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AT LONG LAST, MURPHY P.O. RETURNS



Postal clerk Rochelle Brooks steps into the post office on Monday in Murphy. The new modular building will be the site of an open house on Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

County seat post office opens Thursday

Open house planned
for new modular
building in old location

After a long wait, Murphy will lose the distinction as Idaho's only county seat without a post office.

The new Murphy Post Office is ready to open its doors for business with an open house planned Thursday.

The new modular post office is located

*"Folks will be happy
to get things back to
normal ..."*

— **Vikki Tyson,**
Melba postmaster

in the same spot as the former building on the corner of Idaho highway 78 and Hailey Street.

An open house will be held from noon

to 2 p.m., on Thursday. The post office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Melba Postmaster Vikki Tyson said that a grand opening is planned on Thursday, when the public can come see the new office and enjoy some treats.

"Folks will be happy to get things back to normal (in Murphy)," she said.

Besides Tyson, patrons will have

— See *Post office, Back page*

Blanksma given role in GOP House leadership

65th Legislature
committee
assignments made

Megan Blanksma will start her second term in the Idaho House of Representatives as part of party leadership.

The Dist. 23, Seat B representative has been named the House Majority Caucus Chair for the upcoming Idaho Legislature session.

"It is very unusual for a

— See *Blanksma, page 5A*



Marsing bridge work may start in February

The first phase of long-awaited road and bridge projects in Marsing will begin in January with bridge replacement possibly starting in February.

In a recent meeting with the Marsing City Council, Idaho Transportation Department construction engineer David

— See *Marsing, page 4A*

DMV closure linked to computer problem

Skills test double-billing
triggers training day

Computer glitches continue to cause problems to varying degrees at Owyhee County's Division of Motor Vehicles offices.

All three of the county's branches —

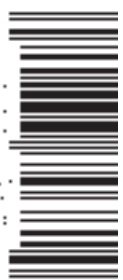
Marsing, Murphy and Grand View — are closed today as employees undergo Idaho Transportation Department-led training to fix the latest issue.

"The training is to help us with end-of-the-month (financial) balancing," county Assessor Toni Gruenwald said. "The ITD computer has been adding fees. ITD wants to show us how to void these properly."

The fees are related to driving skills tests. Patrons pay for the tests months in advance, Gruenwald said.

But when customers visit the DMV office to finalize their driver's license, the state-based computer system adds the skills test fee into the final bill a second time.

— See *DMV, page 5A*



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Homedale council holds city fees hearing tonight

Jerry Anderson starts 2nd stint on governing board

The first city council meeting for a returning appointee could be interesting tonight. Jerry Anderson returns to the Homedale City Council in time for a public hearing on proposed city fees that would go into effect next month. The public hearing will be held sometime after the regular council meeting starts at 6 p.m., inside the magistrate courtroom across the lobby from the City Hall offices at 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Anderson was sworn in on Dec. 1 after his appointment to succeed Tim Downing, who resigned in the midst of his

third non-consecutive term on the council. Downing died on Dec. 4 at the age of 70. Before the public hearing, the council will hear from Ride Idaho, an annual seven-day cycling tour that traverses the state. The organization is requesting one-day use of the Riverside Park RV park in July. The usual department reports will be heard after the public hearing, and the council is scheduled to vote on the new fee schedule during the mayor and council report portion of the meeting. Among the proposed fees and fee increases for which public input will be sought tonight:

- A new, one-time business license fee of \$50 for new businesses. Existing business

will be exempt.

- An annual \$80 registration fee for solicitor's, such as door-to-door salesmen. Currently, salesmen need only pay a one-time fee of \$80.
- If a utility must be turned off because of non-payment, the cost will be \$30 (up from \$25). A new surcharge of \$50 will be in place if a lock is required on the meter.
- A special use permit application will cost \$150 plus costs, but the cost of a variance will drop from \$300 plus costs to \$150 plus costs.
- Sign permit fees will increase from \$35 to \$50.

Swimming pool fees are undergoing changes for the first time in 13 years:

- A day pass will increase from \$2 to \$3.
- Annual passes also would

go up \$10 at each tier for season passes, including new fees of \$55 for one person, \$75 for two people, and \$80 for three.

- The city proposes doing away with the \$120 pass for families of five or more. Instead, the pass for families of four will increase from \$100 to \$120 and will also cover larger families for the same price.
- Non-resident fees are being established for swimming lessons. A block of 10 30-minute lessons will cost \$35 for residents (up from \$25), while the new non-resident fee has been established at \$50.
- The city proposes a \$10 daily increase in the RV Park use fee from \$15 to \$25. Additionally, a \$40 winter rate is being proposed.

Fee increases also are pro-

posed for the police department:

- Civil service fees will increase from \$35 to \$50.
- Kennel license fees will double from \$50 to \$100 and will be charged annually.

Fees charged at the library are changing, too:

- Black-and-white photocopies will cost 15 cents per side (down a nickel per side)
- Color copies will cost 25 cents per side (up from a dime per side).
- Copies are free for students doing work for class.
- Fax services at the library will become decidedly less expensive. Both outgoing and incoming faxes will cost 25 cents per page. Currently, it costs \$1 per page to send a fax and a quarter per page to receive one.

— JPB

Man in county lock-up following deputy dust-up



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A Marsing man is in custody after a scuffle with an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy shortly before midnight on Dec. 3 at the Owyhee County satellite office on Reich Street. Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Matthew Renz, 21,

allegedly attempted to strike a deputy at the substation after an altercation with his father. The skirmish resulted in Renz facing misdemeanor charges of battery, assault on a law enforcement officer, and restrict/obstruct an officer. The deputy reported that Renz

verbally threatened and attempted to strike her, according to Bowman. Renz was brought to jail in Murphy, and he is being held on a \$100,000 bond. He has a pre-trial hearing set for Jan. 2 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

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In late June, TJ Wellard of Caldwell-based Skinner Land Surveys mapped out boundaries for the property that the Rock of Homedale non-profit planned to purchase.



Building a dream of teen unity

Planned facility near Homedale High will provide safe, social place

The plan to build a faith-based teen hangout close to Homedale High School is picking up steam.

The Rock of Homedale, a 501(c)3 non-profit formed by a group of community members, is about \$50,000 away from its goal of a full construction budget, according to group spokesperson Kathy Deal.

Deal teaches a Christian education curriculum for the Homedale School District, which is based at the Homedale Assembly of God Church. She also conducts a Young Life non-denominational teen group out of her home off Homedale Road in Canyon County.

With such diverse meeting places, a plan was hatched to construct a building to house both programs as well as provide a “landing spot” for youth to visit before and after school to do homework, sip coffee or play games — all under adult supervision.

Deal said the idea is to work toward unifying the young people in town to strengthen the community.

The non-profit group closed on the sale of land on East Owyhee Avenue across from John Jackson Field and about a block from the east edge of the HHS campus.

The area is set for excavation

later this month.

Deal said if the remaining \$50,000 can be raised, it will be combined with a significant anonymous donation to fund construction of the group’s “dream building.”

Several other businesses have already kicked in in-kind services, such as Skinner Land Survey, which found the property lines for the parcel; Idaho Real Estate Co.; American Red Line Automotive; TitleOne; and Ideal Custom Homes.

Deal said tax-deductible donations to the construction fund can be made at US Bank under The Rock of Homedale.

For more information on the project, call Deal at (208) 794-1048.

— JPB

Grants help county groups’ causes

Three Owyhee County entities will benefit from the latest round of Idaho Community Foundation grants.

The foundation announced on Monday afternoon that its Southwest Grants Panel had selected 125 nonprofits, educational organizations and governmental entities to receive part of \$346,000 in grants.

- The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will receive \$2,500 to purchase movable shelving units for its children’s section. The grant coincides with the Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library project to bring more shelving to the new area at the library. The units cost about \$2,000 each, according to previous Friends of the EOCL releases.
- The Homedale Youth Club will receive \$4,000 to provide a stipend for the program director as well as pay for the use of the First Presbyterian Church. Money also will be used for field trips, buying food and craft supplies, and purchasing swim passes for the

Homedale City Pool.

The youth club meets each Friday during the school year, and volunteers of adults and high school-aged children staff the program.

- Marsing Senior Citizens Inc., which operates the Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause, will receive matching funds for a grant with which a six-passenger van is being purchased.

The Idaho Community Foundation is providing \$3,910.

The wheelchair-accessible van will be used to transport seniors, disabled people and veterans, according to the foundation’s press release.

Money for the grants comes from the Idaho Community Foundation’s Forever Idaho Funds. A donation of any amount can provides grants to nonprofits in your community: www.idahocf.org/current-future-donors/donate-now/forever-idaho.

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✓ Marsing: Official says contractor has until June 2020 to finish project

Barrett provided new construction timelines for work on Idaho highway 55 and the replacement of the bridge over the Snake River.

The bridgework will start in February or March and take about 18 months.

Although Barrett stated the first stage of Idaho 55 roadwork, to be completed by Wadsworth Brothers Construction, would begin in January, he provided a caveat.

The first project to replace the structure for the C-line canal and a deep drain on the west end of town is scheduled to be completed by mid-January.

“I want to hedge my dates, so if I say January but it ends up being early February, bear with us,” Barrett said.

He said that because the two structures are large, the work area will require temporary stoplights to regulate traffic. Each phase will take around

two weeks to complete and won’t be undertaken concurrently.

After replacing the canal and drain, the next step will be Idaho 55 paving from Reich Street to the bridge. One side of the street will be rehabilitated first then the opposite lane.

The next phase would be roadwork from Reich Street to the west end of town.

The third stage will run from 14th Avenue West to the U.S. 95 junction.

“Since there will be a little bit of overlap with these stages, it’s hard to say how long each of those stages are,” Barrett said.

Wadsworth informed Barrett that those stages will be completed by September.

Barrett said that ITD, the contractor and emergency services have not yet all met to figure out the logistics of how first-responders will navigate

traffic lights. In the past, a remote would be used to create red lights on both ends of a construction area to allow emergency vehicles to get through.

“We’ve been talking about it since the beginning,” Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand said.

Before any work can be done on the bridge, Idaho Power has to move some power lines. An existing line goes right over where the contractor plans to stage.

Wadsworth will stage on the Canyon County side of the bridge.

Barrett said Idaho Power plans to start the power line migration next month.

The City of Marsing must also move a municipal water transmission pipe that is hung on the current bridge.

ITD is also working on a Coast Guard permit to ensure

that there is safe passage on the river during the construction.

“They’re going to make us go through all the hurdles,” Barrett said.

With a modern span set to replace the 65-year-old current bridge, Barrett isn’t concerned with permitting.

“The bridge is better in every way than the old one. The spans are a lot longer. It’s also higher,” he said. “(The permit) should sail through as far as I can tell.”

The bridge will be replaced in phases in which traffic will be reduced to one lane.

After the pier on the east side of the bridge is built, the contractor will begin taking down the north side of the bridge. There will be a stoplight at either side.

Barrett estimates that each stage of the bridge project will

take about nine months.

“There’s two big stages,” he said. “They’ll build half that bridge, move traffic over. About nine months later, (crews will) remove the remaining half of the bridge and start building it up again.

“That’ll take about another nine months and then there will be about two months there at the end.”

A secondary access to Island Park will be built on the north side of the bridge. Temporary pavement will probably be used, Barrett said.

“Contractually, they’re to have the job done by June of 2020,” he said. “It’s a long project with lots of parts to it.

“We’ll do our best, and that’s what we’re working toward.”

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In the Dec. 5 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, an article concerning an arrest for drug possession attributed a description of marijuana wax to Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman. The description was, in fact, acquired from reporter research and not from Bowman.

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✓ **Blanksma:** Zito on Ag Affairs, Brackett to chair Transportation

second-term legislator to gain the position, and I am the only woman in majority leadership in the Idaho Legislature,” Blanksma said.

As caucus chair, the Hammett Republican will run the caucus meetings and handle media relations.

Other GOP House leadership includes Speaker of the House Scott Bedke of Oakley (Dist. 27), Majority Leader Mike Moyle of Star (Dist. 14), and assistant Majority Leader Jason Monks from Nampa (Dist. 22).

