Grand View was hit with a surprise closure last Wednesday after it was originally planned to open schools a couple hours late because of freezing rain.

Wilson said that the vast area of the district could make it possible for some students to attend class while others are excused because of travel conditions in their region.

For example, last week’s delay was because of freezing rain in Oreana, but the storm eventually moved into Bruneau

and Grand View, triggering an emergency closure.

“If it’s hitting in just one area, we can run school for everybody and those students in that area can be excused,” Wilson said of a plan that hasn’t been implemented yet. “Oreana seems to have a different weather pattern (than the rest of the district).”

Wilson said facility damage has been limited to minor flooding and water running down walls when a roof drain at Rimrock overflowed. Several water pipes froze and ruptured at Grand View Elementary during the Christmas break.

Outside of the academic days lost, Rimrock athletic director Ashley Merrick also has her hands full rescheduling lost basketball games, Wilson said.

### COSSA

Both Stewart and Sauer say the unique arrangement with the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency consortium could put strain on their districts’ transportation departments.

The COSSA Academy will make up six days, Sauer said. If the schedule doesn’t line up with Marsing or Homedale’s make-up schedule that means buses from the two districts could be running just to transport students to the alternative high school in Wilder.

The make-up dates will not affect professional-technical students, Sauer said.

Stewart said three schools in the COSSA consortium must cancel classes before COSSA shuts down for a particular day.

“If the conditions are so bad that we are not in session, I’m not going to have our kids come in and bus them to Wilder if it’s not even safe to come into Marsing,” Stewart said.

— JPB

## Schools chief: Snow damage magnifies need for Marsing bond

As it dealt with the impact of this winter’s storms, the Marsing school board finalized plans for a bond election.

During their January meeting last week, trustees passed the resolution finalizing plans to seek a \$13.5 million bond. The election will be held on Tuesday, March 14.

The resolution was passed during a meeting in which board members also heard about facility damage because of heavy snowfall.

“Some of those issues do increase the urgency for the roof and looking at the condition of the middle school with it being a student-occupied building,” superintendent Norm Stewart said.

The ad hoc committee formed to help promote the bond election throughout the community held its first meeting Monday after deadline. Stewart said the committee will begin recruiting folks who want to help get the bond passed.

The committee includes chairs Megan Astorquia, Jolyn Green, Adam Percifield and Jessica

Showalter, secretary Courtney Barber, treasurer Janelle Thompson.

Other committee members include Debbie Percifield, Ginger Loucks, JW and Amy Chadez, Jake Astorquia, Nicole Cassity, Lisa Percifield and Sharon Van Wassenhove.

The district needs only a simple majority for the bond to pass. If the bond is approved, the proposed scope of work would include construction and improvements to school buildings.

The middle school and high school populations would be combined into one facility, and a new high school gymnasium would be built to replace the facility on Main Street.

Parking lots also would be graded at the high school and district office.

In other district news, Stewart said applications are still being taken to find his successor as high school football coach.

The board also continued a comprehensive reboot of district policies.

— JPB

## Winter storms damage Marsing classrooms, disrupt food service

### District loses federal funding because of emergency closures

At this point, no educational equipment has been lost, but leaks have caused damage at Marsing School District facilities.

Three middle school classrooms have been damaged, superintendent Norm Stewart said.

The most significant impact has been in Deidra Little’s room with ceiling tiles ruined and moisture running down the walls. Although Little is a science teacher, there was no science equipment lost in her room.

Damage in Loma Bittick’s room came close to equipment used in interactive education exercises.

“There are some concerns over the clickers in the student response system,” Stewart said, adding that Bittick was going to test out the equipment to see if there was any water damage. “Since I haven’t heard anything,

to plow parking lots whenever we have accumulation of snow above certain amount.

“That way (district) crews can focus on sidewalks where we have equipment that’s more suited for that removal.”

Stewart said even with the damage and snow removal, the largest weather-related fiscal impact probably will be seen in the food services budget.

He said that the district loses \$3,000 in federal child nutrition reimbursement funding each snow day. So far, the total is \$21,000, but Stewart anticipates recouping some of that cost with make-up days.

Another concern, though, is the loss of perishable food and the shuffling of school menus.

“Some of the things that were on the original menu were not served because of expiration dates, and getting (other) food used before it expires was the focus,” Stewart said.

— JPB

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Wilson Butte 4-H club's 2017 officers are, from left, president Colton Brown, vice-president Jonathan Ineck, secretary Gabriella Noe, treasurer Hannah Moos, and sergeant-at-arms Grace Noe. Submitted photo

# Wilson Butte 4-H club elects officers

After wrapping up the 2016 season, the Wilson Butte 4-H club held its first meeting of the new year recently. Officers were elected and dues were paid. We welcomed new members Hayden Higgins and Landry Kukla, along with new cloverbuds Timothy Steinmeyer, David Cossel, Jordan Ineck and Bailey Moos. Members discussed the 4-H year's plans, club requirements and donating toward the community

auctions. Newly elected officers are: Colton Brown, president; Jonathan Ineck, vice-president; Gabriella Noe, secretary; Hannah Moos, treasurer; and Grace Noe, sergeant-at-arms. We also wanted to congratulate Gina Mayer for winning the pig during our raffle and thank those who supported us along with Rising Star Meats, which provided the cutting and wrapping.



## HHS dance team kicks up its heels

The Homedale High School dance team unveiled its 2017 routine, set to a jazzy standard, at halftime of last week's boys' basketball varsity game against Payette.

# Marsing resident treated after I-84 crash

A Marsing man was treated at a Boise hospital and released last week after an automobile accident in Canyon County. According to the Idaho State Police, 22-year-old Michael A. Andrews was traveling eastbound in a 2000 Volkswagen Passat before 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 when the crash occurred on Interstate 84 at mile marker 23 west of the Middleton exit. The vehicle overturned west of Caldwell when Andrews lost control and drove off the right shoulder. ISP reports Andrews, who was not wearing his seatbelt, was ejected when the Passat overturned. The man was transported by ground ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.



# County museum unveils new Facebook logo

The Owyhee County Historical Museum now has a unique logo for its Facebook page. A monthlong art contest for a new logo was recently held at the museum, but the only design submitted was from Christine Howard of Boise. Howard won a one-year membership to the Owyhee County Historical Society. Museum director Amy Johnson said Howard's design could also be used on T-shirts, in addition to serving as the new logo on the Facebook page. Johnson emphasized that the

museum's official logo is still a wagon wheel. She explained how the art contest came about. "The museum staff had been kicking around the idea for a while," Johnson wrote in an email. "We knew our Facebook logo needed updated, but we couldn't decide on what to use, or who we could get to design a new logo." For more information about the museum, call (208) 495-2319, search for Owyhee County Museum on Facebook, or go to [www.owyheemuseum.org](http://www.owyheemuseum.org).

# Snow brings down power line outside Marsing

About 100 residents in the Marsing area were left in the dark last Wednesday after a weather-related power outage. A live power line was reported down and sparking in the 4600 block of Buntrock Road at 9 p.m. Idaho Power communications specialist Melissa Thom said the outage began at 9:59 p.m. and service was restored at 1:25 a.m. "It was a wire down," Thom said. "It probably shook loose

from its settings because of heavy snow." Thom said power lines downed by snow accumulation is the most frequent job for Idaho Power repair crews this time of year. Call (800) 488-6151 to report an outage. There is an automated message at that number that folks can use to get information on possible outages, too. Thom also said customers can get outage information online at [www.idahopower.com/outage](http://www.idahopower.com/outage).

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1A HDL hoops showdowns loom

## No. 5 Adrian rolling with Crane on deck

Girls' streak at eight wins; top 10 battle set Feb. 2

For the second week in a row, Adrian High School is the fifth-ranked team in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll.

The Antelopes remained No.

5 in the poll released Monday, two days after coach Gene Mills' squad shook off Monument/Dayville, 67-39, in a 1A High Desert League game.

Adrian (14-2 overall, 6-0 in league) outscored the Tigers, 22-10, down the stretch for its eighth consecutive victory and third during a week on the road.

