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MURPHY, MARSING CELEBRATE THE SEASON



Above: Kenzley Fowers, 7, (left) and brother Case, 3, help dad, Jett, move a Charlie Brown Christmas tree the Bruneau family purchased Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Society bazaar in Murphy. OCHS has donated the Avalanche's tree for the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation gift drive. **Right:** A Marsing Holiday Parade float is lit with the season's sentiment. Chamber of Commerce photo.

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Area students to play music for Christmas

Owyhee County students will be performing their annual Christmas programs in the coming weeks.

Performances are planned in the Homedale, Marsing, and Bruneau/Grand View districts.

Homedale musicians start the festivities at 6:30 p.m. today inside the high school gymnasium (203 E. Idaho Ave.) when the concert band and choir — comprised of high school and middle school students — performs.

The playlist will include:

- Fifth grade band: "Jingle Bells," "Good King Wenceslas," and "Dreidel Dreidel."
- Sixth grade band: "Kings from the East," and "Minka, Minka."
- Seventh- to 12th-grade band: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Joy to the World," "A Celtic Christmas," and "Mele Kalikimaka."
- Jazz band: "All the Things You Are," "One Note Samba," and "Hot Chocolate."
- Choir: "O Christmas Tree," "A La Nanita Nana," and "Fum, Fum, Fum."

A music department fundraiser will begin at 6 p.m. Baskets available in a silent auction will be on display. Themes include chocolate, coffee, and spa day.

Auction proceeds will be used toward repairs

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Homedale Sr. Center gets Christmas tree

Local family, business owners donate Canyon festival entry

Homedale Senior Center officials got a Christmas surprise Thursday, and Santa rode in on a moving van.

Canyon County Festival of Trees board members and a crew from Peasley Transfer and Storage showed up unexpectedly and dropped off a fully decorated holiday tree.

"I was very surprised when I found out this morning," senior center administration Joan

Thomson said.

"It's pretty awesome."

Created by a Nampa Girl Scout Troop 458, the Disney-themed tree was part of the Festival of Trees that ran between Nov. 24 and Nov. 26 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Festival of Trees board member Jill Faciszewski said Homedale residents Chris and Virginia Landa — owners of the county's Subway sandwich shop franchises — bought the tree and earmarked it for donation to the Homedale Senior Center. Proceeds from the festival benefit Canyon

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Homedale Senior Center has received a donated Christmas tree that was featured in the Canyon County Festival of Trees. **From left:** William Kimbrough and Cisco Ayala, Peasley Transfer and Storage; Cori Buck, Jill Faciszewski, and Julie Warwick, Canyon County Festival of Trees board; and Joan Thomson, coordinator, and Frank Iovino, board president, senior center.



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New principal brings passion to Marsing Elementary halls

Marsing Elementary School welcomed a new man in charge this year.

Dr. Glen Croft comes from Middleton High School, but he has deep roots in the Treasure Valley.

Croft grew up in Meridian, where he graduated from high school in 1997. He earned a Finance degree from BYU-Hawaii then received a Master's degree in Organizational Psychology in 2009 from Gonzaga University and Doctorate in Education from Boise State University in 2016. While at BSU he also earned a Master's degree in Administration.

At Middleton High, Croft taught economics, personal finance, U.S. history, and psychology. He also served as summer school administrator.

He came to Marsing Elementary as an instructional coach before transitioning to interim principal after the departure of Mary Lou Lopez at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Marsing school board trustees removed the interim tag from Croft's title prior to the start of the current school year.

The move to full-time administrator has been a welcome one for the Idaho native.

"I love this school," he said. "We have an amazing staff."

The new principal sees a move toward a mastery-based education. Mastery education is a movement in Idaho that helps define the role and duties of teachers as they relate to their students.

Key questions answered in mastery education include: Does



Principal Glen Croft shows off the new security vestibule built at Marsing Elementary with school bond funding.

the teacher have a real working knowledge of the information they're teaching? How are they connecting that information with their students?

According to Croft, statistics reveal that only about one-third of students move on to a real academic future.

"That's just not sufficient," Croft said. "How do we increase those numbers? We work and work to help these kids."

"We need to move education from the sorting table. We can't accept one-third of our students

moving on."

As part of his desire to have more students move on with their education, Croft is a strong proponent of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education push.

Croft's wife, Ashley, is a nurse practitioner with a psychology emphasis. The couple has two sons, Gavin, a fifth-grader, and Pierce, a third-grader. The boys attend a charter school in Eagle.

— TK

HHS grad plans holiday festivities for OHR

Activities pair children with residents

Megan Harper has deep roots in the town in which she grew up.

After graduating from Homedale High School in 2010, the town native then moved up to Moscow where she attended University of Idaho and earned a bachelor's degree in Organizational Science in 2015.

Harper's mother is Melanie Harper, the Homedale Elementary pre-kindergarten teacher. He father is agricultural producer Barney Harper.

Megan Harper works in the marketing department of the Idaho Department of Agriculture in the Idaho Preferred division.

But the town she still calls home is never too far from her thoughts.

In an effort to give back to the town she loves, Harper is organizing an event for the holidays at the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The event, which will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, will pair local children with OHR residents in various holiday-themed activities.

Harper has recruited boys and girls to spend time with OHR residents reading Christmas stories, making ornaments, and coloring pictures. According to Harper, they will also be making fun hats and posing for photos.

"The photos will be great,"



Megan Harper

Harper said. "It gives the residents something they can see and hold on to."

The community's response has been favorable, Harper said, with many parents volunteering their children to help.

The event will begin with an icebreaker, in which the children will be introduced to the residents with which they will be working. From there, the group will move on to the various activities. A couple of children will perform piano music throughout the event, which will culminate with an ice cream social.

The ice cream will be provided by OHR.

Holding the event at the rehab center seemed a comfortable choice for Harper. She worked at a nursing home when she was in high school. She understands the emotional needs of the residents.

"Kids have a real positive energy," she said, "and the residents can really feed off it."

Harper will be providing most of the materials for the event herself. This includes the coloring materials and kits for making ornaments. Additionally, her mother will be providing access to books from her class.

She said that assistance will likely be provided by parents that will be able to stay for the activities. She also expects help from her mom.

Harper said she hopes the fun won't end with this event. She plans on coordinating a similar event next summer.

— TK

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Homedale Toys for Tots nears conclusion

Senior center foot clinic cost increases

There are only a few hours left in the Toys for Tots drive in Homedale.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off under the Christmas tree in the senior center lobby. The deadline toys is 1 p.m. today.

The senior center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, and toy drive organizers — calling themselves the Five Grandmas of Homedale — have arranged for a Marine stop by during Thursday’s luncheon to pick up the toys.

The senior center’s foot clinic is undergoing scheduling changes, too.

The next foot clinic will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16. No appointments are necessary, and the first-come, first-served service will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The price for a foot examination has increased to \$15.

Foot clinics will be held on the third Tuesday every other month moving forward.

The senior center continues to play host to Fit and Fall classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The classes precede the luncheon.

The Homedale Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The thrift store is open whenever the senior center is open, and proceeds help with the operation of the center.

HHS honor students hold food drive

The Homedale High School’s National Honor Society chapter is conducting a food drive.

Students are encouraged to bring canned food items to their fifth-period class, and the class that collects the most food will earn a pizza party.

Food donations will be accepted until Thursday, Dec. 14.



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✓Tree: Disney villains dot goodwill tree

County Meals on Wheels. Faciszewski and fellow festival board members Julie Warwick and Cori Buck — with help from Peasley’s William Kimbrough and Cisco Ayala — brought the tree into the senior center Thursday morning while the Fit and Fall class was in full swing.

Warwick said set up was a snap. The tree was wrapped in plastic and moved in one piece — Disney movie villain ornaments and all — to Homedale.

The tree features ornaments harkening villains from many of Disney’s animated films — from Snow White and Seven Dwarfs to modern classics such as The Princess and the Frog.

The evil queen’s magic mirror is set up separate from the tree, and there are prop presents from villains to their foes under the tree. One gift is to the 101 Dalmatians’ parents, Perdita and Pongo, from Cruella de Vil.

The fully-lit tree also has a bearskin rug inspired by Beauty and the Beast.

The tree sits between two other trees that were recently erected inside the senior center. Icicle lights line the wall near the riser in the back of the hall.

The senior center’s Christmas celebration culminates on Thursday, Dec. 21 with a holiday dinner featuring turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy and sweet potatoes.

The winning ticket in the center’s fundraiser quilt raffle also will be selected on Dec. 21.

Tickets are still on sale at the senior center and cost \$1 each or \$5 for six.

— JPB



Ornaments depict villains from various Disney movies, including the evil queen from Snow White, Jafar from Aladdin and the Red Queen from Alice in Wonderland.

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✓ **Music:**
Homedale
students to
start seasonal
festivities

to existing instruments and purchasing new school instruments.

Other holiday activities include:

- Homedale Elementary third- and fourth-graders will perform at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 14 in the school cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave.
- Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School musicians will perform their Winter Music Concert at 6 p.m. on Dec. 14.
- Marsing Elementary will present a Christmas program by kindergarteners through fifth-graders. The concert takes place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19 inside the schools cafeteria.

The playlist will include:

Kindergarten: “Jingle Bells,” “Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” and “Silent Night.”

First grade: “All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth,” “Christmas Makes Me Sing,” and “Away in a Manger.”

Second grade: “Feliz Navidad,” “I Want a Hippo for Christmas,” and “C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S Spells Christmas.”

Third grade: “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree,” “Deck the Halls,” “Christmas Shoes,” and “Angels Heard on High.”