“As part of the leadership team, I will also be involved in various negotiations with

the Senate and the governor,” Blanksma said.

Bedke and Blanksma are from a more rural area of Idaho than their leadership colleagues in the Treasure Valley.

It’s probably too soon to wonder if the rising Republican star plans to move up the party’s legislative ladder.

“I’m really not sure. I felt like I had a certain skill set for this position that would benefit



Christy Zito

the caucus, and that was why I ran for the job,” Blanksma said. “So, for now, I’m fully focused on doing my best at the task at hand.”

Blanksma earned a second two-year term in November after defeating write-in candidate Tony Ulrich of the Constitution Party.

Party leadership also made committee assignments for the 65th Idaho Legislature during a



Bert Brackett

series of meetings last week. The first session convenes at the Statehouse in Boise on Jan. 7.

Blanksma will sit on four House committees: Ways and Means, Health and Welfare, Transportation, and Resources and Conservation.

Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett), who is also beginning her second term in the House, will sit on two committees — Agricultural Affairs and Judiciary, Rules and Administration.

The third member of the District 23 legislative delegation, Owyhee County rancher Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), is

entering his sixth term in the state Senate.

Before succeeding the late Tom Gannon in the Senate, the Owyhee County rancher served one term in the House of Representatives.

Brackett’s assignments for the upcoming Legislature include chairman of the Transportation Committee and vice-chair of the Committee on Resources & Environment.

— JPB

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✓ **DMV:**
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Although the customer isn’t actually charged a second time, the computer billing was impacting the county DMV’s accounting, Gruenwald said.

“We were not voiding these properly, so at the end of the month the reports said we owed more to ITD than we did,” she said. “ITD knows this; however, they want to show us how to void these properly and balance end-of-the-month without having to do extra work trying to balance out these fees.”

Meanwhile, Gruenwald said motorists aren’t having nearly as much heartburn trying to establish or renew driver’s licenses as in earlier months.

“The lines are still long; however, (they) seem to be running faster,” Gruenwald said.

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Obituary

Tim Downing

Tim Downing, 70, of Homedale, passed away peacefully at home with his wife and daughter by his side, on December 4, 2018. Tim was born January 8, 1948 to Kenneth and Alene Downing. He spent his first seven years living in Murphy, ID and went to first and second grade in Murphy's one-room schoolhouse. He was joined by two sisters who helped him explore the Owyhees, riding horses from dawn to dusk. The family then moved to Homedale where Tim went the remainder of his school years, graduating with the great class of 1966. Tim served in the Army, in Viet Nam, from 1968-1969. He'd be the first to tell you that is not what he wanted to be doing at that age, but nonetheless, he served his country well. When Tim returned home he set out to clear his head by hitchhiking from the Northwest down to Mexico and over to Florida, taking time to enjoy the Mardi Gras. Tim had a strong belief in serving his community and did so by being on the Homedale Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years and in later years served on Homedale City Council for 2½ terms. Tim owned his one-man appliance repair business for over 40 years. His impeccable integrity and honesty will be greatly missed by Homedale and the



surrounding communities. Often times, Tim accepted a plate of homemade goodies for payment of services when someone, especially widowers, couldn't afford to have an appliance repaired. Tim and his wife Deb, had 32 wonderful years together, loving each other deeply. Together they raised their precious daughter, Erica. He was so very proud of the strong women she grew up to be and, indeed, can take credit for her wonderful qualities. Tim had three grandchildren, Riley (Shortman), Gracie (Princess) and Jaxon (Jack Jack). He loved watching them play sports and rarely missed a game. More recently, Tim loved watching Riley coach his little brother in football and basketball, going undefeated and winning championships in both sports. When Tim became ill his lifelong friends Rudy Garcia and Floyd Breach, would accompany him to the games. Tim was so proud of Gracie and her love for Jesus

and felt great peace when she prayed with him. Tim spent his entire life loving animals, from a civet cat to raccoons and badgers and brought home every animal imaginable. The love and loyalty he had for his dogs was incomparable, especially his most recent sidekick, "Bear Bear". Above all, Tim was a fisherman. This poem, given to him by his late brother-in-law Jim, describes him well:

I fish because I love to; Because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly; Because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties, and assorted social posturing I thus escape; Because, in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion; Because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond to only quietude and humility and endless patience; Because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip; Because mercifully there are no telephones on trout waters; Because only in the woods

can I find solitude without loneliness; Because bourbon out of an old tin cup always tastes better out there; Because maybe one day I will catch a mermaid; and, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant — and not nearly so much fun.


Tim is survived by his loving wife Deb; their daughter Erica and son-in-law Brad Dines; His three grandchildren, Riley, Gracie and Jaxon who were his absolute pride and joy; His wonderful mother, Alene Downing; two sisters, Dani Lee Aman and Toni Ross; His niece, Marcy Blandford (Jason) and his two nephews Zac (Lisa) and Zeb (Julee) Ross; His aunts, Marilyn Burke (Jack) and Pat Davis and numerous cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Kenny and his beloved Granny and Granpa Adams. At Tim's request, there will be no service. To honor him, please do something kind for someone less fortunate in your community or donate to your favorite charity. Above all, be kind to your animals. The family would like to thank the many friends and family, near and far, that visited with Tim during his illness. Also a special thanks to Horizon Hospice for their tender care.

Idaho Foodbank Homedale drop-off set Friday

This month's commodity distribution held at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale has been rescheduled. Distribution at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W., typically begins at 9 a.m., once the Idaho Foodbank truck arrives from Boise. The commodity distribution lasts until all the food is gone, which First Presbyterian congregant Shelley Townsend said is usually about 11 a.m. The commodity distribution usually takes place on the fourth Friday of the month, but December's event has been moved because of the holiday.

Farmers offered pesticide license renewal, lunch

The Owyhee Conversation District's Farmers Appreciation Luncheon caps the organization's annual pesticide renewal class Thursday. The license renewal class runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Three class hours will result in three renewal points for a pesticide applicator's license. A free lunch will follow. Food available during the event includes a chili feed, sandwich tray, fruit tray, donuts, coffee, cookies and beverages available. Contact the OCD office to reserve a seat. Call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or email gina.millard@id.nacdnet.net

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We can never thank you enough.

Special thanks to Sheila Sartorius, Katie Rau, and Becky Wright for coordinating everything.

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Calendar

Today

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

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

Senior center board meeting
1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Christian Life Club
4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024, (208) 337-3464

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

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

OCD Farmers Appreciation
9 a.m. to noon, RSVP required, pesticide renewal class, lunch to follow, Owyhee County University of IDaho Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

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

Owyhee Conservation District board
Noon, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Pinochle games
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

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

STEMCraft at the library
4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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

VFW meeting
7 p.m., Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11086 Hall, Wilder.

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

3D printer class
10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Grades 5-12. (208) 834-2785

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

3D printer class
Noon to 2 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Adult class. (208) 834-2785

Holiday Sip and Shop
4 p.m., to 9 p.m., Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

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

Teen game night
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Life in the SON Christian support group
7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 504-7884 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

Pinochle and dominoes games
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Free Christmas dinner
4p.m. to 7 p.m., George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Homedale Chamber luncheon
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Pinochle games
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire meeting
7 p.m., Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

Wednesday

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

Thursday, Dec. 20

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

Pinochle games
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

STEMCraft at the library
4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

University of Idaho Extension

The secret to fresh-cut Christmas tree at home

Celebrating the holidays with an indoor evergreen tree loaded with lights and ornaments is a tradition for many. Artificial trees have come a long way in looking and feeling realistic, and as a result, have grown in popularity. But if it has been a while since you’ve enjoyed a fragrant, fresh-cut real tree, it might be time to reconsider!



Ariel Agenbroad

Did you know that a real Christmas tree can be a sustainable, “green” option that supports Idaho growers, retailers and local economies? Many Christmas trees sold in Idaho are grown in Idaho or the Pacific Northwest. Many times, holiday tree sales fund charitable and educational causes in our communities, as well. Families can also opt to purchase permits from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service to cut their own trees in the Boise and Payette National Forests. Idaho fourth-graders who participate in the “Every Kid in a Park” program (<https://www.everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass/>) are eligible to receive a free tree permit.

Even a vase filled with fresh evergreen trimmings (very affordable and often sold by the pound) can bring the fragrance of the forest indoors. And nothing compares with that true tree scent. The most popular species are Fraser fir, Noble fir and Douglas fir, followed by Balsam fir and Scotch pine

Christmas trees are sustainable, renewable and recyclable. Farmers replace cut trees every year, and these “forests”

absorb carbon dioxide and provide oxygen and habitat for wildlife and birds during the time it takes them to grow to maturity. A tree is grown and shaped for six to eight years on a tree farm before it’s ready for harvest and sale. Compared with many crops, Christmas trees can grow in poor soil conditions and they don’t require much watering or weeding.

How do you care for your farm-grown or freshly harvested Christmas tree? The National Christmas Tree Association offers the following top tips:

- Display your tree in water in a traditional reservoir type stand to maintain freshness and minimize needle loss. Stands should provide 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter.
- Make a fresh, flat cut to remove about a half-inch thick disk of wood from the base of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. **Note:** Drilling a hole in the base of the trunk does not improve water uptake.
- If you can’t put your tree up right away, place the freshly cut trunk in a bucket that is kept full of water until you are ready to display it.
- Check water daily and keep trees away from major sources of heat.

— Ariel Agenbroad serves southwest Idaho as an Area Extension Educator in Community Food Systems, and Small Farms for University of Idaho Extension. Her areas of specialization include home and market vegetable production, direct marketing of small farm products, organics and gardening with youth. She can be reached at ariel@uidaho.edu.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day

Dec. 12: Beef stew, roll
Dec. 13: Taco salad, rice – salsa, chips, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, sour cream
Dec. 18: Baked fish, baked potato, beets, roll
Dec. 19: Ham and beans, corn bread, carrots
Dec. 20: Turkey & stuffing, sweet potatoes, peas, mashed potatoes, roll
Dec. 25: CLOSED
Dec. 26: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli. roll



KILL A WATT kits, available at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View, are designed to help residents use energy more efficiently. Photo by Mandi Boren

Grand View library offers Idaho Power energy efficiency kits

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Eastern Owyhee County Library patrons are benefitting from an Idaho Power grant designed to assist homeowners become more energy efficient.

The KILL A WATT kits were provided to the Grand View library by the Idaho Commission for Libraries through an Energy Kit Lending Program grant sponsored by Idaho Power.

The library has two kits that can be checked-out for two weeks at a time.

The kits contain a KILL A WATT meter that plugs into a regular three-prong electrical outlet.

According to Idaho Power paperwork included in the kit, the meter can help users “make better decisions how to use energy.”

Once an appliance is plugged into the meter the LCD will display voltage, watt, volt amps (VA), frequency (Hz), power factor (PF) and kilowatt-hour

(kWh) readings.

The kit also contains a “30 Simple Things You Can Do to Save Energy” booklet, which includes a simple introduction to energy, tips for saving energy and even fun energy efficiency projects to help gets kids involved, too.

The Idaho Power Energy Efficiency guide recommends five energy saving tips:

- Set your thermostat to 68° F in the winter and 78° F in the summer
- Check forced-air furnace filters regularly
- Wash and dry full loads of clothes
- Air dry clothes on warm days
- Change your lights to Energy Star LED bulbs.

Eastern Owyhee County Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View. Call (208) 834-2785 for more information.



Arock students pay tribute to cowboys
Seventeen W.W. Jones Elementary students performed in a “Cowboy Poetry Christmas,” the Arock, Ore.’s annual holiday program on Dec. 6 that was an ode to old-style cowboys and their way of life. The youngest performer was a first-grader and the oldest an eighth-grader. The students’ teachers are Vicki McConnell and Jena Grenke. The event included special appearances by Sugar the mini horse and Blue the dog. A dessert potluck with Santa (Tanner Young) closed the evening. Photos by Tara Echave



Residents flock to local author event
Homedale author Rebecca Emery (left) prepares to sign a copy of her book “Katie Girl, A Sweet Family Novel,” for Christine Ketterling during a Thursday event at the Homedale Public Library.

