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Teens and Tweens enjoy end of year at library

Homedale residents Otis Cates (left), 9, the son of Ashley and Tyler Cates, and Gage Cates, 11, the son of Ashley and Blake Simpson, stack cups during a Friday exercise at the Homedale Public Library.

Marsing getting new councilman

Appointment will come next week

The Marsing City Council will have to re-do its appointment of Tony Malmberg to succeed councilman Cory Percifield.

Mayor James Ferdinand's appointment of Malmberg was approved by the council at its Dec. 13 meeting, but City Clerk Janice Biciandi confirmed Tuesday morning that the item was never officially placed on the agenda.

After conferring with city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney, Biciandi told The Owyhee Avalanche that Malmberg's appointment will be made official at next Wednesday's



Tony Malmberg

— See *Marsing*, page 5

Legislator wants to reimburse Owyhee stock water champions

Lawmakers return with tax, education reforms on tap this session

A decade ago, two Owyhee County ranchers beat the federal government in court to preserve their families' ranching legacies.

Now, a District 23 legislator is working to make sure the State of Idaho finally supports Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry for doing the work that led to last year's livestock water rights implementation.

Rep. Christy Zito, who is in Seat A for the district, begins the final year of her first term

in the Idaho House of Representatives on Monday. Fellow first-term Rep. Megan Blankson of Seat B (R-Hammett)

and fifth-term state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) join Zito in the delegation representing Owyhee and Elmore counties and the rural por-

tion of western Twin Falls County.

All three are up for re-election

beginning with the May primary.

Finding a way to reimburse Nettleton and Lowry for legal fees from their Idaho Supreme Court battle is one of Zito's main objectives along with another run at the Castle

Doctrine (the right to home defense) and lobbyist and victims' rights reforms.

"We're researching to see what legislation we can do or what's the best way to get some money for the Lowrys and the (Nettletons)," Zito said.

The two men mortgaged their ranches to pay off nearly

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Rep. Christy Zito



Sen. Bert Brackett

Business leaders sought to judge Marsing competition

High school to play host to BPA regional

Officials are getting ready for an historic event at Marsing High School, and they're looking for volunteers with a particular skill set.

The school's Business Professionals of America advisor, Kim Freeman, is reaching out to the business community to find folks who might be interested in serving as judges for the upcoming Region 4 competition.

The contests will take place from 8:15 a.m. to noon on Friday, Jan. 12 at the high school.

Freeman, who has been BPA advisor for eight years, believes this is the first time Marsing has ever hosted the organization's regional competition.

More recent regionals have taken place in the Nampa School District.

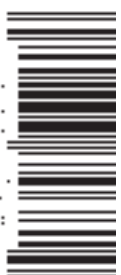
The top performers at the regional in Marsing will qualify for the state competition in Boise in March.

There are several regional categories that need to be judged, and volunteers will be served breakfast and lunch for their efforts.

The 21 competitions are:

- Financial Analyst team
- Administrative Support

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Fewer weather-related wrecks than usual after first snowstorm

Sheriff’s officials said that fewer slide-offs were reported after this year’s first snowstorm as compared to last winter.

But the annual closures of Silver City Road and Bachman Grade Road were still expected during Tuesday’s Board of County Commissioners meeting.

- A 37-year-old man was unhurt after his Ford F-150 pickup slid off Silver City Road on Thursday afternoon.
- Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Marsing resident Antonio Marcial Jr., 18, admitted to driving too fast for conditions when he slid off the road and rolled a blue 2002 Volkswagen Jetta near the intersection of Pershall and Edison Roads on Christmas night.
- Bowman said Marcial, who had borrowed the car, left the scene of the crash and walked to the labor camp on Idaho highway 78 and then contacted authorities.
- No citations were given to Marcial, and he refused medical treatment.
- When a deputy arrived at

the labor camp to talk with Marcial, he recognized a juvenile on site who had a warrant for a misdemeanor charge of failure to purchase a driver’s license.

The 16-year-old male was brought to the Juvenile Detention Center in Caldwell.

- Kevin Orris, 25, of Parma was also involved in a non-injury vehicle accident on Old Bruneau Highway.
- He hit a slick spot in his 2000 Dodge Durango and slid off the side of the road. In the process, he crashed through a power pole and telephone box.
- A driver was cited for failing to provide proof of liability insurance and no vehicle registration after sliding off U.S. Highway 95 near milepost 17 south of Marsing on Christmas Day.
- Bowman said the driver of the black, four-door Mercedes was given a verbal warning for driving too fast for conditions. The man wasn’t injured, and the vehicle emerged unscathed.

— TK



Homedale’s new guy gets snow removal duty

Bill McDaniels, the City of Homedale’s newest public works employee, spent part of the day last Wednesday clearing snow from Idaho Avenue. McDaniels and his wife are also the new caretakers at the city’s recreational vehicle campsite at Riverside Park, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

Lions bingo returns next week

After a December hiatus, the Marsing Lions Club will rev up its bingo fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 13

As usual, the bingo night will begin at 6:45 p.m. with an early bird game. Regular games start

at 7 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N. The club took December off to concentrate on its Giving Tree efforts.

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

The Sandbar Cafe with a

Cause has been providing sandwiches, and soda and water also is on sale. Popcorn is free.

Bingo season proceeds benefit causes in town, but also fund Lions Club activities such as the annual Easter egg hunt and vision screenings for Marsing Elementary School second-, third- and fifth-graders each year.

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Christmas spirit on full display

Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents received proceeds from a pair of community gift drives in the days before Christmas.

Presents were provided through a collection campaign during which citizens dropped off gifts at The Owyhee Avalanche office to fulfill wish lists produced by OHR residents. More presents were provided with proceeds from the Last Chance Saloon's annual fundraiser for the Homedale care center.



Above: Betty S. (left) and Herb L. unwrap their gifts as Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation staff member Rosie Almarez enjoys the moment. The residents received many gifts during a Christmas party held Dec. 24 at the Homedale care facility. Left: Marla R. (left) and Jim E. dressed as Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus.

Submitted photos



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BLM looks at using fuel breaks throughout West

Agency wants to streamline NEPA for wildfire reduction plans

Federal officials are seeking comments on a plan to reduce the threat of large-scale wildfires throughout the Great Basin.

The Bureau of Land Management is developing documents to minimize National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis required to approve the creation of fuel breaks, and fuels reduction and habitat restoration projects.

The agency has opened a 60-day comment period on tools that could be used to protect and preserve sagebrush steppe rangelands in the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region as well as Eastern Washington state, Utah, and Northern California.

The BLM intends to prepare two programmatic environmental impact studies (PEISs). A recent publication in the Federal

Register started the comment period and identified preliminary issues for analysis.

The public is invited to comment on the issues to be analyzed and offer alternatives.

Comments can be submitted by:

- Email: GRSG_PEIS@blm.gov
- Fax: (208) 373-3805
- Mail: Jonathan Beck, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinell Way, Boise, ID 83709

By looking at the problem region-wide, BLM wants to streamline authorization of projects, such as the targeted grazing that took place in Owyhee County areas hit hard by the 2015 Soda Fire.

In some areas of the Soda Fire burn, invasive species have tried to move in, but projects also have been launched to re-

store the habitat with seedings of sagebrush and other native species.

“Fire, invasive annual grasses and conifer encroachment are the most significant threats to sagebrush-steppe in the Great Basin,” BLM Idaho State Director Tim Murphy said. “Focusing on these threats is also going to help the BLM protect working landscapes that contribute to healthy local economies.”

The BLM is looking at new, faster reaction to wildfires because the prevalence of 100,000-acre-plus wildfires is growing, and areas are re-burning more often. The frequency of fire also invites the spread of cheatgrass.

As has been demonstrated through tests in the Owyhees, strategically placed fuel breaks can slow the progress of wildfires.

The BLM says this allows better firefighter safety and increased protection of human life and property, livestock forage and ecological resources such as sage-grouse habitat.

Another tool in reducing catastrophic fire is treating cheatgrass and beating back the encroachment of juniper.

Public scoping meetings are planned, but no specific dates or locations have been announced yet.

Marsing man behind bars again on warrant

Men in speeding car cited for pot

A man is behind bars after being involved in an incident at a Marsing bar.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant, Matthew A. Renz, 20, of Marsing was charged with misdemeanor counts of battery and minor in consumption of alcohol.

An unidentified individual at the bar called sheriff’s deputies, saying Renz was “causing trouble.”

The man was arrested after deputies found him walking down Main Street in Marsing.

He is currently in custody at the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

The incident was not Renz’s only recent run-in with the law. Deputies arrested Renz on Nov. 28 on a warrant issued after he failed to appear

for a probation violation hearing. Logan’s Market employees alerted authorities after recognizing Renz.

He allegedly violated his probation stemming from a driving under the influence conviction.

- Two men were arrested Dec. 20 after being pulled over for speeding in Marsing.

The driver, 34-year-old William J. Satterfield of Nampa, and his passenger Ryan L. Buell II, 25, of Marsing were both arrested on misdemeanor drug possession and paraphernalia charges after marijuana was discovered in a baggie rolled up in Buell’s sock, Grant said.

The pair had been pulled over at Logan’s Market in Marsing for speeding in a 2006 Volvo.

Both Satterfield and Buell were cited and released. Satterfield also received a speeding ticket.

— TK

Correction

A photo of Allendale Produce’s contribution to Hands Around Homedale was misidentified in the Dec. 27 edition. Kevin Miyasako was carrying a bag of onions into the Presbyterian church.