— See *Adrian*, page 4B

## Jordan Valley boys' eighth straight win most one-sided of year

League leaders take on nearest rivals Saturday

The red-hot Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team stoked its fire with its most lopsided win of the season.

Three players notched 14 points each to help the Mustangs to a season-high point total in Saturday's 76-27 1A High Desert League win over Harper Charter in Jordan Valley.

The game was the first in a week for coach Clint Fillmore's squad, which missed back-to-back games against Powder Valley and Monument/Dayville because of snow cancellations Thursday and Friday.

Jordan Valley (10-2 overall, 6-0 in league) has won eight consecutive games and holds a one-game lead over Prairie City and Monument/Dayville heading into another scheduled three-game week. The Mustangs take on Prairie City on the road Saturday.

Chase Fillmore, Kirk Eiguren and JJ Echave scored 14 points apiece in the hammering of Harper.

Jordan Valley left little doubt of the outcome after crushing the Hornets, 36-9, in the first eight minutes.

Garrett Youren made only one of nine shots, but led the Mustangs with 11 rebounds. Echave added eight boards and six blocked shots, and Wade Stanford recorded five steals.



Marsing High School's Alex Grant (32) guards New Plymouth's ball-handler as teammate Emma Heitz covers a wing player during the Huskies' Jan. 16 win at home. Photo by Dan Pease

## Thrilling win gives Huskies edge for No. 3 seed in district tourney

Series sweep secures tiebreaker over Pilgrims

It took double overtime, but Marsing High School survived back-to-back games against the same opponent.

The Huskies scored just enough in the second overtime to beat New Plymouth, 63-62, on Saturday and sweep the 2A Western Idaho

Conference season series against the Pilgrims.

Marsing (9-8 overall, 4-3 in conference at week's end) secured the tiebreaker for the 2A District III Tournament's No. 3 seed as senior Sheyanne Glorfield converted 11 of 14 foul shots and led all players with 29 points.

The Huskies completed their rally from a 12-point deficit with a 14-8 run in the third quarter. Mackenzie Farrens was 6-for-9 from the free-throw line to notch

another double-double. She grabbed 11 of her 19 rebounds on New Plymouth's end of the floor, and finished with 12 points.

Marsing held a 2-to-1 rebounding edge on the Pilgrims' glass and scored 18 points off 33 New Plymouth turnovers.

The Pilgrims (8-9, 3-5 at week's end) connected on just eight of 25 shots after halftime and were just 1-for-5 on the free-throw line.

— See *Huskies*, page 4B

## Homedale girls pound Payette again

Two girls' basketball streaks continued Saturday night.

Playing for the first time in seven days, the Homedale High School girls' basketball team trounced Payette for the second time in a week.

Ashley Burks put in 14 points and collected five rebounds in fewer than 13 minutes on the floor as the Trojans extended their 3A Snake River Valley conference winning streak to two games with a 56-25 triumph.

Homedale (5-8 overall, 2-4 in conference) sent the Pirates (0-18, 0-5) to their 39<sup>th</sup> consecutive loss.

A week after beating Payette in the teams' first 2017 meeting, the Trojans put on a sharper display for the home crowd.

Carlie Sawyer scored nine

points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds. Burks added six boards, and Carli Swallow five as Homedale held a 39-20 edge, including out-rebounding the Pirates by a 4-to-1 margin on Payette's end of the court.

Swallow added 10 points, knocking down four of her six field-goal attempts.

Homedale steadily built its advantage with a well-rounded shooting game. Lainey Johnson canned a pair of three-point goals for her season-high six points, and Jayci Swallow hit a trey as part of her five-point performance.

Josey Hall chipped in with six points and nine rebounds.

Rachel Henderson and Roni Shaw scored five points each for the Pirates.



Homedale starting guard Nelson Lomeli, a freshman, takes a running shot at the basket Jan. 17 against Payette.

## HHS defense still intense, but offense vanishes

Although the stingy defense continued, the Homedale High School boys' basketball team scored its second-lowest point total of the season Saturday.

The Trojans (2-10 overall) dropped their eighth consecutive contest in a 43-28 non-conference setback against host Nampa Christian.

Homedale has held its past three opponents to 52 points or less.

Mason Kincheloe scored more than half of Homedale's points as the team failed to score more

— See *HHS*, page 2B



Sports

✓ HHS: Trojans held under 30 points again

From Page 1B  
than 60 points for the 10<sup>th</sup> straight outing. The streak began after Homedale beat Nampa Christian (7-7 at week's end), 64-54, on Dec. 2.

Saturday marked Homedale's lowest scoring game since a 70-23 loss to Skyview in another game played in Nampa on Dec. 15.

Statistics from Saturday's game weren't provided.

**Jan. 17: Payette 52, Homedale 47** — Despite another scrappy outing, the Trojans dropped their fourth 3A Snake River Valley conference game in as many tries.

The Trojans held an opponent below 55 points for the sixth time in 11 games, but the Pirates' interior defense denied Homedale many clean looks at the basket in a 3A SRV game played in Homedale.

Senior center Colton Lewis had five of Payette's eight blocked shots in the first half to compound the Trojans' inability to get shots to fall.

Homedale played foul-free defense in the first quarter and held Payette to eight points in the second quarter. But the Trojans couldn't get any traction on the offensive end to erase the Pirates' early advantage.

Carson Brown, the Trojans' 6-foot, 1-inch sophomore guard, crashed into the wall below the HHS basket trying to save an errant ball, and he drove the baseline for a layup to pull his team within two points, 20-18, immediately after Payette's Kapen Burke hit a three-point goal.



Homedale's Mason Kincheloe finds the going tough against the baseline defense of Payette's Colton Lewis (32) and Chris Walker.

Homedale drew to within a point, 34-33, after a third quarter in which Kincheloe scored seven of his 19 points.

The 6-1 sophomore guard knocked down a trio of three-point goals in the game, and carried the Trojans with 14 points in the final 16 minutes.

In the fourth quarter, Payette held HHS off as Lewis converted his final four free throws and center Tully Martin scored 10 of

his 12 points.

Lewis missed only twice in 11 field goal attempts and led all players with 22 points.

Despite knocking down four of its first seven shots, Homedale was hampered by another poor shooting performance. The Trojans went 18-for-63 (28.6 percent) from the floor.

Brown logged nine points, and teammate Tony Baltierrez added six on 3-for-4 shooting.

Trojans' Padilla places at the Padilla in Parma

Fittingly enough, Homedale High School senior wrestler Joel Padilla placed in the weekend's Padilla Invitational.

The 160-pounder claimed a fourth-place medal after Saturday's 4-2 loss to Nyssa, Ore.'s Adam Simpson in the third-place match.

One of three Trojans to reach at least the quarterfinals in Parma, the senior transfer from Middleton was Homedale's only medalist.

Another transfer, Brodee Walker, got two victories at 182, while fellow HHS quarterfinalist Jaegar Rose pinned Payette's Roger Barbion in 1 minute, 20 seconds to reach the quarterfinals at 138 pounds.

He wrestled into the semifinals where he lost to American Falls wrestler Luis Cervantes, 6-3.

Padilla reached the semis with a 7-4 victory in his opener against Caldwell's Carlos Flores and a pin of Middleton's Jake Beitia at the four-minute mark of their quarterfinal.

Padilla reached the third-place match by pinning Emmett's Drake Nabinger-Villarin in 2:27.

Walker pinned Trojans teammate Robert Nix in three minutes in a consolation match after losing in the quarterfinals to Boise's Alex Ojukwu. Ojukwu got a pin

in 1:12.

Rose fell into the consolation bracket when Boise's Duncan Miller pinned him in 1:36 in the quarterfinals.

Jorge Vega (106) won two straight consolation bracket matches after losing in a championship bracket opener. Vega pinned Riley Ingalls of Boise (2:10) and Jackson Beck of American Falls (1:29) to reach the consolation semifinals.

Michael Babcock (126) also got a pair of wins after losing a 13-8 decision to Boise's Varik Shockey in their tournament opener. Babcock pinned Caleb Renauld of Emmett in 2:55, and beat Parma's Layne Murdock, 7-1, in back-to-back consolation-bracket matches.