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Homedale Ambulance rolls out another huge orange sale

Above: David Watts (left) purchases a bag of oranges from Homedale Ambulance’s Sherry Parrill on Monday. Proceeds from the sale help purchase equipment for the ambulance service.

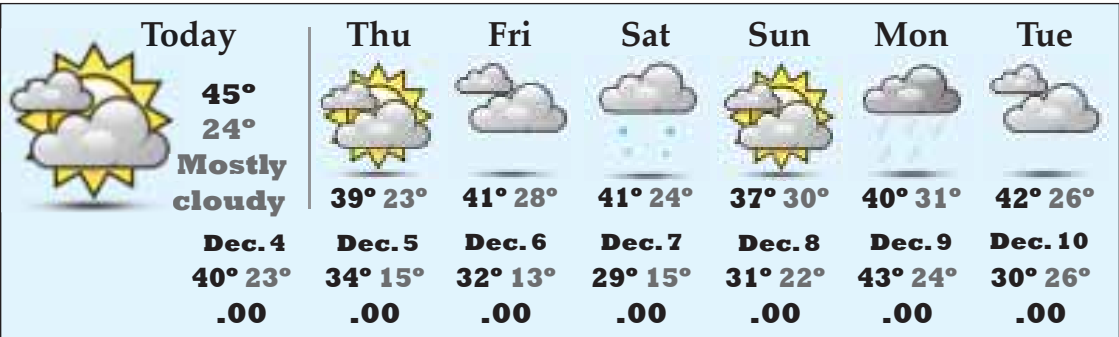
Right: Jaelyn Parrill does some heavy lifting for the Homedale Ambulance’s orange sale on Monday at the ambulance hall. Jaelyn is the daughter of Mandie and Travis Parrill of Homedale. She was helping out her grandmother Sherry.



Friends church bazaar spreads out

The sanctuary and the lobby were filled with vendors Saturday for the third annual Christmas bazaar at the Homedale Friends Community Church. *Above:* Wilder resident Colleen Foster (right) samples homegrown canning products at the Jackie’s Country Cookin’ booth as Tom Benson — husband of the namesake — looks on. *Right:* Wilder brothers Cody (12 years old) and Colton (16) Rietema sold their own homemade wooden signs and products.





SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors						
	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/4	1.8	11	2.5	29	1	14
12/5	2.1	9	1.9	25	11	17
12/6	2.2	11	1.9	26	15	20
12/7	2.3	10	2.0	32	5	20
12/8	2.2	10	2.0	28	21	25
12/9	2.4	10	2.1	38	16	26
12/10	2.3	9	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/4	1.5	11	3.1	26	13	17
12/5	1.5	10	3.1	20	9	14
12/6	1.4	10	3.0	20	8	16
12/7	1.5	10	3.1	30	12	22
12/8	1.5	9	3.2	31	23	28
12/9	1.5	9	3.2	29	22	25
12/10	1.5	9	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/4	4.0	22	6.8	30	15	20
12/5	4.0	20	6.7	34	15	21
12/6	4.0	20	6.7	35	13	22
12/7	4.1	19	6.7	38	24	30
12/8	4.1	18	6.8	39	24	29
12/9	4.1	18	6.8	40	26	36
12/10	4.2	17	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 34 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 155 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 28 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 241,910 acre-feet of water on Monday.

US Ecology waste site still closed; offices temporarily put in Mtn. Home

A hazardous waste disposal site near Grand View remains closed as the investigation into last month's fatal industrial accident continues.

US Ecology of Idaho administrative offices have been temporarily relocated to Mountain Home.

Two investigations — one internal and one launched by federal authorities — have been under way since a Nov. 17 explosion destroyed a building, killed one employee and injured three others.

— *The Owyhee Avalanche* correspondent *Mandi Boren* contributed to this article.

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Former Homedale honor student dies in Canyon crash

Authorities have identified 21-year-old Vianey Alcantara-Perez as the Homedale woman who died in a single-car accident Sunday morning in Canyon County.

Alcantara was a 2015 Homedale High School graduate and frequently was named to the school's honor roll.

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office responded to a crash on Idaho highway 55 near Celeste Street at about 10:26 a.m., on Sunday.

Deputies found a vehicle submerged in a canal with Alcantara-Perez, the driver and lone occupant, deceased inside.

Celeste Street is located west of Nampa off Idaho 55 between Midway Road and Lake Avenue.

The crash is still under investigation, and it's unknown if alcohol was a factor, according to the press release.

Man's drunk driving conviction reinstated for failure to pay bills

A man who originally received a withheld judgment has been sentenced on misdemeanor drug and drunk driving charges.

Joshua Ray Willard's hometown was listed as Caldwell when he was arrested more than two years ago after wrecking his pickup truck south of Marsing.

Now a Homedale resident, Willard was sentenced after the court revoked a withheld judgment put in place in April 2017 by Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said Willard's withheld judgment was revoked because he didn't make any payments on \$1,200 on fines and court fees that were levied. At the time of his April 2017 sentencing, Willard was given 12 months to pay the fines and reimburse the county for public defender fees.

With Willard's conviction for misdemeanor driving under the influence and marijuana possession back in place, Grober imposed 12 months' supervised probation on Dec. 3.

Willard now has a payment plan to pay the \$1,200. A review hearing has been set for July, Emery said.

At the original sentencing, Willard was ordered to serve one day in jail, but was given the option to perform 24 hours of community service in lieu of time behind bars.

During the first sentencing, Grober suspended all but two days of a six-month jail term.

Then-20 years old, Willard was arrested on Nov. 5, 2016 when he rolled his pickup in the Rat's Nest area near Clark Road south of Marsing.

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Homedale food and gift drive nearing end
The Hands Around Homedale food drive and Wish Tree gift drive is winding down. Thursday is the final day to contribute to the schoolchildren’s food drive, and Tuesday is the deadline to fill tags on the Wish Trees around town. From left: Maddyn Holtry, Aaron Andrade Lopez, and Keeley Watson show off some of the food items collected at the elementary school.

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

Dec. 3

Gerald Norman Flerchinger, Boise — Misdemeanor Fish and Game unlawful taking of game animals, birds or furbearers (2x) and wasteful destruction or mutilation of wildlife: , and no appropriate tag: 180 days in jail (suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$735 in fines, \$935 in court costs

Joshua Ray Willard, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence, marijuana possession (after withheld judgment revoked): 180 days in jail (1 day to serve, 1 day served, 178 days suspended), 12 months supervised probation, 180 days driver’s license suspension, \$650 in fines, \$409 in court costs

Nov. 28

Eric D. Field, Boise — Misdemeanor Fish and Game shooting from or across a public highway, unlawful taking of game animals, birds or furbearers, and no appropriate tag: 180 days in jail (150 days suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, \$1,870 in fines, \$495 in court costs

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HHS names Winter Formal royalty

Ismael Garcia couldn’t make the Homedale High School Winter Court coronation, but he was crowned in absentia as king with Monique Hernandez being named queen.

Kyle Rupp stood in for Garcia during the Saturday afternoon ceremony inside the HHS gymnasium.

The underclass princes and princesses and the Winter Court senior candidates were introduced between the junior varsity and varsity boys’ basketball games against Melba.

Rupp also stood in as an escort for Hernandez, who is the daughter of Albert and Maria Hernandez. She plans to enlist in the Air Force and study aerospace medical services.

The son of Jorge and Yesenia Garcia, Ismael wants to continue his baseball career in college.

Other Winter Court queen candidates included:

- **Alex Slawson**, daughter of Nathaniel and Krista Slawson
- **Lindy Phariss**, daughter of Todd and Margo Phariss

King candidates were:

- **Kage Hall**, son of Kirt and Jackie Hall
- **Carson Brown**, son of Shane and Keri Brown

Winter Formal royalty



Winter Formal Queen Monique Hernandez (left) is escorted by Kyle Rupp, who was standing in for Ismael Garcia, who won the Winter Formal King crown.

included:

- **Junior** — Princess Lily Galvan, daughter of Danielle Scott; Prince Dominic Quijano, son of Richie and Stephanie Quijano
- **Sophomore** — Princess Mackenzie Miller, daughter of Walter and Kiley Miller;

Prince Brayden Christoffersen, son of Jeff Christoffersen and Jodie Seward

- **Freshman** — Princess Amaia Abersaturi, daughter of Dan and Wendy Aberasturi; Prince Hayden Kincheloe, son of Stephen and Rachel Kincheloe

Homedale Legion plans free holiday dinner

The annual free community Christmas dinner is returning to Homedale’s American Legion hall.

The dinner will be held between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday at the George D. VanDerhoff Post 32 Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

Members of the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 and Auxiliary Unit 32 will serve up ham, turkey and all the fixings for anyone who shows up.

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Commissioner: Positive steps in BLM sage-grouse document

Resource plan amendments enter protest stage

The federal government’s ideas to align with Idaho’s Greater Sage-Grouse conservation plan leaves one of the men who helped developed the original blueprint optimistic.

District 1 Owyhee County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland was on the ground floor in developing the state plan that was eventually ignored by the Bureau of Land Management during the Obama administration.

The Trump administration took another look at the plan to keep the bird off the Endangered Species List.

A 30-day protest period began Dec. 6 when the BLM released the proposed resource management plan amendments and the final Environmental Impact Statement regarding sage-grouse conservation across Idaho and the West.

“So far, it is positive for livestock grazing, placing grazing back to a possible secondary threat,” Hoagland said. “The biggest benefit is the total removal of Sage-grouse Focal Areas (SFAs). That was a

layer of bureaucracy created by Washington, D.C., put in without public input, that was already covered by existing rules.”

Amendments are proposed for 21 RMPs in Idaho, including those in the BLM’s Owyhee, Bruneau and Jarbidge field offices in Owyhee County.

In addition to the removal of SFAs, the proposed amendments would establish buffer distances corresponding to the state’s three types of habitat management areas; and adjust objectives for grazing allotments that contain or overlap with sagebrush-steppe habitat. The amendment process also offered an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) with those established under Idaho law.

In what Hoagland saw as an unusual bit of information for a federal document, the EIS released last week revealed that the BLM funded about \$29 million in sage-grouse management projects the treated about 500,000 acres of sage-grouse habitat in fiscal year 2018.

The feds expect to spend another \$17 million on habitat management in FY 2019.

Hoagland called the financial commitment to preserving habitat and the bird “significant.”

The Wilson rancher also said that federal agency leaders are working closely with the Idaho Governor’s Office of Species Conservation. The cooperation, including from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is in contrast to the difficulties experienced during the last presidential administration.

Obama’s USFWS called the bird threatened, opening the door to a possible listing under the Endangered Species Act, and triggering state level efforts to develop a conservation plan to head-off the possible listing.

The previous administration’s outlook also called livestock grazing a “primary” threat to sage-grouse habitat.

Always a pragmatist, Hoagland acknowledges the threat of an ESA listing is always possible given the forces at working, including radical environmental groups.

The documents released last week address issues remanded to the agency by U.S. District Court judge in Nevada on March 31, 2017. That judge ruled the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when it finalized the 2015 Nevada sage-grouse plan.

The Idaho plan also was finalized more than three years ago after a task force assembled by Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter (and including Hoagland and Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert

Brackett from Rogerson) put together Idaho’s sage-grouse plan.

“We have appreciated the opportunity to work with Governor Otter’s team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plans,” Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt said. “We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies including those within the Department of the Interior.”

The BLM developed the changes in collaboration with Otter, state wildlife managers, and other concerned organizations and individuals, largely through the Western Governors Association’s Sage-Grouse Task Force.

“It is refreshing to have a federal agency willing to listen to the people in Idaho on an issue so important to our state and the West,” Otter said. “I appreciate Secretary Zinke’s commitment to upholding our state-based conservation plan for sage-grouse. We worked hard to develop a plan that was based in science and appropriately tailored to address the primary threats in Idaho.”

Protests may be filed through Jan. 8, and the Idaho governor also has 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local

laws and regulations

A Record of Decision will be issued after any protests are resolved.

The Final EIS is now available online at <https://goo.gl/Jd8uVf>.

Instructions for filing a protest are found online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address or submitted electronically through the BLM ePlanning project website.

