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## Wildfire executive order expands Owyhee innovations

Some of the elements of President Trump's executive order to improve wildfire risk on public lands already are in practice in Owyhee County.

Trump issued the Executive Order on Friday, directing the Interior and Agriculture departments to work with state

and local agencies to reduce fuel loads, improve wildfire response and break down regulatory barriers to programs that will help prevent catastrophic wildfires across the West.

"The County is happy to see this administration take on the very issues we have

tried to get action on for many years," Board of Owyhee County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi said.

"We are optimistic that (Bureau of Land Management) will follow through with (Trump's) executive order and start to implement the necessary

(resource management plans) to successfully adhere to his order and, as is stated, to closely work with state and local governments to make sure their work is not contrary to our needs."

— See *Order*, page 5



Judge Dan C. Grober faces his last day on the bench on Monday in Murphy after more than 11 years as Third District Magistrate. The official date of his retirement is Jan. 14, but he will be back as a senior judge in May.

## The accidental jurist

### Magistrate Judge Grober wrapping up law career that wasn't his first path

Owyhee County will lose a pillar when Judge Dan C. Grober strikes his gavel for the final time as a Third District magistrate.

Grober will call it a career as magistrate judge when he steps down from the bench on Monday in Murphy.

He will continue to serve as a senior judge starting in May, covering duties when colleagues take time off.

"I'll simply do it until I

*"I thought I would become a mild-mannered college professor ... Then higher ed got hit with a big budget crunch, and I was low man on the totem pole."*

— Judge Dan C. Grober

Retiring Owyhee County magistrate

decide I don't want to do it anymore," Grober said.

The Supreme Court will pay for 27 more months of

retirement because Grober agreed to the senior

— See *Grober*, back page

## Ranchers' legal fees repayment unlikely before Otter leaves

### Legislative leaders continue to analyze Lowry-Nettleton case

by **Mandi Boren**

For *The Owyhee Avalanche*

With less than two weeks left in office and no Constitutional Defense Council meeting scheduled, it seems unlikely Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter

will heed the Legislature's request to help Owyhee County ranchers who solidified stock water rights.

The Idaho Legislature overwhelmingly approved

— See *Repayment*, page 5



### Local church gives glimpse of Christmas

Homedale Calvary Fellowship on West Idaho Avenue hosted its annual living Nativity on Friday and Saturday. It featured actors portraying Mary and Joseph and all those present at the birth of Jesus. Various live farm animals were on hand for the portrayal, too.

## SBOC chief maintains patience about water outlook

### Supplemental pumps ready to come back online

John Eells has been playing the water game for years. So as some observers bite their nails about the 2019 irrigation outlook, he's playing it cool.

And, of course, hoping for cooler temperatures and a lot of snow.

"Right now, we're fairly optimistic," the South Board

of Control manager said Thursday. "We're getting some moisture, and the ground is starting to wet up there. It looks better."

In late November, though, the water content of the snow on the ground throughout drainages that feed area reservoirs, including Lake Owyhee, had some officials worried.

As things looked last week, though, Eells said a 3 acre-feet allotment was possible. Farmers in the Owyhee Project usually get 4 acre-feet in good

— See *Water*, page 4



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## SANTA CLAUS VISITS EL-ADA OFFICE



*Above: Joel, 13, laughs as Santa Claus jokes with him during a visit at the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office in Homedale on Friday. Santa told Joel that he was making test runs with his reindeer and sleigh the night before. Left: Santa Claus gives 4-year-old Anthony a shiny new toy car to kick off Friday's El-Ada event.*



*Santa Claus takes time for a photo with his helpers at the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office in Homedale on Friday. El-Ada Owyhee County director Olga Valero (far right) said the organization planned for 100 children at Friday's event. Toys were provided by the Voodoo Tattoo toy drive and Homedale resident Chanty Rose and family, Valero said.*

# Hands Around Homedale serves dozens of families

## Coordinator raves about community outpouring

The Homedale community — school staff, students, individuals and businesses — came together once again this year to help those in need.

The annual Hands Around Homedale food drive served 68 families with canned goods, frozen meat and produce such as onions, potatoes and oranges.

"I think, conservatively, it was at least four tons of food," Hands Around Homedale coordinator Randee Garrett, the elementary school counselor, said.

Garrett said there were 63 families on the list she compiles every year, and there is always a contingency to serve more families.

"Every year I think we will be short based on reports from the other schools. As always, it's like the story of the loaves and the fishes," Garrett said.

"Food just keeps coming and coming, and I am always amazed at what we have."

Garrett said all of the town's students brought canned goods, and there were several other individuals and businesses that chipped in, including:

- Allendale Produce with oranges purchased from Homedale Ambulance as well as potatoes, onions, and about 14 turkeys.
- Micka Musgrove, a Vale resident who has a second-grader attending Homedale Elementary, brought a pickup

- full of onions.
- Homedale Ambulance donated oranges left over from its annual sale.
- L&L Meats provided 50 pounds of hamburger.
- Megan Harper, with help from her mother, pre-first grade teacher Melanie Harper, created hygiene kits for each family.

• Parents Andrew and Kathryn Bell provided 20-pound bags of potatoes for each family.

When it came time to put all the food in boxes on Dec. 13, middle school counselor Brianne Topmiller and HMS teacher Shannon Johnson accompanied 32 AVID students to help with the sorting project.

"They were great help and gave us a good head start on getting food boxes packed," Garrett said.

The National Honor Society members from the high school hauled the proceeds from the food drive on that campus, too.

The second part of the community Christmas effort — Wish Tree gifts — was completed with Saturday deliveries by Homedale Fire, Police and Ambulance personnel.

In her report at a recent school board meeting, elementary principal Terri Vasquez said that the Silverhawk Realty Christmas Angels took two children shopping for Christmas.

Homedale Police officers took four children to the annual Shop with a Cop event Dec. 15 at a Nampa Walmart store. Law enforcement personnel and the children ate breakfast at the Saint Alphonsus Medical Center cafeteria on Garrity Boulevard prior to the shopping trip.

— JPB

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*Above:* Homedale Police officers, their wives, and the four Shop with a Cop honorees ate breakfast at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Nampa before tracking down presents for the children and their families at Walmart on Dec. 8. The police officers and their wives included, **from left:** Mike and Kristi McFetridge, Danny and Allison Zenor, Karl Kingston (whose wife Jayne was along for the fun), and Kim and Jeff Eidemiller.

**Right:** Kingston accompanies a boy through the Walmart toy section during the morning of shopping.

Submitted photos



**Idaho Foodbank, Homedale Presbyterian Church team up to help year-round**

Volunteers sort several pallets of items delivered by the Idaho Foodbank for the monthly commodity distribution at Homedale's First Presbyterian Church. The next Foodbank visit to help the community's needy is Jan. 25.



**Jordan Valley students go west for Christmas**

Jordan Valley Elementary students put on skits for their annual Christmas pageant on Dec. 18. Kindergarteners through sixth-graders taught by Kim Johnsrud, Lisa Young and Crissy Terry participated. Photo by Tara Echave

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✓ **Water:** Old pumping station returning as low-water year supplement

water years.

“You don’t know,” Eells said of making a call in December. “You’re just gambling this early because our water comes in in April.”

At seven SNOTEL sites in Nevada and Idaho within the local drainage, Friday’s water equivalent ranged from 5.2 inches at South Mountain to 1.4 at Taylor Canyon in Nevada.

South Mountain had 18 inches of snow, and Fawn Creek in Nevada had 20.

As long as temps stay low in the mountains, Eells is optimistic that the water content will hold. But he warns if warmer weather comes about, the snowpack could thin with no chance of seeping into the ground and freezing for later run-off.

Eells said water users in the older part of the Gem Irrigation District that is fed by the Gem Pumping Plant in Marsing probably can breathe a little easier.

“The Snake River system looks a little better than it did,” he said. “We’re starting to get some snowfall over there.”

There may be some backup for the producers who use about 1,700 acres of farmland off the South Canal, though.

After nearly three years of work, the Gem Pumping Plant 2 will be operational this spring, Eells said.