Shane Keller (152) reeled off two straight consolation wins to reach the bracket semifinals where Caldwell's Tevin Sio prevailed with a pin in 1:31. Keller's wins came against two Payette wrestlers. He pinned Anthony Dovalina (4:10) and posted a 15-5 major decision against Isiah Demoulin.

Nix exited the championship bracket with a narrow 7-5 loss to Emmett's Logan Sandal then pinned Mac-Hi's Patton Wright at 4:45 of their consolation match.



Joel Padilla



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**Boys' basketball**  
Tony Baltierrez, Jr., guard  
Went 3-for-4 from field for six points vs. Payette



**Girls' basketball**  
Lainey Johnson, Jr., guard  
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**Wrestling**  
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Thursday, Jan. 26, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.  
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**Wrestling**  
Thursday, Jan. 26 at Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 31, home vs. Weiser and Parma (Senior Night), 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Middleton (tri-meet), 5:30 p.m.

**Girls' basketball**  
Varsity  
Friday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Friday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.  
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament in Homedale  
Saturday, Jan. 28, No. 4 vs. No. 5, 2:30 p.m.  
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Go Trojans!



# Sports



**No practice, no problem for Jordan Valley hoops teams**  
*The Jordan Valley Middle School girls' basketball teams didn't miss a beat Saturday despite a week of no games or practice because of bad weather. The varsity crushed Harper, 61-6, and the junior varsity rolled, 47-3. **From left:** Coach Todd Gluch, Shailee Rutan, Oksana Hodson, Halle Burch, Taylor Eiguren, Mia Woodbury, Cassity Gluch, Tina Gammett, Kate Gooch, Desire Keller, Kiana Quintero, Kelsey Gluch, Jill Gammett, Kaylee Stoddart, Katie Stoddart and coach Doug Rutan. Submitted photo*

## HHS wrestlers sweep Vale meet

A tri meet triumph highlighted Homedale High School's busy wrestling week.

The Trojans posted its first two dual-meet victories of the season with non-conference victories over Ontario, Ore., and host team Vale, Ore.

Shane Keller, Jaegar Rose and Robert Nix picked up two victories apiece as Homedale downed Ontario, Ore., 42-27, and defeated Vale, 48-18, on Jan. 17.

In the rout of Vale, Rose edged Clay Siddoway, 11-9, at 138 pounds, and Keller defeated Josh Andersen, 12-8, at 152. Nix picked up one of his two pins on the night, stopping 195-pounder Chikote Buckway two seconds before the end of the first round.

Other victories against Vale came from Tanner Miller, who pinned 145-pound Colby Anzaldúa in 1 minute, 50 seconds; 182-pounder Brodee Walker, who pinned Laine Hicks in 4:17; and Jorge Vega, who was awarded an injury default victory over Troy

Taylor at 113 pounds.

Keller was given a victory by default against Ontario 152-pounder Rogilio Vargas, and Nix pinned Brandon Ragsdale at 2:24 for their 195 match. Rose pinned Szel Martinez in 2:54 to win the 138-pound bout.

Joel Padilla (160) pinned Johnny Vega in 3:43, and Brayden Miller (170) won by pinfall against the Tigers' Marcos Nuñez.

Jose Flores prevailed at 120 when he pinned Ontario's Bridger Bauer in 65 seconds, and he got a second victory by pinning Rosa Ramirez in an exhibition.

**Jan. 15: Payette 51, Homedale 27**—It became apparent last week that Homedale High School's wrestling strength is in the middle of its lineup.

Wrestlers in the 138- to 160-pound divisions grabbed victories, but the Trojans fell in their conference dual meet opener to the visiting Pirates.

Padilla posted the most impressive victory of the night when he

dominated Anthony Dovalina to earn a technical fall victory 15 seconds into their third round.

Padilla's 16-1 triumph was the last in a string of four wins and pushed Homedale to a 27-21 lead.

Padilla's points would be the last of the meet for Homedale, though, as Payette reeled off three consecutive victories and closed the match with a couple of forfeits.

Keller gave the Trojans a 22-21 lead when he pinned Izaiha Demoulin 13 seconds before the end of their 152-pound bout.

Rose began Homedale's run when he pinned Payette 138-pounder Roger Barbion at 1:21.

Miller scored points at 145 with an 8-0 major decision against Deano Rodriguez. He returned in an exhibition match, pinning Aliyah Dovalina at 4:57 of their 145-pound match.

Freshman Michael Babcock (126) pinned Blake Garcia in another exhibition.

## No. 10 Mustangs crush Harper girls

Once they got back on the court, Jordan Valley High School's state-ranked girls' basketball players rolled.

Three players topped double figures, and Regann Skinner nearly matched Harper Charter's point total on her own Saturday.

Skinner poured in 15 points as the No. 10 Mustangs, playing for the first time in seven days after two weather cancellations, blasted the Hornets, 68-17, in a 1A High Desert League game.

Jordan Valley (9-3 overall, 3-2 in league) fell one spot in the 1A Oregon coaches' rankings despite winning the only game it played between the Jan. 17 and Monday polls and having a non-league game against Powder Valley (Thursday) and Friday's 1A HDL game against

Monument/Dayville cancelled because of weather.

The Mustangs, who had last played on Jan. 14 (a 45-44 loss to Adrian), showed no rust against visiting Harper on Saturday.

Jordan Valley led, 24-2, after the first quarter and owned a 55-10 edge after three quarters in which Harper could score no more than four points in any given eight-minute span.

Zoey Warn and Alisha Rogers led the Mustangs' defense with six steals each. Nicole Terry had five thefts.

Rogers scored 10 points.

Taylor Warn added 11 points and led the team with seven assists while sharing the team rebounding lead at six with Terry and Emilee Burch.



Regann Skinner

## Antelopes split Padilla Invite bronze medal chances

Adrian High School wrestlers battled .500 in Padilla Invitational third-place matches Saturday.

All the Antelopes faced talent from larger schools during the two-day tournament.

Marcus Furtado (24-5) edged Rocky Mountain's Kaden Hine, 4-3, for the bronze medal at 113 pounds.

In an equally close third-place match at 195 pounds, the Antelopes' Drake Marquez

fell, 3-2, to another Rocky Mountain wrestler, Davis Steiner.

No other Adrian wrestler won on the Parma High School mats, although 145-pounder Enrique Delgado earned a forfeit victory over Vale, Ore.'s Colby Anzaldúa in a preliminary bout.

Ed Muñoz's exit from the tournament came in a 10-8 sudden-death decision against Rocky Mountain's Cameron

Crowley in the consolation bracket.

Wade Bond (120) fell into the consolation tournament after a narrow 6-4 loss to Skyview's Victor Martinez.

Furtado and Marquez reached the semis.

Marquez pinned Mac-Hi's Brandyn Chaney and Pine Eagle's Joseph Aguilar before falling in the semis of Caldwell's Luis Salas. Salas posted a pin in 2 minutes, 51 seconds.

Marquez moved into the third-place match after an 8-4 consolation semifinal victory over Chaney.

Furtado just missed a championship finals berth when Skyview's Genaro Navarro triumphed, 10-8, in the semifinals.

Furtado rolled into the semis when he pinned Hine at 2:52. He had another pin at 2:51 over Skyview's Blake Beal to reach the third-place match.



Sports

Marsing wrestlers edge Orofino in McCall dual meet tourney

Jaden Kinney's pin snapped a tie Saturday in Marsing High School's victory over Orofino. Kinney put Nick Hardin on his back midway through the first round of their 170-pound bout. The Huskies prevailed, 22-12, in one of their dual meets at the Mile High Classic in McCall.

Joseph Ineck's 16-5 major decision against Jeremiah Powers at 152 tied the meet, 12-12. Mason Hall made quick work of Brandon Stump, pinning the Maniacs' 220-pounder midway through the first round of the dual's final match. Hayden Kish pinned Devin Fletcher at 138 pounds to start Marsing's rally from a 12-0 deficit.