Fourth grade: “Winter Wonderland,” “Nuttin’ for Christmas,” “White Christmas,” and “Little Drummer Boy.”

Fifth grade: “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Joy to the World,” “Twelve Days of Christmas.”

- Bruneau and Grand View elementary students will perform “ ’Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas.”

The program takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the Bruneau school. Grand View students will take the Rimrock auditorium stage at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

BLM seeks comment on GV area grazing

The Bureau of Land Management has opened the comment period on a series of grazing permits in the Grand View area.

The scoping period for 13 permits and potential development of a tract of land south of Grand View began Monday. It’ll run through Jan. 16.

A public meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., in Boise. Resource specialists will talk about the process and answer questions.

The general public, organizations and other interested parties can submit comments on the permits and potential development of the Purjue Canyon area, which will be used to promote education and recreation opportunities south of Grand View.

The project area includes the Battle Creek, East Castle Creek and Owens grazing allotments.

Comments received during the scoping period will help identify potential issues to be included in the BLM’s environmental analysis. Comments are most helpful if

they provide specific actions, resources, or issues to be considered and analyzed, a BLM press release pointed out.

“The purpose of this landscape-level project is to implement Secretary of the Interior’s (Ryan Zinke) priority of shared conservation stewardship that improves land health while supporting local economies through agriculture and recreational activities,” BLM Bruneau Field Manager Tanya Thrift.

“Our intent in reaching out to the public and our partners during this scoping period is to give everyone a chance to provide issues they feel should be included in the analysis.”

Maps and information about the renewal process are available at: <https://go.usa.gov/xn8X2>

Submit comments by:

- Email: blm_id_bd_beco@blm.gov
- Fax: (208) 384-3205
- Mail: BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705; Attn.: Kavi Koleini.

For more information, contact Kavi Koleini at (208) 384-3337 or kkoleini@blm.gov

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk available each day

Dec 6: Crispito, corn

Dec 7: Popcorn chicken, fresh broccoli, cookie

Dec 11: Hamburger, French fries

Dec 12: Chicken drumstick, mixed vegetables, hot roll

Dec 13: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day

Dec 6: Hot dog or fish nuggets, string cheese

Dec 7: Hamburger or chicken patty, French fries, fruit roll up

Dec 11: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans

Dec 12: Sloppy Joe or Rib-B-Que, green beans

Dec 13: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hot roll

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day

Dec 6: Crispitos or Rib-B-Que, green beans

Dec 7: Chicken patty or hot dog w/chili

Dec 11: Pepp. pizza ripper or BBQ chicken ranch wrap, potato chips

Dec 12: Beef taco or burrito, corn

Dec 13: Orange chicken, steamed rice & egg roll or BBQ pulled pork sandwich and pork & beans, fortune cookie

Marsing Elementary

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily

Dec 6: Hamburger, seasoned fries or PB & J, seasoned fries

Dec 7: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad or PB & J, tossed salad rice crispy treat

Dec 11: Chicken nuggets, roll, steamed carrots or PB & J, steamed carrots, chocolate chunk cookie

Dec 12: Super nachos, mixed vegetable or PB & J, mixed vegetables

Dec 13: Lasagna w/garlic bread, green beans or PB & J, green beans, Jello w/topping

Marsing Middle and High

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily

Dec 6: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries

Dec 7: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad or chili cheese fries, roll, tossed salad, rice crispy treat

Dec 11: Chicken nuggets, roll, steamed carrots or teriyaki chicken bowl, steamed carrots, chocolate chunk cookie

Dec 12: Super nachos, mixed vegetables

Dec 13: Lasagna w/garlic bread, green beans

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South Board of Control irrigation directors meet Tuesday

The men who govern the irrigation in the Homedale-Marsing-Ridgeview area will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors convenes at 1 p.m. The Gem Irrigation board meets at 1:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control, which oversees the southern portion of the Owyhee Project, meets at 1:30 p.m. All three meetings take place in the

boardroom downstairs in the SBOC office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale. For more information, call (208) 337-3760.

Calendar

Today Coffee club 9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 Military veterans coffee 9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing 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 Wilson Sagehens meeting 1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson. 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 Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting 5:30 p.m., typically at The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com NOCWMA meeting 7 p.m., Natural Resource Conservation Service office, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544	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 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 Game night 6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older, 2nd Friday of each month. (208) 896-4690	View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting 1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760 Gem Irrigation District meeting 1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760 South Board of Control meeting 1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760 Homedale Senior Center board meeting 1:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 After-school program 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019 After-school Story Time 4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 Melba school board meeting 5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141 Library board meeting 5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785 AA meetings 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464
Thursday Pesticide renewal class 9 a.m. to noon, reservations encouraged, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 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 Farmers Appreciation Day luncheon Noon, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 Senior center pinochle 1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays Friends of Homedale library meeting 4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Crafts for Kids 4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867 AA meetings 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464	Saturday Rimrock food pantry distribution 9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199 Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$10 vendor fee, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 546-2576 Homedale holiday farmers 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 OCHS Christmas party and potluck 6 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319	Wednesday Coffee club 9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 Preschool Story Time 10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 Movie time Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785 Owyhee Watershed Council meeting 3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782 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 Homedale City Council meeting 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641 Grand View City Council meeting 6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday Homedale Highway District meeting 7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting 7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing. Marsing City Council meeting 7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
Friday Grand View Lions Club meeting 11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.	Monday Marsing Fire Department meeting 7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing. 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 or songtobe@gmail.com	
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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Ambulance orange sale set Monday

Homedale Ambulance crewmembers will fan out across town Monday to sell oranges again.

Oranges will be available beginning at 10 a.m. at the ambulance hall, 9 W. Colorado Ave.

A bag of oranges costs \$5, and proceeds will help the service purchase CPR equipment for its ambulances.

Crewmembers also will visit the town’s schools and businesses to sell oranges on Monday.

Oranges will be available at the ambulance hall until 6 p.m. or when the items are sold out.

Children to act with HHS drama

Public performances set for Dec. 14-15

Homedale High School’s drama club is trying something a little different for a holiday production.

The club’s advisor, DeAnn Thatcher, is giving Homedale youths the opportunity to be involved in the Christmas shorts the high school’s acting troupe will perform.

The HHS drama club will perform Monday for elementary school students. The performance takes place during school hours on the high school’s auxiliary gymnasium stage. Previously the high school actors have visited the elementary school, but the performance has been planned for the high school so the club can use their full set on the stage.

A group of children ages 8-12 will perform “What Could Go Wrong the Night Before Christmas,” by Kim

Homedale High School Drama Club members (from left) Ricky Soto, William Hollywood and Janae Volk rehearse a scene from the Beauty and the Beast adaptation that will be performed this week and next.

Kao Hines.

Additionally, the drama club members will tackle “The Robbed Reindeer,” by Lindsay Price, and “The Epic Tale of Beauty and the Beast ... Briefly,” adapted by Vera Morris.

Thatcher promises an exciting production.

“Story-telling, drum solo, Santa, mystery, sleuthing, an

elf, magic travel, dancing, dining, and sword-fighting are just a few of the things to look forward to,” she said.

All three plays will be performed together for the community at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14 and Dec. 15. Tickets will be \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and \$20 for the whole family. — TK



Homedale High School Drama Club members (from left) Ricky Soto, William Hollywood and Janae Volk rehearse a scene from the Beauty and the Beast adaptation that will be performed this week and next.

Bust the boredom during the break

Some experts have said that boredom can foster creativity in children. Of course, it can also make it easy to give into digital temptation.

So how do you keep your kids from spending their entire break in front of the TV or computer? Most of the time, kids need a bit of guidance and encouragement to find an activity that will get them thinking and moving. While that task may seem daunting at first, have no fear. There are many boredom-busting ideas that will easily provide hours of fun and engagement for both adults and youth.

Keep in mind that technology isn’t inherently bad for kids; it just needs to be used in the right way. After all, technology can promote problem-solving and critical thinking, and it can be used to motivate kids to get mov-

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ing or learn valuable skills. For tech-savvy kids, coding classes can be a great way to increase their knowledge and let their imaginations run wild. Even better, you and your kids can use technology in conjunction with fun physical pursuits. There are many smartphone apps that can work in tandem with activities you can do as a family.

The weather this time of year can be less than pleasant, so spending time together in the kitchen can also be a great dreary-day activity. Baking can stimulate the mind (and the appetite!) when the weather won’t cooperate.

During the holidays, there is plenty of cooking and baking to be done — whether it be a side dish to take to a gathering or goodies to give to a friend or neighbor.

Cooking can encourage independence, fine motor skills, and hand-eye coordination in kids, and experi-

menting with food will allow them to be creative in a whole new way.

By combining flavors and ingredients, they’ll discover that they have the power to make great-tasting food that can help their bodies grow.

The kids can be involved in the actual cooking process, but they can also contribute when choosing recipes to try. You can make it a holiday tradition to look through cookbooks, and by including your children in both the decision-making and the execution. You can maintain your connection and make them feel needed and important.

Get creative, have fun, and enjoy the holidays!

