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HOMEDALE KICKS OFF CHRISTMAS



Community turns out for tree lighting

Above: The Christmas tree lights up the night during the tree-lighting ceremony at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale on Saturday. **Below:** The Owyhee Riding Club won the Mayor's Choice Award during Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays parade. For more Homedale holiday photos, see **Pages 12-13**.



Marsing city tree lighting to follow Friday's parade

Chamber encourages night-light entries

Folks are encouraged to round up floats, tractors, classic cars, ATVs and other modes of mobility, string some lights and get in on the action of the Marsing Holiday Parade on Friday.

The town's Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual procession down Main Street. The parade will start around 5:30 p.m., and will culminate at Island Park for the lighting of the city's Christmas tree.

People who want to participate in the parade can start lining up in the Marsing High School football parking lot at 4:30 p.m. behind the elemen-

tary and middle school.

Santa Claus will bring up the rear as the parade travels from west of Logan's Market to the riverside park.

Chamber president Julie Scheu-Franklin said walkers and horses also are invited to participate in the parade.

K&R Kettle Corn will sell popcorn at the tree lighting, and hot chocolate also will be available.

A chili feed fundraiser is planned at the Marsing fire station, too.

For more information on the parade, contact Scheu-Franklin at (208) 859-2087 or marsing-chamber@gmail.com.

The Chamber of Commerce's next monthly meeting takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 at The Spot restaurant on Sandbar Avenue.

Grand jury indicts alleged conspirators in teenager's killing

Three people accused of killing an Oregon hitchhiker have been indicted on several felonies.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery announced the indictments last Wednesday, a day after at 16-person grand jury was convened to hear evidence against Nicholas B. Vandenberg, Willie Keith Rabey and Montanna Rae Reed.

The three people are accused of conspiring to murder 18-year-old Hunter Smith-Tash of Junction City, Ore., in the Bruneau desert in June.

All three will be arraigned at

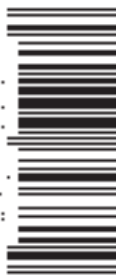
9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 in Murphy before Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde.

Vandenberg has been indicted on five felonies:

- First-degree murder
- Use of a firearm during the commission of a crime
- Failure to promptly report a death or to preserve a body after a death
- Conspiracy to commit first-degree murder
- Destruction or concealment of evidence

Rabey was indicted on three felonies:

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Marsing schools construction plans nearly finalized

Shortened bond period to save on interest payments

The Marsing School District has substantially decreased payments on the school bond patrons approved earlier this year by shortening the length of the bond.

“Because of interest rates and growth we’ve seen in the area, when we went out and sold the bonds in August, we were able to reduce the length of the bonding period from 25 to 21 years,” superintendent Norm Stewart said.

A shorter term will save \$1.43 million in interest over the life of the \$13.5 million bond, he said.

The construction design is in the final stages. School officials met with engineers last Wednesday, and plans will be submitted by Monday. The project will go to bid in January.

“If all goes well, we’ll be breaking ground in March,” Stewart said.

The project will include building a new middle school, which will feature a new gym and physical education facilities, and connecting the middle and high schools through the cafeteria.

Grades 6 through 12 will be under one roof.

The existing middle school

will be converted into a new district office.

The first phase will include razing the existing district office either near the end of February or in the first part of March. The district offices have been moved into the high school during the construction phase, though trustees meetings are still being held in the boardroom for the time being.

Additionally, as part of the bond, a new security vestibule has been created at the elementary school. Stewart said the change serves to increase the safety of the children, but it also makes the new bathrooms at the front of school easily accessible to visitors.

Other district news:

- A master agreement has been reached following negotiations with teachers. The board approved the contract in a special meeting earlier this month.
- After mediation was unsuccessful, the sides opted to return to the table for negotiations. An agreement was reached Nov. 13 and included redefined contract language, information concerning the career ladder, and educational allocations. Insurance details were also included.
- Idaho Power has collected winter coats to help needy children in the area.
- Grants have been obtained to purchase virtual reality (VR) equipment for kids to take virtual reality field trips.

— TK



Marsing eighth-graders learn about the expenses involved in raising a pet at one of the Reality Town stations.

Marsing students visit “Reality Town”

Marsing Middle School eighth-graders got a glimpse into the busy and demanding world of adulthood Nov. 20.

“Reality Town,” billed in the program handbook as “the experience of a lifetime,” provided a great opportunity for students to get a look into the future of adult needs and responsibilities.

The educational program is used in more than 200 schools nationwide and helps boys and girls get ready for the real adult world of financial responsibilities. “Reality Town” puts the students in scenarios in which they may be married and have children.

The program also gives students rudimentary instruction on filling out job applications and applying for student loans. They pick a job they would like to do and try to determine if they can support a family on their salary.

The students in Marsing were given a salary based on their grade-point average and had to use that salary to set up a checking account, pay bills, invest, buy groceries, and an assortment of other concepts they’ll experience in the real world. GPA is used as incentive for the students; the higher their grades, the more money they make.

The commitments and responsibilities the pupils faced included purchasing vehicles and insuring them, mortgage payments and property taxes, life insurance, child care, pet care, and a host of others.

Organizer Pete Smit understands that, because the students are teenagers, much of what they learned during the activity will be forgotten.

But he still thinks the lessons will impact the boys and girls.

“We get lots of feedback from parents and the community,” Smit said. “The kids go home and show their parents about what they spent their money on, and they’re real proud of how they do.”

The students were also shown that they had to budget in things they may currently take for granted, such as going to the movies or a concert, hosting a party, going to a football game, or something as simple as buying a book. Also included in prospective expenses were donations to churches or charities such as the animal shelter or cancer research.

— TK

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Community ready to rally for OHR residents’ Christmas gift drive again

Two Homedale businesses are back at work to help Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents during the holidays. The Last Chance Saloon will present its annual Christmas Benefit Auction beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. All proceeds will help make Christmas enjoyable for OHR residents.

The saloon, located at 120 W. Idaho Ave., will have raffles and drink specials as well as music and dancing after the auction.

For more information on the benefit event or the donate items for the auction, call (208) 337-4916 or (208) 899-0163.

The Last Chance Saloon auction is the first opportunity for the community to help out the OHR residents this year.

The Owyhee Avalanche starts its annual gift project for the residents of the Homedale care center today.

On Page 24, readers will find an advertisement with the specific wish lists for more than 30 OHR residents. The facility’s staff also works to find general items for the residents, too.

Community members are encouraged to adopt one of the residents by purchasing an item listed by someone and bringing the wrapped gift to the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale. Include a tag with the resident’s number and what the gift is.

The Avalanche office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for gift drop-off.

Christmas in the Country returns to Grand View

Inaugural parade scheduled Saturday

The Chamber will offer lunch with chili and hot dogs. Holiday entertainment is planned throughout the day.

For more information on the bazaar, call Chamber member Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

A raffle with numerous prizes also will be held during the bazaar.

The first Christmas in the Country parade will be held Saturday in Grand View.

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring the annual Christmas in the Country bazaar.

The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 First St. The gym will open at 8 a.m. so vendors can set up.

OCHS bazaar has trees, gifts, chili

The holiday spirit will be on full display Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

The annual Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas bazaar runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Several vendors will sell goodies and handcrafted Christmas gifts inside McKeeeth Hall.

On the lawn adjacent to McKeeeth Hall, the OCHS also will sell Charlie Brown Christmas trees cut from around Silver City. Prices range from \$15 to \$20.

Homemade pies, cinnamon rolls and lunch will be available, too.

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS volunteers will be on hand, too, selling chili and raffle tickets.

Regular and spicy varieties of chili will be available for \$5 per bowl. Proceeds will help train and supply the district’s Emergency Medical Services personnel.

Tickets for the MRW raffles of a rifle and quilt also will be sold.

Chances to win a Henry .30-30 rifle cost \$5 each of five for \$20.

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Todd Kleppinger

New reporter joins Avalanche staff

Reporter Todd Kleppinger has joined The Owyhee Avalanche staff.

Todd was born in Aurora, Colo., and lived as a youth in Southern California and Chicago before coming to Idaho in the late 1970s. He attended junior high and high school in Meridian, graduating in 1986.

After high school, Todd attended Boise State University

to pursue a degree in journalism.