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Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk available each day
Jan. 3: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut, string cheese, pears, apple juice, choice of milk **Lunch:** Crispito, corn
Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Choc. breakfast round, applesauce, orange juice, choice of milk **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, fresh broccoli, cookie
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Choc. chip muffin, string cheese, peaches, apple juice **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel, yogurt, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, mixed vegetables, hot roll
Jan. 10: **Breakfast:** Maple brown sugar bar, string cheese, pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Large breakfast round, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit roll up

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day
Jan. 3: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Hot Dog or Fish Nuggets, string cheese
Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut or cereal, yogurt, peaches, juice **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or PB & J sandwich, tater tots
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, fresh apple, juice **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Waffles or cereal, yogurt, mixed fruit, juice **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans
Jan. 10: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll
Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Donut or cereal, yogurt, peaches, juice **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB & J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day
Jan. 3: **Breakfast:** Biscuits/gravy or mini waffles or cereal, yogurt, fruit choice, juice **Lunch:** Crispitos or rib-b-que, green beans
Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or rolled taco or cereal, yogurt, fruit choice, juice **Lunch:** Chicken patty or pork burrito, chili
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel or cereal, yogurt, fruit choice, juice **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or BBQ chicken ranch wrap, potato chips
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Bagel w/cream cheese or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt, fruit choice, juice **Lunch:** Beef taco or burrito, corn
Jan. 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza boat or maple sandwich or cereal, yogurt, fruit choice, juice **Lunch:** Orange chicken with steamed rice & egg roll or PB&J stacker with pork & beans, fortune cookie

Marsing Elementary

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
Jan. 3: Tater tot casserole, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or PB & J homemade, buttered corn
Jan. 4: Corndog, steamed carrots or PB & J homemade, steamed carrots, snickerdoodle cookie
Jan. 8: Chicken sandwich, green beans or PB&J homemade, green beans
Jan. 9: Beef tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans or PB&J homemade, carrot sticks
Jan. 10: Hamburger, seasoned fries or PB&J homemade, seasoned fries
Jan. 11: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad or PB&J homemade, tossed salad rice crispy treat

Marsing Middle and High

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
Jan. 3: Tater tot casserole, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or pork taco, refried beans
Jan. 4: Corndog, steamed carrots or Orange chicken & rice, steamed carrots, snickerdoodle cookie
Jan. 8: Chicken sandwich, green beans or SW Philly sandwich, green beans
Jan. 9: Beef taco, Spanish rice, refried beans
Jan. 10: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries

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✓ Marsing: Tony Malmberg to be sworn in during next Wednesday’s council meeting

7 p.m. meeting.
Percifield’s only four-year term on the council concluded at the end of the year. He opted against running for a second term in November, and no one filed to seek election.
Malmberg, who is an Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse member, will take the oath of office during the council’s first meeting of 2018 next Wednesday.
The mayor brought his choice to the Dec. 13 meeting and asked for the council’s consent.
The appointment didn’t appear on the original meeting agenda posted five days before the meeting. Bicandi said the agenda was never amended after the meeting began either.
The council, including Percifield, Chris Even, Marie Herman, and Jolyn Green, agreed unanimously to bring Malmberg aboard.
Ferdinand appointed Malmberg five weeks after no one filed to seek the outgoing Percifield’s position in the Nov. 7 election.
Once he is officially appointed, Malmberg will take the oath of office next Wednesday with Green, who was unopposed in her attempt to retain a council seat after originally being appointed to succeed Aron Streibel.
Attempts by email and telephone to get comment from Ferdinand were unsuccessful.
— TK

✓ Legislator: Lawmakers may work on school funding, rural schoolteacher needs

\$2 million in legal fees after the state Supreme Court ruled it had no jurisdiction to force the federal government to pay the victors’ attorneys under the Equal Access to Justice Act. Lowry and Nettleton say they owe about \$700,000 each from the original debt.
Years ago, Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter said he would look into the possibility of using the state’s Constitutional Defense Fund to help the men with their legal expenses. Nothing ever materialized after that conversation during Capital for a Day in Murphy.
Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) twice has introduced memorials into the U.S. Senate in an attempt to get some relief for Lowry and Nettleton.
So now Zito said she is huddling with Fred Kelly Grant, whom she calls the “foremost expert” on the water rights issue, to find relief for the men whose beneficial use victory was codified first by the Utah Legislature in 2008 then, finally, the Idaho Legislature last year.
Brackett, a rancher, continues to urge fellow livestock producers to register their stock water rights with the state Department of Water Resources, a process made possible by last year’s legislation.
“So far, I am encouraged with the agency’s willingness to cooperate,” Brackett wrote in a pre-session op-ed that appears on this week’s Commentary page.
To Brackett, the biggest issues for legislators as they return to the Statehouse remain reforms in education and taxes and the continuing battle to help the state’s infrastructure rebound from years of neglect.
The linchpin to it all is prudent use of the state’s spike in revenue, the senator said. Brackett said some estimates put the surplus at \$100 million.
“Tax relief is ongoing, so if you cut the grocery tax, the budget has to withstand that going forward,” he said. “Infrastructure is a one-time expenditure. The Rainy Day fund is saving it away for something in between one-time and ongoing. It puts it forward for future (needs).
“I think it’s a good balance as long as we don’t get carried away on all three.”
Brackett pointed out that under the state’s Surplus Eliminator policy half of all excess revenue goes into the Rainy Day fund automatically.
The senator said other things to watch for during the session include further work on the recommendations from the governor’s education task force, including a second run at trying to address the teacher shortage in rural school districts and revamping the school funding formula to level the playing field between large and small districts.
— JPB

✓ Marsing: First time for regional in town

Research Project	Skills	Schools in Region 4 include Marsing, Homedale, COSSA Academy, Middleton, Notus, Parma, Ridgevue, Nampa, Columbia and Skyview.
• Network Design team	• Extemporaneous Speech	Marsing’s 2017-18 BPA officers include president Matthew Lee, vice-president Landry Villa, secretary Isaac Lee, treasurer Caden Freeman, historian Amelia Cuevas and public relations Cheyann Hardy.
• Graphic Design Promotion	• Human Resource Management	
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More ways to bust winter boredom

Winter can sometimes feel like it lasts forever, and finding things to do during the winter months can be a struggle.

Although your home can provide a lot of opportunities to engage as a family, venturing outside can give kids the chance to explore the world around them — or several opportunities to explore, if they escape into literature!

Our local libraries offer a ton of resources for both children and parents. By going to the library, you'll be creating a shared tradition that places emphasis on a love of learning. When children explore different genres and subjects through reading, they use their imaginations and learn how to apply those lessons in their everyday lives. Plus, they'll become more familiar with the kinds of stories they like to read most and seek out similar books to devour.

Your local library may also offer other classes and educational workshops for families. Storytime hours are popular for younger kids, but some also offer arts and crafts, computer courses, educational games, and much more. Boys and girls can continue learning and explore new hobbies. The library

can immerse your child in new and beneficial situations.

Another fun activity you could consider is paying a visit to a local museum. There are so many different kinds, so whether your child loves art, history or science, there's likely at least a few museums they'll enjoy. While they're educational in nature, they're designed to be engaging and relevant. This will make children excited to visit and learn a lot in the process.

In addition, most kid-friendly museums are interactive in some way, which will keep them from getting bored. Exhibits often engage all the senses, so they can look, listen, hear, and sometimes even touch what's on display. And when you walk through a museum, you probably won't even realize that you're getting a bit of physical activity, too.

Museums can make you see your city or region in a whole new way; you might even discover offerings you never knew existed and, you won't have to break the bank to expose your kids to culture.

— 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

EUGENIO ENRICO, 64, of Marsing, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2017. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

LENA GRACI, 102, of Homedale, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

CAMELLIA LEARENZ, 55, of Marsing, died on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017.

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Today

Preschool story time

3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Movie time

Noon, 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, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Friday

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Teens and Tweens program

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

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

Saturday

Free lunch

Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Three Kings Day Dinner

5 p.m., doors; 6:30 p.m., dinner; adults \$20; children 6-12 \$5; children younger than 5 free, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 337-3041 or (208) 337-3840

Sunday

Liberty Quartet concert

10:30 a.m., free (love offering accepted), public welcome, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Gem Irrigation District meeting

1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting

1 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

Faith-based support group

2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

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Homedale school board meeting

7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Bruneau-GV school board meeting

1 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2260

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

Melba school board meeting

5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141

Gem Highway District meeting

6 p.m., district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

Marsing school board meeting

7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 896-4111

Wednesday

Movie time

Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Preschool story time

3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Christian Life Club after-school program

4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Thursday, Jan. 11

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

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

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

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page. Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Irrigation directors to begin new terms

Homedale-Marsing area irrigation managers are getting a jump on the new year with a temporary change in their meeting schedule.

The men who comprise the South Board of Control directors will meet Monday at the SBOC office, 118 S. 1st St. W.

Some directors will begin new terms, and the boards will vote for new chairmen, too.

The directors typically meet on the second Tuesday of the month, but scheduling conflicts required a change to Monday for the January series of meetings.

The boards will return to their Tuesday routine in February.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors will convene at 1 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation board meets at 1:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control will meet 1:30 p.m.

Three men will take the oath of office and resume their roles as directors at Monday's meetings.

Rick Smith, the Gem Irrigation Div. I director since 2012, will start his third, three-year term.

Div. 2 director Steve Clapier begins his first elected term. He was previously appointed to fill out Dave Shenk's tenure on the Gem board.

Both men also serve on the South Board. They were the only candidates who filed for the November election.

Likewise, Mark Aman was the only person who filed for the Ridgeview Irrigation District election. He begins his third term on the Ridgeview board next week.



Mark Aman



Steve Clapier



Rick Smith

The Marsing Philharmonic

Herby was the smallest of the band members, but he could be the most furious. The top of his bald head was a full 5 feet, 4 inches from the floor, and he was not to be surpassed by pot-bellied Walt, or long, lanky Reed when it came to taking the lead. Walt, who looked somewhat like Teddy Roosevelt, would bend down and with a slash of his bow and struggle to take the lead. Reed, who looked a little like Abe Lincoln with no beard, might lag behind, but you could count on him for a final burst of speed right at the end. Walt's glasses would steam up as he made the final push, but Herby would often slip under the wire and take first place.

The name Philharmonic refers to a pal named Phil who wanted to play the harmonica, but I used it to title the Marsing Dance Band that once graced the stage. This group came to be at the tail-end of the era where all the instruments were still acoustic. Public address systems were out of reach. Record players at the time were not loud enough, so those who wanted to dance had to draw upon local talent to have much of a party.

Most every city of any size would have a brass band, which (by the way) is the reason many city parks still have a band shells. Examples are Caldwell City Park, Lakeview Park in Nampa as well as Julia Davis Park in Boise. Back then, the music of John Phillip Souza was hot.