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



Janelle Thompson

Death notices

CHARLOTTE M. FORD, 94, of Marsing, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, at her home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell. (208) 459-0833\

FRED GOLLADAY, 85, of Jordan Valley, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, at a Homedale care facility. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

DOROTHY M. SALOVE, 86, of Marsing, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at home. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

BARRY C. WILLIAMS, 36, of Caldwell, died on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. Cremation: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing

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Dec 6: Beef stew, roll
Dec 7: Taco salad w/chips, cheese, sour cream & salsa
Dec 12: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll
Dec 13: Cheeseburger on bun, baked potato, broccoli
Dec 14: Bakes ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll
Dec 19: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk & Juice served with each meal

Dec 7: Pork chops, mashed potatoes w/gravy, sauerkraut, pickled beats, orange slices, whole wheat roll
Dec 12: Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, carrot raisin salad, potato chips, canned fruit
Dec 14: Creamed chicken over biscuits, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, canned apricots
Dec 19: Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes w/gravy, stuffing, peas, yams, whole wheat roll, pumpkin dessert

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Gift Drive Ends December 21st

MALES

- M1: Sweat pants (3X) black and grey, long sleeve t-shirts, long waist (3X) insulated leather gloves, compression sock (9), umbrella with clamp for wheelchair, western movies (DVD) John Wayne & Clint Eastwood
- 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
- M7: fruit of the loom t-shirts (1X), ball cap, underwear (L boxer brief), Mexican throw blanket, Spanish comedies (DVD)
- 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)
- M11: flannel pajamas/sweats (L), t-shirts and sweatshirts (XL), brief underwear (32), beanies, zip up hoodies (XL), socks (10), Jimi Hendrix, Tom Petty CDs
- M12: socks (10 1/2 wide) large bag tobacco “Jester”, tobacco tubes “Smoker Friendly, king size, T-shirts (3X), sweat pants (38) big & tall
- M13: socks, sweat suits (blue/grey, deep colors size M), electric shaver, cologne, drawing paper, colored pencils, large piece puzzles

FEMALES

- 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
- F8: dangle earrings, velvet coloring posters/markers, pajamas (M)
- F9: Long sleeve blouse (L pink, purple, maroon), slippers (L), eye glass case, perfume (sweet pea)
- F10: stretch jeans (XL) L-tops/weaters, perfume (winter wonderland)
- F11: Bath & Bodyworks lotion and spray (thousand wishes), slippers (9), sweat suit (M pink or blue)
- F12: red soft throw blanket, S-blouses (long sleeve), S-elastic waist pants, vest, stuffed animal
- F13: lace cammi (undershirts XL) blouses 2X, scarves, sweat pants 2X, bath and body works lotion/spray (Japanese cherry blossom)
- F14: pajama set (XL), country and western music CDs (Alan Jackson), western books on CD (like Louis Lamour), Blouses (XL), dress pants elastic waist (XL)
- 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.

Chamber to discuss Marsing resource packet at meeting

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting has been moved to tonight.

Although the Chamber typically meets on the second Thursday of the month, business leaders will gather at 5:30 p.m. today at The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave.

Chamber president Julie Scheu Franklin announced the change in a Nov. 28 email.

Chamber members will focus on the layout of the Meet Marsing greeting package project.

Scheu Franklin said the

Chamber is helping Lizard Butte Library administrator Janna Streibel put together the comprehensive brochure that is aimed to help both new and existing residents find out what services and resources are available in town.

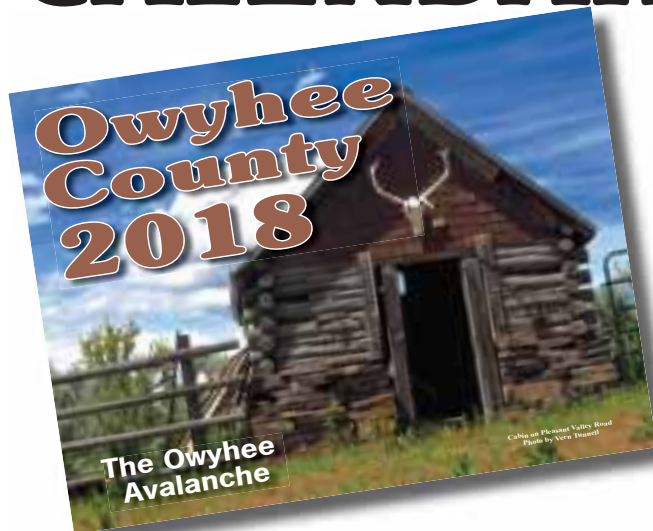
"This will also be a great opportunity for all of our local businesses to advertise," Scheu Franklin wrote in the email to Chamber members.

"We look forward to assisting our community residents and businesses."

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Homedale Chamber of Commerce closes 2017 with discussion on school path, special events.

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Above: New Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald repeats the oath of office as County Clerk Angie Barkell recites it. **Right:** Leslie Hinton is sworn in as chief deputy assessor during the Nov. 28 commissioners meeting.

New county assessor takes oath

Zoning survey: Keep growth close to town

Toni Gruenwald was sworn in as Owyhee County's new assessor during the Nov. 27 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Formerly the chief deputy assessor, county commissioners appointed Gruenwald to succeed Brett Endicott, who retired Nov. 24 after nearly 15 years on the job.

Gruenwald, who most recently served as chief deputy assessor, was one of two names brought forward by the Republican county committee.

The only other candidate vying for the position was

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand, who formerly worked as a county appraiser for Endicott.

Also at last week's meeting, Leslie Hinton was sworn in as the new chief deputy assessor, succeeding Gruenwald.

The duties of a county assessor are to assess the value of property located within the county. The assessor's office also is responsible for maintaining mapping records for the purpose of showing property in Owyhee County.

In other action from the Nov. 27 meeting:

- County commissioners approved the Rough Mountain Communication Site renewal application. The contract was set to expire at the end of this year. Rough Mountain is a repeater site for county emer-

gency services dispatch.

- The board also approved the purchase of a 2001 Sterling dump truck with a plow for use in Road and Bridge District 3 in the Grand View area. The vehicle cost \$29,000.

- The commissioners also received an update on the recent land use survey for the area around Homedale.

Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff said 92 percent of those who participated believes development in unincorporated Homedale should be limited to the rural area nearest city limits in order to preserve agricultural land.

The survey also showed that most respondents were interested in "very little" growth, Huff said.

— TK

Guest pastors lead Presbyterian

Hope House singers begin Christmas season at Homedale church Sunday

The Christmas season brings some special events to the First Presbyterian Church in Homedale.

The Hope House Choir and family will be on hand for the worship service at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The choir will provide special music for the service, which Rev. Bruce Swanson will lead.

Celebration and refreshments will follow the service at the church, which is located at 320 N. 6th St. W.

Located in Marsing, Hope House is a residential school serving young people who

do not have a home with family and young people with disabilities. The students, teachers and volunteers make up a family of their own.

The church's children's Christmas program takes place on Sunday, Dec. 17. Rev. Swanson will lead the service.

Guest pastor Rev. Richard Green will conduct Christmas Eve worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24.

At 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the congregation will gather for a candlelight service of scripture and carols celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Swanson will be a regular

at the Presbyterian church. Beginning in January, he'll lead worship on the second Sunday of each month.

The former pastor of Nampa's First United Presbyterian Church, Swanson once wrote a weekly Sunday newspaper column on marriage and family life as part of an initiative called Healthy Families Nampa.

Swanson is known to surprise worshippers with special events as a reminder that God surprises us with His goodness. The reverend often uses humor to lift the congregation's hearts, according church information officer Carolyn Rees.

As the Homedale church continues the process of hiring a pastor, worship is led by ministers from the Presbytery of Boise and other churches, including Swanson, Green and Rev. Heidi Smith.

Homedale Presbyterian Church also has pastoral care provided by Smith who is available for premarital counseling, funerals, baptisms, home or hospital visit of the sick, and counseling. Call the church at (208) 473-9331 and ask for Rev. Smith.

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Terry Reilly to offer dental in Marsing

Native Idahoan dentist already working in Homedale

Dental services soon will be available at the Terry Reilly Health Services Marsing Clinic.

The message board outside the clinic on Main Street is already advertising the plan to bring Dr. Zachary E. Drake to the office.

Dental services will be offered from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays beginning this week. The clinic already offers medical and behavioral health services.

New and existing patients can make appointments now by calling (208) 896-4159.

The dental staff will include Drake, who currently works in the TRHS Homedale dental clinic, a hygienist and a dental assistant.

TRHS anticipates 300 local residents will benefit from affordable and convenient access to dental services.

Services available will include exams and cleanings, x-rays, fillings, crowns, bridges, extractions including wisdom teeth, root canal therapy, minor oral surgery, and more.

“We are excited to bring oral health services to Marsing,” TRHS dental director Dr. Ernest Meshack-Hart said. “Research shows that the health of the mouth affects the health of the whole body.

“By offering medical, behavioral, and now oral

health care from one clinic location, Marsing will have quality whole body care at an affordable price.”

Drake is a native Idahoan, who is returning home after 10 years working on the East Coast.

The dentist speaks, reads and writes Spanish, having graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Boise State University in 2004. He attended the Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia on a scholarship from the U.S. Navy.

After dental school, he began his military service in 2009. He was stationed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C., before he and his family moved to Norfolk, Va., where he spent two years onboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

Drake was then stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Northern Virginia, where he completed his commitment to the Navy with a three-year tour.

Drake moved his family back to Idaho where he spent a year working as an associate at the Alexander Dental Group in Twin Falls.

Last year, he joined Terry Reilly Health Services at the Homedale Dental location.

Recently, Drake became a member of the Idaho State Dental Association and the American Dental Association.

In his free time, he enjoys running, reading, and spending time with his family.



Zachary Drake

Homedale Legion to serve Christmas dinner Saturday

American Legion and Auxiliary members from Homedale will present their annual Christmas dinner for the community Saturday afternoon.

The free dinner will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the George D. VanDerhoff

American Legion Post 32 hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

Organizers urge folks to get there early, though, because the food could run out quickly.