Todd worked in health care for years, in a variety of capacities. He was an EKG Technician at both St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus and worked with adults with disabilities. He was a developmental disability therapist for All Developmental Disability Services in Boise and Caldwell. He was also a therapist and Support Coordinator for Witco, Inc. in Caldwell.

Todd married Shandel in 1998 and they have two children, 18-year-old Abbie and Holden, 16.

The Kleppingers moved to Homedale in 2010.

Todd says he is a big sports fan, particularly of baseball. He is a lifelong Cubs fan and, as a result of the World Series victory after 108 years of frustration, 2016 was a banner year in the Kleppinger household. He is also an avid reader and music fan. He enjoys going to live music shows as much as possible.

Todd says he is very excited about coming to the Avalanche and deepening his roots in the local communities.

Tuesday is last chance to comment on state grazing rate review

Stakeholders have until Friday to submit comments ahead of a special meeting to finalize the Idaho state lands grazing rate formula.

The State Board of Land Commissioners has scheduled a Tuesday vote on the first update to the grazing rate methodology in nearly 25 years.

The Land Board will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday in Senate Room WW55 in the Idaho Capitol, 700 W. Jefferson Street in Boise.

The state Department of Lands and Land Board Grazing Rate Subcommittee spent two years reviewing the existing methodology and developing alternatives for consideration.

There are more than 1,100 grazing leases that cover more than 1.7 million endowment rangeland acres.

Although the 60-day public comment period has passed, the Land Board is accepting additional written comments on the alternatives through Tuesday.

Comments can be submitted to comments@idl.idaho.gov or through the IDL web site at <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/comment.html>

Additional information about the grazing rate review process and alternatives to be considered is available online at <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/grazing/rate/index.html>

Man jailed for domestic violence

A Marsing man won't have to spend any more time in jail for a misdemeanor domestic violence charge.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober gave Matthew Lantz credit for the two days he spent in

Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after his Sept. 30 arrest.

Lantz appeared before Grober on Nov. 21 in Murphy for sentencing.

Lantz will have to pay \$450 in fines and court costs.

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Homedale volunteers help area pantry help hungry

Raffle mounted to raise funding to operate church locale

Helping feed the area’s hungry is a family affair for Danette Cardenas-Ritzert.

The Homedale resident has worked at her church’s food pantry in Wilder for more than a dozen years.

She’s the co-coordinator for the Calvary Holiness Church food pantry along with Wilder resident Sarah Deal.

But whenever the pantry serves its patrons, Cardenas-Ritzert, her husband Oscar and their children can be found organizing food and helping load it for the families who take advantage of the commodity distribution.

“Even my 5-year-old (Homedale kindergartener Jairo) has his own little cart one of our volunteers, Cleo Reyes, gave him so he could help carry food out to cars,” the 1994 Homedale High School graduate said.

The rest of the family includes Noah, 16, and Entenecia, 15, who are a junior and freshman, respectively, at HHS. The couple’s 19-year-old son Orion is a junior at the University of Idaho where he majors in Ecology and Conservation Biology.

The 33-year Homedale resident, whose parents Daniel and Sheri Ritzert



Cardenas-Ritzert

Raffle prizes

Businesses that have donated prizes for the Calvary Holiness Church Food Pantry raffle:

- Voodoo Graphx, Homedale — Four shirts and a hat
- Voodoo Tattoo, Homedale — \$100 gift certificate toward a tattoo
- Nathan’s Greenleaf Café — Two \$10 gift certificates
- Rebecca’s Salon, Homedale — \$55 gift certificate
- The Bowling Alley, Homedale — Two games and shoe rental for up to five people
- The Owyhee Avalanche — One-year newspaper subscription

Note — Gift baskets include quality sheet sets, remote-control flameless candles, Keurig K-cup coffee pod holders, large set of silverware, and more.

now live in Nampa, teaches Life Skills at Desert Springs in the Vallivue School District.

The pantry, located at the corner of 3rd Street and B Avenue in Wilder, is open twice a month — from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second Friday and from noon to 2 p.m. on the fourth Friday.

Cardenas-Ritzert says work of volunteers like Reyes makes the pantry operate smoothly.

“We really wouldn’t be able to run without the help of our volunteers. They are so important to our success,” she said. “They are faithful in their

works, and we cannot show them how much we appreciate their efforts to make the pantry a better place.”

Although the pantry is based in Wilder, it serves families on both sides of the Snake River. It relies on commodities from the Idaho Food Bank and food and cash donations from the community.

The 501(c)3 non-profit corporation didn’t receive any 2018 Federal Emergency Management Agency grants, so organizers have launched a raffle to help raise funds.

“We are honestly looking to pay for expenses for the upcoming year and get a start on restocking shelves for the new year,” Ritzert-Cardenas said.

Baskets with gift cards and other merchandise donations are among the prizes. Tickets cost \$1 each, or you can buy six for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Tickets can be purchased for specific prizes, Ritzert-Cardenas said.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Dec. 18.

More information on the raffle or the pantry is available by calling (208) 695-3502 or emailing calvarypantry@gmail.com.

Prize donations are still welcome, and they’re tax-deductible. The pantry can provide a receipt for tax purposes, Ritzert-Cardenas said.

The pantry’s community-driven inventory fluctuates month to month, and even the production of organized collection drives has dwindled. The U.S. Postal Service’s Feed the Hungry letter carriers collection drive resulted in 1,700 pounds of food last year, but Ritzert-Cardenas said the same food

drive brought in less than half that volume in 2017.

“During the winter months, we struggle with keeping shelves stocked,” she said. “We tend to have some pretty bare shelves after the holidays.

“We count on donations from people. We do try to remind ourselves that our pantry is supplemental. But when people are coming for food, my first thought is how much more can we give them.”

Food donations can be dropped off at the pantry. Cash contributions can be mailed to the pantry’s physical address or deposited in the Calvary Holiness Church Pantry account at Zion’s Bank.

Distribution on pickup days has been helped immensely by the acquisition of wagons to move items to the patrons. Ritzert-Cardenas said on some occasions, a person will pick up 100 pounds of produce and meat products.

A typical day at the pantry includes protocols to ensure freshness of the donations and also labeling of all items with descriptions and dates. Produce and meat have to be bagged into proportioned care packages.

Deal runs the mobile food pantry. She organizes volunteers, ensures that the Food Bank supplies are received, and makes sure the correct supplemental packages are distributed.

“There really would be no way to keep the pantry open if she wasn’t there to attend to the mobile pantry because I work during the day,” Ritzert-Cardenas said. “The mobile pantry is a huge asset to our pantry and community.”

— JPB

Faith-based help network begins at two local churches

A man known for his free music in local parks has begun a program to help men and women who are struggling.

Glas, as he is known, leads Life in the Son sessions at churches in the Homedale area

and Marsing each week.

Life in the Son is a Bible-based, Christian discipleship program that helps men and women struggling with addictions, emotional scarring and self-destructive behaviors,

according to a pamphlet for the program.

The group meets at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays at Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95 north of Homedale in Canyon

County.

The Marsing sessions take place at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Friday at Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St.

Glas has been seen playing his guitar and singing in city

parks in both Homedale and Marsing over the past few summers.

For more information on the program, contact Glas at (208) 455-3660 or (208) 936-5603 or songtobe@gmail.com.

From page 1

✓ Killing: Defendants face district court appearances on felony counts

- Failure to report a death or to preserve a body
- Conspiracy to commit first-degree murder
- Destruction or concealment of evidence

Reed’s indictment includes:

- Failure to report a death or to preserve a body
- Conspiracy to commit first-degree murder

Vandenberg, 27, of Bruneau allegedly shot Smith-Tash in the head and upper torso around June 22 as Rabey

and Reed watched.

Rabey, a 34-year-old Mountain Home resident, and Reed, 20, of Twin Falls, are accused of helping Vandenberg burn Smith-Tash’s clothing.

Authorities allege the three defendants plotted to kill



Vandenberg

Smith-Tash after inviting him into the Bruneau desert to go shooting.

Smith-Tash apparently was on his way to Lincoln, Neb., when Vandenberg and the others befriended him.

The people who reported Smith-Tash missing in August



Rabey

told Junction City, Ore., police that they last heard from him in mid-July, according to the Register-Guard newspaper in Eugene, Ore., but Idaho authorities maintain the man was killed in June.