To submit a protest electronically, go to the ePlanning project webpage <https://goo.gl/Jd8uVf> and follow the instructions at the top of the home page.

If submitting a protest in hard copy, it must be mailed to one of the following addresses:

- U.S. Postal Service mail: LM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, WO-210, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, D.C. 20024-1383
- Overnight delivery: BLM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, WO-210, 20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, D.C. 20003

Protests submitted by fax will also be invalid unless also submitted either through ePlanning project website protest section or in hard copy.

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Homedale church to present Nativity play

Homedale Assembly of God will play host to a special Christmas presentation on Sunday at the church located at 15 W. Montana Ave.

The church congregation will present the play, “O Come All Ye Faithful,” in place of Pastor Ivar Moore’s regular Sunday sermon at 10:45 a.m.

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Strong as leather

Hobby turned business helps Homedale grad rebuild her life

What started out as a hobby has helped Hailee Garrett Vernon through some of the biggest challenges imaginable.

The 30-year-old Homedale native has been dabbling in leathercraft since she was a child learning the art from her father, Gregg.

“I dinked around with my daddy, who used to tool belts and wallets back in the day and sold them as a side gig,” the 2006 Homedale High School graduate said.

Dad showed daughter a few basic leather-tooling skills, but Hailee put the hobby aside as she went off to Lewis-Clark State College, earned a degree, moved to Colorado, got married and started a family.

“Life happened,” Hailee said.

Even busy as a young mother and wife, she found time for the craft, which she admits evolved into something her father probably wouldn’t recognize — leather earrings, bookmarks, keychains, cuffs and bracelets.

“I started following different craftsmen on YouTube and other media sites,” she said. “I self-taught myself on doing some new artsy ideas.”

Two years ago, the hobby became a lifeline as Hailee coped with the end of her marriage when she was five months pregnant, a move back home, and the death of her 6-day-old son, Blayze.

“My life took kind of a drastic turn, and then (the hobby) kind of became my outlet and helped my mind escape some things,” she said.

“I started making a bunch of stuff, and a few people asked me if I wanted to sell some things.”

Now, with Hailee ready to set up a booth at the Sip and Shop bazaar at the Txoko Ona Basque Center on Friday, the hobby may be on the verge of becoming a cottage business.

“Fast forward to this fall, I ran into (bazaar co-organizer) Amaya Landa at the Firemen’s Dinner,” Hailee said. “She had bought a keychain from me, and asked me if I wanted a booth.”

Hailee, who is a receptionist at Owyhee Family Dental, said she wasn’t sure about her readiness to sell at a show.

“I didn’t think I could build an inventory (but) a week or so later, I thought I’d get out of my comfort zone and go for it,” she said.



Above: Hailee Garrett Vernon hard at work on her leather creations, which include earrings, cuffs and bracelets in many colors (below). Submitted photos

Hailee said she is grateful for the support of Owyhee Family Dental’s Dr. William Jeppe and Michelle Jeppe during her difficult times.

“They have been a godsend to me,” she said. “They have supported me more like family than employers. They’ve been a huge part of where I’m at today.”

So with all kinds of support and a determination that drives her to build inventory in her new home nearly every waking hour she’s not at the office, Hailee was able to get her Sevens Leather products ready for the sale.

“I run home every lunch and work on it, and when I get home,” she said. “I’d say I spend about three hours each evening and on weekends.”

There is a ton of inspiration and symbolism both in Hailee’s work and the name she has chosen for her business.

She burns or carves the number 7 in each of her designs.

The significance of the number goes back to September 2016 when her son Blayze was fighting for his life in a Palo Alto, Calif., hospital.

“I was given a card from



my Great Aunt Judy Purdom. Inside there was \$47,” Hailee said. “She said, I wanted to give you \$50, but 7 is a special number.”

Somehow that number became a constant in Hailee’s life.

“Just through the rest of that tornado of an experience — the rest of the hospital time when he passed and going to the gravesite and funeral home — ironically, the number 7 kept cropping up when I had to make decisions that a 28-year-old shouldn’t have to make.

“That was God’s sign showing me He was with me through that and that He guided me.”



Hailee Garrett Vernon

Local vendors sell at Homedale bazaar

The Holiday Sip & Shop bazaar takes place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Friday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

Vendors expected to sell their wares and crafts include:

- Sweet Relish Style
- County Line Design
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- Wood signs and crafts by Dinah Waller
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- Sevens Leather, Hailee Vernon
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Local music students’ concerts supply yuletide cheer

Music students of Janine Schroeder will help folks get into a holiday mood this week.

A Homedale resident, Schroeder has two performances planned.

The Homeschool Orchestra concert will be at Friends Community Church at 7 p.m., on Thursday.

The church is located at 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, just north of Homedale.

The orchestra will perform “Burst!”, “What Child is This?”, “Away in a Manger,” “Emmanuel,” “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” and “Joy to the World.”

Performers include:

Violins — Angela Jensen, Jubilee Jensen, Adam Nebeker, Raquel Ramos, Noah Staigle, Abby Vanderbeek, Timothy Vanderbeek, Jessi Winters, and Josh Winters.

Cellos — Ayden Miller, Elizabeth Mohun, Max Mohun, Orrin Whitley, and Jenna Winters.

A second group of students will perform at 3:30 p.m. on Friday at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation, 108 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

This performance will feature piano, cello, and violins.

Students will entertain the residents with renditions of “Jingle Bells,” “Deck the Halls,” “Jolly Old St. Nicholas,” “We Three Kings,” “Hark the Herald Angels Sing,” and more.

Performers at OHR include:

Wyatt Smith, Laura Whitley, Orrin Whitley, Quincy Rietema, Colton Rietema, Claire Allen, Piper Kushlan, Gabe Lamkins, Noah Staigle, Liliana Staigle, Liberty-Grace Staigle, Emma Fisk, Catherine Decker, Grant Waltman, Jace Harkins, Hadley Parker, Gwen Parker, Emma Parker, Allie DeVice, Katie DeVice, and Michael McBride.

Music directors are Schroeder and Debbie Winters.

— TK



Snow what?

Anthony Bailey, 4, of Homedale enjoys the snow Monday morning while riding his tricycle — without traction chains — near the corner of West Wyoming Avenue and South Main Street. The son of Bill Bailey was out with his grandmother, Lorie Bailey, for their regular routine of walking and pedaling for exercise — no matter what the weather.

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✓ Post office: Residents won’t have to travel to Melba to mail parcels

the opportunity to meet the new clerk, Rochelle Brooks. Brooks has been working with the U.S. Postal Service in Marsing.

Brandon Roundy, regional post office operations manager, will be on hand, too. Roundy oversees 130 offices from his headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie

Barkell said she’s excited because it will be much easier for people her office to get county government mail.

“It will benefit the citizens around here more because now they won’t have to go Melba to mail any parcels,” she said.

Barkell said that county government staff has been able to mail envelopes because they are weighed with the office’s

postage meter.

Tyson also noted that there are no postmasters for part-time offices, therefore, she will oversee the Murphy office from her office in Melba.

The old post office in Murphy has been closed since February 2017. The federal government shuttered the old site because of a partial building collapse triggered by snow accumulation during the winter.

In April of this year, the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District burned down the condemned building as part of a training exercise.

Owyhee County purchased the building and land from a private property owner as part of bringing the new post office to the county seat.

Tyson said one reason that it took so long to get the new office functional was simply

the time of year that this was all happening.

“We didn’t get the keys until the end of November,” Tyson said. She added that a postal service realtor takes care of new post office locations, so she’s not positive why it has taken so long.

“I know they have many offices they have to take care of,” she said.

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Huskies blast to two more wins

Boys are 5-0; best
start since 2011-12

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team kept its early-season streak alive Saturday in the Small School Showcase in Meridian.

The Huskies' fifth consecutive victory was a 39-point drubbing of 1A Western Idaho Conference member North Star Charter.

But after a 65-26 non-conference victory, Marsing coach Tim Little was quick to temper the excitement over the team's hot start.

"Our record may look good, but if we can't compete well on the road against a very tough Liberty Charter team Friday and Homedale next Monday, it does not matter," he said.

"We should be able to better assess our progress this pre-season after the next two road games."

The Huskies (5-0) got another standout performance from sophomore Jacob Ankeny. The 6-foot, 6-inch post hit seven of his nine shots, finishing with another double-double of 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Dwight Sevy also had a strong contribution for Marsing, hitting 66 percent of his shots and finishing with 12 points, nine boards, and three steals.

Senior Enrique Quebrado added 13 points.

Junior post Merrick Hall added eight points, including four

— See **Huskies**, page 3B



Marsing High School senior guard Enrique Quebrado splits two Liberty Charter defenders on the way to the basket Dec. 4 on the Huskies' floor. Photo by Dan Pease

HMS wrestler captures district again

Three others win
titles; Trojans
take second place

Six wrestlers reaching championship matches helped Homedale Middle School finish second Saturday in the 3A District III Tournament in Weiser.

"They all wrestled extremely well," Trojans coach Ryan Nash said.

Trenton Fisher, wrestling at 138 pounds, won his second district championship. He was one of four HMS champions.

- Andrew Marston, 103 pounds

- Jackson Kent, 110 pounds

- Chase Cooper, 152 pounds

Levi Jamison (117) and Hunter Smith (145) earned silver medals after losing their weight class finals.

Michael Rose (160) and Brodie White (170) won third-place matches.

Finishing with fourth-place medals were Bobby Christensen (117), Hayden Thornton (182), and Jeffrey Lane (110).

Homedale's female wrestling program grows in numbers

Team has its own slate
of meets this season

Homedale High School's wrestling schedule has several more events thanks to a new twist for the program and a growing trend in the state.

The number of female competitors has doubled over last year for coach Jake Levinski, and the development has triggered a six-meet season just for the girls.

Even with the sport's growing popularity among girls, the Idaho High School Activities Association has yet to sanction a female-only program.

"Girls have been in this sport for many, many years," Levinski said. "Female wrestling is growing in popularity

throughout the country, and many states have sanctioned female wrestling as their own entity.

"As for the impetus, having two separate programs in the state would have many advantages for both male and female competitors."

Levinski said IHSAA officials aren't standing idly by, though.

"IHSAA is asking coaches to show there is a need for a female division in the state. That process takes time," Levinski said.

"There are many coaches who are doing their part to meet the require-

ments that IHSAA has asked the wrestling community to meet."

Homedale's six girls won't see an all-female wrestling tournament until they travel to Rexburg for a two-day meet Jan. 11-12. A scheduled debut at Columbia High School on Dec. 1 was scratched because the tournament field was full, according to Levinski.

Other tournament dates include:

- **Friday-Saturday, Jan. 18-19** — Lewiston Invitational

- **Saturday, Jan. 26** — Jaybird, Columbia High School, Nampa



Kaydince Turner



Savannah Turner



Janae Volk

- **Saturday, Feb. 2** — All Girls State Tournament (not IHSAA sanctioned)

Three of Homedale's six female wrestlers are sophomore returners Dulce Jaramillo, Kaydince Turner and Savannah Turner. Savannah Turner joined Gracie Rotter in the 3A state tournament last winter.

There are three newcomers to the team — Mellyssa Hernandez, Janae Volk and Amber Allen. They're all seniors, which may speak to how the sport has grown in popularity within

— See **Wrestling**, page 3B

Sports

Rebounding surge can't save HHS boys

Melba holds on for win on Trojans' floor

After three quarters of few second chances, Homedale High School couldn't get enough in the fourth quarter to beat Melba.

The visiting Mustangs limited the Trojans to several one-and-done possessions early in Saturday's boys' basketball game and held on for a 49-46 non-conference victory.

Homedale (0-5 overall) finally got some momentum on its end of the floor in the fourth quarter, grabbing seven of 10 of its rebounds on the offensive end, but the Mustangs were able to thwart the comeback.

Led by Michael Huntsman's 10 rebounds, Melba (4-1) held a 30-23 edge on the backboards, including a 21-14 advantage on the Trojans' glass.

Huntsman capped his double-double with 13 points, and teammate Joe Reiber got half of his 12 points on three-point shots.