For a time, 1947 to 1952, Marsing had this band made up of: Walt Volkmer the postmaster, parts man Herby Phipps, rancher Reed Larsen — these three on fiddle; Irene Symms on piano; Audrey

Larsen on saxophone; Ward Larsen, accordion; myself, guitar; and Don Dobbin on drums. Phil didn't show up.

We were the chosen band because we were the only band.

Once when we were tuning up before the gig, I told Ward he was lucky because he did not have to tune his accordion. He replied "You are lucky because you can tune the guitar." I started to listen, and, agreed, he did seem to have a Discorrdian.

A typical musical occasion would arise when some club or family wanted to have an event, and as a rule, there would be some sort of a dinner and a dance afterward. The event was usually hurried as there was a defect in the chimney of the Old Claytonia Grange hall we used as a community gathering place. This dictated you could only cook until the smoke from the stove-furnace got too thick and then the flames needed to be put out and cooking ceased so the smoke could clear.

After the dining was done, the music would start. Now, the pretext for this was so folks could dance.

The musicians involved were not bad considering the group you had to draw from, but the problem was with the fiddlers 3. Ol' King Coal would have had a problem with them as they seemed to get into a contest over who could get done with the song first. Musicians call this fairly common tendency to speed up the song "climbing," and it is not too troublesome unless some poor soul is trying to dance to it. A waltz in $\frac{3}{4}$ time ended up in $\frac{6}{8}$ time, and a two-step turned into a polka. The unfortunate dancers would be puffing



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
John Moe Larsen

and sweating by the end of the song.

It seemed there was nothing could prevent the three fiddlers from engaging in this gladiator-type of will to win. The drums are in the band to keep time, so we all stay together on beat. Don the drummer would wonder, "Why am I here?"

Folks seemed to expect this to happen, so the band played fairly regularly for the next couple of years as this exercise meant people could use this in place of jogging, or working out.

Claytonia Grange building came to be as there was/is a national insurance movement to provide insurance in the form of fire and auto insurance. It provided also bargaining power for the price of their produce for farmers and ranchers in far corners of our land. It was called The National Grange of Animal Husbandry. Each town or district would have their own branch. In the case of Idaho, it was called the Idaho Grange.

The Grange halls were created in various communities and were used as community centers. They could be rented out to other persons or a group needing a larger meeting place.

Grange no longer offers insurance in Owyhee County, but is active in other Idaho cities. At the Claytonia Grange, it was common for dances to be held there on a Saturday night. There was a lot of beer drinking and pushing and shoving among

the youth and farm hands who attended. There was usually a Saturday night fight where one or more of the people would engage in a fist fight. The one to be wary of was Annie Hull, who was a large girl for her age. She seemed to have problems with anger management. Rather than a man taking her out, she took out a lot of men with her fists, as she knocked many a man on his can.

When the Grange quit doing business in Claytonia, Idaho, its hall was not maintained on any regular basis.

The Philharmonic problem went away in 1952 with a whiff of smoke. I awoke that morning to see an ominous glow in the western sky. Another party had used the hall, and someone had not shut off the stove-furnace in time. The old Claytonia Hall had burst into flames. Marsing had no viable fire department at that time, so Claytonia Hall soon was no more. Not Teddy Roosevelt Walt, nor Short Herb or Rangy Reed, the gang of the fiddlers 3, could bring it back to life no matter how fast they played.

— John Larsen is a Givens resident, a Marsing High School graduate, a musician and a former City of Marsing public works employee. If you have Owyhee memories you'd like to share, contact managing editor Jon Brown for more information on submissions. Email jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102.



All that remains of Claytonia Hall is the building's foundation located west of B irrigation canal off U.S. Highway 95. Submitted photo

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The Southern Gospel vocal group Liberty includes (from left) Derek Simonis, Paul W. Ellis, Royce Mitchell and Philip Batton. Submitted photo

Gospel quartet to perform at Mtn. View

Meridian-based Liberty, a Southern Gospel quartet, has added a visit to Mountain View Church of the Nazarene to its performance schedule.

Liberty’s concert, set for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service at the Homedale-area church, is free and open to the public. A love offering for Liberty’s Ministry will be accepted.

The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road (on the corner of Ustick Road and Batt Corner Road) between Homedale and Wilder.

For more information about the church, call (208) 337-3151.

For more information on Liberty, visit www.libertyquartet.com or call (208) 938-9364.

Liberty features founding member Royce Mitchell, bass; Paul W. Ellis, lead; Derek

Simonis, baritone; and Philip Batton, tenor.

Liberty ministers in performances for church services, nursing homes, prisons, and other ministries.

The men also have performed at large conventions, including the Southwest Gospel Music Festival in Phoenix; the Great Western Fan Festival in Visalia, Calif.; and the Gospel Music Fan Festival in Canada.

Liberty has shared the stage with Gaither Vocal Band, Legacy Five, Greater Vision, the Booth Brothers, the Hoppers, the Isaacs, the Collingsworth Family, and many others.

Featuring everything from high-energy performances to moments of contemplation, Liberty leads the congregation in a concert of worship, and the group’s ministry strives to bridge all generations.

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12/27	0.7	5	3.3	41	23	31
12/28	0.7	5	3.3	43	20	31
12/29	0.8	4	3.4	45	30	38
12/30	0.9	4	3.4	44	11	33
12/31	0.5	4	3.2	37	7	24
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Reynolds Creek						
12/26	1.8	13	6.3	36	22	27
12/27	1.8	12	6.2	38	35	37
12/28	1.9	11	6.4	45	31	39
12/29	2.0	11	6.5	48	41	45
12/30	2.0	10	6.5	45	23	34
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South Mountain						
12/26	2.1	12	9.4	37	25	32
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12/28	2.2	11	9.4	45	31	40
12/29	2.2	10	9.4	47	40	43
12/30	2.1	9	9.4	43	23	34
12/31	2.0	9	9.3	41	23	31
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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 65 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 212 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 36 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 462,087 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. A recap of last week's weather was unavailable Tuesday

Man pleads to avoid felonies

A 27-year-old Wilderman has been placed on unsupervised probation after a plea deal.

Jared Dillon entered a guilty plea to misdemeanor battery on Dec. 11.

He was originally charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors after a Nov. 13

incident.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped a felony charge of delivery of a controlled substance as well as felony aggravated assault and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober ordered Dillon to pay \$450 in fines and court fees, and he suspended 54 days of a 90-day jail term.

Dillon, who was placed on two years’ probation, already had served 36 days in Owyhee County Jail.

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DUI brings community service sentence

A Marsing man will be allowed to perform community service in lieu of jail time for a drunk driving conviction.

Hans Nicholas Nederend IV was sentenced on a misdemeanor last week in Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober’s Homedale courtroom.

Nederend had been arrested July 8.

Grober will allow Nederend to serve 24 hours of community service rather than two days in Owyhee County Jail. The balance of a six-month sentence was suspended.

Nederend must pay \$700 in court costs and fines. He also must serve six months of supervised probation followed by another six months of unsupervised probation.

His driver’s license has been suspended for six months.

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Van makes HHS grad’s therapy trips easier

Jonathan Page uses computer to communicate

Robyn and Samuel Page are grateful after a long community campaign has resulted in the acquisition of more reliable transportation for their son.

Jonathan Page suffered an anoxic brain injury when he nearly drowned while on family vacation in Oklahoma 12 years ago.

Family, friends and community members have been working for years to raise enough money to buy a new van and wheelchair lift to make taking Jonathan to his appointments less of a strain on his parents.

The old mechanical lift made moving the 500 pounds of Jonathan and his motorized wheelchair a challenge for two people. Now, with the new hydraulic lift, one person can help Jonathan out of the van with the push of a button.

That’s convenient considering Jonathan attends a developmental center in Nampa every day.

“We want to thank everyone involved in the fundraising towards a van,” Robyn Page wrote in an open letter to the



Jonathan Page (center) and his parents Robyn and Samuel have a new van.

community. “This helped us secure the loan on a handicapped van.”

“The old lift and vehicle were needing major repairs, which was an issue getting Jonathan to his many therapies and doctor appointments.”

The family now has a 2005 Ford van with a hydraulic lift. Samuel said the van handles better on the road than the old van did, giving everyone a smoother, more comfortable ride.

Robyn also took the time to thank community members for all the help they’ve provided throughout Jonathan’s recovery from a 2005 swimming accident. He was a sophomore at Homedale High School at the time. He eventually received his diploma.

“Thank you, and God bless the individuals who come in to be a companion or help in

early mornings with Jonathan or meet him in the afternoon when he comes home from the developmental center,” Robyn wrote. “We cannot express the depth of our thankfulness to everyone.”

With the help of a machine called a TobiiDynavox eye gaze communication device, Jonathan can now communicate with his friends and family, too. The computer screen, which is mounted to his wheelchair, is similar to the device used by former professional football players Steve Gleason and OJ Brigrance, and world-renowned physicist Stephen Hawking, who are living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

“He looks at what he wants to say for 1.2 seconds, and (the machine) says it for him,” Robyn said.

Jonathan isn’t shy about using the machine, but it has opened him up to some pranks at home. Samuel said Jonathan erupted in laughter when his brother-in-law took a piece of tape and covered the laser that reads Jonathan’s eyes to “keep him quiet.”

Part of the reason the new van is so useful is Jonathan’s frequent trips (every Tuesday

and Thursday) to Idaho State University in Meridian for communication speech therapy. Graduate students help him with greetings and navigating the device controls, and he works in group sessions, too.

“Jonathan is improving with the use of his device by attending these sessions,” Robyn said.

Jonathan’s relationship with the visual speech device began in the summer when he was selected to attend the Meridian Intensive Adult Program for education on using the technology.

During the weeklong program, Jonathan spent six hours each day in group therapy with other adults who have communication difficulties. Students in ISU’s speech language pathology program conducted the sessions.

He also visits Boise Speech and Hearing for speech therapy every Tuesday.

“The therapist is working with Jonathan on short sentence structure,” Robyn said. “He has to use multiple buttons on his device to create a sentence.

“This is extremely challenging for a person with anoxic brain injury, but he is making progress.”