The Idaho authorities also



Reed

maintain Smith’s identity as Hunter Allyn Smith from Medford, Ore., but the Register-Guard reported on Nov. 11 that Junction City Police confirmed DNA analysis showed more than a 99 percent probability that the body found in a ditch in the desert was Tash-Smith.

Emery said the grand jury likely will hear evidence on other, unrelated felony cases during its session.

— JPB

Reap the benefits of being a Master Gardener Volunteer

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be an Idaho Master Gardener Volunteer? What do the Idaho Master Gardener Volunteers do? What is the training like? How much of a time commitment is there? What are the benefits? I'll answer these questions and hopefully, by the end of this column, you'll be ready to become an Idaho Master Gardener Volunteer!



Rich Guggenheim

First, what is it like? It is rewarding! You learn a lot about horticulture and where to go to find research-based, reliable, gardening info. You make friends, and you get to feel good about what you are doing because you are giving back to your community.

University of Idaho Extension

Some of the things volunteers learn about are soil management, water management, entomology, botany, plant pathology, sustainable landscape maintenance, floral design, wreath making, year-round landscaping, tree pruning, seed saving, and so much more.

This year, 80 Master Gardener Volunteers in Canyon County completed 3,622 hours of education and donated 2,350 hours teaching in their community. Volunteers worked with 2,200 youth and more than 11,000 adults. As you can see, being a volunteer means you are busy learning and teaching!

Volunteers share their information in a variety of ways: Some find sharing it on social media fun and exciting. Other volunteers write for papers or appear on TV or radio. Vol-

unteers teach youth in school gardens, mentor in community gardens, answer your questions at farmers markets, and diagnose plant problems at the local extension office's plant clinic. Many volunteers share their information via a speaker's bureau where community organizations can request a speaker come and talk on a gardening topic. The Bruneau Valley Library has taken advantage of this service for its Bruneau and Beyond speaker series.

Being an Idaho Master Gardener Volunteer is about finding your passion, and sharing it with others.

Training is equivalent to a three-credit university course and consists of two parts: A 40-hour in-class training followed by a 40-hour practicum. We teach you from the ground up about horticulture. From agronomy (the study of soil) to botany (how plants grow) to entomology (insects) and

pathology (disease) you will learn how to manage these issues from an integrated approach and solve problems in the landscape as you apply this knowledge in a practicum. It is a big commitment. Once you complete these requirements, you are eligible to become a certified Idaho Master Gardener Volunteer.

Volunteers who complete their training often stay with the program for years. The benefits are amazing! Some volunteers go on to work in the horticulture industry, others find it fun to travel to conferences and meet their fellow Master Gardener Volunteers from around the world. Some volunteers enjoy the benefits of private botanic garden tours around the world. Others simply enjoy the benefit of lifelong learning and making lifelong friends.

Becoming an Idaho Master Gardener Volunteer is about

growing. Training begins in Caldwell on Jan. 17. Through Dec. 15, the University of Idaho Extension in Canyon County is taking applications from anyone interested in becoming an Idaho Master Gardener Volunteer.

If you are interested in growing as an Idaho Master Gardener Volunteer, contact the University of Idaho Extension in Canyon County at (208) 459-6003 or visit its website at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/canyon/horticulture>

— Rich Guggenheim is the horticulture Extension educator for the University of Idaho Canyon County Extension Office, 501 Main St., Caldwell. He can be reached at (208) 459-6003 or richg@uidaho.edu. If you have a topic you'd like to see Rich cover in his column, email suggestions to jon@owyheeavalanche.com.

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
- Movie time**
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Preschool story time**
3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Christian Life Club after-school program**
4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, 4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W. (208) 337-3464

Thursday

- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Crafts for Kids**
4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Tell Me a Tale**
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- 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

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W.

- Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Faith-based support group**
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660, (208) 936-5063 or songtobe@gmail.com
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Marsing holiday parade**
4:30 p.m., lineup at high school football field, 5:30 p.m. (or dusk), parade start, Main Street, Marsing. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com
- Marsing holiday tree lighting**
After parade, Island Park, Marsing. (208) 859-2087

Saturday

- OCHS Christmas bazaar and tree sale**
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319
- Homedale Farmers Market holiday market**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440 or ddixon222@msn.com
- Free lunch**
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Senior center dominoes and card games**
2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sunday

- Advent: "Hanging of the Greens" Service**
10:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Faith-based support group**
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660,

- (208) 936-5063 or songtobe@gmail.com
- Adult book club**
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First monday of every month. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
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10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- After-school program**
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019
- After-school Story Time**
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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Nazarene Christmas events set

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene has announced its schedule of Christmas programs, which are open to all community members.

The Advent — “Hanging of the Greens” Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Organizers say the special service will be on a grand scale and will focus on the spiritual meaning behind many of the familiar symbols of Christmas.

The family worship service will include participation by all ages and special music selections.

The church’s children’s Christmas program, “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17 during the worship service.

Two services are planned for Sunday, Dec. 24.

Special music will fill the Christmas Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., and the Candle-light Christmas Eve Service with a twist, titled “Homestyle Christmas Eve,” begins at 5 p.m.

Pastor Chuck Ryan leads services at the church, which is located at 26515 Ustick Rd. (the corner of Ustick Road and Batt Corner Road) in between Homedale and Wilder.

Call (208) 337-3151 for more information.

HHS grad plans holiday cheer at OHR

Homedale resident Megan Harper wants to bring the joy of the holidays to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents.

The care facility is located at 108 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

A Homedale High School graduate, Harper is coordinating activities, which will occur from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, in which children who have volunteered will interact and bring holiday cheer to OHR residents.

Activities planned include reading stories, coloring pictures, music and more. There will be an ice cream social to close out the activities.

Call Harper with any questions about the event at (208) 921-4089.



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Marsing woman fined after SUV, dog incidents

A 61-year-old Marsing woman has been fined for a March incident in which she was accused of striking two people with her vehicle.

Prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer dropped dangerous dog charges and a battery charge against Julie Hampton, but the woman must pay \$450 in fines and court costs for an amended disturbing the peace misdemeanor.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober imposed sentencing on Nov. 21 in a Homedale courtroom.

The disturbing the peace charge originally was filed as misdemeanor battery.

Hampton was charged with two counts of battery after a March 20 incident on Main Street in Marsing.

Hampton was accused of driving her SUV into a pair of women in their 30s after the two women and a man in his 40s were confronted by Hampton's dogs.

One woman was transported to a Nampa hospital, and two of the people reported suffering dog bites.



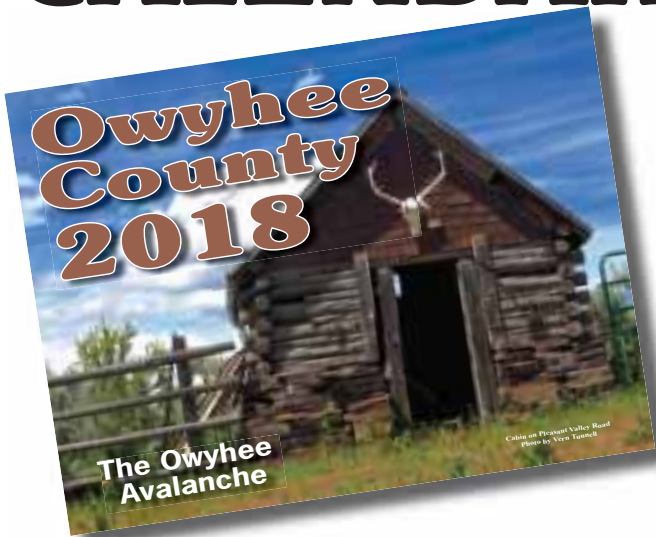
Marsing hit-and-run still under investigation

No one was hurt when a Nissan Altima was involved in a hit-and-run accident on 8th Avenue West (Idaho highway 78) in Marsing last Wednesday. The perpetrators left the scene, reportedly heading south on Idaho 78. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a blue Chevrolet. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the incident is under investigation.

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Man returns to face year-old Homedale beer burglary charge

A 25-year-old man showed up at the county jail Nov. 21 after he skipped a court hearing on a burglary charge filed nearly a year ago.

Brent A. Maggied of Boise had been wanted on a felony warrant after he failed to show up for a Jan. 23 preliminary hearing.