Junior guard Daniel Uranga led all scorers with 14 points for the Trojans, while senior guard Carson Brown came off the bench early and contributed an energetic eight points.

Brown was pressed into

early service when Nelson Lomeli got his second foul less than two minutes into the game.

Brown hit a pair of three-point goals, including a shot to give Homedale a 9-7 lead with 2 minutes, 41 seconds left in the first quarter.

Melba employed a zone defense early that dared the Trojans to shoot from the outside. Still, Brown slashed through with 15 seconds left in the first period. His acrobatic layup ended a quiet stretch in the game and put Homedale ahead, 11-7.

Uranga came on later in the game. He was 3-for-9 from the floor and connected on seven of nine free throws. He had Homedale's only other three-pointer.

Arnulfo Llamas collected five offensive rebounds for Homedale.

Mason Kincheloe was 6-for-9 from inside the three-point line, and he finished with 13 points for Homedale.

He missed all five of his attempts from behind the three-point line as Homedale went 3-for-26 on its shots from long range.

The Trojans opened the week with a 55-42 non-conference loss to Cole Valley Christian in Homedale.

No statistics were received by press time.



Homedale senior Mason Kincheloe navigates the lane — and several Melba defenders — to put in a running jump shot in the first quarter of Saturday afternoon's non-conference game on the Trojans' floor.

Other scores

Girls' basketball
Melba
(7-1 overall)
Dec. 4 — def. Weiser, 51-38
Saturday — def. Vale, Ore., 36-29
Tuesday — 2A Western Idaho Conference opener at McCall-Donnelly (after press time)
Saturday — at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday — vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Adrian
(1-2 overall)
Friday — def. Harper Charter, 44-13
Friday — vs. Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.
Saturday — vs. Notus, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Adrian
(1-1 overall)
Friday — def. Harper Charter, 44-41
Friday — vs. Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday — vs. Notus, 7:30 p.m.

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Boys' basketball
Carson Brown, sr., G
Came off the bench to score 8 points vs. Melba



Girls' basketball
Savana Buckley, jr., P
Scored 7 points vs. Filer, averaged 3.5 rebounds in two games



Wrestling
Gage Northrup, jr., 285 pounds
Took second place at Calhoun Classic

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Non-conference
Monday, Dec. 17, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 13 vs. TBA, Nampa H.S., 4:30 p.m.
Non-conference
Monday, Dec. 17, home vs. Marsing, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph
Monday, Dec. 17, home vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Dec. 12, home for tri-meet with Adrian and Marsing, 5:30 p.m.
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Sports

Homedale junior heavyweight runner-up at Calhoun

Willie White wins JV gold

Two Homedale High School wrestlers earned medals in the season's first action Saturday.

In what could be an ongoing struggle in the 2018-19 campaign, junior Gage Northrup battled and lost to a Fruitland wrestler in the Calhoun Classic heavyweight championship match in Nyssa, Ore.

Northrup took Brisyn Cuthburth, an unbeaten senior,

to the limit before falling, 4-2.

Cuthburth entered the title match with nine consecutive victories to start the season, while Northrup was 3-0 in his first tournament of the year.

The two wrestlers could meet again during the 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet season and beyond.

Homedale senior Jaegar Rose (4-1) pinned Ontario, Ore.'s Ruben Hernandez in 45 seconds Saturday to win the third-place medal at 145 pounds.

Joseph Egusquiza, the only

Homedale wrestler to earn a state medal in February, started the season 3-2 after a loss in the consolation semifinals at 126 pounds.

Both of Egusquiza's on-mat victories came by pinfall.

He reached the quarterfinals with a 16-second pin of Daniel Deleon of the hometown team and pinned another Nyssa wrestler, Bailey Peterson, in 52 seconds during a consolation match.

Egusquiza finished one match away from a medal shot, losing to Nampa's Victor Martinez, 8-2, in a consolation

semifinal.

Brady Trout's only victory at 170 pounds was a narrow 3-2 consolation-bracket decision against Nampa's Brandon Ober.

Rose pinned Hernandez earlier in the tournament to reach the championship semifinals. The senior needed 1 minute, 41 seconds to dispatch Hernandez in their earlier match.

The Homedale wrestler dropped into the consolation bracket after Fruitland's Dalton Arnzen got a pin in the semifinals.

Rose qualified for the third-

place match with a 14-3 major decision against Middleton's Kyle Austin.

White wins JV title

Willie White led Homedale's junior varsity contingent at the Calhoun with the 152-pound championship.

White capped a five-match unbeaten weekend with a 6-2 decision against Carter Torres of Kuna.

Rhyalee Nix pinned Middleton's Jaden Butler in a minute for third place at 170 pounds. Four of Nix's victories came by pinfall.

✓Wrestling: Trojans coach wants to help grow girls' division in state of Idaho

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the walls of Homedale High School specifically.

"Homedale Wrestling is taking the steps to help build a female division in the state," Levinski said.

Levinski said the 3A Snake River Valley conference will feature roughly a dozen female

wrestlers during the 2018-19 season, which means the Trojans are leading the way with half the talent pool.

That also means that there will be plenty of coed matches again this season as Idaho races to catch up with other states that have established all-girls sanctioning.

"Wrestling a co-ed match comes down to the individual wrestler," Levinski said. "If and when an all-girls' division is created in the state, the stigma of coed wrestling and all its difficulties will disappear."

— JPB

Savannah Turner opens year with pinfall in Nyssa

Three of Homedale's female wrestlers started their season in the Calhoun Classic junior varsity tournament last weekend in Nyssa, Ore.

Savannah Turner (126 pounds) was the only wrestler to get a win, pinning Nick Totorica of Borah in 50 seconds of their opening-round match.

Janae Volk wrestled at 113 pounds, and her tournament ended in a late consolation round match because of a medical forfeit, according to trackwrestling.com.

Kaydince Turner competed at 132 and dropped a narrow 7-6 decision to Chloe Baker of Caldwell to end her stay.

✓Huskies: Veteran coach pragmatic about team's fast start to the season

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free throws, and six boards.

"The 5-0 start is due solely to players accepting roles and playing within their roles," Little said. "Within our eight-man rotation, playing time is pretty equal, with the exception of Enrique and Jacob, who are getting about 26 minutes a night.

"All others are contributing within their role, taking care of the ball, and have bought into the idea that if we can just stick to their strengths, we can have some success."

Again, Little tapped the brakes on the highs getting too high.

"It has been fun to start out with some success, but there is also urgency to improve," he said. "As everyone knows, (the 2A Western Idaho Conference) is extremely difficult.

"Right now the goal is to prepare for league, and that can't happen if we don't come to the gym every day and dedicate ourselves — coaches included — to getting better."

The Huskies' non-conference schedule continues with road rematches against Liberty Charter on Friday in Nampa, and on Monday against Homedale. Both games tip off at 7:30 p.m.



Merrick Hall lets fly with a jump shot during Marsing's home victory against Liberty Charter. Photo by Dan Pease

The Huskies escaped with a 41-38 win over Liberty Charter on Dec. 4 when the Patriots' three-point attempt

continued as he put up a season-high 15 points in a non-conference victory over winless Payette of the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

A senior guard, Sevy has connected on a team-leading 63 percent of his shots this season.

"Another solid defensive game," Little said. "(We were) up 22 at the half. Held them to 14 in the first half."

The Huskies faced some adversity in the road game.

"We are battling some illness, but we pushed through," Little said.

Ankeny kept up his double-double average, contributing 12 points and 11 rebounds against the Pirates.

Marsing was also helped by 14 points from Enrique Quebrado.

The Huskies got some support off the bench from Heath Milburn, who dished out a team-leading four assists to go along with his two steals.

Freshmen Dominic Enrico and Noel Quebrado combined for eight points. Each hit three-pointers late in the game.

Marsing swept the season series against Payette, outscoring the Pirates, 144-66 in a pair of games played seven

days apart.

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Marsing 41, Liberty Charter 38 — The Huskies survived cold free-throw shooting down the stretch as the Patriots' three-point shot at the buzzer rimmed out.

Late in the game, the Huskies had opportunities to put some distance in the game, getting fouled multiple times by the Patriots, but the shots wouldn't fall.

Marsing hit just six of 16 free throws (37.5 percent) for the game.

The host Huskies jumped out to a 12-5 first quarter lead but struggled with their shots in the second period. The score was knotted at 16 going into the break.

Enrique Quebrado led the Huskies' scorers again, but his 13 points were a big difference over the first two games when he scored 24 and 28 points, respectively.

Quebrado added four boards and four assists against Liberty Charter.

Marsing got eight points each from Sevy, Ankeny and junior wing Merrick Hall. The 6-foot-6 Ankeny lead the team with 11 rebounds.

— TK

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 15, 1993

HHS shop classes work to help area tots

Homedale High School industrial arts teacher Mike Greeley had an idea last month, which should brighten the eyes of some area youngsters come Christmas morning.

He’s having his Introduction To Industrial Technology classes build 100 wooden toy trucks, which double as crayon holders, for the area’s underprivileged children. Greeley’s wife works at K-Mart and she convinced the company to donate crayons.

The students “started 2 weeks ago,” Greeley says, “and they’re about half done. Each student is building three of the trucks individually, and the rest will be mass produced.”

“That will give ’em some mass production experience,” Greeley exclaims.

Homedale Kiwanis rises from the ashes

For a while there, things were looking pretty bleak for the Homedale Kiwanis club. In early November, club officials were wondering if the club would even survive. Job transfers, retirements, and job changes had depleted membership numbers to the point that it really couldn’t continue.

By the end of November, the club had raised its membership to nine, but still was told that unless it could find two more, it would remain classified as “not in good standing.”

Since that time, three additional people have joined, more have promised to join in January, and the group has begun asking local businesses to sponsor even more prospective members.

“I think this thing’ll go,” club president Kelly Qualls says.

Already the group is active, with plans to help conduct a number of charitable events before Christmas.

Lady Huskies climb out of slump

At first, things looked like business as usual for Marsing’s varsity girls’ basketball team at the Jordan Valley tournament last weekend.

The girls “fell apart in the fourth quarter,” coach Darrel Pantalone says of a Friday night game the Huskies lost 62-28 to Jordan Valley. But then something strange happened.

Against a team that Pantalone classifies as “every bit as good as Parma, maybe even New Plymouth,” the Huskies overcame a 14-point deficit to beat McDermitt 49-48 in overtime on Saturday.

Marsing scored 20 points in the fourth quarter while holding McDermitt to just 6.

Husky senior Becky Floyd scored 10 of her 20 points in the final two periods, and her 2 free throws with only 1 second left in overtime sealed the win.

Marsing likely to be bidders for Job Corps site

The City of Marsing hopes it can keep a neighbor down the road from moving away.

City officials said they — along with an unknown number of other Idaho cities — likely will bid for the new Job Corps site.

The federally funded program plans to relocate from its current site south of town within two years.

Soil erosion problems at the site and a prohibitively expensive water system upgrade were the reasons cited for the move by Job Corps director Mack Ferrick.

A new facility, expected to cost between \$12 million and \$16 million, is likely to be located within a 50-mile radius of Boise, he said.

50 years ago

December 12, 1968

Chamber elects officers, brings Santa to town

Andy Warfield was elected president of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce at a board of directors meeting Wednesday morning at the Owyhee Lanes restaurant.

Roy Schamber was elected vice-president and Sid Tucker, secretary-treasurer.

The Chamber will sponsor the annual visit of Santa Claus to Homedale at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21. Santa will arrive on the Homedale fire truck and distribute treats to the children at the corner of Idaho Avenue and Main Street.

At the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting held Tuesday noon at the Owyhee Lanes restaurant three new directors were elected to the board for two-year terms: Tom Arvin, Poke Henson and Sid Tucker.

Parkins resigns from water board

Arlie L. Parkins, Marsing, former senator from Owyhee County, has announced his resignation from the Idaho Water Resource Board. His letter of resignation to Gov. Don Samuelson follows:

Marsing, Idaho
December 7, 1968
The Honorable Don Samuelson
Governor, State of Idaho
Statehouse
Boise, Idaho
Dear Governor Samuelson

Please accept my resignation from the Idaho Water Resource Board to become effective at once. This will make it possible for all four districts in the State to have equal representation when the new Board is informed. That part of the State embracing Raft River, Oakley Fan and the Salmon Falls Project could then have direct representation on this most important Board.