Santa will be on hand for children, and there will be a raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
11/28	0.0	0	2.9	42	22	33
11/29	0.0	0	2.9	37	24	30
11/30	0.0	0	2.9	41	24	32
12/1	0.0	0	2.9	41	31	35
12/2	0.0	0	2.9	41	28	36
12/3	0.0	0	2.9	39	23	29
12/4	0.0	0	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
11/28	0.0	0	4.7	38	26	32
11/29	0.0	0	4.7	32	23	27
11/30	0.0	0	4.7	35	22	29
12/1	0.0	0	4.7	40	28	34
12/2	0.0	0	4.7	42	30	36
12/3	0.0	0	4.7	36	22	26
12/4	0.6	7	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
11/28	0.0	0	7.0	38	25	32
11/29	0.0	0	7.1	33	23	28
11/30	0.0	0	7.1	41	27	32
12/1	0.0	0	7.1	42	28	35
12/2	0.0	0	7.1	40	31	37
12/3	0.2	1	7.2	37	20	25
12/4	0.6	5	7.7	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 62 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 317 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 38 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 444,315 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale. Last week's weather recap was not available at press time.

Friends church holds Saturday bazaar

The second annual Homedale Friends Community Church takes place Saturday.

Vendors are sought, and tables can be rented for \$10. Call Janine at (208) 546-2576 for more information.

The bazaar will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 17434 Hwy. 95, north of

Homedale.

Some items expected at the bazaar include Christmas-themed merchandise such as decorations, stockings and magnets.

Greeting cards, wood working art, goat's milk soap, mittens, furniture and food also will be available.

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MARSING AND MURPHY GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT



A girl gets comfortable with a blanket prior to the parade on the entry of Marsing-based Jason Montgomery Trucking.



Santa Claus hears children's Christmas wishes in a room at the Marsing Fire station on Friday. A chili feed also was held. Chamber of Commerce photo



Wilson Sage Hens member Sharon Bron completes a box of a dozen cookies during the service club's sale at the Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar on Saturday.



Grand marshal Bicandi heads up Marsing Holiday Parade

The Lions Club was among the organizations to put floats in Friday's Marsing Holiday Parade. Longtime city clerk Janice Bicandi was honored as the parade's grand marshal. Chamber of Commerce photo

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Man convicted of DUI avoids further jail

A Nevada resident has been cleared to perform community service for his drunk driving conviction.

Gary R. Bruesch of Spring Creek, Nev., was sentenced on Nov. 27 in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

Grober accepted a guilty plea to misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Grober gave Bruesch credit for one day spent in county jail after his August arrest. He also suspended all but one day of a six-month jail sentence.

Bruesch can perform 16 hours of community service in lieu of another night in jail.

Bruesch must serve one year of supervised probation. Grober also suspended the man's driver's license for 180 days. He also must pay \$650 in fines and court costs.

California man pleads guilty to pot possession

A Californian has been ordered to serve community service and probation after pleading guilty to drug-related misdemeanors.

Anthony Ryan Velasco of Compton, Calif., entered guilty pleas to a misdemeanor charge of marijuana possession and three counts of misdemeanor drug paraphernalia.

Velasco was originally charged with a felony for the allegation of marijuana possession with intent to deliver. That count was amended to misdemeanor possession.

Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan ordered 100 days of community service and six months of unsupervised probation. Velasco must complete his community service by May 22.

Velasco also must pay \$197.50 in court costs.

Teens and Tweens can geek out on Star Wars on Friday

“Rogue One” to be screened at Homedale library

With Star Wars Episode Eight: The Last Jedi nearing release, the Homedale Public Library Teens and Tweens will watch one of the franchise's films Friday.

“Star Wars: Rogue One” will be shown at 4 p.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Teens and Tweens is open to boys and girls ages 10-17.

After the movie, participants will work on Star Wars activities and crafts.

Because a movie will be screened, the Teens and Tweens session will last until about 5:30 p.m.

Earlier on Friday, preschoolers can attend a cupcake-themed Story Time at 10:15 a.m.

“Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes” and “If You Give a Cat a Cupcake” will be read.

“We will also have cupcake-themed activities such as a cupcake craft, cupcake math, and the children can decorate their own cupcake for our snack,” library youth activities

coordinator Carol McMichael said.

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.

For more information on the library and its events, call (208) 337-4228.

Homedale library gets new carpeting

A crew from Parma Furniture installed new carpet at the Homedale Public Library on Tuesday. The library was closed during the work.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen said the \$3,600 project was completed with carpet tiles, which were placed throughout the library.

Only the area under the stacks was untouched as the crew replaced what Jensen believes is carpet original to the 37-year-old building.

The new floor covering was accomplished with a donation from Together Treasure Valley.

Together Treasure Valley has made a total donation of \$11,700 to help the library with updates and improvements.

Homedale High School senior presentations

Bell's community cleanup among work to be showcased

Jeremy Bell felt a need to help his community.

The 17-year-old Homedale High School student found the means for that desire by mounting a city cleanup as his senior project.

“Sometimes we might take this community for granted, and this is a chance to give back,” he said.

Jeremy took it upon himself to organize the high school's advisory groups, accompanied by the groups' teachers, to blanket around the school, Bette Uda City Park, Riverside Park and the area around along the bank of the Snake River and Deward Bell Stadium. He spoke with City Hall officials to find out what areas around town would benefit the most from cleanup.

He'll give more details of his project at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, which is the second day of the first-semester senior project presentations.

The cleanup involved raking leaves and picking up trash — whatever was needed to clear the areas of debris and clutter.

Jeremy's original plan included reaching out to residents to help with cleaning their properties, but the constraints of the school day became an issue.

“We were limited with time,” he said. “We were only allotted about 40 minutes.”

Naturally, there were necessary preparations involved with this project. He had the support of his parents, Toby and Janet Bell.

Jeremy also acknowledged

First wave of presentations slated

The first round of Homedale High School senior project presentations take place the first three days of next week.

Several students from Kristie Dorsey's Senior Leadership/Project class have been assigned time slots to give their presentation on Monday, Tuesday or next Wednesday.

Each senior will have between seven and 10 minutes to make their presentations, and there will be a five-minute question-and-answer period after each presentation.

Presentations run from 3:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday and from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Next Wednesday's presentations will be held in two phases — from 8:55 a.m. to 9:40 a.m., and from 2:10 p.m. to 6 p.m.

the valuable assistance of project advisor Kristie Dorsey. Dorsey helped him print out maps of Homedale to handout to the advisory teachers, making organization and an understanding of routes more economical and fluid.

Jeremy pointed out that this project has helped prepare him for the future because it taught him a great deal about planning, organization, and being more responsible.

The senior has attended Homedale schools since kindergarten but lives in Wilder.

He played offensive guard, defensive end, and linebacker during his high school football career.

Jeremy is dedicated with weight training and his nutrition; properly maintaining his health is very important to him.

Aside from weight training, Jeremy said his best subject in school is English. He also mentioned that he really enjoys science.

After graduation in May, Jeremy plans to pursue a Wildlife Management degree at the University of Idaho.


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Marsing girls crush Wilder, extend streak

Aussies challenge HHS boys Friday

Avalanche Sports

Mustangs drop down in girls' basketball poll

Jordan Valley High School has slipped in the 1A Oregon girls' basketball coaches poll. The Mustangs fell three spots to No. 7 in the first regular-season rankings, which were released Monday morning. A narrow 40-38 loss to No. 2 Powder Valley in North Power, Ore., on Friday was among Jordan Valley's first three defeats of the season. The Mustangs also fell, 49-

48, to visiting McDermitt, Nev., last Wednesday and closed the first week of the season with a 50-36 setback against No. 3 Country Christian in Baker City, Ore. Adrian, which was scheduled to play Notus in a non-league game Saturday, remained at No. 8 in the latest poll. The Antelopes take on Cove at 6 p.m. on Friday in their home opener.



Homedale High School's Dakota Kelly fires a pitch against Fruitland at Sundance Park last season.

After picking NNU, Kelly set for final ride with HHS softball

College-bound pitcher focused on Trojans' redemption

Dakota Kelly wasn't making an impulsive decision when she put paper to pen to commit to Northwest Nazarene University. The standout Homedale High School softball pitcher has a deep understanding of what the Nighthawks' program is all about.

"It's a good school, and I love the people there," she said. "I really like the coaches, and the players are super sweet and accepting." The HHS senior chose the NCAA Div. II school in Nampa after getting interest from four other schools. She also visited the University of Washington in Seattle and received an offer from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan. But the daughter of Greg and Cassy Kelly wasn't impressed with the offer from the

— See *Kelly*, page 17

Trojans beat Huskies to end boys' 15-game losing streak

Marsing can't cope with foes' size, speed

Homedale High School won a boys' basketball game between two programs playing the long game Thursday. The Trojans pulled out a low-scoring 40-26 non-conference victory over host Marsing.

The Huskies (0-2 overall) played without Enrique Quebrado, who sat as he nursed an eye that had been swollen shut in the season opener against Payette.

Two other players were fighting illness ahead of Thursday's intra-county showdown, Marsing coach Tim Little said. Homedale ended a 15-game losing streak. Coach Chad Mann's team had last won on Dec. 10 when the Trojans beat Melba, 59-45.

No Trojans statistics were provided for Thursday's game. Little said the Huskies were hampered by 20 turnovers, a lack of offensive rebounding and poor shooting. "The first two preseason games have given us a ton to work on, and we are keeping the long-term goal in mind—which is to improve with each practice, possession and game to be ready for our tough league schedule," Little said.