The old pumping plant off River Road northwest of Homedale will be used only in low water years, Eells said. Water from the Snake River will supplement the South Canal through the D Canal and the Patch, Eells said.

Crews are scheduled to remove an earthen cofferdam soon, allowing the Snake River to flow into a brand-new concrete inlet that has been built to replace the old 48-inch pipe.

The new inlet will allow a larger volume of water into the



The inlet system that will carry Snake River water into the Gem 2 pumping plant has been modernized with cement channels and a cement walkway. A railing system will be added soon.

pump house, which features four pumps to send water into the system.

Eells said a cement-lined pond replaces an old dirt settling pond, and allows for better filtering of silt and weeds thus improving water quality.

Worker safety is improved as well as a concrete catwalk

has been built across the inlet to replace a rickety metal catwalk.

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Grand View Mayor Sandy Skinner said that the city council discussed but never voted on annexation of the sewer lagoon area into the city limits. Minutes from the Aug. 8 council meeting were misleading, detailing a discussion about annexation, which included a roll call vote of the council members.

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# Holiday closures continue into new year

Christmas was Tuesday but for Owyhee County schools, winter vacation continues into the new year.

Schools in Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, and Adrian district will be out of session until Jan. 7. Jordan Valley students return Monday.

Owyhee County government offices will be closed on New Year's Day. County commissioners will meet, as scheduled, on Monday.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will be closed on New Year's Day. The Jordan Valley office is only open on Wednesdays and

Thursdays normally and Adrian City Hall is open Monday through Wednesday.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy will be closed on New Year's Day. It is typically open Tuesday through Saturday each week.

Post offices in the county will be closed on Tuesday for New Year's, as will US Bank branches in Homedale and Marsing.

Homedale Public Library and Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed on New Year's Day. Additionally, Lizard Butte will be open just 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be

closed from Saturday through New Year's Day.

The Bruneau Valley Library is only open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., each week.

The Homedale Senior Center and Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View will be closed on New Year's Day.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing is closed through next week and will re-open next Wednesday.

Westowns Disposal garbage service will be delayed by a day because of New Year's Day.

Logan's Market in Marsing will be open on New Year's

Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Homedale, Albertsons will be open during its normal hours of operation on New Year's Day, but Sav-On Pharmacy will be closed.

Homedale Drug will be closed on New Year's Day, as will the liquor store.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will close on New Year's Day.

Classified ad deadlines will be noon Monday. The deadlines for letters to the editor and non-breaking new items will remain the same, noon on Friday.

Delivery of the Jan. 2 editions of The Owyhee Avalanche may be delayed because of the holiday.

— TK

## Get Homedale dog tags now

Dog owners living in the Homedale city limits are required to license their pets each year.

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## ✓ Order: Agencies have two years to come up with management plan

The Executive Order explicitly asks federal agencies to collaborate with state and local governments.

But Owyhee County has been a coordinating agency under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 since county commissioners adopted a land use plan 25 years ago.

The difference isn't subtle, and county officials have fought for years to make the BLM understand that coordination means bringing the county into discussions shaping policy and management plan changes long before policy is set in stone.

Trump's executive order requires federal, state, county and local governments to develop a wildfire management strategy by Dec. 31, 2020.

"This is a very big win for Idaho and the West," outgoing Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho) said in a statement. "The West

was devastated by terrible wildfires this year, and the federal government needs to do more to prevent these types of fires in the future. Better forest management is the key.

"I've championed several bills in Congress to prioritize better management, only to see the Senate fail to act. I appreciate the president for going the extra mile to promote healthier forests and to make our communities in the West safer."

Although Labrador and most of the national media have framed Friday's executive order as a forest-first proclamation, providing for more logging and instructing Interior and Agriculture to find room in budgets to fund forest cleanup projects, the document also instructs officials to work on rangeland improvement.

The president's order calls for less regulatory barriers for fuel reduction projects.

Owyhee County ranchers such as Daniel Richards and Doug Burgess, among others, already have been working with BLM Boise District officials on a targeted grazing plan to keep fuel loads down and also improve emergency responder access across the Owyhee Front. The program is in place to prevent a repeat of the 2015 Soda Fire that devastated the natural resource from Murphy to Homedale.

Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, however, said the executive order isn't enough to get fuel-load grazing across landscapes (as opposed to the current pilot program narrow scope) implemented.

"Unfortunately, making grazing permits flexible enough to accomplish fuel reduction would require an act of Congress," the Wilson rancher said. "We are currently only getting 8 to 12 percent utilization in the

most fire-prone areas."

Trump wants less red tape for endangered species projects, too.

In Owyhee County, the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat improvement plan — aimed at improving habitat and reducing wildfire risk by removing juniper on hundreds of thousands of acres — has been stalled by a court challenge from a radical environmental group.

In another element that mirrors what's already going on in Owyhee County, the president has ordered budget reviews to provide monies for the treatment of hundreds of thousands of acres of public land for wildfire prevention and invasive species removal.

In a distinction that implies the executive order was borne out of the recent devastating fires in California, the document targets nearly 6.5 million acres of Forest Service

land, but only 2 million acres administered by the Interior Department, which oversees Owyhee County rangelands.

Trump's order calls for the coordination between federal, state, tribal and local agencies to ensure the effective deployment of resources to suppress wildfires as well as prevent them in the first place.

Locally, the BLM has held firefighting classes for rangeland fire protection associations that have developed in Idaho in recent years — including the Owyhee, Saylor Creek and Three Creek RFPAs through which ranchers and landowners standby as first-responders for the entire Owyhee County backcountry (more than 3.7 million acres). The Jordan Valley RFPA is at the ready in Oregon.

The executive order mandates that treatment programs will continue in future years.

— JPB

## ✓ Repayment: AG still won't comment; Hill says discussion is planned

House Proclamation 1 in March.

The proclamation was passed with the goal of reimbursing ranchers Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry for legal fees incurred during their landmark water rights case against the Bureau of Land Management.

After approval in the Idaho House of Representatives and the state Senate, the proclamation was sent to the Constitutional Defense Council with a recommendation for a majority vote to reimburse Nettleton and Lowry for their attorney fees through the Constitutional Defense Fund.

The council consists of Otter, Senate Pro Tempore Brent

Hill, House Speaker Rep. Scott Bedke and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

Earlier this summer when Otter's office was contacted about when a council meeting would be scheduled, spokesman Jon Hanian said the case was "under review and any of the four members of the council can call for a meeting to consider."

Pointing out Otter's time in office was winding down, Hanian told The Owyhee Avalanche last week that "There is no scheduled meeting that the governor will be participating in."

Sen. Hill said that there is still time for the council to take

up the matter, even after Brad Little succeeds Otter in the governor's office next month.

"... We are planning to discuss the possible payment of the Nettleton-Lowry claim, but Idaho is on a June 30 fiscal year so, to my knowledge, there is no urgency to consider it before the end of this calendar year," Hill told The Owyhee Avalanche in an email.

He went on to say that, "The Speaker (Rep. Bedke) and I have engaged our attorneys to advise us regarding the legality of paying the claim from the Constitutional Defense Fund, but their analysis is not yet complete."

The office of the attorney

general was contacted, but no comment was provided.

Wasden has been known to question the constitutionality of the reimbursement for the ranchers.

Nettleton said he had some conversations last week that have left him hopeful that the council will still vote in favor of reimbursing the two ranchers.

They are seeking \$300,000 each to pay off ranch loans they took out to pay legal fees after beating the U.S. government in Idaho Supreme Court in 2007.

According to open records, the current balance in the Constitutional Defense Fund

is \$1,799,183.

"We are still hopeful that this will happen in Otter's term ...," Nettleton said. "If not, we're hopeful the Legislature will put enough pressure on the new governor and this will happen."

Little will take the oath of office Jan. 4, and the final day of Otter's third term as governor is Jan. 7, according to Hanian.

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# Three Creek students qualify for state robotics competition

## First Lego League team seeks space trash solutions

What started out as an anonymous gift has turned into a great educational tool at Three Creek School.