Information on TrackWrestling.com indicated Marsing also wrestled 2A Western Idaho Conference rival Melba at McCall-Donnelly High School, but no results were posted.

Adrian boys ride defensive roller coaster during skid

The weekend was a Jekyll-and-Hyde type of experience for the Adrian High School boys' basketball team.

The Antelopes played one of their best defensive games of the season in Saturday's 43-39 1A High Desert League setback to Monument/Dayville, less than 24 hours after surrendering a season-high point total in an 81-53 loss to Prairie City.

Both games were played on the road, and Adrian (4-9 overall, 2-4 in league) has lost seven of its past nine games.

**Friday: Monument/Dayville 43, Adrian 39** — The Antelopes' one-point halftime lead dissipated during a shootout in the third quarter.

The Tigers won the third quarter, 18-13, to take a 32-28 lead into the final period.

Warren DeMark scored nine of his team-high 11 points on 3-for-5 shooting from beyond the three-point line. Ryker Murrey scored all of his points on a pair of three-pointers, and Kenny Purnell had nine points to go along with 12 rebounds.

Miller DeMark led all players with 13 rebounds, including 12 on the Tigers' glass. Adrian held a 27-13 rebounding edge on Monument/Dayville's end of the floor, but the Tigers made three more field goals than the Antelopes for the difference in the game.

Adrian also fell victim to 24 turnovers.

Tanner Walczyk's double-double of 14 points and 12 boards paced the Tigers.

**Jan. 17: Adrian 64, Harper Charter 50** — Kenny Purnell pulled down 17 defensive rebounds to help keep the Hornets at bay as the Antelopes won a road league game.

Adrian held a 35-7 rebounding edge on Harper's backboards with Purnell snagging 22 boards total to fuel a double-double.

The 6-foot, 2-inch senior post led Adrian's three double-digit scorers with 18 points. He also helped the defense with four blocked shots.

Miller DeMark chimed in with 16 points, and Murrey had 14 points. Murrey and DeMark each nailed two three-point goals.

Adrian overcame 16 turnovers, and the Hornets hurt their chances with 20-for-68 field-goal shooting.

✓ Huskies: Grant makes her mark on both ends of floor

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Marsing edged ahead despite logging just one more field goal because of a 6-for-8 showing at the line.

Alex Grant scored 10 points and had four steals, and Emma Heitz added seven points.

**Jan. 16: Marsing 56, New Plymouth 46** — Grant had her biggest game of the season as the Huskies snapped a five-game losing streak and took over sole possession of third place in the conference.

Grant put in 17 points and racked up six assists and five steals to lead the hometown team.

Farrens ripped down a 17 rebounds and scored 10 points for another double-double.

The Huskies broke open a close game with a 20-point third quarter.

The third quarter run sparked a better shooting effort from Marsing. The Huskies shot 45.5 percent in the final 16 minutes (10-for-22) after missing 26 of 38 field-goal attempts in the first half.

Glorfield dropped in four of her team's seven three-point goals for the bulk of her 15 points. Fellow senior LeAnn Garcia had three assists and two steals and Marsing scored 17 points off turnovers.

Hailee Bennett nailed both her field-goal attempts to chime in with four points and five rebounds.

The Pilgrims kept things close in the first half by knocking down eight of nine free throws, and the team went 14-for-16 from the charity stripe for the game.

Kenzie White led New Plymouth with 15 points, and Lauren Allmaras chipped in 11.

Before beating New Plymouth early last week, Marsing had lost seven of its past 10 games.

✓ Adrian: Quick starts send Antelopes to league victories

*From Page 1B*

The Antelopes beat Prairie City, 42-25, on Friday.

The Jan. 17 poll revealed Adrian moved up to fifth as Hosanna Christian slipped from No. 5 to No. 8 after a 30-27 loss to North Lake.

The Antelopes did nothing to dissuade the coaches' opinion the rest of the week, beginning with a 76-29 shellacking of Harper Charter hours after the Jan. 17 poll came out.

Adrian plays Harper Charter again at home Thursday, one week before a Top 10 showdown with fellow 1A HDL member Crane. The Mustangs (8-3, 5-0 at week's end), who trail the Antelopes by a half-game, remained at No. 7 for the second week in Monday's poll, which saw Nixyaawii still at the top, while Jordan Valley slipped from No. 9 to No. 10.

**Saturday: Adrian 67, Monument/Dayville 39** — Another fast start gave the Antelopes' a comfortable 22-point halftime lead.

Adrian forced 37 turnovers from the Tigers as Morgan Bayes had nine of her team's 26 steals. Bayes was the game's top scorer with 20 points. Her eight rebounds were second on the team to nine from Shyanne Allaire, who also poured in nine points and have five steals.

Lauren Barraza came off the bench to notch four steals and was one of three Antelopes to score seven points (Anna Hutchings and Carlee Morton).

Faythe Schafer was perfect in four chances at the foul line, and her 10 points led Monument/Dayville.

**Jan.17: Adrian 76, Harper Charter 29** — The Antelopes posted a season-high point total in a league victory on the road.

The Antelopes roared out of the gates on a 20-3 clip and led Harper, 62-18, after three quarters.

The Hornets committed 38 turnovers, which led to 39 points for Adrian.

Bayes and Morton scored 12 points each to lead three Antelopes in double figures (Selina Villarreal converted five of seven shots on the way to 11 points in 11 minutes). All but one Adrian player scored.

Bayes and Villarreal notched five steals each with Villarreal leading the team with five assists. Morton had four assists and four steals.

Hutchings grabbed a team-high five rebounds.

Shayna Jordan and Shayla Joyce scored seven points each for Harper.

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# Sports

## Melba beats Marsing for first 2A WIC win

Melba’s gain triggered Marsing High School’s boys’ basketball loss Friday at home.

Playing with All-2A Western Idaho Conference point guard Justin Trappett for the first time since the season opener, the Mustangs held on for a 47-38 win on the Huskies’ floor.

“Melba took advantage of some unforced turnovers and definitely played a different style with their all-league point guard back for the first time this season,” MHS coach Tim Little said.

“Although he only scored four points, he did not turn the ball over and neutralized our full-court pressure.”

Little said Trappett had been out since the Mustangs’ season opener because of a broken ankle.

Despite the turnovers, the Huskies (6-6 overall, 1-2 in conference at week’s end) stayed close throughout, and trailed by two points, 36-34, with four minutes to go.

“We trailed most of the night, but never by more than seven — and that happened with 1:28 left in the game,” Little said.

The coach said the Huskies suffered through another poor shooting night and connected on just 40 percent of their free throws. That mark is 22 points below their 62 percent season average.

Enrique Quebrado scored 13 points, while Nick Lankow added seven for Marsing. Huskies teammates Tyler Simonson and Tyler Wood scored six each.

Beau Bromgard led all players with 14 points for Melba, which won its first conference game of the season. Teammate Eli Bangerter chipped in 13.



Marsing High School's Ashley Loucks goes in for a layup in a 45-41 junior varsity victory over Cole Valley Christian on Jan. 13. Photo by Dan Pease

## Huskies’ JVs lock up No. 2 seed

The Marsing High School junior varsity girls’ basketball team has sewn up the No. 2 seed for the postseason.

The Huskies moved their 2A Western Idaho Conference record to 4-2 by beating Cole Valley, 45-41, and New Plymouth, 44-31, last week. Saturday’s result from a second New Plymouth game wasn’t available.

The Huskies will play either Cole Valley Christian or McCall-Donnelly at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the first semifinal of the 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament.

Top-seeded Melba, which is playing host to the tourney, meets either Cole Valley or McCall-Donnelly in the second semifinal at 11:30 a.m.

Final position for seeds No. 3-4 wasn’t decided by press time.

The conference championship final will be played at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, while a third-place game is set for 6 p.m. Both games will be held in Melba.