The Huskies managed just eight offensive rebounds. There weren't a lot of second-chance opportunities on a night in which Marsing connected on just 10 of its 37 field-goal attempts (27 percent). Merrick Hall had both of the Huskies' three-point goals and led the team with 12 points. He shared the team rebounding lead (seven) with Tyler Wood.

Hall took the most shots for Marsing, hitting four of nine attempts. Landry Villa converted just one of five shots, and Wood was 1-for-5. Dwight Sevy (2-for-5) finished with five points and four rebounds.

"We did a much better job in the second half defensively, but still struggled to find points against (the Trojans') quickness and size," Little said.



Sophomore Daniel Uranga rises up over Marsing's Merrick Hall for a shot Thursday in Homedale's non-conference victory on the road. Photo by Dan Pease

Sports

Huskies fight to end in boys' season opener

Buzzer-beater
rims out against
visiting Payette

The excitement continues for the Marsing High School boys' basketball team.

The Huskies built a reputation for thrilling finishes during last season, and their 2017-18 opener followed the same formula Nov. 28 at home.

Landry Villa's 10-foot jump shot at the buzzer rimmed out as Payette held on for a rough-and-tumble 60-58 non-conference victory.

"Payette is good this year, for sure," Huskies coach Tim Little said. "They're big and physical with a ton of weapons."

Bryant Gerdes, a 6-foot, 3-inch senior guard, scored 24 points for the Pirates, who snapped a 58-58 tie with eight seconds left in the game.

Marsing had a couple of chances to send the game into overtime in the waning seconds, but its chances without reigning 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year Enrique Quebrado.

Little said Quebrado was knocked out of the game with 45 seconds left when his eye was swollen shut by contact. Quebrado missed Thursday's game against Homedale, but

could be back in time for Thursday's rematch against Payette on the road.

"Our kids came into the locker room with quite a few black eyes and bruises, looking like they just got done boxing in a prize fight," Little said.

After Payette took the 60-58 lead, Marsing still had a puncher's chance to tie the game.

The Huskies' full-court play immediately after the Pirates went ahead went awry. Hanging in the air after catching a half-court inbound pass, Tyler Wood made a toss to Heath Milburn, but the ball was tipped out of bounds and into Payette's possession with four seconds left.

Wood got a steal after the Pirates' inbound pass, deflecting the ball to Villa, who took the game's final shot.

Marsing committed 24 turnovers, and had an especially rough go-round in the third quarter.

Little said the team will work on the early-season issues, many of which stem from few veteran athletes.

"With the exception of Enrique, Tyler and Landry, we are very inexperienced with varsity basketball, but we gained about 10 games worth of experience last night," Little said last Wednesday.



Cash Sevy puts up a floating shot in the Huskies' opening game against Payette. Photo by Dan Pease

The physical nature of the game put the Huskies' on the foul line 29 times, and Marsing nailed 21 attempts.

"It really felt like a midseason intensity game, and the coaching staff was extremely proud of our start

to the 2017-18 campaign," Little said.

"We have a difficult preseason, and playing 3A teams will only help us in the long run."

Quebrado led the march at the charity stripe with a 10-for-12 showing that helped him to a game-high 27 points. He converted three of his four three-point attempts, and was 4-for-8 from inside the line.

The junior snagged six rebounds and collected three steals.

Overall the Huskies canned five of seven long-range shot attempts.

Villa and Merrick Hall were each 4-for-5 from the free-throw line, and Hall finished with 11 points.

Dwight Sevy led Marsing with seven rebounds and four steals. He chipped in seven points.

"Overall, the kids played extremely hard, executed at the end of the game, were extremely coachable throughout and left all they had on the court," Little said.

"We really are lucky to have such a hard-working group of good kids."

Senior Colton Lewis, a 6-5 forward, scored 14 points for Payette, and 6-2 senior point guard Chris Walker put in 10.

MARSING HUSKIES

Girls' basketball
Mackenzie Farrens, sr., P
Averaged 10.5 points, 11.5 rebounds in two wins

Boys' basketball
Merrick Hall, so., P
Averaged 11.5 points, 4.5 rebounds in two games

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7, home vs. Wilder, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8 at Ambrose, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7, home vs. Wilder, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8 at Ambrose, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday, Dec. 8 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa H.S., 1 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa H.S., 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Adrian tri-meet with Marsing, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9, Small School Showcase vs. Riverstone International, Mtn. View H.S., Meridian, 1:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12, home vs. Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9, Small School Showcase vs. Riverstone International, Mtn. View H.S., Meridian, noon
Tuesday, Dec. 12, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12, home vs. Liberty Charter, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing girls keep rolling, dismantle Wilder

Farrens posts season’s first double-double

Marsing High School girls’ basketball players flexed defensive muscles Thursday in their fifth consecutive victory.

The Huskies scored 19 points off 28 Wilder turnovers in a 63-10 non-conference rout on the Wildcats’ floor.

The Huskies (5-1 overall at week’s end) held the Wildcats scoreless during

a 16-0 third-quarter outburst, and closed the night by scoring 26 of the final 29 points of the game.

Senior post Mackenzie Farrens notched her first double-double of the season, scoring 12 points and leading Marsing’s backboard onslaught with 14 rebounds.

Huskies teammates Emily Loucks and Autumn Bennett scored a co-game-high 13 points, while Gabriela Rodriguez came away with four steals.

Thalia Guajardo scored five points for the Class 1A Wildcats, who converted

only four of 37 field goals (10.8 percent), missed all 10 of their three-point attempts, and missed 16 of 17 shots over the final 16 minutes.

Nov. 28: Marsing 38, Liberty Charter 31 — The Huskies held on against the 1A, Div. I Patriots to keep their non-conference win streak going.

The Huskies controlled the game early, and scored 14 points off turnovers.

Marsing built at 13-point halftime lead in Nampa, but Liberty Charter chipped away after recovering from a 20 percent

field-goal shooting performance (4-for-20) in the first two quarters.

Emily Loucks scored 10 points to lead Marsing, which was held to 25 shots in the second half after taking aim 44 times in the game’s first 16 minutes.

Farrens and Elsa Margarito scored nine points apiece, and Ashley Loucks scored all of her points on a pair of first-half three-point goals.

Farrens grabbed nine rebounds, and Hailee Bennett backed up the glass work with seven of her eight rebounds on the defensive backboards.

Loss of starters could test Antelopes’ depth

Coach Mills: Junior girls will have to step up

Gene Mills’ 14th season as Adrian High School girls’ basketball coach may be one of his most challenging.

That’s saying a lot for a guy who has been in the coaching game for more than four decades.

The Antelopes began the season Saturday against Notus without the five senior starters who helped the team to a third-place finish in the 1A Oregon

state tournament in March.

But Mills also has confidence in the program that he has built.

“We have girls that have been in the system, and now they will get their opportunity to shine,” he said.

Among those athletes who graduated — Lauren Barraza, Anna Hutchings, Selina Villarreal, Carlee Morton and Mariah McLay — were four players who were in the starting lineup throughout the 2016-17 regular season, three of the team’s top scorers, two defensive leaders and the team’s top point guard.

But there are four seniors returning to the fold this season, including three who saw some starts as juniors.

Morgan Bayes will slide into the point guard position, while Erin Nielson, Shyanne Allaire and Sundee Speelmon will occupy the front court.

Nielson is coming back from an anterior cruciate ligament tear that ended her junior season in the state tournament semifinals, Mills said.

Ranked No. 8 in the latest 1A Oregon coaches’ poll, the Antelopes created turnovers but couldn’t get shots to fall in a 46-37 non-league road loss to No-

tus. Bayes scored 15 points.

Winning is not unfamiliar to the returning starters. Bayes, Nielson, Allaire and Speelmon played on last season’s 25-4 team that won the 1A High Desert League regular-season championship and was 1A District 8 tournament runner-up.

With significant starting time lost to graduation, the Antelopes will have to cope with a lack of depth.

Adrian will spend the early part of the season building experience for its younger players, Mills said.

“We will play hard by committee,” he said. “We have a lot

of girls that will need to step up and be ready to play.

“We have several juniors that will see lots of playing time. We will just have to wait until the season starts to see who rises to the occasion.”

The road to the district tournament will have familiar mileposts, the coach said.

“It looks really similar to years past,” Mills said of the competitive makeup in the 1A HDL. “We can expect Jordan Valley, Crane and Prairie City to be formidable teams, and you never know what Monument/Dayville and the other schools will bring.”

Homedale boys bounce back from season-opening loss

Homedale High School ended the week on a two-game winning streak in boys’ basketball.

The Trojans (2-1 overall at week’s end) had lost 15 consecutive games before knocking off Marsing on Thursday.

Homedale hit the road and beat Melba, 55-51, in a non-conference game Saturday.

No statistics were reported.

Second-year coach Chad Mann’s team continues the season Friday by playing host to Oakhill College from New South Wales, Australia. According

to the Trojans’ schedule, a junior varsity game will be played at 6 p.m., followed by a varsity contest at 7:30 p.m.

Oakhill College is a private high school, and its also scheduled to play Vallivue and Minico in Idaho this month.

Nov. 28: Cole Valley Christian 69, Homedale 59 — Three players in double figures wasn’t enough for the Trojans to pull of the upset on the Chargers’ floor.

Trailing by three at halftime, Homedale had pulled to within one point, 48-47, heading into the fourth quarter.

The Chargers converted nine of 13

free-throw attempts in the final period to fuel a 21-point outburst.

Homedale was just 2-for-6 from the line in the final eight minutes, and the Trojans managed only four field goals from two players in the fourth quarter.