And that gift ties in nicely with the students’ upcoming trip to the First Lego League robotics state championship.

A mysterious package arrived at the school containing a complete robotics kit and sales literature, teacher Dena Pollock explained.

“We did not open the package, expecting to get a bill and then returning it,” Pollock said in her latest newsletter.

A short time later, the phone rang.

“I received a call from our friend, Frank Ely. He sent the kit,” she said. “Frank knew the students were studying robotics and wanted to help.”

Pollock said the kit is “perfect for our younger students, and we should be able to send Mr. Ely a video of this robot drawing with a pencil very soon.”

In the meantime, the Three Creek Moo-Nanners — as the school’s First Lego League team calls itself — are getting ready for the 36-team state competition that will be held Jan. 12 in Twin Falls.

Three Creek qualified for the state tournament after finishing third overall and winning the Project portion of the Dec. 1 qualifier in Buhl.

Pollock said her students studied life on the International Space Station and then selected a problem to research.

“They chose to tackle the problem of plastic waste disposal,” Pollock said. “They presented some alternatives to using plastic as wrapping for several items.”

Pollock said the plastic wrappings become part of 1.6 tons of trash jettisoned from the space station to burn

up in the atmosphere. Plastic pollution is a big problem on Earth as well.

But the Three Creek students devised a biodegradable solution, Pollock said.

“Their solution involves using poultry feathers to create a product that works like plastic,” she said.

Judges also scored teams on these categories:

- **CORE** — The ability to work together, show sportsmanship, and cooperate with other teams to help everyone learn and have fun
- **Robot design** — A team’s ability to explain to the judges why they have built their robot the way it is, how they programmed it

Three Creek competitors wear team shirts designed by FLL mentor Chad Houck and his team.

“They are in camo yellow with our team name and number: Three Creek Moo-Nanners,” Pollock said. “The logo is a banana cowboy swinging a rope and wearing a cowboy hat and boots in front of a bull with a ring in his nose.”

**School resumes next Wednesday**

When students return from winter break, they’ll resume school with a new classmate.

Third-grader Bryan Ramirez enrolled in school on Nov. 26. Pollock said Bryan’s family has moved in to the Summer Camp Ranch.

The semester ends on Jan. 17, the same day as the school’s annual trip to the Magic Mountain ski area.

Another big date on the calendar is the Feb. 14 visit from the Idaho Youth Theater for a workshop and a performance.

The students adopted a new puppy — a 4-month-old Plott hound named Winnifred Grace (“Winny”) — from the Twin Falls Animal Shelter on Nov. 30.

“Her first day with us was

during the Buhl qualifying tournament and reminds us of our success. (The “Win” in Winny),” Pollock wrote.

Plott hounds are used for treeing bear and cougar.

“She should make a good watch dog for the school,” Pollock said.

Students have been busy with projects:

- Younger students have been working on Istation exercises for reading and math.

“They enjoy the new venue and are making notable progress,” Pollock said.

Istation is the program Idaho has adopted for use to replace the Idaho Reading Indicator Test.

Students can be tested monthly, giving educators information on where improvement is needed.

- Students have completed a ceiling tile project for the new classroom.

Each student wrote an essay about their favorite color and designed a logo using symbols to represent their interests and characteristics.

The children then applied a scaled design based on that information by painting a ceiling tile.

**School infrastructure construction update**

The new classroom is now complete with the installation of solar shades.

Other improvements include the installation of wall lockers. Rocks beds have been completed on either side of the entrance door.

The school board and Three Creek Highway District are collaborating on a plan to install flashing yellow lights on the roadway in front of the school to implore motorists to slow down.

New signs indicating the school zone and reduced speed limit have already been installed.

Pollock said improving the safety of student drop-off and pick-up points is a priority.

# Death notice

**DANIEL SCOTT THEE**, 62, of Jordan Valley, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel.

# School menus

**Homedale**  
Dec. 26-Jan. 6: No school, Christmas break

**Marsing**  
Dec. 26-Jan. 6: No school, Christmas break

**Bruneau/Grand View**  
Dec. 26-Jan. 6: No school, Christmas break

**COSSA**  
Dec. 26-Jan. 4: No school, Christmas break

# Senior menu

**Homedale Senior Center**  
*Salad bar available with each meal:*  
*Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing*  
*Milk available each day*  
Dec. 26: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli. roll  
Dec. 27: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Calif. blend veggies, roll  
Jan. 1: Closed  
Jan. 2: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice, carrots

# Lions, Chamber come through for E. Owyhee library book shelving

## Donations still welcome for children’s corner

The Eastern Owyhee County Library is more than halfway to its goal of \$8,000 to purchase book shelving.

With help from many organizations and boosters, the library has amassed \$5,000 that will be used to purchase new, moveable bookshelves for the Grand View library’s children’s department.

In addition to a \$2,500 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation that was reported earlier by The Owyhee Avalanche, the library has received local money for its children’s corner.

The Grand View Lions Club donated \$1,500, and the Grand View Chamber of Commerce kicked in another \$500.

The grant and the donations will be combined with \$1,000 that the Friends of EOCL already has gathered through its own fundraising.

Library director Tammy Gray issued a press release last week that provided an

update to the drive to buy bookshelves.

According to the press release, the library has put in for a US Ecology Helping Hands grant. The grant cycle hasn’t closed, so library boosters are still waiting to hear the fate of that application.

Library officials hope to raise the entire amount of \$8,000 by mid-February, allowing for the shelves to be ordered, assembled and installed during spring break.

Donations are still being accepted and can be mailed to the library at P.O. Box 100, Grand View, ID 83624, or dropped off at the library at 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Be sure to denote that the money is for the “shelving fund” when donating.

The library’s regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

The library reopens Wednesday, Dec. 26 after the Christmas holiday, but will be closed Saturday through Tuesday for the New Year’s holiday.

# Treasure Valley CC honor students named

Honor students for the fall quarter at Treasure Valley Community College have been announced.

Locals appearing on the list include:

- **Dean’s List (3.99 to 3.75 grade-point average)** — Leslie Dawn Denke, Wilder; and Mark Thomas Ishida, Adrian
- **Honor roll (3.74 to 3.5 GPA)** — Erin Dawn Nielson, Adrian; and Stephanie Lynn Pyatt, Marsing

# Got news?

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# Calendar

**Today**

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

**Thursday**

**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

**Mennonite Youth Choir**  
7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

**Friday**

**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

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

**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

**Monday**

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

**Game night**  
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older. (208) 896-4690

**Wednesday**

**All veterans coffee**  
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

**Thursday, Jan. 3**

**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

**Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting**  
1 p.m., 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

**Owyhee County Fair board meeting**  
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 337-3888 or (208) 941-4522

**Friday, Jan. 4**

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

**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, Jan. 5**

**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

**Monday, Jan. 7**

**Let's Talk About It book series**  
12:30 p.m., lunch, 1 p.m., book discussion, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

**Homedale Public Library board meeting**  
1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 8**

**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

**Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting**  
1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

## University of Idaho Extension

# With January comes ag education opportunities

There are two outstanding educational opportunities coming in early January: The Idaho Range Livestock Symposium and the Living on the Land class specifically geared for small-acreage landowners.

The Idaho Range Livestock Symposium will be held Jan. 7 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. The program begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

This year's program is focused on value and economics. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Ritten from the University of Wyoming Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Dr. Ritten has extensive knowledge and experience with public lands ranching. He will focus on the value and economics of range improvements.

Other topics and speakers will include capturing value through preconditioning and preconditioning programs.

• UI Extension educators Les Nunn and Ben Eborn along with beef cattle specialists Dr. John Hall and Dr. Benton Glaze will discuss various programs and whether the financial and animal health benefits outweigh the costs.

• University of Idaho meat scientist Dr. Phil Bass will be sure to get you excited about beef carcass quality. He is passionate about beef and meat science. I promise that his presentation will be educational and entertaining!

Lunch will be provided, and thanks to the generous donation from AgriBeef, we will enjoy some Snake River Farms Wagyu top sirloin.