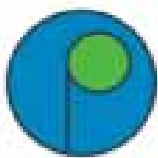
He is accused of stealing a 30-pack of beer from the Homedale convenience store in December 2016.

Maggied was charged with felony burglary and misdemeanor petty theft after Homedale Police arrested him.

Police reports indicate he emerged from the Jacksons Food Store restroom after 3 a.m. on Dec. 1, 2016 and allegedly took off with 30 cans of beer.

He was released last week after posting bond at Owyhee County Jail.

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HOMEDALE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Homedale Calvary Fellowship makes merry during the Homedale holiday parade Saturday on East Idaho Avenue.



Homedale High School junior Joseph Zamudio (far left), 16, jams with the marching band during the Homedale for the Holidays parade Saturday.



Santa embraces the season with Homedale resident Abbie Kleppinger during the holiday parade in Homedale on Saturday.



Santa's elves share holiday sweets with parade-watchers on East Idaho Avenue on Saturday.



Frosty helps Matteson's and Owyhee Auto Supply celebrate the season in Homedale.

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HOMEDALE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Local youths help spread cheer with a Grinch-themed parade entry in Saturday's night-light procession.



Carol McMichael and friends from the Homedale Library greet the crowd during the Homedale Home for the Holidays night-light parade Saturday on East Idaho Avenue.



Homedale Senior Center coordinator Joan Thomson (left) and board president Frank Iovino prepare food for the Thanksgiving dinner that packed the house on Nov. 21.



Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen welcomes in the holidays during the tree-lighting ceremony at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale on Saturday.



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Avalanche Sports

Jordan Valley, Adrian girls earn Oregon state rankings

Two local girls' basketball teams start the high school season ranked in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll.

Fourth-ranked Jordan Valley opens the season today at home against McDermitt, Nev.

No. 8 Adrian opens its schedule at 6 p.m. on Saturday with a non-league road game against Notus.

Reigning state champion Nixyaawii

received all 16 first-place votes and opens the year as the unanimous No. 1 among 1A Oregon schools.

Jordan Valley is scheduled to play Nixyaawii on Saturday, Dec. 9 during the second day of the Old Oregon League/High Desert League tournament at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore.

The day before, Jordan Valley takes

on No. 5 Joseph.

The Mustangs take on No. 9 Powder Valley in North Powder, Ore., on Friday.

The Antelopes play Powder Valley at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, at home.

The Mustangs play host to Adrian on Friday, Jan. 5, and the two teams meet again on the Antelopes' floor on

Saturday, Jan. 27.

Adrian reached the state tournament last season, losing by a point in the semifinals to Country Christian, which is the No. 2-ranked team this season.

Jordan Valley beat Hosanna Christian, which is ranked No. 3 this season, in the opening round last season before exiting the state playoffs with a loss to Country Christian.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SEASON PREVIEWS

Locals get back to work in tough leagues

2A WIC player
of the year returns
for Marsing

Marsing High School seems to have all the building blocks to make waves during the boys' basketball season.

The Huskies boast the returning 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year in junior Enrique Quebrado, and coach Tim Little will enlist the talents of at least a half-dozen players from last year's conference runner-up junior varsity team.

"We are a small team but quick and fairly talented offensively," the 20-year coaching veteran said.

"We will need some work on the defensive end if we want to achieve our goal of qualifying for the state playoffs."

If his first four years as Marsing boys' coach and his experience as the Huskies girls' coach before that are any indication, the defense should come through sweat and dedicated drills in practice and a build-up during the early season.

"Our team will have lots of heart, hustle and discipline," Little said.

Marsing's climb in the 2A WIC will be challenging.

Little sees two teams that didn't even make the state tournament last season as the top teams this year.

"Cole Valley and Nampa Christian are the teams to beat," Little said. "Both teams have a ton of size and talent and are the preseason favorites."

Then the Huskies still must deal with Melba and New Plymouth, both of whom played in the 2A Real Dairy

— See *Huskies*, page 15



Returning conference player of the year Enrique Quebrado puts up a shot against Wilder during the Nov. 21 jamboree in Marsing. The Huskies edged the Wildcats, 27-23, then trounced North Star Charter, 40-17. Photo by Dan Pease

Trojans embrace
new offensive
philosophy

Second-year coach Chad Mann may have a young Homedale High School boys' basketball team, but he believes time together could trump on-court experience.

"After a year together and a great summer program, I think our chemistry will be a huge factor for us," he said. "I also think this team shoots the ball exceptionally well. Hopefully that continues through the season."

The Trojans' shooting prowess has Mann leaning on a "Space and Pace" strategic slogan.

"We want to shoot the three-ball and get layups," he said. "There is no denying basketball is changing. We want to play a fast, fun brand of basketball."

"We should be competitive in our league."

Homedale was winless in the 3A Snake River Valley conference last season, and the Trojans opened the 2017-18 season Tuesday after deadline against Cole Valley Christian after losing the final 14 games of the 2016-17 campaign.

"I think until someone beats them, Parma and Fruitland are the top dogs in our conference," Mann said. "But I think we're right there."

Mann anticipates down years for Weiser and Payette.

The coach said the Trojans lost no impact players to graduation. There are five seniors on the roster this season, but only "one or two will get major minutes," he said.

— See *Trojans*, page 16

Huskies hammer Pirates again

Mackenzie Farrens collected nearly half of her team's rebounds as Marsing High School routed Payette for the second time in seven days.

Farrens had 18 boards and just missed her first double-double of the season as the Huskies blasted the visiting Pirates, 60-31, for their third consecutive non-conference victory on Nov. 21.

Payette (0-4 overall) lost its 48th consecutive game.

Coach Jake Dugger's Marsing squad (3-1) just missed putting all five starters in double figures.

Autumn Bennett led all scorers with 15 points, and Emily Loucks added 14. Both players had two three-point goals.

Bennett also had six rebounds — all on Payette's end — and five steals.

Elsa Margarito dished two assists and swiped two steals to go with 11 points and four rebounds.

Farrens scored nine points, and Ashley Loucks hit a pair of treys as part of her eight points.

Payette actually held a three-point lead before Marsing used an opportunistic defense to build a lead as large as 37 points.

Marsing scored 17 points off turnovers, and the Huskies exploited its size advantage to score half their points in the paint.

The Huskies out-rebounded the Pirates, 42-24.



Mackenzie Farrens

Sports

Seasoned senior contingent leads Marsing to mat

Jon Nelson approaches each wrestling season with the fresh optimism of a rookie coach. He's in his sixth season as the leader of the Marsing High School program, but his positive outlook could be more appropriate than ever – even if he continues to wage the age-old battle against depth in a small-school program.

“I’m excited to see how we do as a dual team,” he said. “We’ve got to get kids to spread out weight-wise.”

Nelson will be on the side of the mat watching along with Huskies fans to see how the dual season could shape up when Marsing plays host to Wendell on Tuesday.

The dual meet inside the MHS gymnasium comes three days after the Huskies kick off the season with the East-West Duals in Wendell on Saturday.

Marsing returns every 2A state meet qualifier except Oscar Gonzalez, who graduated in the spring.

Three seniors are poised to make another run at the state tournament.

Mason Hall, who has battled injuries during football season, finished third at 220 pounds at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa last year.

Like Hall, Joseph Ineck (152 pounds) has reached the state tournament in each of his three prep seasons. He finished sixth at 145 in last year’s tournament.

Jaden Kinney, who wrestled at 170 pounds last season, returns as a two-time state qualifier.

“If we can stay healthy, it could be a great year for Marsing wrestling,” Nelson said.

The Huskies have three home dates on the calendar this season.

After the dual with Wendell, Marsing is back home on Dec. 13 for a tri-meet that will also feature Homedale and Adrian wrestlers.

Athletes visiting the MHS gymnasium will have a new surface for competition.

“I want to thank the booster club, (MHS principal and athletic director) Tim Little, and my wrestlers for raising the money for a new wrestling mat,” Nelson said.

The Huskies also will make their annual visits to the Calhoun Classic (Dec. 8-9) in Nyssa, Ore., and the Rollie Lane Invitational (Jan. 5-6) in Nampa.