Homedale sophomore Nelson Lomeli connected on a pair of three-point goals in the fourth and scored 15 of his game-high 20 points in the second half.

Carson Brown was 5-for-6 from the foul line, and he nailed a pair of treys en route to 17 points.

Scott Matlock scored eight of his 11 points in the second half.

Cole Valley (2-2) benefitted from Nathan Wetzel’s clutch performance down the stretch. He dropped five of seven free throws and scored seven of his 17 points in the final stanza.

Blake Weimer put in 19 points to lead the Chargers. He hit a pair of three-pointers and scored 13 points in the second half.

Mason Kincheloe scored just four points in the first half. Homedale’s most consistent scorer from a year ago fouled out. Arnulfo Llamas and Daniel Uranga were hampered by foul trouble, too, as they each played with four violations.

✓ Kelly: Pitcher goes with familiarity in choosing the Nighthawks

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Huskies, and she didn’t want to move to the Midwest.

After spending time on the NNU campus and in student housing during softball camps, the 17-year-old said she already had a clear idea of her choice when she went to Nampa on an official visit.

“I was already interested in the school and knew the coaches through my uncle (HHS softball coach Larry Corta), and I knew I liked the campus and the administration

people,” Kelly said.

“During the camps, I had gone to classes, and when I went back to the same classes, they remembered my name.”

She also has a relationship with some NNU players because of summer softball competition with a Vallivue team, so she’s looking forward to NCAA Div. II competition and practicing her craft three hours a day.

“I’m nervous, but I’m also really excited,” she said.

Kelly signed her letter of intent inside the NNU Hall of

Fame room on Nov. 10, five days before the early period ended and months before the hoopla and fanfare really gets rolling in April.

“It was too good of an opportunity to pass up for schooling, and I didn’t want to go into the dead period (of NCAA recruiting) and not be able to talk to (Nighthawks coaches Rich Wagner and Tim Souza),” she said.

Studying Pre-Med at NNU will be a springboard for Kelly’s plans to build a career as a pediatrician. She wants to

transfer to the University of Washington or the University of Oregon once her studies in Nampa have concluded.

“I love kids,” she said. “I wanted to be a veterinarian then I realized one day I’ll have to put an animal down.”

Kelly said her Trojans teammates are excited for her, and she’s glad she can now focus on the final season of high school softball.

She and her teammates are determined to rebound from last year’s disappointing loss

in the 3A state tournament that ended the quest for a third consecutive title.

Getting her college commitment out of the way could be a secret weapon.

“I feel like I won’t be as nervous, that I won’t have to impress people,” she said.

“I’ll be more relaxed, and that will help me play better because I won’t have the stress of having to worry about what I’m going to do with the rest of my life after high school.”

— JPB

Lunch to follow OCD pesticides renewal class

Area applicators have a chance to take steps toward pesticide license renewal Thursday in Marsing.

The Owyhee Conservation District will present the annual pesticide renewal class prior to its Farmers Appreciation Day Luncheon.

A three-hour class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. Applicators who complete the course will receive three renewal points.

Topics at this year's class include:

- Three troublesome weeds, presented by Sheen Takatori from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture
- Invasive species by Nie Zurfluch, ISDA
- Proper pesticide measur-

ing for best results by Ronda Hirnyck from the University of Idaho Extension

- Question and answer period

Beginning at noon, once the class ends, OCD will play host to an appreciation luncheon for farmers.

The lunch menu will include chili, a sandwich tray, fruit, donuts, coffee, cookies and beverages.

Both events are free.

Contact OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard to reserve a spot in the class. Call her at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 and leave message or email gina.millard@id.nacdn.net.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service will hold a meeting prior to the pesticides class.



Homedale FFA members who took part in the Greenhand knowledge competition included: **Back row, from left:** Riley Taltoa, Mathew Miklancic, Krista Mayer, Madison Miller, Kaitlyn Missamore, and Isaiah Lopez. **Front row, from left:** Caitlyn Pate, Ainsley Evans, Brooke Pfost, Kenna McKay, and MaKenna DeWitt. Submitted photo

Sports

GFA's last-second shot thwarts Adrian boys' comeback

Foul trouble and Ben Craft's basket inside in the final seconds spoiled Craig DeMark's Adrian High School boys' basketball coaching debut.

The Antelopes (0-2) stormed back from an 11-point deficit to take the lead before Craft's shot from the right block gave Greenleaf Friends Academy a 52-51 non-conference victory at home.

"We didn't shoot well and had foul trouble the whole game," DeMark said.

Adrian played a non-league game against Notus on Saturday. The results were not reported.

Three Antelopes fouled out early in the fourth quarter against GFA, including Miller DeMark, Warren DeMark and Kirk Obendorf.

With three starters disqualified the Antelopes' bench players mounted a comeback over the final half of the fourth quarter. Adrian took the lead with 30 seconds remaining.

Michael Babcock and Berto Bahena hit three-point goals

down the stretch for Adrian. Babcock had all five of his points in the fourth quarter, and Dakota Martin scored four points.

Martin converted seven of 12 free throws on the way to a game-high 20 points, but he missed five of seven foul shots in the second half.

Andy Walker scored eight of his 12 points in the first half as Adrian grabbed a 27-22 lead at the break.

The teams combined to shoot 59 free throws. The Grizzlies were 13-for-32, while the Antelopes were 12-for-27.

Garrett Sedlacek led GFA with 16 points. He went 6-for-16 from the foul line. Teammate Titus Carson connected on three three-point goals for the bulk of his 12 points.

Saturday: Notus 59, Adrian 25 — The Antelopes converted just nine of 42 shots (21 percent) from the field and were 5-for-26 from the foul line in a non-league loss on the road.

Warren DeMark scored the bulk of Adrian's points with 14.

Homedale FFA'ers excel at CDE

by Jenna Rupp
chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter participated in Treasure Valley District career development events (CDE) last Wednesday.

The competitions included greenhand knowledge, ag mechanics, and employability skills.

Makenna De Witt, Brooke Pfost, Ainsley Evans, Caitlyn Pate, Kaitlyn Missamore, Madison Miller, and Kenna McKay took part in the greenhand knowledge competition. In this CDE,

students were asked to memorize greenhand knowledge facts.

The team placed second overall as every team member placed in the top 10 individually.

Ainsley led the way with a third-place finish, and Makenna placed seventh. Madison and Brooke tied for eighth, and Kenna and Kaitlyn tied for ninth. Caitlyn finished 10th.

In the employability skills CDE, Krista Mayer placed third overall.

Krista had to create a job application, cover letter, and

résumé for her job interview all in order to develop, practice and demonstrate skills needed for employment in the agricultural industry.

The agricultural mechanics team of Riley Taltoa, Mathew Miklancic, Tell Morse, and Isaiah Lopez managed to take fourth place at the district competition.

The four boys had to know everything from how to wire electricity, identify tools, fix a small engine, and welding.

In oxy welding, Tell placed first in cut and second in TIG. He finished third overall.

Man placed on a rider after felony domestic violence conviction

A Bruneau man can avoid up to five years in the state penitentiary if he completes a rider program.

River Steele Gennette was sentenced for felony domestic violence with traumatic injury and malicious property damage, a misdemeanor, in a Nov. 22 sentencing hearing before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan.

Ryan retained jurisdiction, which means Gennette won't have to serve his prison sentence if he successfully completes an Idaho Department of Correction program.

Gennette was originally charged with felony malicious injury to property, but the count was dropped to a misdemeanor as part of a plea agreement,

according to court records.

Gennette, who also was found guilty of violating a protection order, also must pay \$275 in court costs.

• Nampa resident Shane K. Howell has received a 30-day jail sentence for misdemeanor battery in a Nov. 28 sentencing hearing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

Man gets prison for fleeing law

A Mountain Home resident will serve prison time for trying to get away from Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies.

James K. Carney was sentenced Nov. 24 in Murphy to conclude a case that began in 2014.

Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan ordered Carney to serve one to three years in state prison for a felony charge of trying to flee from a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

Ryan gave Carney credit for 162 days already served in jail, but ordered the man to pay \$595 in court costs.

Carney was also sentenced for two counts for misdemeanor exhibition of a deadly weapon.

The man was originally charged with felony aggravated assault of law enforcement personnel, but that was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Two other aggravated assault charges were dismissed.

Carney will serve his Owyhee County sentence concurrently with a sentence for a felony domestic assault conviction in Elmore County, according to court records.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 9, 1992

New water testing could cost \$30,891 in first year

The mayor of Homedale has sent a letter to state and federal officials protesting proposed drinking water testing requirements, calling the program “ludicrous and asinine.”

The new regulations are a compilation of both Environmental Protection Agency and state laws, according to information provided by the city officials.

Projected costs to the city of Homedale would be approximately \$30,891 the first year alone, according to information provided by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Mayor Paul Fink said in the letter that, “There is no way these costs are justifiable for the City of Homedale. We run a clean and safe water system and always have.”

The city has, for years, run regular testing of the water system and officials “have never found a problem with our water supply,” the mayor said. Present costs of testing the system run about \$100 a month.

Helping out ...

Homedale Volunteer Fireman Tim Downing made the first sale of the annual Fireman’s Orange Sale to his grandfather, Walt Adams. The Firemen’s sale begins early next week, and the volunteers will be going door-to-door to raise money for the group’s “burn-out fund.”

New postmaster named at Homedale

As of last Friday, the Homedale community has a new postmaster.

Mrs. Janet Wilder has assumed the duties in Homedale, replacing temporary postmaster Bob Switzer.