Marsing’s Tyler Wood reaches in front of a Melba defender while playing near the rim Friday. Photo by Dan Pease



## MARSING HUSKIES

### Athlete Spotlight



Boys’ basketball  
Jose Ponce, sr., guard  
Scored 3 pts. in tough 2A WIC loss to Melba



Girls’ basketball  
Hailee Bennett, so., wing  
Averaged 3 pts., 4 rebounds in two wins over New Plymouth



Wrestling  
Hayden Kish, so., 138 pounds  
Pinned Orofino’s Devin Fletcher in McCall tourney

### Boys’ basketball

#### Varsity

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 27 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

#### Junior varsity A

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 27 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

#### Junior varsity B

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 27 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

### Girls’ basketball

#### Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 26 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

#### Junior varsity

2A Western Idaho Conference finale

Thursday, Jan. 26 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

2A WIC tournament in Melba

Saturday, Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

If necessary: Monday, Jan. 30, consolation game at 6 p.m.,  
championship at 7:30 p.m., site TBA

### Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 27 at 2A WIC Duals, New Plymouth  
Saturday, Jan. 28 at R.D. Brown Invitational, New Plymouth



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
High wire act

One slow summer afternoon I was down at the calving shed near the river. For two months each spring it was like salmon spawning at rush hour! Hundreds of heifers, covies of calves, never-ending nights, dozens of days, aches, dings, scratches, sutures, sleeves, scours, shots, dry eyes, chapped hands and sticky stuff in the hair on your arms. But that was last spring.

Now I was puttering around in the quiet barn. I was picking up empty bottles and trash, straightening the corner room with its heater and cot. The sun’s ray sliced through the cracks in the wall and spotlighted dust motes floating around.

I was trying to free up the tailgate on the squeeze chute when Dale’s shadow filled the door.

“What’s up, Doc?” he asked, not for the first time in my life. “I was passin’ by and saw yer pickup. Need some help?”

Dale was a good cowboy who ran one of the outer ranch operations. My friend, but one of those fellers who is plagued by the angel of Bad Luck, Saint Misfortune. Gremlins followed him around dropping rocks on his toe, slipping ropes underneath his horse’s tail, and laying banana peels in his path.

He strode over my way and walked right into a tight wire we had stretched, hat high, across the barn. It knocked his sombrero in the dirt! He reached up and grabbed the wire. “What the (expletive deleted) is this doin’ here!” He pulled on it a couple times like he was trying to stop a train.

It was #9 wire. It was wound around two 16-penny nails we’d drove in the rafter plates. It took fencing pliers to twist it. Stout wire.

“We use it to hang IV jugs and paper towels and stuff when we’re calvin’,” I explained.

“Well, by gosh, ya don’t need it now!” he said, “It’s dangerous!” He gave it a jerk. The south-side nail came loose from the plate like a vindictive hornet! It whipped around on the end of the wire like a 10-foot bullwhip and went right through his upper lip!

I heard him cry. It was not the first time. He was standing frozen to the floor. The nail quivered in place and the wire hummed like a dial tone!

I gently pried his mouth open with a stick. There was a little blood on his mustache, but the nail had broken his front tooth in half!

He went to the doctor. I saw him that night at the big Game Feed. He was pretty well anesthetized, and I joined him. We told the story for hours! I even built him a prosthetic tooth from a white ear tag. It worked good ’til the straight pin broke.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://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.

Letter to the editor

Avalanche the best of many local, small-town papers

To Joe Aman, Jon Brown, Rob Aman and staff:

I travel a lot; I have been in California for over a year, off and on, trying issues involving state regulatory agencies trying to put people out of business — a small but thriving trucking firm that was fined \$800,000 for paper violations of five years ago (we won, finally settling with a fine of under \$20,000 but return of a truck, which made up the fine in less than a month), a dairyman (whose contempt of court case we won this past week) and truckers and ranchers whose cases are yet pending.

I read a lot, and I love local newspapers. Reason for this letter is to say that I have yet to find one that is as good as The Owyhee Avalanche. Your paper covers the whole waterfront, with stories on news, government, sports and social events that are of interest even when I have lost touch with so many in the county.

With this letter I am renewing my subscription, and I look forward to each week continuing my ties with the greatest county in America. As I make my way through the trenches of the “coordination” world, I find that the

names Hal Tolmie, Chet Sellman, and Dick Bass from that first commission that exercised their coordination strategy are found in county records in all parts of the country. They started a crusade against the Bureau of Land Management that has never stopped in other parts of the nation. Just today I got two emails from people in Oregon and Washington who want to persuade their counties to take the plunge.

Keep up the good work Joe, Jon, and Robert, and your staff without which you all would be worthless (as would I).

Fred Kelly Grant  
Woodland, Calif.

*A former Nampa resident, Fred Kelly Grant was instrumental in helping Owyhee County set up coordination with the Bureau of Land Management beginning a quarter century ago with land planning that began with commissioners Tolmie, Sellman and Bass. He also was chair of the Owyhee Initiative board when that important document was being crafted after Tolmie and fellow county commissioners Dick Reynolds and Chris Salove set the ball in motion.*

— Ed.

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington  
Time is right for change of course in federal government

The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress presents an opportunity to deliver real and lasting change for the American people. We must seize the moment to fundamentally change the course of our country to restore prosperity, stability and liberty.

For far too long, we have let the enormous federal government curtail and hold back American ingenuity and opportunity through misguided central planning and political ideology. Replacing one-size-fits-all, top-down government controls should unleash the true entrepreneurial potential and vibrancy of the American people.

To help create that opportunity for real and meaningful change, Congress and the new Administration must take on our mammoth federal debt, perilous fiscal problems, fragile economic recovery and shaky markets. This requires finally stopping the growth of our national debt by enacting strong budget controls that restrain out-of-control federal spending. Dramatically simplifying our tax code, eliminating complexity, lowering rates and generating economic growth for American families and businesses are other necessary reforms. We must also focus on reforms to mandatory spending programs, whose current uncontrolled spending growth have put them on the brink of insolvency within a generation. This includes reforming Social Security and Medicare upon which millions of Americans rely.

We should reward innovation and establish the roadmap for creativity to flourish. We should remove government efforts that seek to control our lives, our personal information and liberties. We must create a regulatory environment that does not restrict the ability of Americans to turn their ideas into jobs. This includes stopping regulatory agencies’ collection of big data on

private financial information and eliminating unnecessary regulatory burdens that pile more paperwork and red tape on Americans. For example, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s aggressive overreach must end, and effective environmental policies that do not jeopardize the economy and small businesses must be the objective. Locally driven collaboration, such as that which brought about the Owyhee Initiative, remains the best means of addressing many of our environment and public lands issues.

Many critical issues provide opportunities for Congress and the new Administration to work together for the betterment of our nation. We should ensure people have choices to chart their own careers and lives, not have the government put its thumb on the scale. Working together, an opportunistic Congress and agencies that respect laws — not make laws — can achieve great things. Above all, we need to respect the bounds and guidelines established in our Constitution that call for a humble and limited federal government, understand the separation of powers, and adhere to the rational restraints of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which states, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.” This directive must be front and center as we forge ahead to change course and empower new opportunities for the American people in the Congress ahead.

— 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.

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# Commentary

## Financial management

### If you have an emergency fund in place, pay off the house

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I owe \$90,000 on our mortgage, and we have no other debt. We are able to save about \$20,000 a year, so we could have the house paid off in just over four years. She likes the idea of having lots of money saved up, but I would love to be completely debt-free. Should we pay off the house or hang on to the savings?  
— Jason

**Dear Jason,**  
Let's pretend your house is already paid for in full. Would you borrow on your home so that you had enough cash that your wife liked it? You say you wouldn't, so what's the difference? If you had a paid-for house and you wouldn't borrow on it to have cash laying around to feel better, why wouldn't you use the cash

laying around to pay off the house? It's the same thing.  
The first thing you want to consider is having an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. You also need to make sure you're putting aside 15 percent of your income for retirement. Other than that, if you have enough cash laying around to pay off your home and you don't, it's the same thing as having borrowed on your home in order to have cash laying around.  
If I'm in your shoes, as soon as the emergency fund is in place — six months of expenses since your wife likes the security factor — and 15 percent is being put away for retirement, I'd take the other money and throw it at the house. Get that thing paid off as fast as you can!  
— Dave