“We have a tough schedule again this year, and we should get to see what these boys are made of,” Nelson said. “Nyssa and the Rollie (tourney) are always tough.” — JPB



Another Ineck starts wrestling career
Jordan Ineck (left) stands with his eldest brother and coach, Joseph Ineck, after competing in the inaugural Turkey Takedown Tournament at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise during the weekend. Jordan won the PreK-Kindergarten 46- to 48-pound division. The Marsing Elementary kindergartener is one of Kelli and Jason Ineck’s four sons who wrestle: Joseph and Justin both qualified for the 2A state tournament last season for Marsing High School, and Jonathan wrestles middle school and freestyle competitions. Submitted photo

✓ Huskies: New coaches, players on board

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Shootout in March.

The 5-foot, 7-inch Quebrado returns as the Huskies’ offensive leader. He led the team with 17 points per game as a sophomore, and his wingman — Dakota Hardy — and his 8 points per game graduated in the spring.

Also missing from the lineup this season will be Nick Lankow, who averaged 8 rebounds per game as a senior in 2016-17.

There are only two other seniors returning from last season’s fifth-place 2A District III team that posted a 9-11 record.

Tyler Wood, a 6-3 post player, was the team’s second-leading rebounder as a junior.

Little says 5-11 Landry Villa will be a key component to the Huskies’ perimeter defense.

In addition to a lot of new faces on the varsity, Marsing also has a handful of new blood on the coaching staff, including former Homedale subvarsity coach Luke Ankeny and former HHS player Chad Hungate. Other Huskies assistants this year include Clint Thomas and Daryl Lemos. — JPB

MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete Spotlight

Girls' basketball

Autumn Bennett, so., G

15 points (2 three-pointers),
6 rebounds, 5 steals vs. Payette

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Nov. 30 at Wilder, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Nov. 30 at Wilder, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Homedale, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Nov. 30, home vs. Homedale, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Nov. 30, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Thursday, Nov. 30, home vs. Homedale, 4:30 p.m.

Go Huskies!

Wrestling

Saturday, Dec. 2 at East-West Duals, Wendell, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, home vs. Wendell, 5:30 p.m.



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Sports

Homedale staff, players enjoy easy East-West win

The East team led by Homedale High School dominated Friday’s 22nd annual El Korah East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game.

The East all-stars didn’t allow a score until the final six seconds of the 11-man game at Eagle High School, rolling to a 60-6 win over the West team.

“The kids all played exceptionally well that day, but perhaps that is why they were on the ‘All-Star’ team,” HHS

coach Matt Holtry said.

Holtry ended his ninth season as the Trojans’ coach on the East sideline. As head coach of the all-star squad, he was able to lead Homedale players Scott Matlock and Wyatt Wolfe one last time.

“Scott and Wyatt both played very well throughout the game as the defense cast a shutout with the exception of a touchdown being scored with six seconds remaining in the game,” Holtry

said. “It was an overall great time.”

HHS assistant Tony Uranga served as the East’s defensive coordinator.

Holtry, Uranga and another Trojans coach, Alex Willson, spent two hours each night between Nov. 20 and last Wednesday at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise for practice.

“The Homedale crew represented the program very well,” Holtry said. “From the players to the coaches, I was very

proud of the way the Homedale football program was represented.”

Kickoff of Friday’s 11-man game was pushed back after the eight-man game was delayed because of a frightening injury.

The West all-stars prevailed, 48-18, in the eight-man contest.

Rimrock seniors Christian Neilson and Ryan Nelson participated in the early game.

Mustangs out-muscle Trojans on the court

Homedale High School saw a first-quarter lead dissipate before losing its third consecutive girls’ basketball game.

Melba closed the first half on a 26-8 run to ruin the Trojans’ home opener on Nov. 21.

The Mustangs rolled to a 70-42 non-conference victory behind 24 points from Kori Pentzer and 18 points off turnovers.

Homedale (1-3 overall) surrendered 153 points in its home-and-home series with the Mustangs this year.

Josey Hall scored 10 points for the Trojans, and Alex Grant

delivered nine points despite four fouls.

Teammates Jayci Swallow and Amaya Carter added seven points each, but Homedale connected on just 11 field goals while being held to 38 shots (28 percent).

Melba went 28-for-58 from the floor (48 percent) and held a 15-8 rebounding edge on Homedale’s end.

Emma Clark scored 16 points for the Mustangs, and teammate Kate Clark added 13.

Homedale committed 17 turnovers, and Melba scored 18 points on the miscues.

✓ Trojans: Expect quick pace, big shots

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center Scott Matlock as a key returner after a junior season in which he was an all-conference honorable mention selection along with Mason Kincheloe.

“Scott is an elite rebounder and incredibly strong,” Mann said. “He has the potential to lead the SRV in rebounds, and his leadership will be an X factor in our season.”

A 6-foot swingman, Kincheloe is back after starting every game for the Trojans last season. Mann called the guard/forward the team’s most consistent scorer.

“Mason has improved his shot and has been addicted to the weight room,” Mann said. “I expect him to continue his scoring prowess.”

Junior guard Carson Brown (5-11) also started every game in his sophomore season. Mann says Brown is a dynamic player

who has also worked to improve his shot during the summer.

“He sometimes struggles with foul trouble but can be a very tough matchup for opposing guards,” Mann said.

Another crucial athlete in the Trojans’ shooting success is 5-11 guard Nelson Lomeli, who saw plenty of varsity time as a freshman.

“No player in our program has spent more time working on his game this summer than Nelson,” Mann said.

The sophomore known for hitting the deep ball spent the summer traveling to showcases in the West, and he also turned heads during a top-notch Idaho tournament.

“Nelson has elite ball-handling ability and an explosive first step,” Mann said. “Nelson also has ‘in the gym’ range.”

Newcomers with standout shooting touch include sopho-

mores Arnulfo Llamas and Daniel Uranga.

Llamas, a 6-1 forward, goes by Arnie, but Mann calls him “lights out” when talking about his eye for the basket.

“He is currently tied for our practice shooting record,” the coach said. “Arnulfo has an undying work ethic and can play 2-4 positions.

“He has the ability to make an immediate impact.”

A 6-1 guard, Uranga already has experience affecting a varsity game as the co-starting quarterback for the Trojans’ football team.

“Daniel is one of the smartest kids I know,” Mann said. “He reads the game very well and plays with a high IQ.

“Daniel is still growing into himself, but will continue to improve and should be the first guy off the bench this year.”


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Girls' basketball

Josey Hall, jr., P
4-for-5 FG, 10 points,
7 rebounds vs. Melba



Girls' basketball

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Frosh-soph
Thursday, Nov. 30 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Vallivue (Caldwell) tri-meet, TBA

Sports

New Adrian coach touts fast-paced, opportunistic style

Quick, accurate athletes step in for another state playoffs run

Craig DeMark is no stranger to high school basketball. He’s a coach, a gym dad and a fan.

This season, he has taken over head coaching duties for the Adrian boys’ basketball team for which his sons – Miller and Warren – were the top scorers last season.

The Antelopes were 10-15 a year ago and reached the 1A Oregon state playoffs with their district No. 3 seed.

“I think everyone is still looking up at Jordan Valley and Prairie City (in the 1A High Desert League), the first-and second-place teams (from the district tournament) last year,” Craig DeMark said. “They are well-run, established programs. Both return core players from last season.

“I just hope that we can find some way to compete for another state berth.”

The DeMark brothers lead a group of six returners from last season’s squad.

Miller, a 6-foot, 4-inch senior wing, is one of team’s top marksmen from three-point range, and the new head coach also gives him kudos for his ball-handling and shot-blocking abilities.

The senior’s presence on the glass may be crucial with the graduation of forward Kenny Purnell and center Kevin Rodriguez.

Warren, a 5-11 junior guard, is known for his scoring prowess from all over the court as well as his defense and ball-handling.

Two other seniors expected to make an impact include Kirk Obendorf (6-foot, wing) and Andy Walker (6-2, forward).

Craig DeMark said Walker will be a tough inside presence with potential for rebounding and scoring down low.

Obendorf is a versatile player with strong defense and a good outside shot.

Two underclassmen could make an impact as returners, too.

Dakota Martin is a 6-1 sophomore wing who has a strong all-around game that features defense, rebounding and three-point shooting.

Chase Bertrand is a 6-2 junior forward who DeMark says will bring rebounding and a shooting touch.

“We like to extend our defense and pressure all over the court,” DeMark said. “We’ll push the ball in transition and shoot open 3s.”