— JPB

New Year's Resolutions

✓ 1. Get better internet

✓ 2. Save money

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Homeale Elementary teacher Elizabeth Albor reads to Homeale Youth Club preschoolers. **From left:** Albor; Dominic Cardenas, Mohammed Zyadeh, Anthony Bailey, and MacKenzie Pearce. Submitted photo

Generosity keeps Homedale Youth Club rolling along

Friday program in fourth year of educational fun

With the end of winter school break, the Homedale Youth Club is ready to give meaning to Fridays again.

The program began its fourth year in October at the First Presbyterian Church across from the elementary school. It gives students a place to go and learn and interact on the Fridays that class is out in the Homedale School District.

The program, developed when the schools went to four-day work week, is funded by donations from the Homedale Lions Club, the Homedale Ministerial Association, the Whittenberger Foundation and the Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO).

The SILO grant has allowed organizers to provide internet access to let children pursue special interests.

Last year, the Youth Club

received a two-year Idaho Community Foundation grant.

The children and program volunteers express thanks to the donors who make activities and meals possible.

Homedale first-grade teacher Elizabeth Albor is leading a preschool class each Friday again this year.

The youth club’s day begins with breakfast, then the children break up into groups.

The boys and girls play with Legos, compete in chess or other games, create crafts, or join an interest group.

Some of the projects this year have included one group sewing a quilt. Others have tackled cooking projects, such as lasagna and making a pie.

The Homedale High School Drama Club has put on plays with puppets.

The children have already made a field trip to The Bowling Alley, and trips are planned to the theater, The College of Idaho Museum of Natural History, and the Discovery Center in Boise.



Homedale salon open after facelift

The Beauty Shop at 9 N. Main St., in Homedale has reopened after extensive remodeling. Salon owners (from left) Hailee Corta and Jessie Kerbs got help on remodeling their new business from employees Whitney Christoffersen (second from right) and Dixie Leedom. The shop, which used to be called Studio 9, now has newly painted walls and hardwood flooring. The salon has no set business hours, but clients can call to make an appointment for haircuts, nails, waxing, and eyelash extensions. Call (208) 337-3716 to schedule an appointment.

Children’s program spotlights Homedale library’s new books



Gage Cates tries to determine how many bells are in each bag by shaking them.

Two of the Homedale Public Library’s newest books will be featured during Story Time.

Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m. on Friday.

The new books include “Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons” and “Pingo.”

The preschoolers will use straws to make friendship bracelets after the reading.

At 4 p.m. on Friday, the Teens & Tweens group will

play a trivia game called “Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?”

The boys and girls, ages 10-17, who show up for the program will face off against two librarians.

The program will include the trivia questions, other activities and snacks.

For more information on the Homedale Public Library and its programs, call (208) 337-4228.



Homedale church presents live Nativity

Homedale Calvary Fellowship brought animals indoors on Christmas Eve for a living Nativity scene. Several members of the congregation took part in the Nativity. Three Homedale residents were at the center of the production, including Homedale resident Jeremy Crossley (left), who played Joseph, and his wife played Mary. Their 1-month-old son, Jeremiah, was in the role of Baby Jesus. Submitted photo

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2017: THE YEAR IN PHOTOS

JANUARY
Owyhee County officials take oaths — Commissioners Kelly Aberasturi and Joe Merrick took their oaths of office, along with Sheriff Perry Grant, Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery, and Coroner Aaron Tines.

FEBRUARY
Marsing's favorite son plays in Super Bowl — Former Huskies great Shea McClellin played in Super Bowl LI in Houston as a member of the New England Patriots. His Patriots beat the Atlanta Falcons in an overtime thriller 34-28.
Weather affects roads — Run-off from heavy snow washed out Idaho highway 78 in the Bruneau area.

MARCH
Murphy loses post office — Murphy's post office closed, making it the only county seat in the state without one.
Marsing voters OK bond — A \$13.5 million bond passed with 73 percent of the vote, and widespread school improvements will be funded.

APRIL
Jackson family proposes library support — The Jackson family, of Jackson Food Stores, pledged \$100,000 in support for the Homedale Library expansion, contingent on a grant award; the library would be named for longtime board member Gypsy Jackson.
Angel Walk honoree chosen — Eelias Escalante was chosen as Angel Walk honoree and took a place of honor during the fun run and car show.

MAY
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery levy — Patrons agreed to increase the maintenance district's budget by \$30,000 annually.
HHS' Furlott wins — Senior Jacob Furlott struck gold at the state meet in the 100, 200, and 4x200 relay.

JUNE
Succor Creek Bridge reopens to 2-way traffic — The bridge west of Homedale was completed in June but contractor Knife River would need to come back in the fall to finish landscaping.
Grand View grand marshals — Cecil and Ila Meyers led the Grand View Days parade



January: Heavy snow blankets the county
Rich Roland of Homedale came to the aid of his town and its people. When Owyhee County saw the most snowfall in many years blanket the landscape and streets, Roland and others swung into action to clear driveways and parking lots.



February: The Sandbar reopens
Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand (left) performed the ribbon-cutting during a grand opening ceremony in Marsing for the rebranded Sandbar Café with a Cause. Pete Smit was among about 50 people on hand.



March: Local trades students built tiny home
Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency building trades instructor Rick Ray (center) supervised work throughout the winter and spring as studets constructed a tiny home that as raffled to benefit Metro Community Services.



April: HHS helps wounded cop
Boise Police Cpl. Kevin Holtry accepts a "Trojan Tough" T-shirt from Homedale High School senior Shantel Neil. Holtry delivered an inspirational message about overcoming obstacles as part of Neil's senior project. Holtry was shot by a suspect in November 2016, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. Neil organized a Coins for Cops campaign, proceeds of which went toward Holtry's recovery.



May: Trojans take district again
The Homedale High School softball team won the district title for a fourth consecutive season, but was unable to complete the three-peat at the 3A state tournament.

2017: THE YEAR IN PHOTOS

JULY
Teacher sentenced for sex abuse — Samantha Rae Henretty, former Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School teacher, got probation after pleading guilty to felony charges of having sex with a male student.

AUGUST
Record-setting budgets — The county budget topped \$10.1 million, Homedale city councilmen OK'd a \$4.6 million budget with Aaron Tines casting the only dissenting vote, and Marsing's budget topped \$3.1 million.
New coaches — Kenny Mace (football) and Kelsey Kramer (volleyball) took over at Marsing High School. The Huskies ended a 24-game football losing streak.

Gateway West route changed — The federal government began taking comment on a plan to take the Owyhee County segments of the Gateway West electrical transmission line off private property once and for all.

SEPTEMBER
Brenda Richards resigns at county treasurer — Commissioners appointed Annette Dygert when Richards ended 12 years at the helm.

OCTOBER
Bruneau man accused of first-degree murder — Nicholas B. Vandenberg was arrested on suspicion of premeditated murder of an Oregon hitchhiker whose body hunters found in the desert. Willie Keith Rabey and Montanna Rae Reed were later charged as co-conspirators.
Band wins — Marsing's marching band won the District III Class 2A title in Boise.
HHS volleyball's historic season — The Trojans reached the state tournament for the first time in 15 seasons.

NOVEMBER
New councilmen — Voters selected Mike Aebischer, Tim Downing (Homedale) and Danny Martinez (Grand View).
Brett Endicott resigns — Chief deputy Toni Gruenwald succeeded Endicott as county assessor.

DECEMBER
Council steps in after grievance — The Grand View City Council cleared up that a public works employee would answer to his immediate supervisor — not the mayor — after public works director filed a grievance against Mayor Ed Collett.



August: Owyhee County Fair celebrates 100 years
Danika Stewart of Dana's Designs puts the finishing touches on a centennial mural on the Owyhee County Fairgrounds restrooms. Jordan Valley's Frankie Dougal was grand marshal for the centennial fair parade, and Eagle's Tevis Mashore was named rodeo queen.



July: Williams wins Homedale Lions Club Demolition Derby
Homedale dairyman Mark Williams (left) takes aim at fellow Homedale resident and derby veteran Chris Folger. Folger won the Lions Club best-looking car award, but Williams walked away with his first Farm Bureau Main Event championship.



December: Girl wins state contest
Marsing sixth-grader Drew Hanley holds her holiday card creation that won the state Department of Education art contest.



October: Homedale Elementary goes wild
Marsing wildlife expert Corbin Maxey roped Homedale Elementary teachers (from left) Marcie Coffman, Nancy Smith and Stuart Emry into handling an albino python during an assembly.



September: Helping hurricane victims
Homedale students took on their own campaigns to help victims after Hurricane Harvey hit Houston. From left: Ava Topmiller, Hadlee Brown, Luis Angel Galaviz-Pellegaud, Sophia Cameron, and Alejandro Martinez were among the second-graders who helped gather school supplies.

Quebrado, MHS boys
crush Wendell

Avalanche Sports

JV, Adrian ready
for league season

Huskies make history on the mat

Kinney’s title helps MHS get first crown for Nelson

Four champions — and five finalists — pushed Marsing High School to the Charlie Anthony Memorial wrestling crown Friday.

The first-place finish at Ontario High School is the first team championship in six seasons under coach Jon Nelson. The Huskies scored 166 points to edge Payette by six points.

The key to the team win was Jaden Kinney’s pinfall against the Pirates’ Juan Alba. The 1-minute, 37-second stoppage brought Kinney (9-1) the 182-pound championship and was the second of his two victories over Payette wrestlers (Isaac Morado, 41-second pin in the semifinals).

For the second time in as many outings to start his senior season, Mason Hall won a title at 285. Hall (4-0) pinned Ontario’s Antonio Sanders in 30 seconds for the crown after beating another Tigers athlete, Miguel Galindo, 58 seconds into their semifinal.

Joseph Ineck beat fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference competitor Josiah Campbell for first place at 152. Ineck posted a 6-0 championship decision over the New Plymouth wrestler after pinning Nyssa, Ore.’s Andy Diaz (1:48 in the semis) and

— See *Huskies*, page 16



The Marsing High School wrestlers, coaches and support staff celebrate after winning the team championship Friday in Ontario, Ore. Photo by Kelly Ineck

Five Trojans reach three title matches at Anthony

Egusquiza, Rose win gold at Anthony

Homedale High School wrestlers squared off in a pair of championship matches at Friday’s Charlie Anthony Memorial.