The symposium is free to attend, but we ask that you preregister so that we have a count for lunch. You can preregister online at <https://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center/events> or by calling the Extension office at (208) 896-4104.

The Living on the Land series for small-acreage landowners will be offered in the Treasure Valley beginning

Jan. 7. The classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays at the University of Idaho Caldwell Research and Extension Center classroom located at 1904 E. Chicago Street in Caldwell.

Classes offer training in soil, water, plant, and animal stewardship specifically geared for small-acreage landowners.

Participants will gain new skills, insights, and planning ideas for better managing their land and will use their own land as a laboratory for learning. Each participant or family will create a land use plan and test for soil, water, and forage quality.

This 10-week series costs \$200 and includes soil and water tests on your property.

Call (208) 459-6003 for more information or to register for the class. Registration is limited to 25 individuals. Deadline for registration is next Wednesday.

Alumni of the class have found considerable value in what they learned.

“I wish I could have taken a class like this 20 years ago. What I paid for the class came back in value after the first two classes, and the rest was over the top!” one class member stated.

The class will be co-taught with Extension Educators Karie Boon from Payette County, Ariel Agenbroad from Ada County, Rebecca Mills from Gem County, and Scott Jensen from Owyhee County as well as other topic-specific experts.

For more information on the Living on the Land program, please contact your local University of Idaho Extension office or Samantha Roberts at (208) 459-6003.

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



Scott Jensen

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at [www.theowyheeavalanche.com](http://www.theowyheeavalanche.com). Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com) (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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### Homedale Elementary throws last sendoffs before Christmas

Homedale Elementary School students celebrated the coming holiday with class Christmas parties on Thursday afternoon. Posing with Santa, **from left:** first-graders Enrique Albor-Cortes, Araya Cardenas, Maddy Holtry, Noe Juan-Ascencio, and Billy Aicher. Photo by classmate Evan Ballard

## Courthouse report

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

### Dec. 14

**Adam Michael Escorial, Sparks, Nev.** — Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor paraphernalia possession (2x): 2 years felony probation, \$200 in fines, \$385.50 in court costs. Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession. **Note:** Withheld judgment; record can be expunged if sentence is fulfilled.

**Daniel Holtry, Wilder** — Felony controlled substance possession: 3 years felony probation, \$750 in court costs. Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers. **Note:** Withheld judgment; record can be expunged if sentence is fulfilled.

**Justin Michael Lee, New Plymouth** — Felony eluding officers, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: 2 to 5 years state penitentiary (suspended), 4 years felony probation, 3 years driver’s license suspension, \$200 in fines, \$695.50 in court costs. Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Felony controlled substance possession

**Ruben Leyva Jr., Ontario, Ore.** — Felony eluding officers, misdemeanor driving under the influence: 2 to 5 years state penitentiary (165 days served), 90 days in jail (served), 3 years driver’s license suspension, \$200 in fines, \$1,690.33 in court costs. Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor resisting arrest and drug paraphernalia possession

**William Paul Tatz, Pico Rivera, Calif.** — Felony controlled substance possession with intent to manufacture or deliver: 1-2 years state penitentiary (123 days served; balance suspended), 2 years felony probation, \$835.50 in court costs. Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

### Dec. 12

**David A. Adams, Spokane Valley, Wash.** — Misdemeanor marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia possession: \$402.50 in fines, \$545 in court costs

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### SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
<b>Mud Flat</b>						
12/18	2.7	10	3.3	41	30	35
12/19	2.9	10	n/a	42	29	34
12/20	2.8	10	2.7	42	26	35
12/21	3.0	10	2.8	37	15	29
12/22	2.5	10	2.5	30	8	21
12/23	2.6	10	2.6	35	24	30
12/24	3.0	11	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
12/18	2.1	9	3.8	41	32	37
12/19	2.3	8	3.8	38	29	33
12/20	2.1	8	4.0	46	29	38
12/21	2.1	8	4.2	30	20	25
12/22	2.3	8	3.9	29	20	23
12/23	2.1	7	4.0	34	24	31
12/24	2.3	10	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>South Mountain</b>						
12/18	4.8	18	7.6	38	31	35
12/19	5.1	18	7.9	40	29	34
12/20	5.1	18	7.6	45	28	42
12/21	5.2	18	8.0	31	18	24
12/22	5.1	19	7.8	34	18	27
12/23	5.1	18	7.9	35	28	32
12/24	5.4	21	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

### Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 35 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 197 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 27 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 249,359 acre-feet of water on Monday.

## Man arrested on Owyhee felony warrant

A Hazelton man was arrested on a \$50,000 warrant in Jerome County for a probation violation related to a 2016 Owyhee County case.

Michael Austin Crumrine, 24, is still in custody in Jerome.

The original case involving Crumrine dates from March 29, 2016, in which he threatened

his grandmother in Homedale with a gun, telling her he was going to hit her with it.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, Crumrine had been using methamphetamine at the time of the 2016 incident.

After his 2016 arrest, Crumrine was charged with felony aggravated assault without

intent to kill, and misdemeanor counts of destruction of property and restricting or obstructing a peace officer. He received three years of probation for the crimes.

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# Avalanche Sports

## HHS girls plaster Payette to start conference play

Trojans build three-game win streak

Homedale High School opened the girls' basketball conference season with an emphatic win. All but one player who stepped on the

floor in Payette scored Dec. 18 as the Trojans blasted the Pirates, 55-20, to start 3A Snake River Valley conference play. Homedale (4-8 overall) takes a three-game win streak into a Jan. 3 home game against 3A SRV archrival Fruitland.

The Trojans started last week's game on a 24-3 run and held a 35-7 lead at halftime against Payette (1-10, 0-2), which lost for the third consecutive time after snapping an 18-game losing streak. The Pirates have only four wins in their past 101 games dating to the start

of the 2014-15 season. Josey Hall was 6-for-10 from the field for a game-high 12 points. The senior post was one of three HHS players to snag five rebounds, joining Amaya Carter and Savana Buckley. Carter added nine points, and Alex — See *HHS girls*, page 13

## Marsing boys sweep Homedale

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team resumed its winning ways with a big victory over traditional rival Homedale on Dec. 17 on the road. The 54-36 non-conference win was Marsing's second over the Trojans (1-9) in 2½ weeks, and the sixth win in seven outings for coach Tim Little's squad. Jacob Ankeny asserted his will inside, dominating and disrupting from his post position. "Jacob continued his control of the boards and ability to contest and block shots," Little said. The sophomore struggled with his shooting, hitting just two of nine field goals for four points, but he pulled down 12 boards and swatted away four Trojans' shots. "We played well from the start of the game, more disciplined defensively and offensively as compared to Friday night," Little said, referring to the Huskies' 20-point loss (55-35) to Liberty Charter on Dec. 14. Senior Enrique Quebrado



Marsing post Jacob Ankeny gets all ball in a block of Homedale's Daniel Uranga on Dec. 10. Photo by Dan Pease

## Brown's college choice is about more than football

Homedale's All-State receiver heading to NAIA school in Iowa

The 3A Snake River Valley conference's top offensive player is becoming a Defender. Homedale High School senior Carson Brown committed to play football at Dordt College in Iowa last week. The team is nicknamed the Defenders. But the son of Shane and Keri Brown didn't decide on Dordt solely because of a game. "I just feel like they are more into the bigger picture than just football," the 18-year-old said. "They want to develop you into a man and do it through Christ. They see you more as a person than a number." Dordt College coach Joel Penner said three qualities drew the Defenders' coaching staff to Brown. "He is a playmaker at wide

"He's the type of kid you hope your own son grows up to be like some day. He will go on to do great things."

— Matt Holtry  
Homedale football coach



receiver with great football in front of him, he is serious about his academics, and he is the kind of person that will thrive — See *Brown*, page 11

## Huskies take 3rd at C of I tourney

Only teams to beat Marsing this year reach championship game

Some solid performances carried the Marsing High School boys' basketball team to third place in the three-day Truckstop.com Christmas Tournament at The College of Idaho. The 16-team tournament concluded on Saturday for the Huskies with a 52-37 victory over Soda Springs in the third-place game in Caldwell. Senior guard Enrique Quebrado scored 15 points and

dished five assists to lead the Huskies (8-2). Sophomore post Jacob Ankeny finished with another double-digit rebound game, pulling down 11 rebounds to go with his eight points. Senior Dwight Sevy also scored eight points and had a team-high five steals. The Cardinals were led by Brittan Bergholm and Brock Thompson, who scored nine points each.