**DAVE Says**  
by Dave Ramsey • [www.davesays.org](http://www.davesays.org)

**Dear Dave,**  
My friend and I are roommates, and we've always had an agreement that we split each of the bills 50/50. We both work and have decent jobs, but for the past couple

of months she's been really late in paying her half of the bills. She says she's broke. I don't want to be mean, but how can I approach her about this situation?  
— Alice

**Dear Alice,**  
I understand that you don't want to be mean to a friend, but situations like this should be addressed quickly and directly. No matter whether you're talking about friendships or business dealings, to be unclear is to be unkind.  
Turn off the television, sit down with her, and have a kind but firm conversation. Let her know that the roommate agreement is no longer working because she isn't paying her bills on time. Make sure she understands that the two of you are not going to be able

to stay there together anymore unless she starts paying on time. You might also ask if she needs help budgeting her money. I mean, if she's got a good job, her money has to be going somewhere, right? The problem is that it's not going to the proper places.  
I know you think that by being subtle or avoiding the situation you're being nice, but you're not. You're being passive-aggressive. You just have to smile and say, "This isn't going to happen anymore. You're going to get your act together, and I'll help you all I can, but you need to start paying on time or the roommate situation is over."  
Is that tough love? No, it's just love.  
— Dave  
— Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

## Inside the Statehouse

### Use web tools to track Idaho Legislature throughout session

by Megan Blanksma

Two weeks in the books, and the 2017 regular session of the Idaho Legislature is off and running.  
I'm excited to be a part of the experience and can't express how thankful I am that you elected me to serve District 23. Despite some of the more sensational news of late, there is important business being conducted, and I wanted to give you a quick update.  
I serve on three committees: Health & Welfare, Resources & Conservation, and Local Government. Health & Welfare and Resources & Conservation tend to be very busy committees, and I'm ready to get to work. Local Government less so, but I look forward to what opportunities it might provide.



Health & Welfare is a daily committee with a lot of challenges ahead. We have already reviewed a number of rules and even struck a provision in one that could have resulted in government overreach if abused. We will begin legislation review next week, and I encourage you to follow the process.  
Of the three, I'm most excited to serve on Resources. Many of the issues near and dear to all of our hearts run through the Resources Committee, and I'm proud to be the voice of District 23. This year, we have already reviewed important Fish and Game rules, and I look to see more from them next week. Monday, we will also review potential gas and oil legislation as well as some with regard to outfitters and guides.  
As always, please contact me if you have concerns or additional information that might help with the tough decisions I will need to make in the coming weeks.

The Legislature provides great tools that show all the action on the website [legislatureidaho.gov](http://legislatureidaho.gov).  
There you can find "Bill Tracker." With your own login, you can set up an account and track legislation you find to be interesting. Additional tabs are available on the site to see daily calendars for both the House floor and committees. Live video and audio streaming can be found on the site as well.  
Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to hearing from you and will continue to update you on our progress throughout the coming weeks.  
— This is the first of regular updates from the District 23 delegation in the Idaho Legislature. Megan Blanksma of Hammett is in her first year as the Dist. 23, Seat B representative in the House of Representatives. She can be reached by email at [mblanksma@idaho.house.gov](mailto:mblanksma@idaho.house.gov) or by phone at (208) 580-4207.

## Life in the Trump presidency

### With transition complete, its time to unite for good of nation

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Inauguration is over. Like it or not, Donald Trump is your president. Even if you claim he is not your president, he is. If you continue your citizenship in America, he is your president.  
I heard and read reports of people who said they would leave the United States if Trump were elected president. How many have left, or when are they leaving? Don't let the door hit you on the behind when you leave. Actually, that's not the attitude to have. The correct attitude is, "Come on people now love one another," or something like that.  
I'm all for us loving and hugging each other, but it doesn't seem to be on the horizon for our country. I voted for Obama the first time, but I voted for Trump this time. One of the reasons I voted for Obama was because of healthcare and stem cell research. We must have stem cell research to find cures for numerous diseases. I was impacted greatly by healthcare



with a very sick spouse for 12 years. I know the pain of a medical insurance crisis.  
I also voted against Obama because he and Congress messed up healthcare so bad.  
I voted for Trump not necessarily because I am now a registered Republican but because we desperately need a new direction in this country. We have few jobs, a failing economy, failing infrastructure, growing poverty, tremendous despair and a nation overrun by illegal immigrants. We also have a healthcare crisis. Of all the candidates, I saw Trump as being in the best position to do some things to change our spiraling direction as a nation.  
Congress members who pledged to not attend Trump's Inauguration were free to stay home. Hopefully when their districts vote again, they will let them stay home permanently. How will they feel if Trump and a Republican-led Congress decide not to give additional money to their districts and refuse to work with them on any bills they might offer to Congress? I don't think that's the American way, but sadly it has become the American way.  
I'm not into an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Slapping each other back and forth accomplishes nothing but more ugly rancor.

What we all need to see are Democrats and Republicans and independents crossing the aisle, shaking hands and working together to bring jobs back to America. Together they must work to save our infrastructure. Bring safe and clean water to America's communities. Infuse hope into our struggling military and elevate our beaten-down veterans. Equal opportunities and equal rights for all can only happen if the people in Washington treat each other with equal respect. This means doing unto others the way they want to be treated.  
Many people today are ready to join a movement. One movement we desperately need is a movement that involves all people from all parties, all states, all colors, all nationalities reaching out to each other with a passion to work hard.  
We can have strong individual ideas, but we must be determined to work together to solve our problems and make this country great again.  
— Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist and author of 11 books based in Washington, D.C. Visit [www.glennmollette.com](http://www.glennmollette.com), contact him at [GMollette@aol.com](mailto:GMollette@aol.com), or like his facebook page at [www.facebook.com/glennmollette](http://www.facebook.com/glennmollette).



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

January 29, 1992

### Erbe named city council president

Councilman Daniel Erbe was elected president of the Homedale City Council during a special meeting it held Friday night, according to Edna I. Grimes, city clerk-treasurer.

The public meeting was brief, according to Grimes, before the mayor and council moved into an executive session to discuss “personnel matters.” She said a decision on health insurance coverage for city personnel was postponed again.

Mayor Paul J. Fink did report on Monday that background reports are expected “sometime this week” on two finalists who are candidates for the position of police chief.

### Homedale, Wilder work for gas pipeline

City leaders in Homedale and Wilder are eyeing enthusiastically a plan still on the drawing boards for businesses and schools in their communities to be able to tap into a natural gas pipeline that appears likely to be built to the SSI plant near Wilder.

According to Homedale Mayor Paul J. Fink, arrangements are under consideration to put natural gas into the SSI plant. He wants the Intermountain Gas pipeline extended an additional five miles or so to Homedale, saying “it’s one more tool to attract some companies that’s going to need a lot of energy to run their boilers or for heating.”

According to Wilder Mayor Doug Amick, SSI has been working for some time to get an existing pipeline that goes to Simplot’s facilities outside Caldwell extended onward to SSI’s meat processing plant. He praised SSI’s initiative and that of Plant Manager Ben Badiola in seeking the energy development. He said it was his understanding that Intermountain Gas “has to have a certain guaranteed cubic footage of usage” before authorizing the improvement and is also asking the local company for s substantial financial commitment “up front.”

If the deal goes through, Wilder schools and other companies should be able to benefit through use of the cheaper energy source, Amick noted.

But things remain much more tentative for Homedale. Fink said Friday, “I think we have to show that we have some users on the line. They can’t just run a line to Homedale (using the U.S. 95 highway right-of-way) unless we can show a need for it.”

### Marsing High students win at BPA regional

Several Marsing High School students placed high in Business and Professional Association (BPA) regional contests Saturday at Capital High School.

Amy Percifield placed third in the Employment Skills test.

Alayna Malmberg placed first in the Prepared Verbal contest, and Percifield placed third.

In the Computerized Document Formatting contest, Debbie Kiester placed second and Tonia Kiester placed third.

Mike Cerda placed second and Fred Bioer placed third in the Computerized Data Specialized contest.