Freshman Joseph Egusquiza pinned fellow Trojan Jorge Vega in 5 minutes, 5 seconds to capture the title at 120 pounds at Ontario

High School.

Junior Jaegar Rose earned gold at 145 pounds when he pinned teammate Luis Andrade in 1:21.

Ahsan Riaz was the third of coach Jake Levinski’s wrestlers to reach a championship final. He lost at 220 pounds when Payette’s Cole Patterson notched a pinfall at 1:20.

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The Marsing High School wrestlers, coaches and support staff celebrate after winning the team championship Friday in Ontario, Ore. Photo by Kelly Ineck

County youth take on Christmas run

A handful of Owyhee youngsters took part in the Boise YMCA Christmas Run last month.

Braving snowy and icy conditions, four Rimrock Junior High School athletes and a Grand View Elementary student participated in the two-mile race, and another Grand View Elementary student took part in the one-mile Reindeer Dash.

The competitions pushed off from Boise High School on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Joslyn Burk of Murphy and Oreana’s Ella Boren captured their age group championships in the two-mile run.

Boren was first in the girls’ 11-12 division and 42nd overall with a 15-minute, 37-second finish.

Burk won the girls’ 1-10 class with a 59th overall finish of 16:37.

Loyd Boren, another Oreana runner, was fourth in the boys’ 11-12 division. He placed 33rd overall in the two-mile in 15:01.

Grand View middle-schooler Cooper Raymond was 11th in the boys’ 11-12 class in 18:52.

Carson Raymond of Grand View Elementary was eighth in the boys’ 1-10 division in the two-mile race, finishing

in 18:54.

In the Reindeer Dash, Oreana’s Elijah Boren was 34th overall in 11:58. He finished 12th in the boys’ 1-10 division.

Joslyn’s father, Dale, who is the Rimrock cross country coach, was on hand to watch his athletes compete.

“I am super proud of these kids to make the effort to come out and run when they really don’t have to, in conditions that are certainly less than ideal,” the coach said.

“What a pleasure it is for me to be a part of it, and I look forward to what the future holds for these dedicated kids.”



Owyhee competitors in the Dec. 23 Boise YMCA Christmas Run included (from left) Cooper Raymond and Carson Raymond from Grand View, Loyd Boren and Ella Boren from Oreana, and Murphy’s Joslyn Burk. Not pictured: Elijah Boren. Submitted photo

Sports

Marsing boys unload on Wendell

Backed by the emergence of young players, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team broke out of the doldrums Friday.

The Huskies wrapped up the non-league season with its fourth victory in five outings, blasting host Wendell, 58-21.

Coach Tim Little pointed to a pair of sophomores, and crisp offensive rebounding as keys to a keener shooting performance.

"Cash Sevy came to life and rebounded well on the offensive end, giving us second-chance opportunities as well as 10th-grader Merrick Hall, who had a superb all-around game," Little said.

Hall scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds. Sevy had four points and five rebounds.

Marsing shot 51 percent on two-point field goals, and 38 percent from behind the three-point line.

"This helped us gain some confidence after the three-game shooting slump over break," Little said.

The Huskies shot just 21 percent from the floor during the Nampa Christian Christmas Tournament.

Junior Enrique Quebrado fired in nine of 16 shots, including 3-for-7 behind the line, and outscored Wendell single-handedly with 23 points.

Tyler Wood was 4-for-9 with eight points.

"Enrique and Tyler both shot the ball with confidence and control and looked ready to lead us into Nampa Christian next Thursday," Little said.

Colby Loucks also had a pair of treys for part of his eight points, and Joaquin Oliveros hit a three-pointer.

Marsing (5-5 overall) starts its 2A Western Idaho Conference campaign on Thursday in Nampa, the site of the Huskies' only loss in the past five outings. The Trojans beat Marsing, 49-21, in the Dec. 23 tournament final.

"We learned a ton from that game over break with NC, and are looking forward to getting another shot at their place to open up league," Little said.

Mustangs girls hang on to state ranking

Mustangs play host to archrival Antelopes on Friday

The Jordan Valley High School girls' basketball team has maintained a presence in the state rankings during a non-league season that has seen several challenging outings.

The Mustangs (4-7 overall) were ranked No. 8 in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll released last Wednesday.

Jordan Valley won three of its final four games of 2017, including a narrow 43-42 victory over Class 4A Ridgevue from Nampa. The Thursday victory came on the final day of the Parma Christmas Tournament.

Coached by Kelsi Skinner, the Mustangs open 1A High Desert League play Friday by entertaining archrival Adrian. The game will be played at 6 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with the Adrian-Jordan Valley boys' game (7:30 p.m.).

Half of the Jordan Valley girls' games thus far this season have been played against teams in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll top five.

- **Dec. 21** — No. 2 Powder Valley 58, Jordan Valley 37. The Badgers from North Powder have started the season with 12 consecutive victories.
- **Dec. 9** — Unanimous No. 1 Nixyaawii 65, Jordan Valley 35. The reigning state champions are 11-0 to start the season.
- **Dec. 8** — No. 5 Joseph 50, Jordan Valley 44. Joseph suffered

its first loss of the season to Powder Valley, 46-44, on Dec. 16 and ended the year with a 7-2 record.

- **Dec. 2** — No. 3 Country Christian 50, Jordan Valley 36. Country Christian won 9 off 11 games in the 2017 portion of its current schedule.
- **Dec. 1** — Powder Valley 40, Jordan Valley 38

The Jordan Valley boys have had an up-and-down stretch after starting the season with six consecutive victories.

But the Mustangs (9-2) remain the No. 3-rated 1A team according to the Oregon School Activities Association.

Jordan Valley blasted Notus, 63-31, on Saturday in its final tuneup before the start of the league season.

Adrian to start 1A HDL hoops season

The Adrian High School girls' basketball team will try to right an up-and-down season in Thursday's league opener on the road.

The Antelopes (4-4 overall) take on Huntington at 6 p.m. on Thursday, a day before traveling to Jordan Valley to challenge the No. 8 Mustangs in Adrian's second 1A High Desert League game of the season.

Coach Gene Mills' Adrian squad

went 1-2 during the Nyssa, Ore., Christmas Tournament to end 2017. The Antelopes wrapped up the event with a 44-39 loss to Grant Union from John Day, Ore., on Dec. 23.

The Adrian boys' basketball team has been busy during the Christmas break.

The Antelopes (4-6) split games in the two-day Taft Holiday Tournament in Lincoln City, Ore. Adrian edged Taft's junior varsity,

62-59, on Friday. The Antelopes opened the tournament with a 55-49 loss Thursday to the Toledo junior varsity.

On Saturday, the Antelopes lost a neutral-site contest, 57-52, against Eddyville Charter on Saturday at Toledo High School.

Coach Craig DeMark's squad completes the two-day North Star Charter Tournament in Eagle today.

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MARSING HUSKIES



Girls' basketball

Hailee Bennett, jr., P
Averaging 3.1 points, 3.7 rebounds, 1 assist in 10 games



Boys' basketball

Enrique Quebrado, jr., G
9-for-16 from floor, 23 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals vs. Wendell



Wrestling

Jaden Kinney, sr., 182 pounds
His gold medal helped team win Charlie Anthony title

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Jan. 5 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 4 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 4 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 4 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 5 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Vale, Ore., tri-meet with Payette, 5 p.m.

Go Huskies!



Sports

✓ Huskies: Five wrestlers reach their weight-class finals

From Page 14

Payette's Aliyah Dovalina (1:07 in the quarterfinals).

Jesus Duran rolled to the 160-pound championship. He claimed the crown with a pin in 1:56 against Pine Eagle's Seth Butler. Duran routed New Plymouth's Riley Clark in 22 seconds of their semifinal.

Sophomore Adonis Stelzried (138) split matches against New Plymouth wrestlers for a runner-up showing. Joe Rice got a championship pin in 2:15 after Stelzried had pinned Jonah Loomis in 55 seconds in the semis.

Dawson Walker pinned Pine Eagle's Brandon Roe in 77 seconds to win bronze at 182. Walker battled back from a quarterfinals loss with a pair of pinfalls in the consolation bracket.

Four Huskies finished fourth in their respective weight classes – Seth Black at 195, Troy Miller at 106, Evan Miller at 113, and



Marsing senior Joseph Ineck (top) controls the 160-pound championship match against New Plymouth Josiah Campbell during the Charlie Anthony Memorial in Ontario, Ore., on Friday. Photo by John Braese / Malheur Enterprise

Justin Ineck at 126. He lost in sudden death in the semifinals to Ontario's Froylan Santiago. Bastion Ackerman (152) wrapped up fifth by pinning Aliyah Dovalina four seconds before the end of their match.

✓ Trojans: Teammates face off in two finals

From Page 14

The Trojans were fifth in the nine-team tournament.

Egusquiza marched to his championship with three first-round pins.

Vega pinned Adrian's Kaden Rhead in 3:10 of their semifinal.

Rose pinned his final two opponents after outlasting Ontario's Ruben Chavez, 9-4, in the quarterfinals.

Andrade pinned Payette's Ulysses Valadez in 3:35 to reach the 145 final.

Riaz pinned Ontario's Iayana Luna in their 220 semi.

Ivan Cortez made it to the semifinals at 170, but finished sixth after a 9-6 loss to Ontario's Erick Lopez in the fifth-place match. Cortez's tournament began with a thrilling sudden victory over Ontario's Austine George in the quarterfinals.

Brady Trout, also wrestling at 170, pinned George in 5:39 to finish seventh.

Samantha Turner (113) and Kaydince Turner (132) finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Both Adrian wrestlers medal at Anthony Memorial

Logan Griffin won his final match Friday and captured one of his school's two medals at the Charlie Anthony Memorial wrestling tournament.

The 145-pound Adrian High School wrestler pinned Payette's Ulysses Valadez in 3 minutes, 14 seconds to finish fifth in the tourney at Ontario High School.

Earlier, Valadez had pinned Griffin in the quarterfinals.