This resignation puts me in a position to urge reappointment of the other three members, whose terms will be expiring shortly, to another four-year term on the Idaho Water Resource Board.

With highest personal regards, I am.

Sincerely yours,
Arlie L. Parkins

My assignments on the Board are as follows: Drafted the By-laws, served as Parliamentarian Member, Western States Water Council Member, Middle Snake River Policy Committee Member, Southwest Idaho Development Committee Chairman, Legislative Committee, Served as liaison between Water Resource Board and other State Departments.

‘Shock of His Life’ judged best one-act play

An audience of over 150 watched the three one-act plays presented by the Thespian Club of Homedale High Tuesday evening. The plays, under the direction of James Barayasarra, were “Shock of His Life,” directed by Lydea Farley; “The Monkey’s Paw,” directed by Marilinn Cegnar; “Jacob Comes Home,” directed by Marilyn Curtis.

The best play as selected by the five judges in attendance was “Shock of His Life,” a modern comedy. The best actor was Palmer Wharton; best actress was Bonnie Takasugi; best supporting actor, Roy Eiguren; and best supporting actress, Leora Zanks.

The judges were: Dr. and Mrs. F. O. Cooke, Dean Vance, Mrs. Marilyn Sutton, and Mrs. Jan Barayasarra.

140 years ago

December 13, 1873

MILITARY TELEGRAPHS

The hope is now entertained that Government will build a military telegraph line from Kelton or Winnemucca to Boise City. By building it from Winnemucca, the interests of Boise City would be equally as well subserved, while Owyhee would be vastly more benefitted than by building it from Kelton.

The military line from San Diego to Prescott, Arizona, was completed on November 18th. The length of the line is 417 miles.

GENERAL NEWS

The order of the Government of Spain to have the Virginius delivered up produced great excitement at Havana, and the resignation of several prominent government officials followed.

It is reported that 200 Spaniards have been captured near Santiago, Cuba and shot, in revenge for the Virginius massacre.

GEO. H. WILLIAMS

This eminent citizen of Oregon, now to be Chief Justice of the United States, was born in Columbia county, New York, March 23d, 1823; received an academical education in Onondaga county; studied law, and on being admitted to the bar, in 1844, went to town; in 1847 was elected Judge in the First Judicial District of that State; was a President Elector in 1852; in 1853 was appointed by President Pierce Chief Justice of Oregon Territory, and arrived there in January, 1854; was reappointed by President Buchanan in 1857, but resigned; was a member of the Oregon Constitutional Convention, and took a leading part in the deliberations for the formation of a State Government; practiced law, until 1864, when he was elected to the United States Senate from Oregon for the term commencing in 1865 and ending in 1871; was a member of the High Joint Commission that sat at Washington in 1871 to adjust our National difficulties with Great Britain; was appointed Attorney-General of the United States in January, 1872. In the Senate he served on the Committees on Judiciary, on Claims, on Private Land Claims, on Finance and on the Special Committees on the Rebellious States and retrenchment; was Chairman of the Committees on the Expenses of the Senate and Private Land Claims, and was a member of the Special Committee to accompany the remains of President Lincoln to Illinois.

LOCAL MINING RECORD

Outside capitalists are paying more than ordinary attention to Owyhee, whose reputation as a rich and permanent quartz-mining camp is now so thoroughly established. Men can now invest in our mines with the assurance that they are engaging in no wildcat speculation. A new leaf has been turned over, and a system of legitimate mining inaugurated, the beneficial influences of which are already felt throughout every branch of industry in our camp.

GOLDEN CHARIOT—This mine, which now embraces the Minnesota, is developing splendidly, producing ore, which yields from \$60 to \$100 per ton. Forty stamps, viz: the Ellmore and Owyhee mills are constantly running on Golden Chariot and Minnesota ore. The Golden Chariot Company has leased the latter named mill and took possession yesterday. They have an abundance of supplies of every description on hand to last till next June. Superintendent Clark seems to be the right man in the right place.

Sports

MHS junior gets mat win

Marsing High School junior wrestler Justin Ineck had a good showing on Friday and Saturday at the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

Competing in the 138-pound division, Ineck recorded a win by pinfall in 2 minutes, 4 seconds over Micah Curtis of Skyview in a consolation match. A 16-7 major decision loss to Austin Baker of Borah had knocked Ineck out of the championship bracket.

Ineck later lost by fall to fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference wrestler Gideon Lowen of McCall-Donnelly.

Ineck scored four team points.

Raiders open 1A WIC, extend winning streak

Rimrock High School extended its season-opening winning streak in Saturday's conference opener.

The Raiders hit the road for a 50-34 victory over Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Rimrock's sixth consecutive victory came in the first game of its 1A Western Idaho Conference season.

A 13-1 run to start the second half enabled the Raiders (6-0 overall, 1-0 in 1A WIC before Monday's conference game in Bruneau against Compass Charter) to pull away from the Grizzlies in a game that was tied, 22-22, at halftime.

Sophomoe Sintia Varela and senior Mylee Meyers scored five points apiece in the pivotal third quarter.

Varela connected on five of six free throws and led all scorers with 17 points.

Meyers added nine points.

Sarah Ralston scored 16 points for Greenleaf Friends Academy (5-4, 1-1 at week's end).

Dec. 4: Rimrock 46, Wendell 27 — Varela hit a pair of fourth-quarter three-pointers to close out a 27-point performance in the Raiders' sixth consecutive victory to start the season.

Playing on the road, Varela connected on seven of eight foul shots in the contest.

She scored seven points in the second quarter as Rimrock surged past the Trojans for a 24-13 halftime lead. Wendell had owned a one-point advantage after eight minutes.

The Raiders took control after holding Wendell to four points in the third quarter.

Laura Gasper scored four of her six points in Rimrock's 18-point second quarter.

Stevie Torres paced Wendell with nine points.

Marsing girls' win streak ends

All good things must come to an end.

After an historic start to the season that included a seven-game winning streak, the Marsing High School girls' basketball team dropped both of its games last week.

The winning streak ended last Wednesday at home with Riverstone International prevailing, 31-27.

Vale, Ore., posted a 54-33 non-conference victory Thursday on the Huskies' floor as Marsing played back-to-back games. No statistics were reported.

Last Wednesday: Riverstone International 31, Marsing 27 — Marsing was unsuccessful in its attempt to beat the Otters for the second time in four days.

Marsing (7-2 at week's end) opened the 2A Western Idaho Conference at home Tuesday after deadline against Nampa Christian.

The conference season promises to be a barn-burner. Marsing was one of four 2A WIC teams that began the season with two or fewer losses. Melba and New Plymouth ended the week at 7-1 with Tuesday games against McCall-Donnelly and Homedale, respectively, played after deadline.

Cole Valley Christian, which visits Marsing on Friday, was unbeaten after seven games heading into Tuesday's non-conference game against Parma.

Marsing and Riverstone International (5-1 at week's end) were tied, 17-17, at halftime of last Wednesday's game.

Autumn Bennett was a top player for Marsing again. The junior guard finished with 12 points, three rebounds, and eight steals.

Senior guard Ashley Loucks added seven




Mazzi Roper leaps between a bunch of Vale, Ore., defenders on her way to the basket during Marsing High School's non-conference loss Thursday. Photo by Dan Pease

points to go along with her two rebounds and two steals.

Senior post Hailee Bennett and sophomore wing Mazzi Roper were active on the boards, finishing with nine and seven rebounds, respectively.


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MARSING HUSKIES


Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Dwight Sevy, sr., G
15 points, 8 rebounds on Thursday vs. Payette



Girls' basketball
Autumn Bennett, jr., G
12 points, 3 rebounds, 8 steals vs. Riverstone Int'l.




Wrestling
Justin Ineck, jr., 132 pounds
Team's only victor at Calhoun Classic

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Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 14 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 17 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday, Dec. 14 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 17 at Homedale, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Dec. 14 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 17 at Homedale, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Dec. 12 at Homedale tri-meet with Adrian, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15 at McCall Duals, 10 a.m.


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Sports

Rimrock boys get wins ahead of conference opener

Team takes 2nd at Jackpot tourney; players honored

Ian Burbank and Gus Black were named all-tournament players during the weekend for Rimrock High School’s boys’ basketball team.

The Raiders (2-4 overall) split four games in Jackpot, Nev., on Friday and Saturday.

The tournament was the final tune-up for the 1A Western Idaho Conference season, which began Tuesday after deadline against Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Led by first-year coach Aaron Hall, Rimrock won back-to-back games in Jackpot for the Raiders’ first victories of the season.

Rimrock beat Bliss, 61-37, and knocked off Sun Valley Community School, 49-23. Both opponents are 1A, Div. II programs.

The Raiders started and ended the tournament with

losses to the host squad. Jackpot prevailed, 42-21, in the first go-round and then beat Rimrock, 62-34, in the Raiders’ last game in the tournament.

“It was a good learning experience for the team to realize what they can accomplish,” Hall said of the tournament.

While Burbank and Black made the all-tournament team, senior Todd Marvin was cited for sportsmanship.

Hall said Black contributed to the Raiders’ game with solid center play, including rebounding and inside scoring. Burbank also was a leading scorer for Rimrock.

“I enjoy working with the kids,” Hall said. “They are smart. I let them make decisions -- right or wrong -- and let them learn from them.”

Although this is Hall’s first season as the varsity head coach, he previously coach varsity girls’ basketball for one season and also coached junior varsity for four seasons,



The Rimrock High School boys’ basketball players pose with their second-place trophy from the Jackpot, Nev., tournament. **Front row, from left:** Michael Nanney, Pedro Varela, and Kevin Meyers. **Back row, from left:** Nick Lino, Ian Burbank, Gus Black, Todd Marvin, DO Draper, Tyrel Lowe, Justin Lindquist, and coach Aaron Hall. Photo by Amanda Lowe

including three as a boys’ coach.

“I am learning just as much

as the kids are every day, and that’s what makes it fun for me,” Hall said.

— The Owyhee Avalanche correspondent Mandi Boren contributed to this article.

Adrian’s Bond wrestles into Calhoun semis

Wade Bond and Logan Griffin both picked up wins for Adrian High School wrestling last weekend.

Bond (5-4) reached the semifinals of the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore., after an injury default against New Plymouth’s Hsee Hsee 31 seconds into their quarterfinal match.

Emmett’s Monte Zufelt pinned Bond in two seconds of their semifinal Saturday.

Bond’s first victory of the weekend was a 6-3 win over Ontario, Ore.’s Trey Trejo in the tournament’s second round.

Griffin got his first victory of the season with a 1-minute, 37-second pin of Borah’s Ethan Pannell in a 152-pound consolation match.

In the junior varsity

tournament, Toby Clow won a third-place medal at 182 pounds.

Clow pinned his final two opponents to rally from a semifinal loss.

He won bronze by stopping Fruitland’s Christian Villalvazo eight seconds before the end of the first round.

Clow reached the third-place match by pinning Skyview’s Marcus Sandoval at 2:31 of their consolation semifinal.

Clow received byes into the quarterfinals where he pinned Caldwell’s Tristan Farrand in 1:43. He then lost the semifinal two seconds before the end of the match when McCall-Donnelly’s Michael Esplin got him.

At 152 pounds, Lincoln Lovitt pinned Borah’s Rayne Sittner in 37 seconds of a consolation match.



Jordan Valley boys rout McDermitt

Sam Green (left) and Trevor Fillmore (right) provide defense against a McDermitt, Nev., shooter during Jordan Valley High School’s 74-53 non-league boys’ basketball victory at home on Dec. 3. The Mustangs (3-1 overall after Saturday’s 43-30 win over Notus) take on Joseph, Ore., on Friday, and Powder Valley from North Powder, Ore., on Saturday. Both games will be played in La Grande, Ore. Photo submitted by Rebecca Mackenzie

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Sports

HHS girls continue to grind through tough schedule

Trojans' comeback falls short against Baker

A long road trip to complete back-to-back nights of girls' basketball took its toll on Homedale High School.