### HJHS news notes

Seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders for the basketball season have been selected. They are: Nicole Quintana, Nicole Maupin, Brandi Freund and Alison Cupp, 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Summer Rountree, Amanda Fair, Becky Almaraz and Michelle Escujuri, 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Monica Gibbons is the mascot for both grades.

### Board decides to fence playing fields

The Marsing School Board decided to fence both the baseball and football playing fields at a special meeting January 21.

The project will cost about \$6,746, and will include chain-link fencing and admission gates.

According to the district office, the board hopes to have the project completed by the beginning of baseball season, in the spring.

## 50 years ago

January 26, 1967

### CC board lists Homedale as rockhound, bee capital

Early completion of the new Homedale bridge ranked first place in order of importance for the local Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting held last Wednesday, reported President, Don L. Shaffer.

The board set up their committees and established criteria for the Chamber for the coming year to assist in the growth of the town and the Homedale area.

The board had pledged itself to try and complete the following items – the first being to continue to make a concentrated effort for the early completion of a new bridge, Shaffer added.

Following in the order of their importance to the community the board has listed the things that it will promote in the coming year:

- To try to obtain a doctor for the town.
- To encourage the citizens to clean up and to keep our town clean; including not allowing cars to be abandoned, to keep all vacant lots mowed and clear, and to continue to have the city-wide annual clean-up each spring.
- To make a concentrated effort to continue the advertising of our area to rockhounds pointing out that at this time the city of Homedale has national recognition concerning rockhounds and that our area is rich in rocks for these people.
- The promotion and completion of Riverside Park; leveling, seeding and development. The board explained that the Job Corps center has the park on its agenda for the leveling early this spring.
- Adding to the park the possibility of developing an over-nite parking area for campers and trailers for tourists. And the development of the park as to shrubs, trees, grass and public restrooms. To develop and maintain the present dock facilities – reportedly one of the better docks and water skiing areas in the Northwest.
- To publicize our alkali and leaf cutter bees – stating that Homedale is the capital bee market for these two species of bees. And to direct our publicity in that vein by the use of signs on the outskirts of town and on maps and brochures.
- To erect signs on the outskirts of town, advertising our city and what we have to offer the tourist with regard to over-nite camping facilities - the rockhound areas and the bee capital, the board stated.

### Cub Scouts visit Owyhee Lanes

Cub Scout Den No. 3 visited the Owyhee Lanes recently. Owner Ray Tolsma conducted a tour of the lanes and explained the pin-setting machines, after which, the scouts bowled.

Those participating in the outing were: Richard Fritzley, David Takasugi, Dan Cegnar, Bryon Zatica, Matt Paxton, Shane Murray, Randy Maybon and Kenny King. They were accompanied by den mother, Mrs. Bud King, assistant den mother, Mrs. George Murray, and Mrs. John Takasugi.

Mrs. John Cegnar served refreshments.

### Junior Riflemen nominate officers

The Homedale Junior Rod and Gun Club held its second shoot of the year Monday night.

Election of officers was not held, but nominations were made. They are: Roy Eiguren and Steve Breshears for president; Tom Wilson and Kelly Ferguson for vice-president; Jacquie Walker unopposed for secretary; and Kristy Eachus and Joni Uda for reporter.

### Trojans defeat Wildcats for season’s 1<sup>st</sup> win

A red-hot Trojan quintet took their first win of the season over the Wilder Wildcats by a score 59-48. The Trojans are now 1-1 in conference play while Wilder is at 0-2.

The scoring honors went to Homedale’s Jim Jackson, who used scoring ability to sink 14 points. Jackie Cagle led Wilder with 13 markers. Roland Woodburn had 11 points for the Trojans while Blaine Pearson and Louis Uranga contributed ten.

## 140 years ago

January 27, 1877

THE COMPROMISE MEASURE. The Presidential question has assumed a new phase. The joint committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives at Washington have almost unanimously agreed upon a plan for counting the electoral vote bringing “order out of chaos.” At least one good feature reveals itself in this movement. There is a disposition manifested by leading men of both parties looking to conciliation and a peaceful adjustment of the Presidential problem. So far the signs are hopeful. But whether the measure itself will give general satisfaction or accomplish the desired objective remains, especially in the latter particular, to be seen. The plan embodies a proposition to refer the votes of all the disputed States to a committee of five members of the Senate, five members of the House, four judges of the Supreme Court and a fifth Judge, to be chosen by these four, constituting a committee of fifteen whose report on all counts in dispute is to be final. Of the political complexion of the proposed committee it may be inferred that five representative Republicans would be appointed from the Senate and five gentlemen from the House whose Democracy would not admit of being questioned. The Senate being Republican and the House Democratic in its complexion no other result would be expected in these degenerate times of partisan zeal and partisan warfare. Now comes the objectionable feature of the plan, and that is embodied in the attempt to bring members of the highest judicial tribunal in the land into the political arena, and make their votes and their voices subservient in the decision of a question of a political and partisan nature. We hold to the opinion that these gentlemen when they accepted their exalted positions on the Supreme Bench, so long as they remained there, bid farewell forever to the muddy realm of politics. In their present judicial capacity they are neither Republicans nor Democrats, but the compromise measure emanating from Congress seems to be based upon the supposition, that of the four Judges named they are evenly divided in their political sympathies, and the fifth one to be named by them would be the arbiter in the great struggle and have it in his power to name the future President. The scheme, however well designed, and with probably good motives on the part of those who conceived it, is at variance with the Constitution of the country and should not, in our opinion, be adopted. There are precedents enough to fall back upon for paving the way to the solution of this question without resort to such a measure as this. Congress has supreme control of the matter and can decide. If frauds have been perpetrated in the choice of electors in any of the States, that body has the power to reject the vote of such States, let the consequences be what they may. The view of such irregularities should it devolve upon the House to choose the President and the Senate the Vice President, the majesty of the law and regard for usages in such cases, should command the unquestioned sympathy and support of the majority of the people. Opposition of such a consummation would be treasonable and revolutionary. Still, it is within the bounds of possibility that the scheme now before Congress will be adopted, and if it results in a peaceful termination of the vexed question, no matter who is to be the President, all good citizens will say amen.

(Since the above was in type we learn by telegraph that the compromise bill has passed both Houses without amendment and will be in the hands of the President for this signature to-day.)

AN IMPORTANT BILL. Hon. R. Tregaskis will have the credit of having introduced one of the most important bills passed at the last session. The bill referred to, regulates the fees and salaries and the collection and disbursement of revenue in Owyhee County, and is a perfect code of laws of itself. It is a pity that it was not made a general law, applicable to every county in the Territory. Mr. Tregaskis was one of the ablest and most attentive of the members of the Ninth Session and his constituents may, in justice say to him, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”



Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

December 5, 12, 19 & 27, 2016

December 5

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:  
Current Expense \$26,587 Road and Bridge \$70,702 District Court \$1,020 Probation \$298 Health District \$4,565 Indigent and Charity \$13,301 Junior College \$300 Revaluation \$197 Solid Waste \$10,464 911 \$46 County Vessel \$49 Economic Development \$850  
Approved Resolution 2016-39; to close Bachman Road and Silver City Road for automobile travel, effective immediately due to icy, snow and weather conditions, until further action of the Board of Commissioners.  
Approved Idaho Retail Liquor License #32 for Grand View Gas LLC.  
Approved the Industrial Appraisal Contract for US Ecology with Shewey, Vander Boegh LLC in the amount of \$5,200.00.  
Approved the advertising and purchase of the 2007 Challenger Mower with BLM grant funds in the amount of \$69,500.00 from Wilson Equipment.  
Approved 1 Certificate of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 16-29.  
Approved 14 Certificates of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for students 16-15 through 16-28.  
Placed liens on Indigent and Charity cases 16-46, 16-47, 16-48, 16-49, 16-50 and 16-51. Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-42. Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-45. Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-49.  
Rescinded the July 25, 2016 decision and approve Indigent and Charity case 16-16. Approve the Facts of Findings and Conclusions for Indigent and Charity case 16-16.