Friday: Prairie 52, Marsing 44 — The Huskies cobbled a double-digit deficit down to one point in the fourth quarter, but the Pirates closed the game on a 10-3 run. Marsing was down 13 points at halftime and trailed by 10 after the third quarter.



Jacob Ankeny

— See *Huskies*, page 12



Standing, from left: Homedale High School athletic director Casey Grove, principal and football coach Matt Holtry, Rosemary Brown and Brady Brown. Seated, from left: Shane Brown, Carson Brown, Keri Brown, and Josh Brown. Submitted photo

# Sports

✓ **Brown:** Student-athlete looks forward to opportunities on and off field

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in the Dordt environment,”  
Penner said.

Brown is coming off a senior season with the Trojans in which he topped 1,000 yards receiving, was named the conference Offensive Player of the Year, and gutted his way through a tough performance in the 3A state championship game.

The son of Shane and Keri Brown is the first Homedale player with 1,000 receiving yards in a single season in at least a decade.

In two years as a varsity starter, he caught 97 passes for 1,835 yards and 30 touchdowns. More than half of his receiving yards (950) came after the catch.

He was an All-State player in his senior year, making the first team as a receiver and the second team as a defensive back after pulling off five interceptions.

His high school coach, Matt Holtry, said it was more than his on-field performance that made Brown the Trojans' most valuable player in 2018.

"He had a great work ethic and a great attitude every day at practice," the 10<sup>th</sup>-year Homedale coach said. "He is a great leader and is always helping his teammates improve as he coaches them up throughout practices."



*Dordt College-bound receiver Carson Brown (left) looks to weave forward for more yards after the catch in the 3A state championship game against Sugar-Salem at Middleton High School last month. Photo by Gregg Garrett*

Brown caught 64 balls for 1,075 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior. He had 1,089 yards from scrimmage.

“He is truly one of a kind and an amazing student-athlete,” Holtry said.

"He's the type of kid you hope your own son grows up to be like some day. He will go

on to do great things.”

Brown said he plans to study computer science at the Christian liberal arts college. He said he was comfortable with his prospective teammates right away when he visited the school and he looks forward to the personal growth that they can help him

achieve.

And, even though, he's looking big picture, it was that sport that set him on the path.

"I like it that (football) can take me halfway across the country and connect with new people I didn't even know existed," Brown said.

"The players seem very

well-rounded and easy-to-talk-to people. And that's (the type of person) I want to be, so they'll push me to do that."

The Dordt College Defenders are coming off their first winning season under the leadership of coach Joel Penner.

The team, based in Sioux Center, Iowa, finished the 2018 season ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in the NAIA national top 25 with a 7-3 overall record. The team was third in the Great Plains Athletic Conference at 6-3.

Penner has created one of the NAIA's top offenses in just three years, and if Brown plays on the offensive side of the ball he could blossom under Penner's tutelage. He expects to play during his freshman season in 2019.

During Penner's first season at Dordt, wide receiver Jason Miller broke the school's single-season receiving record with 1,311 yards, which led all NAIA receivers.

But the fact the Defenders had one of the top rushing offenses last season isn't lost on the speedy wideout.

“At a football standpoint, they don’t pass as much, but the team looks pretty good and integrate the receiver as a runner, which is what I like,” Brown said.

— JPB

# Homedale Trojans

## Athlete Spotlight



**Boys' basketball**  
**Carlos Ibarra, sr., G**  
4 points, including a 3-pointer, in 4th quarter vs. Marsing



**Girls' basketball**  
**Jenna Rupp, sr., G**  
4 points, 2 rebounds vs. Payette



**Boys' basketball**  
Varsity  
Saturday, Dec. 29 at New Plymouth, 3 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Saturday, Dec. 29 at New Plymouth, 1:30 p.m.  
Frosh soph  
Saturday, Dec. 29 at New Plymouth, noon

**Wrestling**  
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 4-5 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho  
Center, Nampa

**Note: HHS Science Club fundraising clothing drive at all home events.**

# Sports

## Vale sends Marsing girls to 6<sup>th</sup> straight loss

Struggles for Marsing High School girls' basketball team continued as it dropped its sixth straight game, 56-31, to Vale in Oregon on Saturday.

The Huskies (7-6 overall) began the season with seven straight wins before the current slide began on Dec. 5 against Riverstone International.

Marsing stumbled out of the gate against Vale (3-6), falling behind 14-3 after one quarter, and never recovered. The Huskies mustered just eight points in the first half.

The Huskies have not scored

more than 36 points in any game during the losing streak. No other information was provided.

**Dec. 18: McCall-Donnelly 48, Marsing 29** — The Huskies dropped a 2A Western Idaho Conference home game against the Vandals (6-4, 1-2) to drop to 0-3 in conference.

Senior Hailee Bennett and junior Emily Loucks scored seven points apiece for Marsing.

Bennett also had three rebounds and four steals.

Johana Margarito added six points and four boards.

## Melba girls keep share of first

An eighth consecutive girls' basketball victory pushed Melba High School to the top of the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Emma Clark poured in 20 points in a 53-47 win over Cole Valley Christian on Dec. 18.

Playing at home, Melba (10-1 overall, 3-0 in conference with

the win) maintained a share of first place in the 2A WIC with Nampa Christian. Cole Valley also owned a share of the lead before losing to Melba.

Last week against Cole Valley, Melba also received 17 points from Kortney Trappett.

Maddie Cook led the Chargers with 12 points.

## Perfect Parma beats Mustangs

Braydon Jensen scored 16 points Thursday as Parma High School remained unbeaten with a boys' basketball win over Melba.

Dillon Bodily led the Mustangs with 10 points in a 51-35 non-

conference home loss.

Easton Bunnell notched seven points and six rebounds for Melba (6-3 overall).

Blaine Rohrbacher and Stetson Beus scored eight points apiece for Parma (8-0).

## ✓ Huskies: Enrique Quebrado increases his assist total after more regular time at point

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Quebrado knocked down three of five fourth-quarter three-point attempts to get the Huskies back into the game.

Marsing pulled to within one point, 42-41, but couldn't pull out the win.

"Prairie's physicality and size limited our opportunities for easy looks inside, offensive rebounds and basket cuts," Huskies coach Tim Little said.

Quebrado paced Marsing with 21 points, four rebounds, and three assists.

Ankeny finished with five points and five boards.

Roger Valadez added five points.

Prairie and Liberty Charter, the two teams to beat Marsing this season, played for the

tournament championship. The Pirates prevailed for a 35-27 win over the Patriots.

**Thursday: Marsing 56, Aberdeen 22** — Little was able to get bench players some court time during the Huskies' tournament opener in Caldwell.

Marsing played three freshmen most of the fourth quarter — Dom Enrico, Matt McBride, and Noel Quebrado.

Aberdeen scored the game's first basket, but the Huskies held the Tigers to just 10 first-half points.

Little pointed out stellar defensive efforts.

"... Dwight (Sevy) had a huge game — a season-high eight steals," Little said.

Ankeny continued with his season-long domination down low, pulling down 12 rebounds

and swatting away four shots. He also led the team with 12 points.

Heath Milburn also made his presence felt, hitting three baskets, including one from beyond the three-point line. He also sank three of four foul shots and finished with 10 points.

Merrick Hall also scored 10 points and grabbed seven boards.

Quebrado struggled some with his shot, connecting on just three of his 13 attempts. However, he did dish out a season-high seven assists.

"We moved Enrique to a true point position this week," Little said. "He fills the role perfectly."

— TK

## ✓ Marsing: Valadez has another stong game

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had a good all-around game and showed why he was an all-conference player last year and player of the year as a sophomore.

The star guard led the team with 16 points and added five rebounds, six assists, and four steals.