The Antelopes’ fast-paced game will benefit from three varsity newcomers.

Berto Bajena is a 5-11 senior guard with a long-range shot.

“Berto adds ball-handling and shooting, which is something we lacked last year,” DeMark said.

Another senior guard, 5-10 Alex Garcia, is an athletic ball-handler, the coach said.

Sophomore Michael Babcock, a transfer from Homedale, is a 5-10 wing who will provide on-ball defense and help with the Antelopes attacking style in transition, according to DeMark.

DeMark was an assistant coach for the Antelopes in the 2016-17 season and spent four other seasons coaching at other high schools. He has 25 years coaching experience overall.

His junior varsity coach and varsity assistant is Marcus Fuentes.

“He is a longtime skills and club coach who has been a youth and high school mentor to several classes of basketball players,” DeMark said.

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Scores of Rimrock students check out future options

A handful of Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students get information at a booth during the College, Career and Resources Fair in Bruneau. Organizer Rachel Burk said 160 students visited several booths that were set up inside the school gymnasium. Burk said all 16 seniors who will graduate in the spring participated in College Application Week by applying to at least one college, university or trade school. Submitted photo



HES students rewarded for K-9 support

Homedale Police officers and K-9 benefit volunteers visited Rebekah Jenkins' first-grade class recently to celebrate the students' top fundraising efforts in a schoolwide campaign to cover expenses for canine officer Goose's medical treatments and establish a fund for the care of the department's new K-9. The class earned a root beer float party and a visit from School Resource Officer Karl Kingston and his new K-9 partner Brady after they contributed \$52 of the \$236.03 raised at the school. A similar drive at the middle school netted \$268.73. The winning tickets were drawn Saturday night in a community-based raffle to raise money for a K-9 expense fund.

Trustees mull pass for HMS sports

Sports programs were one of the main focus at November's Homedale school board meeting.

Trustees discussed creating a middle school all-sports pass similar to that which is already available for high school games.

Superintendent Rob Sauer said the issue was brought to the board after community members approached high school athletic director Casey Grove about the possibility of such a pass.

Sauer said Grove and HMS athletic director Karen Liebschwager will discuss the need for a middle school pass. The board took no action.

Discussion continues on creating a softball complex at the middle school so the high school teams will have a dedicated place to play on school property.

"There's been no movement on the softball field. We're still in a holding pattern," Sauer said.

He also noted, "The boys have a nice one, but we don't have one for the girls. It's a potential Title IX issue."

Years ago, softball games were played on campus behind the high school gymnasium. Now, the Trojans play home games at Sundance Park.

There have also been coaching moves for HMS boys' basketball teams:

- Tyler Ford, eighth-grade A
- Liebschwager, eighth-grade B
- Riley Qualls, seventh-grade A
- Wayne Joyner, seventh-grade B

Qualls and Ford are both HHS graduates.

The trustees also heard about some non-athletic issues:

- A proposed transportation agreement with the Marsing district to change policy.

Sauer said the current policy does not allow school buses to cross district lines without prior permission. The proposed agreement would policy.

Sauer said no action was taken because transportation director Tom Muir is still seeking answers to trustees' questions.

- Muir did say the elementary school parking lot upgrade will be completed in the next couple weeks, weather permitting.

— TK

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 2, 1992

Sheriff rescues lost couple

In what started out to be a routine ride to find three stray cattle, a Nevada couple ended up spending eight nights and was on their ninth day when they were spotted from the air and rescued.

Chuck and Dorothy Thornton, ages 49 and 46, of Winnemucca, left their camp at Stoney Wall Corrals on Toppen Creek, a branch of the Little South Owyhee River in southeastern Oregon last Wednesday.

Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton, who, with posse member Ray Mansisor of Homedale and Malheur County Sheriff Ron Mallea, spotted the couple from the air, related the events as they were reported to him.

The Thorntons were in search of three head of cattle, missing from their herd of 40, believed to be about six miles from camp when they were caught in a blizzard. In returning, the Thorntons missed their camp by a half mile to a mile, and just started making big circles.

“When we found them,” Nettleton said. They were about 20 statute – or 16 nautical – miles southeast of their camp in Owyhee County.

Parade draws crowd to Homedale

Hundreds of Homedale area residents braved the cold Saturday to watch the annual holiday parade. The theme of this year’s parade was A Cowboy Christmas, and several of the parade’s floats carried out that theme.

The Grand Champion float went to Tolmie’s Appliance. First place winners in each division included Business: Owyhee Ranch & Casual Wear; Schools: Head Start; and Family/Community: VFW.

Collett new ICA president

The membership of the Idaho Cattle Association, meeting at the Red Lion Riverside for their annual convention, elected Bob Collett of Oreana, as their 1992-93 president. Collett, and his wife, Ruth, own and manage a cow/calf operation near Oreana consisting of 1,000 head of mother cows, and a small feed lot for their own cattle.

Collett, whose operations include grazing on both public and private lands, has been an active leader in the ICA and Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association and is a strong proponent of multiple use of public lands.

A lifelong Idaho resident whose parents farmed in Elmore County, Bob attended school in Glenns Ferry and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1949, he married Ruth Foreman, fourth-generation member of a pioneer Owyhee County family, and in 1961 they purchased Ruth’s family’s Oreana ranch.

Collett says that “getting a fair settlement of the federal grazing fee, along with some modifications of both the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act, are major targets for this year, on the Washington agenda,” and on the state level, “we will push hard to get a private property rights law enacted that will give the people of Idaho the kind of protection they deserve.

Rimrock Raiders take A-4 championship title

For the third time this season, Rimrock defeated Wilder, and for the Raiders, the third time was the charm, as they are now the state A-4 football champions.

Rimrock’s junior quarterback, Ed Dean, accounted for five touchdowns, as he ran in two, and threw for three more in the 41-13 win Nov. 20 at BSU’s Bronco Stadium.

50 years ago

November 30, 1967

Homedale 4-H youth honored as outstanding

Larry Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bauer of Homedale, a member of the Sage Creek 4-H club, was named the outstanding 4-H boy for 1967 at the annual Owyhee County 4-H recognition banquet. He received a wristwatch. The winner of last year’s award was Sarah Brandon of Homedale.

John Shaffer of Marsing was announced as the outstanding 4-H leader for 1967. He has served as leader of the Marsing 4-H Livestock club for the past seven years.

The cookbook award went to Eileen Haney of Marsing, a member of the Stitched-up, Mixed-up 4-H club. The presentation was made by Mrs. Mary Lee Wood, Owyhee County Extension home economics agent.

Other receiving recognition as leaders were Mrs. Ray Meininger, Max Orr, Linda Elkins, Mrs. Mildred Haney, Miss Nancy Haney, Mrs. Mary Cegnar, Mrs. C. W. Brown, Mrs. Mary Jesenko, Mrs. Helen Chadez, Mrs. Virginia Brandon, Judith MacKenzie, Bessie Felts, Edward T. Whittaker, Sarah Brandon, Mrs. Leora Smith, Mrs. Peggy Givens, John Tyson, Mrs. Karen Bass, Robert Bauer, Jerry Page and Mr. and Mrs. John Shaffer.

Fire district to hold election

R. B. Smith has been nominated for Owyhee County Sub District for the rural fire district election Monday, Dec. 4.

Charles E. Yost was nominated for Canyon County Sub District.

Charley Howland, presently a member, is not seeking re-election in Canyon County.

JACL schedules officer voting

New officers of the Boise Valley chapter of the Japan American Citizens League will be chosen by ballots mailed to the members and returned by Friday, Dec. 1.

Candidates listed by the nominating committee are: for first vice-president: George Koyama, Nampa; for second vice-president: Mrs. Hank Suyehira, Emmett; Mrs. Alice Kondo, Nampa; and Mrs. Mary Joo of Caldwell; for historian: George Nishitani, Caldwell, and Ken Tamura, Homedale; for recording secretary: Mrs. Minor Inouye, Boise; Mrs. Pete Yasuda, Caldwell; and Mrs. Mosie Ogawa, Caldwell; Bill Kawai, Marsing; and Mansbu Yamada, Nampa; for treasurer: George Tamura, Guy Yamashita and Ben Uda, all of Homedale; executive board: Max Takasugi, Jim Oyama and Mas Yamashita, all of Caldwell.