Wilder comes here from Cascade, where she held a postmaster job for two years. “I think I will like Homedale,” she said Friday. One thing for sure, she said, is she won’t miss the snows of Cascade.

And it will be closer to home. She and her husband live in Meridian, and during the time she was in Cascade, he remained in Meridian, where he raises cattle.

Owyhee herd provides bighorns for relocation

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is planning to trap and move up to 120 California Bighorn sheep from the east fork of the Owyhee River.

Some of the sheep will be moved to locations south of the city of Twin Falls to continue to build recently established herds; others are scheduled for relocation to Nevada and Oregon.

Trojans begin season with close win over Vallivue

Less than two weeks after the Trojans garnered another state championship on the field, they went indoors to capture a victory in the first game of the basketball season last Friday night.

Defeated were the Vallivue Falcons. The score was 55-53.

With a two-point lead and with only a minute and a half left on the clock, Shane Dines hit for three — his fourth such shot in the game — giving the Trojans a solid edge. But Vallivue retaliated and subsequently closed up the gap, leaving the Trojans hanging on by one point.

Tony Uranga hit on two foul shots, putting the visiting Tros back on top by three when the final buzzer went off, but wait ... Falconer Kevin Lenz was fouled, and was given the opportunity for a one-pointer. He put it in, and the game was over.

50 years ago

December 7, 1967

Trojans open basketball season with win

The Homedale basketball squad looked very impressive Saturday night as the Trojans romped over Adrian 65-31.

Ruben Garcia led the Trojans with 13 tallies, while Tim Holly sank 11 for the visiting Antelopes. The Homedale squad had a strong eight-point advantage before Adrian was able to tally.

Led by the Uranga brothers, Dan and Louie, the Trojans worked patterns well and dominated the boards.

The height of senior Rick Kushlan and junior Mike Pearson proved too much for the Antelopes. At the end of the first period, the score read 21-8.

The second frame saw some great shooting by Garcia. He came up from the bench and hit four-for-four from all over the floor.

The second half saw very little change in the trend of the contest. Coach Kellum’s boys continued to hit the bucket and controlled the boards.

Farm Bureau hears of reclassification of land

Don Geary, Bureau of Land Management, brought a very clear and interesting picture of the reclassification of public domain, authorized by Congress in 1964, to the Homedale Farm Bureau on Monday night. Mr. Geary opened the program by showing a film, “The Last Frontier.” The film showed excellent shots of wildlife and unusually beautiful scenes from our vast acreage in the public lands. This he followed with slides taken in Owyhee County, predominantly of federal land over which the BLM has jurisdiction.

He explained the already completed reclassification of land south of Grand View and Bruneau to the Nevada border. The BLM is currently striving to reclassify the land in the western third of Owyhee County from the Nevada line to the Snake River, and the wishes of the local citizens are of utmost importance in helping to determine the final uses for which the land will be designated.

A few weeks ago, the BLM presented its proposals in Jordan Valley, Murphy and Marsing, and there will be a hearing in the county next spring before final reclassification is actuated.

Steve Inouye named to board

Steve Inouye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Inouye of Homedale, a freshman at The College of Idaho, Caldwell, is among the nine students named to the newly formed Student Academic Policy Committee, a part of the Senate student governing board.

The group’s major responsibility is to serve as a clearing board for student objections or questions regarding academic policies.

BLM to explain land use changes

Members of the Bureau of Land Management office in Boise will present a 20-minute slide talk on Owyhee County land classification Friday night, Dec 8, at 8 p.m. at the Armory at Homedale. This is one of a series of meetings being held under the direction of Ed Booker, district manager. The Homedale Rod and Gun club is sponsoring this public meeting.

Many of the pictures to be shown were taken in the Owyhee Mountains and Owyhee River Canyon. Meetings will give people a chance to present their views on the classification of these public lands, as directed by the 1964 Classification and Multiple Use Act of Congress. Such land can be determined either held for multiple use or disposed of.

140 years ago

December 8, 1877

BLACK JACK — a bonanza on Florida Mountain — The Great Lodge of the Camp — It Surpasses the Poorman in its Palmiest Days of Wealth — Completion of New Hoisting Works — A Magnificent Development — Seemingly Inexhaustible Supply of Rich Rock — Works Formally Dedicated and the Mine Under Full Headway.

Nothing has occurred in the history and progress of mining operations in Owyhee during the past twelve years that has given more hope to the people here than the discoveries recently made on Florida Mountain. Some four or five years ago, Mr. W. B. Knott located the first claim here, and worked on it in intervals until a few weeks since, when he disposed of the property. Mr. K. had no means of his own to prosecute the work on a large scale, but he felt satisfied from little he had done and the indications which presented themselves, that he was within reach of a bonanza of almost unlimited dimensions. Unless all signs and developments fail, his expectation regarding the magnitude and richness of the ledge will be more than realized. It will unquestionably, if properly handled, turn out to be one of the great mines of the country. About three years ago Ole Jackson sunk a shaft on the mine, but after operating a few weeks, suspended work, and it was left to the gentlemen who have charge of the property now and purchased it of Mr. Knott, to begin operations on a more extended scale. About ten weeks ago, they employed a force of twenty men and set to work in earnest. They had several hundred tons of rock taken out and crushed, none of which went less than \$35 to the ton — and that without being assorted. They have now nearly two hundred tons more ready for crushing and competent judges assert that much of it will yield fully \$100 to the ton. It has always been the opinion of practical miners who have prospected on Florida Mountain, that there is one vast bed of mineral wealth embodied beneath the surface, and this view of the situation has been confirmed by the discoveries which have actually been made, as well as from the rich diggings in the Blue Gulch close by, which have their origin in Florida Mountain. All the external indications denote the existence of a vast chimney or rot — work of ledges in this vicinity — with a heavy preponderance of gold; and Mr. Catalow, one of the prime movers in this new enterprise, and a practical mining man, expresses the belief that nothing has yet been discovered in the camp that will compare with it, and that it surpasses the famous Poorman ledge when it was yielding its millions of dollars annually.

Silver City Markets

The following are the Current Prices:

- Eggs-75c per doz.
- Butter-37½ @ 50c per pound.
- Cheese- 25 to 30c per pound.
- Potatoes-3c per pound.
- Onions-6c per pound.
- Apples, Green-10c per pound, \$5 per box.
- “ Dried-20c per pound.
- Peaches-Fresh 75c per pound.
- Plums, Dried-37½c per pound.
- Cranberries-\$1.25 per gallon.
- Chickens-Live, from 75c to \$1 each.
- Carrots-5c per pound.
- Turnips-4 to 5c per pound.
- Ham-25c per pound; sugar cured 28c.
- Bacon-25c per pound; breakfast bacon 28c.
- Pork-20c per pound retail; 15c by the carcass.
- Coffee, C.R.-33½ @ 35c per pound.
- “ Java and Mocha-37½ @ 40c per pound.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Hunting camp cook



Fall is hunting season. Airports from Bozeman to San Antonio are filled with men in camouflage suits carrying gun cases out of baggage claim. They are here to stalk the fleeting deer and the wily elk. And, they bring with them millions in revenue, part of which winds up in the pockets of outfitters and guides.

Good hunting camps do much to attract hunters, often year after year. Some camps are elaborate, others Spartan. But all boast a good cook.

Hank's brother Dan ran a guide service in the Big Hole. He enjoyed much repeat business because, according to other outfitters, of his reputation of having the most entertaining camp in western Montana.

The star of the Big Hole Wilderness Experience and Wildlife Procurement Extravagance was Big Eddie, a puppy-hearted Pit bull/Power Wagon cross. At 6-foot-6, 280 with a full beard, he took up a lot of room in a two-man tent. He was, officially, the camp cook.

There was a natural hot spring near the camp. Dan had tapped this resource by installing an 8-foot stock tank in the spring thus creating the only hot tub on the mountain. One twilight, a member of the hunting party came in dog-tired. He swung up the trail to the hot tub anticipating a good soak before supper.

Unbeknownst to him, Big Eddie was basking in a little hot water therapy. As the hunter stumbled into the clearing, Big Eddie rose to his full height, shedding water like a 300-pound buffalo robe and covered himself in surprise! The frightened hunter wheeled and ran into camp screaming there was a grizzly bear in the hot tub!

On another occasion, Big Eddie had stayed in camp during the day to watch the sourdough rise. From his tent that morning, he spotted a nice cow elk ease into a clearing near camp. Eddie grabbed his gun, chambered a shell and stepped through the flaps. His dangling suspenders caught on the upright and jerked him over backwards. A shot rang out! The propane tank exploded! The supply tent caught on fire disintegrating a pack train full of expensive, down-filled, waterproof, brand name, guaranteed, color-coordinated, Davy Crockett-recommended, eco-approved, nothing under \$300, stuff. Not to mention a couple of Weatherbys.

But despite his frequent Boone and Crockett screw-ups, Eddie had a way about him that reminded the visiting hunter that they were in the presence of a primitive force.

Eddie served stew one night. The whiner of the group stirred it with a spoon and then griped, "I don't like carrots." Big Eddie bent over the petulant hunter. He took the plaintiff's fork and picked the carrots out of his bowl one at a time, and ate them.

"There," he said.

— 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."

Marsing bridge State constitution, 1969 pact puts water line cost on Marsing

After reading the letters in The Owyhee Avalanche about the Marsing bridge project over the past several weeks, I feel the following information may be helpful to better understand the issue. I am very sympathetic with Marsing and want to say upfront that if I have a bias it's in favor of small rural towns, local highway districts and rural schools.