Senior Dwight Sevy had another strong showing, adding 14 points. He also pulled down five boards.

Sophomore guard Roger Valadez was perfect with his field goals, going 4-for-4 with 11 points.

"(Valadez) was able to get some transition baskets, and his speed was a factor to our quick start," Little said.


Senior wing Merrick Hall grabbed eight rebounds, six of

them on the offensive end.

Juniors Daniel Uranga and Nelson Lomeli led the Trojans with eight points each. Senior guard Mason Kincheloe chipped in six.


In last week's Class 2A statewide coaches' poll, Marsing received two top-five votes — one fewer than Melba and one more than Cole Valley Christian.

— TK




# MARSING HUSKIES

## Athlete Spotlight



**Boys' basketball**  
Heath Milburn, sr., G  
10 points vs. Aberdeen on Thursday




**Girls' basketball**  
Johana Margarito, so., post  
6 points, 4 rebounds vs. McCall-Donnelly



**Girls' basketball**  
Varsity  
Saturday, Jan. 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Saturday, Jan. 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 2 p.m.

**Boys' basketball**  
Varsity  
Saturday, Dec. 29 at Gooding, 7 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Saturday, Dec. 29 at Gooding, 5:30 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
Friday, Dec. 28 at Charlie Anthony Memorial, Ontario, Ore., 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 29 at Charlie Anthony Memorial, Ontario, Ore., 10 a.m.




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# Sports

## ✓ HHS girls: Entire team sees floor time in conference opener vs. hapless Payette

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Grant went 5-for-7 from the floor with one of the Trojans' three three-point goals for 11 points.

Jayci Swallow filled up the stat sheet with eight points, four assists, six steals and three rebounds in just 17 minutes of play.

First-year coach Cam Long emptied his bench against the Pirates. Carter had the most playing time of any of the Trojans at 18 minutes, 35 seconds.

Journey Lewis led Payette with six points, while fellow junior Anika Burke scored five points. Lewis had a pair of three-pointers.



Alex Grant

### Other scores

#### Girls' basketball

Rimrock (10-1 overall, 3-1 1A WIC)

##### 1A Western Idaho Conference

Thursday — lost, 44-31, to Riverstone International

Next game: 1A Western Idaho Conference

Jan. 4 — at Ambrose, 6:30 p.m.

Jordan Valley (7-2 overall)

##### Bobcat Classic, John Day, Ore.

Thursday — def. Elgin, 54-33

Friday — def. Council, 49-32

Saturday — lost to Crane, 38-26

Next game: 1A High Desert League opener

Jan. 4 — vs. Harper Charter, 5 p.m.

Adrian (2-6 overall)

##### Nyssa Holiday Tournament

Thursday — lost to Nyssa, 53-24

Friday — lost to Liberty Charter, 34-29

Saturday — def. Payette, 50-44

Next game: 1A High Desert League opener

Jan. 3 — vs. Four Rivers, 6 p.m.

#### Boys' basketball

Rimrock (2-8 overall, 0-2 1A WIC)

##### Non-conference

Friday — lost, 46-31, to Castleford

Next game: 1A Western Idaho Conference

Jan. 4 — at Ambrose, 8 p.m.

Jordan Valley  
(4-5 overall)

##### Bobcat Classic, John Day, Ore.

Thursday — def. Elgin, 51-36

Friday — lost to Union, 43-37

Saturday — lost to Powder Valley, 45-42

Next game: 1A High Desert League opener

Jan. 4 — vs. Harper Charter, 6:30 p.m.

Adrian  
(1-5 overall)

##### Truckstop.com Christmas Tournament

##### The College of Idaho, Caldwell

Thursday — lost, 56-37, to Victory Charter

Friday — lost, 78-24, to New Plymouth

Saturday — vs. TBA (not reported)

Next game: 1A High Desert League opener

Jan. 3 — vs. Four Rivers, 6 p.m.

— Coaches can email results and comments to jon@owyheeavalanche.com. Call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information.

## Marsing pursuit nets prison time

An Oregon man has been sent to prison after leading Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies on a high-speed pursuit that started on a crowded Main Street in Marsing and ended with a damaged patrol vehicle in Canyon County.

Ruben Leyva Jr., of Ontario, Ore., could spend up to five years in the Idaho penitentiary after sentencing on felony and misdemeanor charges on Dec. 14 before Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney in Murphy.

The 26-year-old Leyva was arrested on July 3 and charged with a felony for trying to elude a peace officer and misdemeanor driving under the influence.

His blood-alcohol concentration was more than three times the legal limit (.244) when a blood draw taken at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell was examined.



Ruben Leyva Jr.

The pursuit sped the length of Main Street in Marsing shortly after 6:30 p.m., when throngs of citizens were driving into town and walking toward Island Park for the city's Third of July celebration.

While Whitney imposed prison time, he did give Leyva credit for 165 days he had served in Owyhee County Jail since his arrest.

Whitney suspended the man's driving privileges or three years and ordered him to pay nearly \$1,900 in fines and court costs.

Whitney has retained jurisdiction for one year, meaning sentencing provisions could be modified depending on Leyva's performance during a rider program.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed misdemeanor charges of drug paraphernalia possession and resisting arrest as part of a plea deal.

Leyva led three OCSO deputies on a chase through traffic through downtown Marsing and into Canyon County. Speeds reached 50 mph in the

town's 25 mph zone and 80 mph once Leyva had crossed the Snake River and driven as far 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue outside Caldwell on Idaho 55 in Canyon County.

The pursuit ended when Leyva drove into a patrol vehicle after a deputy had tried to cut him off on Idaho 55 in Canyon County.

Nearly \$1,100 of the fees imposed by Whitney represented restitution for damages caused during the chase.

A deputy initiated an attempt to stop Leyva an alleged speeding infraction west of Marsing on Idaho 55. He came to a complete stop near 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Marsing then sped off again when the deputy was exiting his vehicle to make contact.

Two other deputies eventually joined the pursuit, which saw Leyva weaving in and out of traffic both on Main Street, which was busy and packed with Third of July revelers, and Idaho 55 in Canyon County.

Leyva now resides in Payette County Jail to answer to charges in that jurisdiction.

— JPB

## Men convicted in felony drug cases

### County seizes minivan;

### NP man leads deputies on chase

A California man has surrendered his vehicle after being caught with several ounces of marijuana during a traffic stop in Marsing.

William Paul Tatz, 64, of Pico Rivera, Calif., was sentenced on Dec. 14 in the Murphy courtroom of Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney.

Whitney placed Tatz on two years felony probation after he entered a guilty plea to one count of drug possession with intent to manufacture or deliver.

Tatz was given credit for 123 days he had served behind bars since his Aug. 14 arrest during a traffic stop on Main Street in Marsing.

Tatz also must pay \$835.50 in court costs.

While Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession charge, Whitney did grant his asset forfeiture request. The county seized Tatz's 2012 Dodge minivan.

Tatz was pulled over for

driving 38 mph in a 25 mph zone on Main Street in Marsing shortly before 4 p.m., on Aug. 14. The responding deputy discovered nearly 9½ ounces of marijuana.

According to the sheriff's deputy's probable cause statement, Tatz admitted he sold marijuana to medical card carriers, but that he never checked for those cards.

• A New Plymouth man avoided up to five years in state prison when Whitney sentenced Justin Michael Lee on Dec. 14 on a felony charge of eluding law enforcement officers.

Lee was also sentenced on a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession charge, while a felony count of methamphetamine possession was dismissed as part of a negotiated plea deal, Emery said.

Whitney placed Lee on four years felony probation and suspended his driver's license for three years. A state prison sentenced of two to five years was suspended.



William Paul Tatz



Justin Michael Lee

Lee must pay nearly \$900 in fines and court costs.

According to court records, Justin Michael Lee, 30, sped over the Marsing bridge into Canyon County when an OCSO deputy attempted to stop the tan two-door coupe he was driving on July 19. The deputy noticed the license plates on the vehicle came back to a car that didn't match the description.