Cattlemen plan annual event

The 54th annual convention of the Idaho Cattlemen’s Assn. will be held at North Shore Motor Motel, Coeur d’Alene on Dec. 3, 4 and 5, according to Jenkin Palmer, Malad, president, who said at least 400 cattlemen and their wives from throughout Idaho were expected to attend.

“Looking ahead” is the theme of the convention. Speakers and committees will dwell on present and future management practices, legislation affecting livestock industry and livestock diseases.

Larry Gardner, Coeur d’Alene mayor, will welcome the group, and William Tindall, Grasmere, will make the response. Mr. Tindall is president of the Owyhee County Cattlemen’s Association.

140 years ago

December 1, 1877

THANKSGIVING HOP – The entertainment given under the auspices of the Silver City Quadrille Band on Thursday evening was attended by the *elite* of this city and Fairview and was quite a success. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the gentlemen in charge of the affair exerted themselves to please everybody, and the manner in which it passed off is quite creditable to them. Dancing commenced at 8:30. Among the ladies in attendance we noticed Mrs. J.W. Minear, Mrs. Larkins, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Judge, Mars. J. M. Wilson, the Misses Brunzell, the Misses Boyle, Miss Louisia Davy, Miss Allison, Miss Brady, Mrs. Wickersham, and many others. They all entered into the spirit of the dance and engaged in the whirling waltz and polka and the more sedate quadrille, with a zeal and enthusiasm that made it pleasant for their partners and everybody else. All the good looking men in town were there. Jim Judge officiated occasionally as master of ceremonies. Sol. Anderson didn’t dance but gave the occasion the benefit of his presence and brought a bevy of ladies there in the bargain. Phil. Regan looked as neat as a new doll, and seemed unusually happy especially while waltzing with Mrs. Larkins. Mr. Morrison, of the Golden Chariot, was the most lively man in the hall. John Minear looked like a preacher, but was able to put his foot in occasionally. Isador Mayer had a smile for everybody, and while discussing the superiority of this country over Germany, seemed to be jubilant over the prospect that his days of grass-widowship would soon be over. Thomas Burke, just from Quartzburg, was greeted by a large number of old friends. Clinton, the rail-road man, endeavored to keep up a semblance of happiness but had a sigh occasionally for one who was not there. D.D. McDonald was joked to death almost by some of the boys who insisted that he had just committed matrimony. O.H. Purdy, Charley Tregaskis, P. Hardiman, J. Coakley, Simon Harris and many other solid men of the city took in the occasion and had a good time. The music was good and the Messrs. Grete and Joe Gross deserve much credit for performing their part so well. At midnight nearly all the dancers adjourned to the Silver City Restaurant and partook of a splendid repast prepared for them by John Lanz. They afterwards went back to the hall and continued the merry dance during the small hours of the morning.

THERE is a strong probability that Washington Territory will not be invested with the honors and responsibilities of Statehood for some time to come. The project is strongly opposed by the Walla Walla *Watchman* and other leading papers on the grounds that the change would be attended with an immense expense which ought not be incurred at the present time. Correct.

MINING NOTES. At the Golden Chariot, work has been progressing for the past few weeks under very favorable auspices. The shaft has been sunk to the 600-foot level, and to a depth of about twenty-five feet beyond that point. The workmen will commence sometime next week on the crosscut. Superintendent Denoon entertains the hope and belief that the progress to the ledge will be attended with the most satisfactory results. There is every indication that the lower levels of the Chariot will reveal an immense bonanza, and that the bullion shipments from this mine the coming season with amply reward the energy and enterprise of the Company for the perseverance displayed in pushing forward with work of development.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

The right tool for the job

Clark owned a small dairy farm in Delaware. Thinking to add to his larder, he bought a black steer at Dill’s auction down the road to fatten a beef for the family.

He put the steer in a grazing pasture with the dairy heifers. In a short time, he noticed that the steer was trying to breed the heifers! Not a good thing on a dairy farm. He decided to take him back to the sale the next week. In the meantime, he needed to separate him from the heifers.

Clark and his son Bob managed to drive the steer into an old laying hen house they were using for hay storage. Over the week the steer’s attitude began to worsen. Finally the day came. They decided they would try to rope him and move him into a box stall in order to load him on a cattle truck.

Then the chaos began! The steer was bargin’ the walls, jumpin’ the hay bales and charging anything that moved! Thinking clearly, Clark mounted the old tractor and parked it by the chicken house door. The right tool for the job, I say. Then he took his gun from the pickup and placed himself in front of the door.

His plan was to have Bob open the stall, the steer would run to the door and Clark would euthanize the steer humanely as he passed through at 35 hooves per hour. Humm ...?

Bob opened the stall and ran for cover. The steer took one look at the tractor then turned and dove under the chicken roosts! He was just tall enough to pop the 1x4s and 1x6s that were the frame of the platform. He ran the length of it. Nails and pieces of board went flying! Next he jumped on the bales, stumbled and crashed through the back door on the other side of the shed, where Clark was not.

This was the year that they had pulled up all the old barbwire fence from the Revolutionary War period. They had replaced it with little electric fences suitable for domesticated heifers. The crazed steer set about tearing the electric fence, t-posts, insulators and wire gates to pieces! His demolition included the pastures wherein the heifers abided. He finally calmed down, found the heifers and went back to sniffing and grazing.

Exhausted, they called the cowboy in the neighborhood who came and roped him. The sale barn’s portable loading chute was summoned to take him back to the sale.

Well, the story got out. Next day, Clark’s neighbor cited a coincidence, “Black steer, huh. I sent a black steer to the sale two weeks ago. I’d banded him, but I missed one of his test-tickles and pretty soon he was trying to breed all the dairy heifers on my place!”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book, just in time of Christmas, is “Scrambled Wisdom — Almost Isn’t ... Is It.”

Letters to the editor

Owyhee gives rangeland competitors a warm welcome

Coordination has helped with transportation before

On behalf of the University of Idaho Rangeland Program and Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission, thank you, Owyhee County, for hosting the 2017 Western National Range Career Development Event.

Marsing-area residents may have seen dozens of high school students trooping through the fresh snow on the ION on Nov. 6 as they practiced their skills in plant identification, site description and habitat evaluation. Fifty-eight FFA students from four western states earned the right to compete in this premier range-judging event by winning their state competitions in Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

Most of these students and their advisors and coaches had never visited this part of Idaho. Thanks to the hospitality of Owyhee County Extension, Marsing American Legion Hall and local volunteers, they enjoyed a fun and memorable experience.

Thank you for giving us an Owyhee County welcome to your special corner of the Gem State.

Karen Launchbaugh
University of Idaho Rangeland Program
Gretchen Hyde, executive director
Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission

When Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) first suggested using coordination regarding the water lines issue for Marsing, I thought it was an excellent and very constructive suggestion. I was pleased to read her further explanation and Fred Grant’s insights on coordination gained from his years of experience in last week’s paper. I had the privilege to be a part of the committee with county commissioners mentioned in Fred’s letter established to work on coordination with Fred. It is the best tool I am aware of for local governments in dealing with agencies.

One of the most dramatic examples of local governments using coordination to protect themselves was when five small central Texas towns and their school districts stopped the Trans-Texas Corridor portion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway proposed project. It was a quarter-mile-wide super transportation corridor to connect Chinese-owned Mexican seaports with Canada. The Texas portion had the full support of that state’s governor and Texas Dept. of Transportation.

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From Washington

Spirit of Freedom Awards honor legacies of vets, volunteers

Idahoan and Vietnam veteran Jim Chally overcomes symptoms of multiple sclerosis to assist fellow veterans and their families by giving long-term caregivers of veterans needed breaks from providing round-the-clock care of their loved ones. Jim has provided this care as a volunteer for the past four years with the Legacy Corps for Veterans and Military Families, which supports family caregivers.

Jim shared a fond memory of his time serving veterans as part of his nomination for the 2017 Spirit of Freedom Award. Jim recalled his experience taking a World War II veteran to coffee each week to enable the veteran’s wife to run errands. When the veteran’s health declined, the coffee trips turned into bedside visits. Jim asked his fellow veteran what he wanted his legacy to be. The veteran responded that his legacy was to “raise strong, kind, and beautiful daughters,” and he felt he had fulfilled it. Jim was able to share this with the veteran’s family. The veteran has since passed away, and this remains a loving gift.