Teammate Kaden Rhead lost the 120-pound third-place match to Ontario's Trey Trejo, who finished the bout in 38 seconds.

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Girls' basketball
Lainey Johnson, sr., G
Averaging 3.7 points, 1.5 rebounds, 1.5 steals with 68.4% free-throw accuracy

Boys' basketball
Arnulfo Llamas, so., G
Coach praises him for making big jump to varsity this season

Wrestling
Joseph Egusquiza, fr., 120 pounds
Now 7-3 after winning Charlie Anthony title

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 4 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 4 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 4 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 5 at Baker, Ore., 8 p.m. MST
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 5 at Baker, Ore., 6:30 p.m. MST
Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 5 at Baker, Ore., 5 p.m. MST

Wrestling
Friday, Jan. 5 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.

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Energy efficiency work warms Hope House

Idaho Power, El-Ada team up to overhaul old, drafty buildings

Thanks to corporate and community contributions, the winter months have been a little warmer for staff and residents at Hope House in Marsing.

It started when El-Ada Community Action Partnership weatherization manager Kevin Viggers, his crew, and Idaho Power experts visited the children’s home off Old Bruneau Highway to perform an energy audit.

“Kevin worked extensively to coordinate licensed, professional subcontractors for window installation and the insulation in those buildings for several months,” Idaho Power weatherization program specialist Cheryl Paoli said.

Later in the fall, as part of Idaho Power’s weatherization assistance program, the utility’s employees and the contractors replaced old or damaged windows and added insulation to many of the 25 buildings on to the campus to improve energy efficiency.

The work is just the beginning of an effort to save money. According to an Idaho Power YouTube report on the project, Hope House plans to replace old heating and cooling systems in residential buildings that house both staff and the facility’s 50-75 students.

Last month, the Sunrise Rotary Club of Boise donated \$100,000 to pay the Hope House electricity bill.

“Having to choose between having lights on and heat in

your home versus having a warm meal, that’s something that shouldn’t really have to be a choice,” Idaho Power Canyon Region customer service representative John Neddo said in the YouTube report.

“But if we can help these folks get their usage down, and they can use that money elsewhere in their everyday life, it makes all the difference.”

In addition to working for a day on their own time at Hope House, Idaho Power employees also did fun things with the students. Each Christmas, Idaho Power personnel also use their own money to make the holiday brighter for the children.

“I think it’s so important to show them that someone cares. A lot of these kids may be in situations where they may have been in three or four different households, and they feel all hope is lost and no one really loves them,” Neddo said in the Idaho Power eNews report on YouTube.

“It’s just the best feeling to know that when I come out here and help (Hope House director Donnalee Velvick-Lowry) with something, it’s helping these kids, and it makes me feel good, too, that I work for a company that cares about that, too.”

In the same report, Velvick-Lowry called the El-Ada/Idaho Power partnership “a blessing.”

—JPB

Wilder woman to face old drug charges

A 30-year-old Wilder woman has been arrested on a \$25,000 felony warrant after missing a court date.

Wenndy Tellez was picked up on Dec. 20 by Canyon County Sheriff’s deputies.

A warrant was issued after she failed to show up for a sentencing hearing connected to a 2016 Homedale Police case.

Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde was scheduled to impose a sentence during a Dec. 8 hearing in Murphy. A warrant was issued when Tellez failed to appear.

In September 2016 Tellez was charged with felony drug possession, two counts of mis-

demeanor drug possession, and one count of misdemeanor paraphernalia possession.

She remains behind bars in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after being transferred from Canyon County’s facility.

• A 57-year-old Homedale man was arrested by District III Probation & Parole agents on Dec. 21.

Pedro Salazar Castro was apprehended after failing to register a change of address as a sex offender. This violated the conditions of his probation.

Castro is currently in custody at the county jail in Murphy.

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<p>Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday Bible study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday and Kidz services, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com</p>	<p>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Chris Varuska Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p>St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaledwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones 208-319-4650 Don Vanderbough 208-867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2017 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am May 27 - June 24 (BBQ follows) - July 22 - Aug 26 - Sept 23 - Oct 28 - Nov 25 - Dec 16 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense 2017 – A year to forget



“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” – President John F. Kennedy, 1961.

The U.S. at that time has been remembered as a “royal” time. It was the age of Camelot. His wife a queen, he was the Golden Boy.

Change was coming. The first Catholic president, pictures of him and Lincoln on the wall, Baby Boomers in a flowery cloud singing songs of “Peace on Earth.”

Kennedy reduced income tax from 90 percent to 60 percent. The economy was responding. Congress had a common enemy ... the Soviet Union.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was calling for integration without violence. Granted, it was soon to blow up in his face, but people respected the right to disagree. Even if we held different views, we didn’t hate each other because we had another opinion.

Fifty years plus have passed. The last time we were civil to each other and united in our Americanism was 9/11.

Since then we have become a country full of hate and ugliness. It’s so PERSONAL. Martin Luther King’s dream of diversity has become so twisted by the government that we are more segregated than ever. Our “leaders” -- the politicians, media, and the entertainment puppets -- swamp us in an ocean of hatred and malice, of blame and blatant lies ... like a band of back-stabbers whose intent is to vilify and slander.

Imagine having a job that required getting up every day and digging through the scum of the bucket you live in, looking for something that will hurt someone. It’s no wonder our country is warped.

We are in the process of starting a new year. Mind you, the smut mongers, muckrakers and mudslingers are dragging their scum buckets across the line, too. If you are so perverted by your own propaganda that you are incapable of listening to another idea, you’re blind in one eye.

Words hurt. They hurt even deeper when they are said to deliberately hurt someone. But the poison goes two ways, because the vitriolic accuser blackens his own soul.

Once again, this riot of hate is PERSONAL. No TV commentator, Washington DC or New York City manipulator or tainted politician will tell the truth or apologize for their lies. All you can do is feel sorry for them.

So, what can ONE person do? Since it is PERSONAL, start there. Eighty percent of Americans are Christians. Many wear a cross around their neck. The 2nd ‘Greatest Commandment’ is, “You shall love thy neighbor as thyself.” If it means anything to you, give it a try. Give a hand, offer help, call a loner, forgive an old grudge, and make it a habit to thank God you live in America.

In my later life, I have become a practitioner of the verse, “Forgiveness and mercy to all who offend.” The more it sinks in, the better I sleep.

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Resolve to be transparent



We won’t use the dreaded term “resolution,” but the new year always brings an opportunity for improvement, re-evaluation and turning over a new leaf.

Changes can be minor and subtle, or they can be mere tweaks of a system that seems to be running smoothly.

In government, taking a fresh look at policies and procedures and resolving to improve them can get constituents more involved in the governing process.

Democracy, after all, seems to be a living organism that needs constant nurturing to ensure it thrives.

The City of Marsing could improve some city council-related issues and, in the process, perhaps enliven the public’s willingness to attend meetings and participate.

Recent oversights at council meetings probably aren’t malicious. In fact, the biggest faux pas will be rectified at next Wednesday’s meeting.

However, a little self-awareness on the part of

the people participating in the meeting could mean a world of difference to the residents who are trying to stay involved.

The biggest thing that the council could do is, frankly, remember that there are people in the audience who are interested in what officials have to say on the second Wednesday of every month.

Marsing City Hall’s configuration is reminiscent of a banquet hall with a large accordion wall separating the public portion of the structure into two sections. The wall is pushed open during the meeting, creating one large room.

The council “chamber” is on one side of the partition, and the council members, city staff and Mayor James Ferdinand huddle around an oblong table about 10 feet from the audience, which is seated in the other “room.”

It’s something akin to the spectators sitting at the kids’ table during Thanksgiving, while the council and staffers — with their backs to the audience on

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From your legislators Dist. 23 constituents should follow 2018 session

It has been an exciting year, and like so many others, it feels like time has flown. I have been able to visit with so many people at Cookies with Christy and have had good visits with county commissioners, sheriffs, precinct committee people and so many more.

The session begins on Monday. I am sure it will be very busy and engaging. The subject of proposed legislation will be diverse, and some divisive. Important concerns will be constitutionality and consequences: Who will it help? Who will it harm? Will it increase or decrease the liberty of the citizens of the state? I look forward to working

with other legislators again this session, to pass good legislation.

I invite you to follow the session closely. The information you will need is available on the State of Idaho website and on growingfreedomidaho.com. Contact me anytime with your concerns and comments. It is so important to me to know your thoughts. I am your voice.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your voice. Thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in me.

Happy New Year to everyone.
Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett)

Tax reform, teacher shortage among key topics

As we approach the upcoming Legislative session, the economy is growing and state revenues are strong. The Legislature will fund the fourth year of the Career Ladder for teachers, growth in K-12 enrollment and other agencies of state government, but there will probably be several hundred million dollars beyond expenditures.

There are several schools of thought about how to deal with the extra revenue, which include increase savings or “rainy day” accounts, tax relief and investments in our infrastructure. I think we can do all three if we prioritize and continue to be fiscally conservative in our approach to budgeting.

In addition to roads and bridges, other infrastructure needs include buildings and IT systems that need to be upgraded or replaced. While the state is enjoying a strong economy with good revenue, I am supportive of catching up on some of the state’s infrastructure.

For tax relief, we definitely need to lower the unemployment rate for Idaho’s businesses. Early in the session, I think we need to prioritize other

tax relief efforts. We can remove the sales tax on groceries or lower the income tax rate on individuals and corporations, but I don’t think we should try to do both.

Other issues that we need to work on include teacher shortages and the interim committee dealing with the school funding formula. Teacher shortage is a real problem in rural schools especially in Magic Valley. It appears the interim committee is going to recommend every student will be funded at a flat amount. Unless some extra consideration is given for rural schools that approach will be problematic.

I will monitor the livestock water rights implementation process. So far, I am encouraged with the agencies’ willingness to cooperate and I continue to encourage stockmen to take advantage of the opportunity they have to file for their stock water right.

In addition, with the Trump Administration, the state now has an opportunity to amend the land use plans to implement the State Sage Grouse Plan.