Lee led the deputy through roads in the Sunny Slope area in a chase that reached speeds of 80 and 95 mph, according to court documents. Lee weaved around cars on two-lane roads during the pursuit, the deputy reported.

Lee was apprehended when his vehicle broke down on Bennett Road in Canyon County.

A canine unit from another agency detected the presence of drugs, and two syringes were found. One syringe contained methamphetamine, according to the deputy's report.

Lee had been behind bars since his July arrest.

— JPB

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense  
A Christmas Tree



A Christmas tree is one of those things  
Like popcorn balls or angel wings  
That children make in the snow.

Things with beauty unsurpassed  
That touch our lives but never last  
More than a week or so.

It shines from every living room  
Like someone in a bright costume  
That's happy to see you drop by.

And in a world that never slows down  
To see their lights all over town  
Warms you up inside.

And it's nice to get to know one well  
To know each tinsel and jingle bell  
That often as not don't ring.

I can stare at the lights and never stop  
Look back at the angel on top  
And imagine he can sing.

Even the scraggiest Christmas tree  
Seems to have some dignity  
Guarding the gifts below.

But all the ones I've seen up close  
Seem to be smiling and acting the host  
To all who say hello.

Sometimes I think, if I were a tree  
The most that I could hope to be  
Is one of those wonderful pines.

That gets to spend a week with friends  
When even a grown-up kid pretends  
That all the world is fine.

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From Washington  
Proposed WOTUS rewrite protects states' water sovereignty

As we spend time with family and friends this Christmas season — tromping through the snow to get a Christmas tree, skiing, snow shoeing, sledding, ice skating, or just shoveling snow and ice off of our driveways and sidewalks — the snow we recreate in and move around translates into significant water resources and development for our state. Federal policy must enable the local decisions that best determine the management of these critical resources.

Snowfall in Idaho's mountains feeds most Idaho waterways, and our water supply is critical to our economy and productivity. Water not only sustains Idaho's existing population, but also feeds Idaho's growth and development, contributing to Idaho being the fastest-growing state. Water makes possible Idaho's vast and diverse agriculture production; supports a multitude of fish and wildlife populations, helping to boost our tourism industry; and produces power that diversifies our energy sources and helps meet the need for domestic energy production.

This fall, with overwhelmingly, bipartisan support, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law S. 3021, the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. The law supports and advances critical water infrastructure projects across the nation and right here in Idaho. The America's Water Infrastructure Act will help eliminate regulatory hurdles on projects involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, improve our inland waterways, dams and agricultural irrigation delivery systems, and provide communities the ability to maintain and improve water infrastructure systems.

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Importantly, the law also removes unnecessary red tape, making billions of dollars in deauthorizations of outdated and not locally backed projects to help reduce the deficit.

Notably for Idaho, the America's Water Infrastructure Act directs the development of a flood prevention action plan for states in the Snake River Basin. It also continues restoration and aquatic invasive species prevention in the Columbia River Basin and gives state and local leaders more control over Corps of Engineers projects. Additionally, the America's Water Infrastructure Act encourages the use of clean, baseload hydropower.

To best enable water projects and towns across

— See *Water*, Page 15

Americans for Limited Govt.  
Has Fed waited too long to end QE?

by Robert Romano

The Federal Reserve has dumped an eye-popping \$343 billion of U.S. treasuries and mortgage-backed securities since it began its policy normalization program in September 2017.

More than one-third of that (\$116 billion) has been since September 2018 as the nation's central bank has begun to accelerate its program.

At the same time, the Fed has been hiking the effective federal funds rate, increasing the costs of borrowing by financial institutions. Now, the effective rate stands at 2.2 percent.

The pertinent question might be what took it so long? After keeping rates near-zero for the entire Obama administration, and holding onto its dragon's horde of treasuries and other securities for almost a decade, suddenly the Fed has finally begun unwinding its portfolio — long after economic conditions had settled down after the financial crisis.

The high-water mark was reached at the end of 2014, when its holdings were as high as almost \$4.3 trillion. It had been a massive \$3.5 trillion expansion of its balance sheet going back to August 2007 when the crisis began.

Arguably, the Fed has waited until nearly the end of the business cycle to begin unwinding — that is the period when the U.S. economy becomes due to have a recession — to remove the "emergency" support from the last recession.

In that regard, there is a perverse logic to doing so. Hike rates now, so they can cut them later after they

cause the next recession. Sell the bonds now, so they can buy them back later. That is, the central bank needs to give itself room to maneuver when — not if — the next recession does indeed come.

To be fair, the economy could still be several months or even a couple years or so away from the next recession. Nobody knows. So, if the goal is to give the Fed room to maneuver, let us ask what would be the logic of not doing so?

What if the rates were near-zero and the Fed was still loaded up with trillions of dollars of securities when the next recession does finally hit? What could it possibly do to accommodate the economy then? Make interest rates go negative? Buy several trillions of dollars more of U.S. debt?

The case of Japan could be instructive, where rates have been pushed down for decades and even went negative in 2016, and still the economy there struggles to grow at all.

The fact is, rates have not been this low, relatively, in the U.S. for a few generations. Of course it wasn't going to last forever. Or I suppose, it could, technically, but the economic distortions of leaving the funny money running for too long could be catastrophic.

Which is worse, the normal cyclical recession, or going too easy for too long and getting a blowup like the 1930s or the 2010s?

Then there's the problem with growth. The past

— See *Fed*, Page 15

# Commentary

## Financial management

### Life insurance that pays you back is just another gimmick

**Dear Dave,**  
I'm thinking about signing up for a return-of-premium life insurance policy. It costs more per month than other policies, but it allows you to get all your money back after 30 years assuming you live that long. Is this too good to be true?

— Tommy

policy back after 30 years 100 percent of the time. Return-of-premium policies are just a gimmick.

When it comes to life insurance, always go with a good, 15- to 20-year level term policy. And *always* stay away from that return-of-premium garbage!

— Dave



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**Dear Tommy,**  
It's not too good to be true, but it *is* a rip off. *Never* buy a return-of-premium life insurance policy.

You said it costs more than other policies, right? Well, if you were to take that extra money you'd be paying and put it into a good mutual fund, you'd get all the cost of your

**Dear Dave,**  
I'm on Baby Step 1 of your plan, and I work at a community college that takes a mandatory 20 percent from our pay for retirement. I know you say retirement contributions should be put on hold until all debt except for your home is paid off, so do you have any thoughts on this kind of

**Dear Kristi,**  
That *is* a lot to take out. I've heard of a few places that have a mandatory 12 percent contribution, but 20 percent? That's very unusual. And it's unusually high.

I'm not sure what to tell you. I mean, you took the job. It's what you signed up for. But if it becomes enough of an issue with your finances, you may have to decide at some point if you still want to work there. My recommendation is to begin setting aside 15 percent of your income for retirement *after* you've paid off all debt except your home, *and* you have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in the bank.

At least you're not *losing* the money, so it's not the end of the world. It's *your* money that's going in there for *your* use some day. I don't know the exact structure of the retirement account, but it is going toward retirement savings of some kind — and that's important!

— 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](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

### ✓ Water: Trump administration's revision protects states and tribes

*From Page 14*  
Idaho and our nation to continue to deliver clean water while facing growing pressure on our water resources, primary jurisdiction over the allocation, management and use of water must remain as constitutionally directed — with the states, not the federal government.

Last year, President Trump issued an Executive Order to undo the 2015 “Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule.” The 2015 WOTUS Rule redefined navigable waters to exert federal control over nearly every stream, ditch, pond and puddle on state and local lands and private property. Historically, navigable waters had been limited to rivers and

streams and their immediately adjacent wetlands.

I have helped block past legislative efforts to exert federal control over non-navigable waters of the U.S. and supported legislative and other efforts to eliminate this unwarranted power grab over water and land use across the country.

On Dec. 11, the administration announced a rewrite of the WOTUS rule that it asserts, “respects the law and would give states and tribes the certainty and flexibility they need to manage waters within their borders.” The administration is taking comments on the new proposal for 60 days following the rule's publication date. Information about the rule can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>. Instructions for submitting

comments can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and the Administration instructs that comments on the proposal should be identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149.