This exemplifies the depth of giving among the 22 veterans and volunteers receiving the 2017 Spirit of Freedom Award. Many have put their lives on the line in service to our nation and continue to serve throughout our communities.

For the past 15 years, I have had the honor of recognizing the remarkable service of Idahoans with the Spirit of Freedom: Idaho Veterans Service Award. This award is presented in two categories: veterans and volunteers who assist veterans. Some of the veteran awardees served in our nation’s military for decades and after retirement from military service went on to service-related, civilian careers while also devoting time to volunteer efforts in Idaho communities.

The volunteers are dedicated to the wellbeing of our veterans, their families and others in our communities. The following are the 2017 Spirit of

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Freedom Award recipients, and biographies of the recipients are posted on my official website: www.crapo.senate.gov:

- Veterans**
- Nicholas “Nick” Donald Carson, Pocatello;
 - James E. Chally, Boise;
 - Donald “Don” L. Erickson, Clarkston, WA;
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 - Frank F. Smith, Idaho Falls;
 - Dennis L. Stevens, Boise;
 - William Robert Welch, Lewiston;
 - Roger Wright, Pocatello;

- Volunteers**
- Rudolph E. “Rick” Carnaroli, Pocatello;
 - Glen Fairbourn, Boise;

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Commentary

Financial management

There are several smart ways to buy a first home

Dear Dave,
I’ve been trying to save cash to buy a home, but things always seem to come up that eat away at my savings. I have \$130,000 set aside, plus an emergency fund, and I make \$120,000 a year. I’m debt-free and renting right now, but eventually I’d like to buy a house in the \$300,000 range. I really hate the idea of owing the bank money, so would you advise continuing to save and pay cash, or is it OK to make a big down payment and take out a small mortgage?

— Megan

Dear Megan,
I love your idea, but right now you have more of a dream than a plan. You’ll need \$170,000 to go from \$130,000 in savings to \$300,000, right? So, let’s start planning.
If you save \$60,000 a year, it would take you a little less than three years to get there. If

you set aside \$40,000 a year, it would take a little more than four years. A little division — just divide \$170,000 by the amount you want to save each year — and you’ve got the beginnings of a plan. A dream is a good place to start, but I want you to develop this into a plan that focuses on a goal. Break this down, and figure out how to achieve it.
I see three ways to achieve this home ownership goal. One, you do the long division math and save like crazy for however many years it takes to save up \$170,000. The second is to put \$130,000 down on a \$300,000 home, and take out a \$170,000, 15-year fixed rate mortgage. This is the only kind of debt I don’t beat up people for having. The good news is, with your income, you could probably pay it off in half that time.
A third possibility is to buy a \$130,000 house. Write a check



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for nice, modest home now, and in five years — saving wildly the whole time, since you’ll have no house payments — move up and pay cash for a \$300,000 home.
If I’m in your shoes, that’s what I’m doing!
— Dave
Dear Dave,
I’ve noticed that the younger you are, the less expensive

life insurance can be. I’m 32, and I’m still paying off my student loans. With this in mind, what’s the best age to get term life insurance, and what does it cover?
— Kalina
Dear Kalina,
Simply put, term life insurance covers death. Having student loans doesn’t really matter when it comes to life insurance, either. If you have a family — or someone who is dependent on your income — you need 10 to 12 times your yearly income in a good, level-term insurance policy. If you make \$50,000 a year, that means you need a term life insurance policy with \$500,000 to \$600,000 worth of coverage. If you don’t have a family or dependents, I’d recommend a simple burial policy of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to cover any final expenses.
Either of these would be

very inexpensive for someone your age. Keep in mind that life insurance becomes costlier as you get older. The reason? Statistically speaking, the older you are the more likely you are to die. It’s not a fun thought, but it’s the truth.
Life insurance, or at least a burial policy if you’re single and have no dependents, isn’t one of the Baby Steps in my plan. But in your case, it’s a go-get-it-now adult responsibility kind of thing!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

✓ Awards: Several military-related organizations nominate recipients

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- Helen Fairbourn, Boise;
 - Dareld Hazeltine, Kendrick;
 - Janet Hrico, Eagle;
 - Walter “Walt” Johnson, Chubbuck;
 - Judith “Judy” A. Kane, Lewiston;
 - Sheila A. Kopczynski, Lewiston;
 - Nancy G. Shamel, Idaho Falls; and
 - Steve Spickelmier, Boise.

Thank you to the nominating organizations for bringing the service of the awardees to our attention.

The American Legion Post 39, the Bannock County Veterans Services, the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise, the Idaho State Veterans Home in Lewiston, the Idaho State Veterans Home in Pocatello, the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, the Marine Corps League, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Baker-Lind Post 3913, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Idaho State Council are among the organizations that submitted nominations for the award this year.
Since the award’s creation, 269 Spirit of Freedom


Awards have now been presented. The award recipients are truly what make our communities, state and nation great and are representative of the innumerable other Idahoans who perpetuate the Spirit of Freedom through bettering our communities and encouraging others through their examples.
— 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.

Letters to the editor

From Page 20
Not only was this project a political boondoggle, it would have also destroyed many small rural communities. By invoking coordination, these five courageous communities won a tremendous victory. There is no NAFTA Superhighway today.
I would encourage Marsing’s leaders to contact Fred Grant. Fred was closely involved in the Trans-Texas Corridor issue and has a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding coordination.
I want to thank Rep. Zito and Fred for bringing this important issue to the fore.
Tim Lowry
Jordan Valley

The commentaries to which the letter-writer refers include Zito’s “Use of fed dollars makes bridge perfect candidate,” (Nov. 22) and “Coordination may address Marsing, ITD Snake River bridge debate” (Oct. 25) and Grant’s “Zito is right on coordination for Marsing bridge” (Nov. 22).
— Ed.

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- M2: XL sweat suits (blue/grey or black), ball cap
- M3: Coffee cup w/ screw on lid, fishing hat, ball cap, cologne (JOOP)
- M4: 3X long sleeve button up western shirts, sweat pants (3X), non-skid socks XL, drawing paper/pads, colored pencils, markers
- M5: Electric razor, insulated fleece pants (M), long sleeve shirts (M), fleece vest (M), mens diary
- M6: Cologne, sweatsuit (XL), electric shaver, wireless headphones
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- M8: sweat pants (3X), western button up shirts (3X)
- M9: polo style short sleeved shirts (3X) sweat pants (3X), classical music CDs
- M10: dress pants 31x32 (tan), button up dress shirts (M blue or burgundy)
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- F1: sweat suit (4X turquoise, maroon, burgundy, grey), peppermint patties, sugar free butterscotch candies, peppermint candies
- F2: rings (6) necklace, earrings, red sweater (L), sugar free candies/chocolates
- F3: Books on CD, jewelry, stuffed animal, baby doll
- F4: Sweat suit (pink XL petite), Night gown (L), boot style slippers (XL, wide), life-like baby doll w/outfits
- F5: pajamas (M), throw pillow/blanket, tablet
- F6: hat, scarf/glove set, shawl/wrap, BSU gear, candy/chocolates
- F7: undergarments/camis (M) slacks(L), dress shirts/blouse (long sleeve, M), Cardigan Sweater (L blue), M- pajama set
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- F11: Bath & Bodyworks lotion and spray (thousand wishes), slippers (9), sweat suit (M pink or blue)
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- F15: Bath & Bodyworks lotion/spray (warm vanilla sugar), sweat pants (M), tops (M long sleeve), vest (M), stuffed animal
- F16: sweat suits (XL blue or pink), fuzzy slippers (9-10), pajama sets (XL), Bath & Bodyworks lotion/spray
- F17: night gown (M), anything Betty Boop, fuzzy non-skid socks (7), Jacket (M), blouses M & pants L, romance books (any author)
- F18: isotoner gloves (L), hooded zip up sweat shirts / jacket (4X), shawl (3X), CDs Jim Nabors, Josh Kroben, stretch jeans elastic waist (3X)
- F19: sweat suit (XL blue), BSU gear/t-shirts/sweatshirts, jeans (XL elastic waist), tennis shoes (sketchers slip on size 8), undergarments (large tank top style)

Misc items: Cologne, perfume, family friendly movies, lap blankets, Bath & Bodyworks lotions

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