Bert Brackett
Dist. 23 state senator (R-Rogerson)

Commentary

Financial management

Hunker down emotionally, fiscally to stay afloat after job loss

Dear Dave,
My wife and I both lost our jobs a few weeks ago. She began a training course for a new job last week, and I've been interviewing. We cashed in an annuity the other day because things have been tight, and we were wondering if we should use it to help continue paying down debt, or simply live on it until things get better.

— Vernon

Dear Vernon,
You need to be honorable and pay your debts, but that may have to be put on hold for a while. Right now, it's more important to have food in the house and keep the heat on. If you haven't done so already, contact your creditors and explain the situation. Let them know you'll make things

right with them as soon as possible. I know this is a scary situation, especially around the holidays, so make sure you two pull together and keep the lines of communication wide open. A few extra hugs wouldn't hurt, either. The good news is it sounds like things may be looking up. Support your wife all you can in her new job, and make sure *you* continue looking for work, too. A little extra money is better than none, so take on something part-time while you're looking for a permanent position.

God bless you two!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My father-in-law started a business as an LLC few years ago. He named all his daughters owners, with him



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owning the majority share. The business failed, and now he is being sued by creditors. He told the family these creditors can't come after us and the other siblings, because he is the majority owner. Is this true, or should we get a lawyer?

— Caleb

Dear Caleb,
Your wife is probably not in danger, unless she signed paperwork making her liable for a loan or liable with a creditor. If she signed official, legal paperwork — like if she went down to the bank and signed on a loan — then she's liable. It's that simple. That would make her, or any of her siblings who did this, co-makers on the loan. Your wife, and any of her sisters, who signed on trade accounts taking supplies from a supplier and paying them could also be liable. But they are not automatically liable simply because they were listed as minority owners in an LLC, or even a sub-S corporation. If it were a general partnership, there's a possibility they could be liable.

That's one of the reasons I hate general partnerships. I hate partnerships in general, but I hate general partnerships, too!
In other words, I think you're OK. I would still advise speaking with an attorney, and giving him or her all the details of this situation, to be absolutely certain.

— 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.*

Letter to the editor

Community, businesses make OHR Christmas special

Owyhee Health and Rehab would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the community for their generous donations to The Owyhee Avalanche, and for making our residents' Christmas day so special. And thank you to the Avalanche for putting together our gift drive.
We would like to give an extended thank you to the Last Chance Saloon for all their hard work and effort to make our patients' day bright.
A show of appreciation also goes out to Gabby Martell for making all of our patients' lap blankets for the holidays as a part of her senior project.
We cannot express enough how much we appreciate all of our community support. From the gifts, to the wonderful music groups and all those that took part in making Christmas a special day for us, we thank you!
Happy holidays!
Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation staff
Homedale

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:
• E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
• Faxed to (208) 337-4867
• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

✓ Transparent: Marsing council does right thing by revisting non-agendized appointment

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occasion — discuss the important topics of the day. Debate can't be heard clearly in the audience room because the city council doesn't use an existing amplification system — complete with speakers pointing toward the audience — to its fullest potential. Because of the layout, even the slightest hushed-tone conversation in the audience can drown out discussion at the council table. Besides using the PA system already in place, the council could be more constituent-friendly by finding a way for all council members to directly face the audience as is done in Homedale and most other communities. To be fair, Grand View City Council meetings also are set up in a "dinner table" fashion with the mayor and councilmen sitting around a table and the audience looking on from about 10 feet away. But the transparency issue in Marsing goes beyond the composition of the confab. During the Dec. 13 meeting, with the consent of the council, Ferdinand appointed longtime Marsing resident Tony Malmberg to succeed Cory Percifield on the city council beginning Jan. 10.

On the surface, there's nothing unusual about the appointment — even if Ferdinand could have waited until 2018's first meeting (and after the end of Percifield's term). According to City Clerk Janice Bicandi, the vote was framed so Malmberg's appointment becomes effective on Jan. 10 when he and returning councilperson Jolyn Green are sworn in. No, Ferdinand followed the letter of the law — if not the spirit. State law allows the mayor to make the appointment "with the consent" of the council. No application

process or candidate solicitation is explicit in Idaho Code. It just seems that a small-town government would want to make the process as public as possible. As it turns out, the official appointment will have to wait until next Wednesday after all. Malmberg's appointment didn't appear on the meeting agenda that was posted the statutory five days prior to the regular meeting. That was the same agenda The Owyhee Avalanche received at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 13, 6½ hours before the meeting. On that agenda, the only council member-related topic was canvassing the votes from Green's Nov. 7 election. No mention of appointing Malmberg was listed. Last week Bicandi confirmed to the Avalanche that a vote on Malmberg's appointment was taken during the meeting. It was done in the last minute of the gathering. On Tuesday, she said the city attorney, Stephanie J. Bonney, told staff that the appointment would have to be done again because it didn't appear on the original agenda. The agenda apparently was never amended during the meeting — which is allowed by state law. If an amendment is necessary, the council can change the agenda at the start of the meeting with "a motion that states the reason for the amendment and states the good faith reason the agenda item was not included in the original agenda posting," according to Idaho Code 74-204(c) — the state's open meetings law. The mayor and council should be commended for catching the procedural error and moving to correct the issue. It's all part of the ever-constant battle to give citizens every clear opportunity to be part of the process — by knowing what's going on and hearing what's being said.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 6, 1993

State water officials oppose snail listing

Citing irregularities in the procedure used by federal wildlife officials, and a lack of scientific evidence to justify the listing, the Idaho Department of Water Resources has come out strongly opposed to endangered or threatened species status for the Bruneau hot springs snail.

The IDWR’s opposition to the proposed listing was detailed in a formal statement hand-delivered to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service before the end of a recent 10-day public comment period.

Federal Wildlife officials have said publicly that they plan to recommend threatened or endangered status for the snails on Jan. 15, 1993.

The IDWR contends the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has failed to follow both the letter and the spirit of the Endangered Species Act in its handling of whether or not to recommend protected status for the snails.

State water officials also say the public has not been given the chance to review all the scientific data on which the decision by U.S. Fish & Wildlife will be based.

A U.S. Geological Survey study of the hydrology of the area where the snails’ habitat is located has been cited by Fish & Wildlife as the basis of their decisions. But the IDWR says that report has not been released and is not available to the general public for review.

IDWR cites their own study done for Fish & Wildlife and turned over to them last week, which concluded that a listing was not justified at this time. The study also listed several alternatives, which could be pursued without the need to list the snails as endangered.

For Chief Fitzgerald, it’s back to police basics

Bob Fitzgerald is satisfied with the direction his police department is taking.

To remember where it’s been, he need only sit down in his chair. Before he had it redone, the springs were literally sticking out of the seat, requiring him to put a pillow on the seat before he could use it.

An apt metaphor for a department coming apart at the seams when he stepped in to run it in February 1992.

“When you first walked in you could have walked on the garbage. It was that bad. You could run your hand across the law books and write your name — the dust was so thick. It was unbelievable.”

To hear him describe it, it’s a wonder the previous administration could get a patrol car up and moving. The incredulousness of it all, the lack of basic policing, sends Fitzgerald’s voice up an octave in tone.

If he is eager to take credit for anything in the department one year later, and there are many improvements, it is the implementation of old fashioned police procedures.

“They had very little management as far as operations, as far as policy procedures, as far as patrol procedures — everything. The chain of evidence, for an example, was nil; security of the evidence was just as bad, which is probably one of the most important things you ever face in law enforcement.”

With 17 years in law enforcement, from Osburn, Idaho, to Seattle, Fitzgerald knows enough about procedures to put a five-man department back in shape.

50 years ago

January 4, 1968

Annual Christmas concert plays to full house

The annual Christmas concert, “A Dream of Christmas,” presented in the Homedale High School gym by the music department, was attended by a capacity crowd.

More than 200 high school and junior high school students participated in the two-hour musical program. Mrs. Hollis Cooke directed the band numbers.

The opening number included a prologue of welcome with 23 members of Der Zelderzingers singing “Now is the Caroling Season,” followed by the concert band playing, “Winter Wonderland,” and “Christmas Rhapsody.”

Fifty-six members of the high school choir sang, “Gilbert and Sullivan Medley,” with scenes portrayed by the following: Blaine Pearson, a soldier; Louis Uranga, reader; Doug Larzelier, monarch of the sea; eighth-grade girls as sisters, cousins, and aunts; Kelly Leavitt as the wandering minstrel; Bonnie Takasugi, Diane Takasugi and Patsy Kora as the three little maids; and Debra McPherson as Buttercup.

The choir sang, “Twelve Days of Christmas,” with scenes played by Ed Salisbury, Steve Fisher, LeAnda Johnstone, Patricia Chadez, Leora Zanks, Gary Yamamoto, Tim Woodburn, Joni Uda, Bob Vanzant, Ginny Phelps, Drucy Meininger and Cynthia Troxel.

Other numbers included choir presentations and solos by Marilinn Cegnar, Debra McPherson, Kelly Leavitt and Dale Westby. Others featured in special portrayals were Richard Stansell, Steve Fisher, Bob Vanzant, Ed Salisbury, Doug Larzelier and Stanley Zatica.

Stage managers were Louis Uranga and Kelly Leavitt; spotlight managers were Craig Nash and Jim Salisbury. Programs were distributed by Kathy Herod and Linda Kershner.

Steve Higgins, Bob Felty, Kim Tolsma, Rodney Boslan, Charlie Chadez, Roy Eiguren and Vernon Henson were ushers.

Livestock 4-H elects officers

The first meeting of the Homedale Livestock 4-H club for this year was held at the leader’s home, Max Orr, on Dec. 7, 1967.

Officers for the new year were elected. They are Julianne Silvera, president; Fred DeGeus, vice-president; Betty Eidemiller, secretary; Jane Eidemiller, treasurer; Sharon Travis, reporter; Donna Basey, Sgt-at-arms; Ellen Van Slyke, photographer.

Jr. high groups at Homedale list officers

Officers of four Homedale Junior High School organizations have been announced by Herb Fritzley, school principal.

Diane Takasugi, eighth grade, is president of three of the organizations: the National Junior High Honor Society, the Girls’ League and the newly formed Trojan Math Whizzes.