First, in April 1969 the City of Marsing signed an agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) which allowed the city to place their water line on the bridge across the Snake River. One of the conditions of the permit is "the state highway engineer hereby reserves the right to order the change of location or the removal of any structure or structures authorized by this permit at any time; said change or removal to be made at the sole expense of the party to whom this permit is issued." However, it goes without saying that ITD should cooperate and coordinate with the city on the project.

The second factor is the Idaho State Constitution Article VII, Section 17, which states proceeds from any tax on gasoline and like motor vehicle fuels and tax or fee for the registration of motor vehicles "shall be used exclusively for the construction, repair, maintenance and traffic supervision of the public highways of this state." Therefore, it is the policy of ITD to only spend these funds on roads and highway construction and maintenance. For ITD to change the policy to allow fuel tax and registration fees to be spent on replacing water lines and sewer lines on highway projects that go through cities would require the Idaho Legislature to pass legislation to

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allow this kind of expenditure. I am not confident that we could pass legislation that would change the policy even if we tried. Furthermore, it would apply not only to Marsing but approximately 170 other towns and cities that have a state highway that goes through them. That would reduce the already scarce funds that the state has to construct and maintain our roads and highway system.

The money the state gets back from the federal fuel tax has strings attached, such as requirements to comply with Davis-Bacon wage rates and more stringent environmental standards. But, the constitutional restrictions still apply to federal funds.

In view of the 1969 agreement between Marsing and ITD on the water line replacement and the Idaho

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County zoning laws Appropriate land use will take care of itself if P&Z follows comp plan

by David Shenk

To the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission:

I don't believe that there has been a demonstrable need presented in the proposal that would necessitate a need to expand, in any way, the current designated areas for residential growth. In fact, the same issues remain that were present at the time of public discussion for the current comprehensive plan and subsequent adoption. The current designated areas are more than adequate for growth.

Before the county considers any zone expansions or, for that matter, a variance of use for conflicting uses (conditional use permit, CUP), there are considerations that have not been given the factual weight they deserve:

- Lack of domestic water.
- Roads that are currently inadequate to handle present or additional demands. (a)
- The need for an in-depth look at the additional tax revenue collected from new residential growth in agricultural areas as it relates to the additional demands on tax funded services cannot be overstated. (b)
- Development in and around farms create conflicts with the necessary and historical agricultural practices, diminishing economic opportunity and quality of life for those who have embraced the historical customs



David Shenk

associated with the agricultural lifestyle.

- Most of the new residential development in the Homedale-Marsing area is inhabited by bread-winners (employees or business owners) that make their living out of area.
- Our area is separated from these places of employment/business by the Snake River making it necessary to use a bridge in either Homedale or Marsing concentrating commuter traffic. (c)

Over the past several years the patrons in this county have witnessed CUP approvals as if it is a forgone conclusion. This is wrong and not in the best interest of Owyhee County residents. I respectfully urge you to reevaluate what your role is in the land use adjudication process.

First and foremost in the case of CUP requests, uses should automatically be presumed to be non-compatible (the burden of proof is entirely up to the applicant, and it is not your role to assist in finding solutions) and denied. To deviate from the state and county statutes that clearly mandate you to operate in that fashion diminishes and makes null the county land use plan that residents weighed in on prior to plan adoption.

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Commentary

Financial management

Communication can preserve debt snowball at Christmas

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are trying to improve our finances by living on a budget and following your plan. We're in the middle of Baby Step 2, so we're working to pay off everything but our house using the debt snowball. We only bring home about \$40,000 a year combined right now, so how should we handle Christmas budgeting in the middle of working our debt snowball?

— Scot

Dear Scot,
Working to get out of debt can cause stress within a relation-

ship. That stress is sometimes magnified if you're serious about getting out of debt during the holidays. I'm glad you two are on the same page where your finances are concerned. The fact that you're committed to becoming debt-free as a couple will go a long way toward ensuring a merrier Christmas.

Just sit down together, have a look at your budget, and ask what she thinks is a reasonable amount to spend on gifts and things while you're trying to get out of debt. If you think her suggestion is a manageable figure, just give her a hug, tell her you agree, and move on. If



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you've been trying to get out of debt for a while, you might

even propose using last year's Christmas budget.

The important thing is to make sure you listen to each other, and approach this *together*. On the off chance one of you wants to spend what the other considers to be too much, talk about how and why you arrived at that figure. Then, using your budget as a guide, gently and lovingly talk things out.

Honestly, I don't think you're going to have problems if you've already been working together to get your finances in order. And remember, you don't have to spend a lot of money to make people happy.

Delicious homemade treats and thoughtful, handcrafted gifts can put a smile on anyone's face.

Merry Christmas!

— 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.

✓ Marsing: Senator pledges commitment to get bridge started in 2018

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State constitutional limitations on spending fuel tax and registration fees, the question of invoking "coordination" is not really relevant at this time. Both of those issues would be very difficult and challenging to overcome. But in the unlikely event they could be and "coordination" was a viable approach, it would

most likely take years to engage in the process.

A probable outcome of the bridge replacement and Idaho highway 55 reconstruction projects is that if there are delays, the projects could be put on hold at least for the upcoming construction season. In the meantime, ITD and Marsing should continue to work through the unresolved issues for the best possible outcome for the

citizens of Marsing and the general public.

Going forward I am committed to continue to work with the City of Marsing and ITD to keep the projects on schedule for the 2018 construction season.

— Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) is chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.

✓ P&Z: Current CUP policy can pit neighbor against neighbor in hearings

From Page 20
I have witnessed the necessity of neighbors to be forced to testify in opposition to a use being sought by their neighbor, creating an adversarial relationship between them when it is entirely avoidable by enforcing the plan and letting it work as it was intended.

If the plan is strictly enforced with very few exceptions, people wanting to develop will gravitate to those areas that have been designated as being desirable for that type of growth, therefore providing for orderly, manageable growth. If you err in a denial, there is an appeals process in place to protect those desiring the CUP.

County residents deserve better than what has been advanced in neighboring counties and expect implementation and enforcement of the current plan and its supporting ordinances.

— Homedale-area resident David Shenk is an agricultural producer.

FOOTNOTES
(a) Currently the local road districts do not receive enough revenue to address current demands (case in point: West Thompson Road, portions of which that were once paved are now back to gravel). This must be addressed even now with the present population. Market Road has a much-needed, belated moratorium on allowing accesses. All paved roads in the Homedale

Highway District are single-lane in each direction and not adequate for current traffic let alone more.

(b) Cost of services exceed tax revenue: source landuse.uga.edu title "The Fiscal Impacts of Land uses on Local Governments"

(c) Construction of the new Snake River bridge at Marsing is scheduled to begin in 2018, which will create for an extended period of time construction-related traffic nightmares. Both bridges at this time see significant traffic congestion daily as commuters go to and from work/businesses, couple this with agricultural-related traffic (crop cultivation and production-related transport such as tractors pulling 20-foot-plus wide implements, combines and forage harvesters with wide heads, beets, onions, grain, potatoes and livestock hauling) vying for the same space.

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Homedale Chamber discusses holiday events, school path

Friends church children's program set Sunday

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce convened its last meeting of 2017 on Tuesday, Nov. 28, led by Chamber president Gavin Parker.

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen noted that it has been a busy time for the city, with preparations being made to make sure the roads in town are in good shape and ready for the winter, should there be another one like last year.

Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer echoed Christoffersen's thoughts.

"I'm really hoping we don't have a winter like we did last year," Sauer said. "As far as transportation, it wreaks havoc on getting kids to school."

Homedale Friends Church pastor Luke Ankeny, who is Chamber vice-president, announced that the church will have its annual non-rehearsal Christmas program Sunday evening. Any child that shows up will be given a part and put into the program.

"The costume doesn't matter if it fits the part," he said. "We've seen monkeys in a manger before."

Parker also recapped the success of recent community events spearheaded by the Chamber.

The Homedale for the Holidays parade included 29 entries this year, according to Parker.

"It was as good as we've had since we went to the night-light format," he noted.

The Mayor's Choice award for best entry went to the Owyhee Riding Club.

Christoffersen said he heard from some community members after the parade who praised the festivities and sights but questioned the minimal involvement by local businesses. There was concern that citizens are asked to support local businesses and shop locally but that those businesses don't seem to show much support for community events.

Ideas were proposed about how to get businesses more involved in events, including perhaps getting the Mayor's Youth Council involved.

"Maybe sending out letters isn't enough (to get businesses involved)," Christoffersen said. "Maybe we have to go door-to-door."

Parker made note of the success of this year's Safe and Sane Halloween trick-or-treat activities, making special mention of Homedale High School student Dakota Kelly's carnival in the school's old gym. The carnival was part of Kelly's senior project.

There hasn't been much change with the proposed walking path to the middle school. The city is still waiting on grants. The only change is

that the path will now stretch all the way to Sundance Park to give more schoolchildren a safe route to school as well as create a community walking path.

"It will likely be a multi-year project," Parker said.

The mayor noted that the path would be used not just as a path for children to get to school but also as an exercise path for town citizens.

Ankeny noted that the Angel Walk committee is losing all of its members to retirement, and he said he is reaching out to the community to become part of the leadership team in an effort to keep the annual pediatric medical fundraiser alive.

Christoffersen suggested that maybe that could be something the youth council could be involved in.

Christoffersen said the youth council, which is comprised of high school students, has been meeting regularly. The group helped put stickers on the apples City Hall staff distributed during the Safe and Sane Halloween, and members also played a part in the city Christmas tree lighting.

Applications are still being accepted for youth council members, Christoffersen said, but time is running out for this year.

The Chamber of Commerce's next meeting is noon on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W.

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