The Trojans suffered their biggest loss of the season on Dec. 4 when host Filer stormed to a 49-21 non-conference victory.

The game started less than 24 hours after visiting Baker, Ore., edged Homedale, 50-48, in the Trojans' closest loss of the season.

Homedale (1-6 overall before Tuesday's non-conference game against New Plymouth) had another cold night shooting, missing all seven of its three-point attempts. The Trojans were 7-for-21 (33.3 percent) from the floor overall.

The Trojans committed 25 turnovers, while the Wildcats gave the ball away only eight times.

Amaya Carter and Josey Hall led Homedale with five

rebounds each. Carter and Savana Buckley shared the team scoring lead with seven points each.

DeLaynie Dorsey hit a pair of free throws, and Alex Grant went 3-for-5 from the foul line, while Hall knocked down on field goal in eight tries for the rest of Homedale's scoring.

Haven Jones scored all nine of her points on three-point shots for Filer, which won its second consecutive game.

Ella Fischer, who also had a three-pointer, led all scorers with 14 points and all Wildcats with seven rebounds. Teammate Jailyn Gartner hit a trey en route to 11 points.

Homedale has seen three losses by 20 or more points this season.

Dec. 3: Baker, Ore., 50, Homedale 48 — The Trojans stormed back in the second half, but couldn't complete their comeback against the

visiting Bulldogs.

Jayci Swallow fired in three three-point goals on her way to a career-high 17 points. She connected on six of nine field-goal attempts overall.

The senior guard was one of three HHS players to reach double digits.

Hall scored 13 points and grabbed six rebounds, while Grant drained Homedale's other successful three-pointer and finished with 10 points and three steals.

Baker held a 28-19 lead at halftime before Homedale scored 17 points in the third quarter to cut into the deficit.

The Bulldogs, who won their third straight game to start the season, received 19 points from junior guard Sydney Younger. Younger took 23 of Baker's 53 shots and was successful on just six tries. She was also 6-for-8 from the foul line.

Sophomore guard Sydney Keller led Baker's rebounding effort with 11 boards. She also scored nine points.



Homedale senior guard, shown in action from earlier this season against Cole Valley Christian, scored a career-high 17 points last week against Baker, Ore.

Melba shows off balanced scoring

Mustangs suffer first setback of the season

Melba High School found another boys' basketball player capable of double-digit scoring Thursday.

Joe Reiber poured in 15 points, but the Mustangs fell to Liberty Charter, 68-55, on the Patriots' floor in Nampa.

The loss snapped Melba's three-game season-opening winning streak.

Senior forward Cole Hinnenkamp led all scorers with 20 points as Liberty Charter of the 1A Western Idaho Conference picked up its first victory of the season.

Dillon Bodily scored 13 points for Melba, while teammate Michael Huntsman tallied 10 points and eight rebounds.

Dec. 4: Melba 49, Weiser 42 — Three players reached double figures in scoring as the Mustangs knocked off a larger school for the third time in as many non-conference games this season.

Bodily and Jace Logan scored 13 points each for Melba.

Easton Bunnell just missed a double-double with 10 points and eight rebounds.



Melba junior post Michael Huntsman falls on a loose ball in a battle with Homedale's Carlos Ibarra on Saturday as Mustangs teammate Joe Reiber looks on. Huntsman scored 10 points earlier in the week against Liberty Charter on the same night Reiber led the way with 15.

The Wolverines of the 3A Snake River Valley conference

Challenging week ahead for unbeaten Jordan girls

Jordan Valley High School is unbeaten after opening the girls' basketball season with four consecutive home games.

The latest victory came Saturday with a 48-28 non-league drubbing of Notus from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

Regann Skinner scored 25 points to lead the charge at home.

Taylor Warn scored six of her seven points in the first half, and Emilee Burch added six points.

"Regann Skinner hit the offensive boards hard, and Taylor Warn made some amazing passes," Jordan Valley coach Kelsi Skinner said.

"Taylor's ability to see the floor and make a great pass is an irreplaceable quality."

Skinner's club continues the season against two tough

opponents in the La Grande Tournament.

On Friday, the Mustangs face Joseph, which saw its season-opening five-game winning streak end against Class 2A Grant Union, 64-50, at the Columbia River Clash on Saturday.

The Mustangs take on Joseph (3-0) on Saturday in La Grande.

Dec. 3: Jordan Valley 65, McDermitt, Nev., 57 — Nicole Terry missed only twice in 12 attempts and shared the team scoring lead with Regann Skinner. The seniors scored 20 points apiece.

Kiana Quintero added 10 points.

Jordan Valley opened the game with 23 points in the first quarter and held a 10-point lead at halftime.

The Mustangs hit 63.6 percent of their shots (28-for-44).

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Tango Sed



It doesn't make much difference how fast a horse can run if the jockey doesn't cross the finish line with him.

Annie is a jockey and horse trainer of good reputation. She passed along this story about a horse we'll call TANGO SED.

Clyde, a local horseman who ran horses frequently at the ol' San Juan Downs Race Track in Farmington, New Mexico, spotted TANGO in a pasture. He watched him over a few days, liked him, and bought the 4-year-old stud. Problem was, nobody could ride him. The local cowboys all tried. As did the trainers, retired jockeys, weekend buckaroos, electricians, rough necks, silversmiths, auctioneers and parolees. But nobody could stay on the buck.

Finally some out-of-town bronc busters were summoned. They eared him down, mounted up and got bucked off like all the rest. It was disappointing for Clyde, but he bit the bullet and sold TANGO to a Navajo man from the reservation.

Six months went by, and one day TANGO showed up at the racetrack. Not only that, he smoked the competition! He won the 250, the 330, the 400 and the quarter-mile races he entered. Clyde's judgment was redeemed. He knew TANGO could run. After the races he went down to the barns and found the Navajo man.

"Congratulations! That sure is a great horse," Clyde said. "I always believed he could win. But tell me, how did you break him?"

"Well," explained the Navajo man in his carefully enunciated English, "When we got him home I tried to ride him and he bucked me off. Then my brother tried to ride him and he got bucked off. Then my cousin tried to ride him and he got bucked off.

"On the second day, I tried to ride him and I got bucked off. Then my brother tried to ride him and he got bucked off. Then my cousin tried to ride him and he got bucked off.

"On the third day, I tried to ride him and I got bucked off. Then my brother tried to ride him and he got bucked off. Then my cousin tried to ride him and he got bucked off.

"On the fourth day, I got on him and I rode him. Then my brother got on him and he rode him. Then my cousin got on him and he rode him.

"I guess he was thirsty."

— 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 a holiday special, "A Commotion in Rhyme." When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in *The Owyhee Avalanche*.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee

A compassionate champion of his community



Homedale lost a compassionate, considerate and genuine champion of the community with the passing of Tim Downing.

In nearly nine years of service on the Homedale City Council, Tim more times than not was the one looking out for the city's taxpayers by analyzing government's pocketbook and scrutinizing budget requests as if every penny were to be deducted from his personal ledger.

Downing's passion for bean-counting created some interesting city council conversations and lit more than one set of fireworks over the years. But Tim's love for Homedale and its citizens was pure, deep and unwavering.

His passionate debates grew out of a desire to make sure that his hometown's government was doing right by the very people whose hard-earned money kept it humming.

But for all the explosive discussions in council chambers, Downing earned the respect of his colleagues and those who understood where his heart was.

Those people who never saw Downing outside the context of a city council meeting, however, never

got to know the man who had a handshake and a conversation for anyone with whom he crossed paths.

And his handshakes went on forever.

That's the special memory I have of Tim. Those handshakes as he continued to ask how you were doing, how your family was, what you'd been up to.

I ran into Tim at many Homedale Middle School football games. Invariably, he'd be standing on the Deward Bell Stadium track quietly and singularly focused on the action on the field. He was watching his grandson Jaxon guide the Trojans, but if he saw a familiar face he'd quickly pivot and start that conversation and that handshake.

Even through his illness, his first concern when he ran across a friend was how they were doing.

The folksy nature that made Downing the last guy you'd expect to put his foot down on a city expenditure was the exact reason he was such a beloved member of the Homedale community.

Tim Downing was genuine, no-nonsense and respectful — even when he disagreed with you.

Let's hope someone saved the mold.

Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter

From the Statehouse

Idaho has worked hard on consensus to address wildfire



With containment of the California wildfires, we must focus on the devastation of so much property and the tragic loss of so many lives. My prayers go out to those victims and their families, now irrevocably changed. Brave men and women serving as first responders, including fire crews from the Treasure Valley and Madison County, risked their lives to fight these catastrophic fires.

During my tenure, wildfires have been voracious, consuming millions of acres across the West. Perhaps the most alarming, the 2007 Murphy Complex Fire that ravaged 650,000 acres in southeast Owyhee County and Nevada alone. These large-scale fires have become routine, and that should be unacceptable to all of us.

Most of us know wildfire is a natural part of the landscape. Lightning strikes and other acts of nature cannot be prevented and instead can improve the health of the ecosystem. However, large, catastrophic fires, like the ones we are experiencing are not normal.

Through passive management, and active acts of obstruction, we have allowed our landscape to become a tinderbox. Our rangelands are overgrown with fine fuels, including large swaths of nonnative grasses. Our forests are plagued by insects, disease, and overcrowding. There is plenty of blame to pass around, including unnecessary regulation and overzealous litigation.

Early in my administration, I decided to focus less

on pointing fingers and more on how to tackle the problem. That required collaborative approaches, essential in a state where 60 percent of the land is federally owned.

That's why I worked with the Idaho Legislature to provide seed money for Idaho's first-ever Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs). Through a cooperative agreement between the State and Bureau of Land Management, ranchers are professionally trained to provide swift, initial attack on BLM-managed ground. Today, the RFPAs protect 9.7 million acres of rangeland including high value sage-grouse habitat (including acreage in parts of Owyhee County). As a result, landscapes remain intact, benefiting the ranchers, public land users, and Idaho's abundant wildlife.

Early in 2014, I identified 1.8 million acres of national forest lands suitable for treatment because of insect infestations and disease. Using a self-funded program known as the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), the Idaho Department of Lands assumes the lead role on treatment projects within high-risk areas. This increases the pace and scale of timber harvest but also vastly improves forest health and diminishes the risk of fire while providing an economic boost to our rural communities. By 2021 we expect to treat nearly 11,000 acres of Forest Service land, which will produce 70 million board feet of timber and bring in

— See *Wildfire*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Stash cash for home purchase in money market account

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are completely debt-free, and we're saving up for our first house. We currently have about \$90,000 in savings, and we'd like to buy a home with cash in the next few years. Where should we put our money, so it will work for us while we save more?

— Aimee

Dear Aimee,
It's a great feeling when you don't have any debt hanging over your head, isn't it? With the path you're on now, just imagine how incredible it will be in a few years to have a new home and *still* be debt-free! If I were in your shoes, and

maybe looking at a three- to five-year window, I'd just park the cash in a good money market account. You won't make a lot off it, but your money will be safe. Besides, all you're looking for is a wise place to stash it for a little while.

When it comes to *long-term* investing, I'm a big fan of growth stock mutual funds. The problem with that in your situation would be the volatility of the market. By the time you've saved up more money, and spent time deciding on a house, the market may be down.

It sounds like you two are doing a fantastic job with your finances. Congratulations!

— Dave



DAVE Says
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Dear Dave,
One of my friends suggested that I put my emergency fund money into bonds. What do you think of this idea?

— Renee

Dear Renee,
Never put your emergency fund into things where volatility and risk are a concern. An emergency fund isn't an investment; it's three to six months of expenses set aside to help protect you from the unexpected things life will throw at you. My advice is to keep your emergency fund in something simple — like a money market account where there's no penalty for early withdrawal *and* check writing privileges for easy access.

Bond values and prices go down when long-term interest rates rise. Right now, long-term interest rates — a good example would be mortgage rates — are ticking up. So, as this happens, the value of bonds goes down.

We're not looking to make money with an emergency fund, Renee. Think of it as a type of insurance. Just let it sit there, safe and sound, until it's needed!

— 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 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

✓ Wildfire: Federal government's pivot bodes well for Idaho

From Page 8B
approximately \$16.4 million in gross revenue.