Other club officers are, Honor Society: Wayne Alora, vice-president; Susan Wilson, secretary; Gary Tanikuni, student council representative; Janine Townsend, treasurer; and Monte Duncan, sergeant-at-arms.

Math Whizzes: Patsy Kora, secretary-treasurer, and Doug Pottenger, student council representative.

Girls’ League: Cinda Daniel, vice-president; Eileen George, secretary; Sharon Wood, treasurer; Janine Townsend, sergeant-at-arms; Louise Chadez, student council representative, and Debbie Burley, point secretary.

140 years ago

January 5, 1878

For the Benefit of the President

There are nearly one million people in this country on the verge of starvation. Gaunt poverty rears its hydra head in every city, town and village in the land. It is a determined and almost hopeless struggle with many to keep the “wolf from the door.” Many thousand men who have families to support are unable to provide bread for the “loved ones at home” whose famished condition calls loudly for some philanthropic movement in their behalf. In this terrible condition of things is there no man who will step to the front and immortalize himself by a bold and liberal movement looking to the relief of suffering humanity? In this connection we think we see an opportunity for President Hayes to distinguish himself and leave an imperishable name that will forever be linked with feelings of gratitude on the part of his countrymen. The President draws a salary of \$50,000 per annum. On half that amount he can sustain himself and his family comfortably during their lifetime, besides being able to give his children a good education as well as a good start in life. Being thus able to provide for those who are near and dear to him, and secure them against future want, why cannot the President initiate a philanthropic movement with a view to the alleviation of the sufferings of his fellow countrymen? In what more appropriate way could the head of the nation by such liberality of action distinguish him self and do good? Let the President start out in this noble movement of supporting the famished poor by giving half of his salary for that purpose, and this country would witness one of the grandest spectacles ever presented to its people. Rich men everywhere who have enough to live upon and ample to spare, would follow the example set by the head of the nation, which would lead to the establishment of public charities in every section of this broad domain. We would not encourage such a system of liberality if the times and the occasion did not warrant it. But it is well known that there are willing hearts and willing hands everywhere who have the disposition to toil, but there is unfortunately nothing for them to do, and consequently starvation stares them in the face. When times grow brighter, then there will be employment for them and they can live. As it is now they are suffering, and the President can, by such a course as we have suggested, do an immense amount of good. In his official capacity he is liable to prove a failure as an able and accomplished ruler, but as a philanthropist he has it in his power to win golden opinions from all classes of the people. Such an example would be contagious. It would result in carrying joy to every famished household in the land; and when the President’s term of office shall have expired he would, with such a record left to posterity, be remembered as patriotic friend of the poor, while people generally, without distinction of party, would be ready to exclaim: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

THERE ARE only five states in the Union where Governors are elected annually. These are Maine, New Hampshire, R.I., Mass. and Michigan. In Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, Governors are elected every two years. In Pennsylvania and New Jersey they are elected every three years, and in the remaining sixteen States of the Union they are elected every four years. The smallest gubernatorial salaries (\$1,000 per annum) are paid to Maine, New Hampshire, Michigan and Vermont. The largest salaries are paid in New York and Pennsylvania, whose Governors get \$10,000.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY
ROAD & STREET
FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE
October 1, 2016..... **\$1,164,243**

RECEIPTS
Property tax.....\$272,396
Other local receipts.....57,472
Highway user revenue.....1,337,211
Other State & Federal funds.....55,362
Total Receipts.....\$1,664,969

DISBURSEMENTS
New Construction.....\$0.00
Reconstruction, replacement
& rehabilitation.....611,409
Chip seal & patching.....224,260
Grading/Blading.....368,235
Winter Maintenance.....152,650
Other.....240,149
Equipment.....322,331
Other expenses (with adjustment).....98,016
Total Disbursements.....\$1,776,901
CLOSING BALANCE.....**\$1,052,311**
Amount obligated for
Specific future projects.....\$841,849

UNOBLIGATED BALANCE
September 30, 2017.....**\$210,462**
1/3/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
BEFORE THE OWYHEE
COUNTY PLANNING &
ZONING COMMISSION

On January 24, 2018 beginning at 10:00 am, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear application Z18-07, a request for a conditional use permit filed by DeRuyter Properties, L.P. seeking to establish a six space RV employee housing park on an approximately 431-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel, RP03N04W300001A, is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Thompson and Buntrock roads, approximately 2.4 miles northwest of Marsing. The site is located in an agricultural zone situated in a portion of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z18-06, a request for a conditional use permit filed by Barbara Herron seeking to establish a two-lot residential subdivision on a ten-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel, RP02N04W369000A, is located at approximately milepost 7.2 off State Highway 78 roughly six miles south/southeast of Marsing. The site is located in an agricultural zone situated in a portion of the SE¼ of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z18-02, a request for short plat approval filed by **Jeff Currie** for a previously approved one-lot residential subdivision. The subject parcel, RP04N06W241220A, is in an agricultural zone located off River Road approximately four miles northwest of Homedale situated in a portion of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of section 24, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call

208-495-2095 ext. 2.
1/3/2018

ORDINANCE NO. A-201
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 4-2-9 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE TO PROVIDE THAT FEES FOR DOG LICENSES AND OTHER DOG RELATED PENALTIES SHALL BE SET BY RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Marsing has determined that fees for dog licenses and other dog penalties, such as dog at large, should be set by resolution and desires to amend its City Code to provide for such.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Unless otherwise provided, a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable by a fixed infraction penalty as provided in subsection 1-4-1B of this code.

Administrative fees for the provision of this chapter shall be set by resolution of the City Council.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 13th day of December, 2017.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
s:/ James Ferdinand, Mayor
ATTEST:
s:/ Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
1/3/2018

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ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT
CITY OF HOMEDALE

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR \$0
RECEIPTS

LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES
Sale of assets \$0
Interest income \$689
Fund transfer from non-highway accounts \$18,595
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in \$11,097
Total Local Funding \$30,381

STATE FUNDING SOURCES
Highway user revenue \$119,221
Total State Funding \$119,221

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$149,602

DISBURSEMENTS
NEW CONSTRUCTION
Bridges, culverts and storm drainage \$72
Total New Construction \$72

RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION
Roads \$97
Bridges, culverts and storm drainage \$205
Total Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation \$302

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
Chip sealing or seal coating \$16,929
Patching \$11,592
Winter maintenance \$25,621
Grading/blading \$229
Other \$13,321
Total Routine Maintenance \$67,692

EQUIPMENT
New equipment purchase \$3,000
Equipment maintenance \$6,507
Other \$2,432
Total Equipment \$11,939

ADMINISTRATIVE \$7,814

OTHER
Street lighting \$29,814
Professional services \$593
Total Other \$30,407

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$118,226
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS \$31,376
CLOSING BALANCE \$31,376
Funds obligated for specific future projects & reserves \$21,523
Funds retained for general funds & operations \$9,853
ENDING BALANCE \$0

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HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES TO FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	General
Revenues	
Local revenue	
Property tax	\$ 62,897
Interest Income	934
Other	9,339
State revenue	
Highway users apportionment	619,951
Sales tax	15,456
Ag replacement	2,492
Other	1,426
Total revenue	712,495
Expenditures	
Labor and salaries	152,046
Legal and accounting	4,500
Repair and maintenance	17,741
Gas, oil, and tires	17,157
Construction materials	416,547
General supplies and miscellaneous	6,032
Payroll taxes and benefits	51,799
Telephone	1,563
Utilities	2,778
Signs	917
Insurance - general	5,340
Insurance - workers comp	7,653
Office expense	1,363
Cell phones	568
Engineering fees	300
Dues and publications	3,273
Weed control	14,748
Total expenditures	704,325
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	8,170
Fund balance - beginning	497,133
Fund balance - ending	\$ 505,303

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2017

	General
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 312,008
Receivables:	
Property taxes	6,057
Other	161,697
Inventory	37,841
Total assets	517,603
Liabilities and fund balance	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	1,973
Salaries and benefits payable	4,870
Total liabilities	6,843
Deferred inflows of resources	
Deferred inflows of future revenues	5,457
Fund balance:	
Nonspendable	37,841
Restricted	
Committed	
Assigned	
Unassigned	467,462
Total fund balance	505,303
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 517,602

Terri Uria, Secretary/Treasurer
1/3/2018

LEGAL NOTICE

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9-30-17


Beginning Balance as of:	1-Oct-16	497,133
RECEIPTS		
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES		
Property Tax Levy		62,897
Interest Income		934
All Other Local Receipts		9,339
Total Local Funding		73,170
STATE FUNDING SOURCES		
Highway User Revenue		619,951
Sales Tax/Revenue Sharing		15,456
All Other State Receipts		3,918
Total State Funding		639,325
FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES		
		\$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		712,495
DISBURSEMENTS		
NEW CONSTRUCTION	Bridges, Culverts, and Storm Drains/Other signs, etc	\$1,518
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION		
	Roads (rebuild, realign, or overlay upgrade)	2,469
	RR Crossing	1,069
	Bridges, Culverts and Storm Drainage	9,885
TOTAL RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION		13,423
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE		
	Chip Sealing	429,548
	Patching	13,726
	Winter Maintenance	25,023
	Grading/Blading	6,182
TOTAL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE		474,479
EQUIPMENT		
	EQUIPMENT Maintenance	4,598
	Other Repair & Maintenance, Fuel, Rental	17,004
	EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE	1,184
TOTAL EQUIPMENT		22,786
ADMINISTRATION		
	Administrative salaries and expenses	162,007
OTHER EXPENDITURES		
	Professional Services- Audit, Clerical, Legal	4,500
	Professional Services- Engineering	300
	All other local expenditures....Maint. Grounds/Shop, weed control	25,311
	Total Other Expenditures	30,111

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	704,325
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	8,170
CLOSING BALANCE	505,303
FUNDS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS AND RESERVES	300,000
FUNDS RETAINED FOR GENERAL FUNDS AND OPERATION	205,303
ENDING BALANCE	0

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS: Larry Prow, Scott Salutregui and John Demshar
1/3/2018

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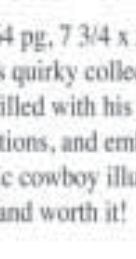


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