December 12

Approved the Rural Surface Transportation Funding application through Paragon Consulting for Phase I of the Pleasant Valley Road Project.  
Approved Resolution 2016-40; to approve the Rural Surface Transportation Funding application for Phase I of the Pleasant Valley Road Project.  
Approved the Murphy Flat Road BLM Right of Way application.  
Set the Twin Falls Area RS2477 public hearing for Monday January 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Owyhee County Annex.  
Approved Resolution 2016-38; Destruction of Records from the Clerks, Assessors and Planning and Zoning Offices.  
Approved a request for a road name of Horseshoe Crest. Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-43. Approved Indigent and Charity case 16-17.

December 19

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:  
Current Expense \$50,176 Road and Bridge \$10,492 District Court \$4,041 Probation \$349 Historical Society & Museum \$197 Indigent & Charity \$20,379 Jr. College Tuition \$4,300 Revaluation \$565 Solid Waste \$10,864 911 \$1,947 County Vessel \$640 Waterways \$276 Economic Development \$250  
Approved the quote from Express Plumbing for a replacement toilet for the men’s restroom in the amount of \$745.00.  
Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-52.  
Approved to pay outstanding bills and the Findings of Facts

& Conclusions for Indigent and Charity case 16-17.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-46. Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-47.

Approved the quote from Weidner Fire for Homedale Fire Department request for Extrication Equipment in the amount of \$20,721.00.

Approved Resolution 2016-41; Adopting the Social and Community Assessment for Owyhee County dated December 2016, and authorized by J.D. Wulfhorst, Neil Rimbey, Scott Jensen and Paul Lewin, Agricultural Economics Extension No. 16-01 as Appendix A-4 to the Owyhee County Natural Resources Plan.  
Approved Resolution 2016-42; authorizing transfer of a utility trailer to Boise County, VIN #5MEBE162861019813.

Approved a letter to Robison Logging and Excavation regarding a stop work order in response to county concerns regarding performance on Black Sands contract.

December 27

Approved the corrected Idaho Department of Juvenile Detention Annual Report.  
Approved the quote from M2 Automation for the security equipment throughout the courthouse in the amount of \$13,010.00.  
Approved the part time hire of Ross Gruenwald, beginning on December 23, 2016, at \$25.00 per hour.  
Approved the request for cancellation for Mineral Bonds for policies 32S102997 and 32S102995 (Clerk Barkell is verifying these are the correct Bonds to cancel).

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-53 and 16-54. Approved Indigent and Charity case 16-54.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.  
1/25/2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MARSING MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER

In compliance with Idaho Code 63-1311A, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Marsing Community Center located at 126 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N. to discuss increasing the irrigation fee from \$12.40 per acre per month to \$15.21 per acre per month. The proposed fee increase is intended to cover the cost of providing irrigation services. Written or oral comments are welcome. Auxiliary aids or services for persons with disabilities are available upon 48 hours of advanced notice.  
Please contact the city clerk’s office for additional information at 425 Main Street, or call 208-896-4122.  
Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer  
1/25;2/1/2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On February 8, 2017 the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following:  
Leslie and Lavada Loucks, applicants, request approval of a preliminary subdivision plat for Meadow Brook Subdivision, a 58.95 acre parcel that will include 217 residential lots, one (1) non- residential lot, and 12

GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 3 ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2015	
BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	414,443
<b>Local Funding Sources</b>	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets, bridges)	59,512
Interest income	132
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	3,276
<b>Total Local Funding</b>	<b>62,920</b>
<b>State Funding Sources</b>	
Highway user revenue	344,994
Sales tax/Revenue sharing	10,508
All other STATE receipts or transfers (Ag Replacement)	2,709
<b>Total State Funding</b>	<b>358,211</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>421,130</b>
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	
Roads (rebuilt, realign, overlay upgrade)	144,730
Other (signs, signals, traffic control) misc expense	13,933
<b>Total Reconstruction/Replacement</b>	<b>158,663</b>
Routine Maintenance	
Chip sealing or seal coating	120,520
Patching	2,400
Grading/blading	21,898
Other (Weed Control)	18,623
<b>Total Routine Maintenance</b>	<b>163,441</b>
Equipment	
Equipment purchase – automotive, heavy, other	17,000
Equipment maintenance	4,491
Other (Equipment Rental)	650
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>22,141</b>
<b>Administrative salaries and expense</b>	<b>42,429</b>
Other Expenditures	
Professional services – audit, clerical, legal	7,050
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>7,050</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>393,724</b>
<b>Receipts Over Disbursements</b>	<b>27,406</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>441,849</b>
<b>Funds obligated for specific future projects/reserves</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Funds retained for general funds/operations</b>	<b>241,849</b>
Stella Bush, Clerk/ Treasurer	
1/25/2017	

common lots. The project is located immediately west of N. Bruneau Highway and east of Morning Dove Subdivision. The application also includes a special use permit for eight lots to be developed as fourplex multi-family residential units.

Written comments must be postmarked to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, ID. Written comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2017 or at the hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the Marsing Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2017  
1/25;2/1/2017

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 55-13929, BILL WILLARD, RORRIE WILLARD, PO BOX 2312, NYSSA, OR 97913

Points of Diversion L3(NWNENW) L9(NENWNW) S4 T05S R04W OWYHEE County Source SPRING Tributary JORDAN CREEK

Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS  
Use: IRRIGATION 04/01 to 10/31 0.02 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.06 CFS  
Date Filed: 11/28/2016  
Places of Use: DOMESTIC, IRRIGATION T05S R04W S4 L10(NWNW)

Total Acres: 2  
57-11885, HOOK LAND CO LLC C/O CONNIE HOOK, 20509 UPPER REYNOLDS CR RD, MURPHY, ID 83650

Point of Diversion L1(SESE) S36 T01N R03W OWYHEE County Source REYNOLDS CREEK Tributary SNAKE RIVER  
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to

Gem Highway District No. 3 Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds September 30, 2016

	General
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 239,491
Taxes receivable	5,575
Other receivable	118,733
Prepaid expenses	4,043
Inventory	233,282
Total assets	601,124
<b>Liabilities and fund balance</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable	350
<b>Total liabilities</b>	350
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
Deferred inflows of future revenues	5,285
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	
Nonspendable – inventory	233,282
Restricted	
Committed	
Assigned	
Unassigned	362,207
<b>Total fund balance</b>	595,489
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	\$ 601,124

11/15 3 CFS  
Total Diversion: 3 CFS  
Date Filed: 10/3/2016  
Place of Use: IRRIGATION T01N R03W S36 L3(NESW) L3(SESW)L2(NWSE)L2(SWSE) L1(SESE)  
T01S R03W S1 L2(NWNE) L3(NENW)  
Total Acres: 150

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT

**TRANSFER NO. 81191, NEDEREND FARMS LLLP**, 4998 HOGG RD, HOMEDALE, ID 83628; has filed Application No. 81191 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-10655, 57-7045; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx. The purpose of the transfer is to add potentially two more wells and more accurately describe the existing commercial and stockwater use. Water will be used at the current place of use near the intersection of Hogg and E Thompson Rd approximately 3 miles west of Marsing.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at 208-334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer (s) please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code §§ 42-203A and 42-222. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 2/6/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.  
GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
1/18,25/2017

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# Public notices

**NOTICE**  
The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Co. will be held at the Jack’s Creek Idaho Power office, on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.  
Chris Alzola, Secretary 208-587-2789  
1/25/2017

**NOTICE**  
The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Jack’s Creek Idaho Power office on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.  
Chris Alzola, Secretary 208-587-2789  
1/25/2017

**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 OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
**Trustee’s Sale No. ID-LTE-16002862**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 16, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, 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 and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

A parcel of land situate in the Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet; thence South 89°48’00” East, parallel with the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel with the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48’00” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described parcel:

A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet; thence South 89°48’00” East parallel to the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the

Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel to the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48’00” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 3886 JUMPCREEK, HOMEDALE, ID 83628, 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 GARY MCCOSHUM, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND CASSANDRA HAMMAR, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of ECHO L. HALL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Beneficiary, dated 12/31/2013, recorded 1/9/2014, under Instrument No. 283027, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by ECHO L. HALL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN.

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

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 12/31/2013, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 9/3/2016 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

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Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 1/13/2017.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services

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