These are just two examples of how Idahoans are working together with the federal government to develop homegrown approaches addressing this national problem. But we all must redouble our efforts to find more solutions. I'm encouraged by President Trump and Secretary Zinke's approach and collaboration. Hopefully this effort will help reduce catastrophic fires in the future and protect the people who live here and love the land.

— Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter is in the final weeks of his third and final term at the Statehouse.



Something on your mind?

We welcome letters to the editor

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Center for Rural Affairs Immigration reform will help rural U.S.

A raid in north central Nebraska put a spotlight on immigration in rural America.

It targeted alleged labor exploitation by a local employment agency. It swept up more than 100 community members and employees of local businesses.

The raid highlighted how deeply immigration is reshaping rural America.

When we consider immigration, we often think of midsize communities with large meatpackers. Few of us think of communities with 100 residents in a county of 800 residents. That is increasingly the reality.

In conversation with rural people, I often hear a refrain about immigration. I'll paraphrase it as, "I don't mind new immigrants moving here. I just wish they would do it legally."

Unfortunately, there is no legal pathway for the vast majority of immigrants.

Consider, there are three primary ways to immigrate legally to the U.S. This includes employer-based immigration, family reunification, and humanitarian protection. Employer-based immigration is limited and unavailable for most immigrants.

For individuals who have a legal pathway, resulting wait times can stretch to 20 years. This is untenable.

That is why the Center for Rural Affairs first called on Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform in 2013. We called for creating an opportunity for undocumented immigrants to fulfill requirements and become citizens, a more robust process for legal immigration, a new commission to determine a practical number of workers allowed to immigrate annually, and enforcement of wage and labor laws to prevent employers from misclassifying workers.

The reality is that new immigrants have become an important part of our communities. They are homeowners, entrepreneurs, leaders, parents, and employees. It is not our new neighbors who have failed to keep up.

It is our own immigration law that has not kept up with our communities and the people who live there — new immigrants and longtime residents alike.

The need to enact immigration law change is as critical and urgent as it was in 2013.

— *Brian Depew is the executive director at the Center for Rural Affairs, a nationally recognized advocacy and development organization headquartered in Lyons, Neb. Contact him at briand@cfra.org.*

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SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES November 5, 13, 19 & 26, 2018 November 5

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$94,417 Road and Bridge \$174,122 District Court \$2,690 Fair, County \$9 Probation \$1,388 Health District \$4,660 Historic Society & Museum \$681 Indigent & Charity \$29,117 Revaluation \$1,639 Solid Waste \$9,615 Tort \$.15 911 \$6,550 County Vessel \$8 Waterways \$715 Off Highway Vehicles \$320 Taxing District Elections \$42,000 Economic Development \$7,297 Auditors Trust \$6,311 County Vessel \$600.

Did not renew BLM permit IDI-34743. Renewed BLM permit IDI-31362. Hired Ericks Garuso as Museum Director, to begin November 5, 2018 at \$15.94 per hour. Approved the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Homedale Area of City Impact and draft a letter regarding the same to the City of Homedale. Approved the Annual Juvenile Justice Report to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Approved Resolution 2018-33; Destruction of Records for the Sheriffs and Treasurers Office. Approved the Owyhee County Employee Credit Card Agreement. Approved (3) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-179 through 2018-181. Approved (1) certificate of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student 2018-29. Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 18-38 and 18-39. Amended the denial of Indigent and Charity case 18-37. Accepted the withdrawal of appeal for Indigent and Charity case 18-28. Accepted the withdrawal of Indigent and Charity case 18-39. Denied Indigent and Charity case 18-38. Approved a letter to The Wilderness Society in care of Craig Gehrke.

November 13

Approved and pay all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$67,821 Road & Bridge \$57,670 District Court \$4,275 Probation \$1,362 Historical Society & Museum \$4,574 Indigent & Charity \$2,577 Revaluation \$571 Solid Waste \$8,957 Weeds \$8,759 911 \$5,188 Waterways \$479 Off Highway Vehicles \$25 Taxing District Elections \$62 Auditors Trust \$25,245 Approved and paid the Capital Crimes bills for Indigent and Charity in the amount of \$38,090.81. Approved the contract with Shewey Vander Boegh, LLC for appraisal services at US Ecology. Approved the Idaho Power cost quote for the Homedale Community Center, and to authorize Chairman Aberasturi to sign on the Boards behalf. Approved the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Annual Financial Report and to authorize Chairman Aberasturi to sign on the Boards behalf. Approved the Local Highway Technical Assistance Commission bridge replacement grant. Approved the pay increase for Milt Greenwood as Patrol Supervisor in the amount of \$24.00 per hour. Approved the pay increase for Robert McJunkin as Court Security in the amount of \$16.45 per hour. Approved the pay increase for Pat McCormack as Court Security in the amount of \$17.74 per hour. Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 18-41. Approved the Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program Sub-Recipient Agreement on behalf of the Bruneau Water and Sewer District Wastewater Improvement Project. Approved Resolution 2018-35; Supporting the project identification submittal for the construction of the bridge replacement project located on Flint Creek Road over North Fork Boulder Creek.

November 19

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November 26

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

Notice is hereby given that according to Section 43-707 Idaho Code, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District

2018 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2018. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier's check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the district.

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary
Grand View Irrigation
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No: ID-18-839806-BB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 4/3/2019, at the hour of 9:00 AM of said day, In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, said Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Parcel I: Lot 16 in Block 2 of Canyon Estates Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 225491, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Parcel II: An easement for ingress and egress and utilities over Lot 18, Block 2, Canyon Estates Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 225491, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The current trustee is Robert W. McDonald, Esq, whose address is 108 1st Ave. South, Suite 202, Seattle, Washington 98104 and who can be reached by telephone at (866) 925-0241. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 5832 STAGE COACH DRIVE, FKA 5866 STAGE COACH DRIVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 may sometimes be associated with said real property. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured

by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on 7/25/2007, by and among CHARLIE WILSON, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor, and FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE CO, as Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on 8/1/2007, as Instrument No. 261946 Official Records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is: The monthly installment of \$1,341.22, which may include principal, interest and escrow, due on 11/1/2017, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. The balance due and owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$188,612.65 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.0000 percent per annum from 11/1/2017 adjusting, if at all, pursuant to the terms of the note; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law. Dated this 26th day of November, 2018. Robert W. McDonald, Esq, Trustee
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Annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas Gift Project for Residents of Owyhee Health & Rehab Center

Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local “Santas” need only to select one item. Gifts may be gift wrapped and tagged with the number and item selected

Gift Drive Ends December 20

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(female #1)	Womens boot style slippers, size 10 Jewelry (necklaces/bracelets) Throw Blanket (red)
(female # 2)	Sewing kit, Material (flannel, for sewing) MuMu dresses size Large, fuzzy socks/slippers size L
(male #3)	Sweat Pants (2X) Long Sleeve pull over shirts (3X) BSU hoodie (4X) 3-fold weather wallet
(female #3)	Pull over blouses/sweat shirts size 3X Sweat pants (cuffed bottom) Size 3X Slip on boots (slipper style) size 8-9 Pajamas 3X
(female #4)	Vanilla perfume, Blouses long sleeve (button up) size 3X Dress pants 3X 20” necklace (simple with a stone), word search puzzles
(male #4)	Conway Twitty’s greatest hits (CD), Levi Overalls XL, Flannel Pajamas XL, sweat suits XL
(female #5)	Sweat pants (stretchy pants or slacks) XL (loves pink) XL slippers (boot style-extra wide) Button Up Sweater (XL)
(female #6)	Sweater Size L, (red), Blouses Lrg, Large dress pant. Bath and body works (any scent), small pet bed for her dog
(female #7)	Large pull over blouses/long sleeve, Medium long skirts, Warm fuzzy socks, plush stuffed animal/plush pillow
(female #8)	Button up long sleeve blouses and dress slacks (size M), bath and body works lotion (Japanese Cherry Blossom) Pajamas size M, Ankle socks, Hershey bars
(female #8)	Dangle style earrings, Throw Blanket, Aplets Candy
(female #9)	Sweat suit (3X, red) Plush throw pillow, York peppermint patties
(female#10)	Stretch pants (XL), Long sleeve blouses (XL), bath and body works lotion (any kind), Large Slippers
(male #5)	Long sleeve shirts w/pockets (3X) Sweat pant (2X), Old Spice Cologne/after shave,Wireless Head phones for television
(male #6)	Polo Style Shirts 3X, T-shirts 3X, Sweat Pant (2X), Western/Cowboy wall décor, English to Spanish translating book or audio device
(male #7)	Spanish western movies, Plush bright colored blanket (twin size), Sweat suits, size L, baseball caps (any kind)
(male #8)	XL underwear, 4X polo style shirts, Sweat pants 2X, Cat painting or calendar, sports books (baseball)
(male #9)	Cologne (any kind), Wireless Head phones, Candy
(female #11)	Slacks with elastic waist size L, button up blouses size L, Button up Sweaters size L Jewlery, Lotion (bath and body works)
(female #12)	Wrap around shawl/sweater (Red) size L, Blouse with butterflies size L, Stretchy pants, Size L, Bath and body works lotion and body spray (Sugar Plum)
(female #13)	Stuffed Animal, hair accessories, Blouses 2X, Pants/slacks 2X, Sweaters button up 2X, soft plush blanket/throw pillow
(female #14)	Sweat suits 5X, Winter Coat 5X, slipper (8), Stocking hat, New purse w/straps (any style), Scarf
(male #10)	Aqua Velva after shave, Plaid flannel pjs XL, Idaho spud candy bars
(female #15)	Rubber Crocs size 10, MuMu style dresses XL, Scarf/gloves, Sees candies
(female #16)	Sweat pants or slacks size L, long sleeve pull over blouses size L, Vest (L),
(female #17)	Button up blouses size (L), plain t-shirts (L), Stretchy jeans elastic waist (L), Chocolate/orange or raspberry sticks, Throw Blanket, Coffee Mug
(female #18)	Sweat pants XL, Leggings XL, Soft Vest XL, Blanket, Jewelry, Body Lotion or perfume (any kind),
(female #19)	Solid color vest (blue) size L, FANTA, Pepsi, Large Poncho, Throw blanket/plush pillow.
(male #11)	Jeans 42X36 Stretch to fit (wrangler, levi or cargo), Candy/chocolate chip cookies, Therapeutic stress relievers for hands, DVD player/western movies
(male #12)	Levis 32X30, Long sleeve flannel shirts Large, Flannel Pajamas Large, Inspirational Bible Verses, Kindle
(female #20)	Sweat pants/suit XL, (likes blue), Flannel Jacket XL, Jeans wrangler relaxed fit 44X32,
(female #21)	I-pad, Vanilla bean body spray/lotion, Magnifying Glass (for reading), hand held label maker, Hooded Zipper Sweatshirt 4X
(male #13)	Rodeo cut Wrangler Jeans, 36x34, Hoodie with zipper XL, Coke Cola, Socks XL, Boxer briefs 36-38, Back scratcher, Heavy coat XL, book on guns, Blues music CD
(male #14)	Hanes T-Shirts XL, socks L, Stetson Cologne, Western Books
(male #15)	CD player with headphones, Vans or Airwalk (skater shoes, size 12), Old country CDs,
(female #22)	Fuzzy Socks (L), Indian Print wall hanging, Soft plush blanket for bed
(female #23)	XL pull over blouses, XL dress pants, scarf, Word Search puzzles,
(male #16)	M western shirts, western Music CDs, western movies
(female #24)	Jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, beaded), Interactive stuffed animal, socks (favorite color is blue), Throw Blanket
(female #25)	Dress pants (elastic waist size L), Perfume (fruity scents), bath and body lotion (any kind),
(female #26)	Tunic style long-sleeve tops size L, adult color book and colored pencils, Bath robe Large, Purple or pink sweat/jogging suit size Large
(male #17)	Flannel Jacket XL, Sweat shirts XL, Sweat pants Large, back scratcher, CD player with country western music CDs, BSU baseball cap
(female #28)	Dress pants size M, blouses size M (long –sleeve, button up), socks M, Sweater Size M, perfume/body spray (any kind)

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