Access to water is crucial for almost all Idaho industries, municipalities and recreational interests, and I encourage all those interested in this important issue to share your thoughts on the rule.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

### ✓ Fed: Balancing bad growth, no growth a tough job for central bank

*From Page 14*  
decade of economic growth has been as bad as what we saw in the Great Depression. Growth has not averaged above 3 percent since 2005, and not above 4 percent since 2000. It's fair to say that the lower the interest rates have gone, so too have we lowered our growth expectations.

The fact that rates are rising right now might actually tell us that Fed policymakers see a risk of the U.S. economy expanding too rapidly in an unhealthy manner, and so are moving the short rate and adjusting its portfolio holdings to accommodate.

It's a tough decision to make, for certain. There are trillions of dollars at stake in investments, in the

productive economy and with people's jobs. Nobody wants to see the next recession. Unemployment rises. Growth stops or contracts. It's not pretty. But these corrections are also inevitable.

In an ideal world, the Fed would not be making these decisions. Markets would set interest rates. Institutions would be responsible for buying or not buying treasuries and other government-backed securities like mortgages, if they chose. But that is not the world we live in, and it is not the world that President Donald Trump and Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell inherited. The Fed sets the short rate, and is responsible for buying government securities.

Some will argue that by not undertaking policy

normalization until after Obama left office, the Fed was acting politically. Historians will doubtless debate this *ad nauseum* the next many decades. There is certainly a case to be made that, once again, the central bank left rates too low, for too long, and failed to unwind its portfolio holdings when there was arguably less of a risk of doing so. Now, it makes the odds greater that when the next recession hits, so too will zero or negative interest rates and more quantitative easing follow — which is what we were warning all along. Perhaps that was the point. Now what?

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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

December 29, 1993

### County close to building tipping station

A household waste tipping station near Homedale may be ready at the end of February when the county’s last operating landfill is forced to close.

The Homedale landfill will not accept garbage after the current six-month permit expires.

Owyhee County Commissioners took two bids on the tipping station under advisement Monday.

Irminger Construction submitted a bid of \$39,350 on the two-bay concrete structure to be situated on county-owned land about six miles from Homedale. Cristobal Construction bid \$34,545.

Holladay Engineering of Payette, an engineering firm that consults with the public sector on solid waste, is reviewing the bids.

The tipping station is scheduled to be completed in 60 days after construction begins. No hours have been set, but the tipping station will be manned to screen for hazardous waste or materials not accepted at the Pickles Butte landfill.

### Lady Trojans clip Falcons’ wings

In its lone game last week, the Homedale girls’ basketball team stomped Vallivue 43-29.

After just one quarter the Trojans led 14-3, and Vallivue never recovered in the Dec. 21 matchup.

Homedale saw strong play from its seniors in the contest, with Angie Sherfick scoring 11 points and recording 9 rebounds, while Tarah Galloway scored 13. Stacey Stansell, who’s come on strong the last couple weeks, scored 8 points, 6 of them from beyond the 3-point line.

Also scoring for the Trojans were Janelle Bates with 4, Laura Heady and Penny Parker, who both had 2, and Kelly Smyth and Bridgit Endicott, who scored 1 point each.

On defense the Trojans held the Falcons to just 9-for-49 shooting, while going 17-for-58 from the field themselves.

### Jordan Valley man honored by AHA

Duncan Mackenzie of Jordan Valley was on of 5 new honorees inducted into the Hereford Heritage Hall during the annual membership meeting of the American Hereford Association (AHA) in November.

A commercial breeder, Mackenzie has gained a reputation for producing quality, straight-bred Hereford feeder cattle despite being forced to adapt his operations to the conditions of his high desert ranch.

Mackenzie has gained success relying on expected progeny differences in bull selection.

### Police to enforce traffic laws at Post Office

Homedale Police Chief Ron Roberson said it’s no more Mr. Nice Guy when it comes to violating city traffic laws.

And the area where officers will be watching motorists closely is the congested city block in front of the post office.

The number of complaints and near accidents in front of the post office warrants the tougher enforcement, Roberson said, adding that talking to drivers has not alleviated the problem.

“We’ll be issuing citations. No more oral warnings,” Roberson said.

Drivers are making illegal U-turns and backing out and across the double-striped lines.

Four tickets were given in the course of one hour last Thursday.

## 50 years ago

December 26, 1968

### New deputy hired

Jimmy Hileman, Nampa, has been named as new Owyhee County deputy sheriff by Sheriff Al Barberis. Hileman, 26, will assume his new duties Jan. 14, replacing Chuck Jurries, who will become probate judge.

Hilemen, 6-foot-2, 206-pound former employee of the Nampa street department, is presently employed as a truck driver, Barberis said. He is married and has three children.

### Trojans race to 79-68 win over Payette

The Homedale Trojans exploded for 34 points in the second period here Saturday, hitting 16 of 20 shots from the floor, to race past Payette 79-68.

Homedale, which is now undefeated after five games, was led by Gary Garrett’s 23 and 21 more by Mike Pearson while Jim Smith topped the Pirates, now 0-5, with 18 and Dennis Fee had 13 points in the loss.

### Homedale buys new ambulance

The ambulance board purchased a new ambulance last week and will have it on the road as soon as new lights and siren are installed.

The board would like to thank all those individuals, clubs, organizations and lodges who helped to make the drive a success in the Wilder, Fargo and Homedale area.

Also a special thanks to the Homedale-Marsing Basque Association, Sen. Phil Batt, Flahiff Funeral Chapel, State Line Grange, and St. Hubert’s Rosary and Altar Society.

The ambulance was obtained through Flahiff Chapel.

### Homedale locals

Mrs. Ethel Call has returned home after an eight-weeks’ visit in Iowa, Missouri, and Texas. While away, she visited in 52 homes and saw 55 relatives as well as many friends and former neighbors.

Mrs. May Turnage, Jacksonville, Fla., was a recent visitor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Marjorie Vance. Mrs. Tunage had been called to Portland, Ore., to attend the funeral of her brother and left here to visit her daughter in Los Angeles, Calif., until after Christmas before returning home to Florida.

### Succor Crik Sam sez:

“Ain’t heard if them asternuts took along some rye fer the holidays — to go with that green cheese on the moon.”

### Smith graduates from California tech school

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith are visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Smith, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Anderson.

Jim was recently graduated from Northrup Institute of Technology, School of Aviation, Inglewood, Calif.

He was awarded a certificate of completion in the Airframe and Powerplant curriculum and is now eligible to take the Federal Aviation Administration examinations for the Airframe and Powerplant Certificate.

Jim says he is considering a position with Air West at Phoenix, Ariz.

## 145 years ago

December 27, 1873

### SILVER CITY

Silver City is the county seat of Owyhee County where the best developed gold and silver quartz mines in Idaho Territory are located. It is compactly-build, in a canon, mostly on the west side of Jordan Creek, and has about 1,200 inhabitants. It is 60 miles south of Boise City, the Capital of the Territory, and 210 miles north of Winnemucca, its nearest and chief shipping point on the Central Pacific Railroad. Correctly speaking, Silver City has only two seasons – of six months each. In Summer the weather is delightfully clear and pleasant; in Winter snow falls to a depth of five or six feet, and violent storms occasionally prevail, although the cold is by no means severe, the mercury scarcely ever dropping to zero. Its chief resource is quartz mining, although the placers are extensively worked while the water from the melting snows continue in the Spring.

Among the principal quartz mines are the Oro Fino, Ida Ellmore, Golden Chariot, Minnesota, South Chariot, Red Jacket, Mahogany, War Eagle, Empire, Silver Cord, Idlewild, Illinois Central, Glenbrook, Belle Peck and others, all of which are situated on War Eagle Mountain about two and a half miles from town, and employ from 500 to 600 miners the year round. Their bullion product during 1873 aggregated about \$1,000,000, and will probably double that amount for 1874.

The houses of Silver City are mostly constructed of wood, although there are a number of fine granite buildings in the portion of the town known as Granite Block. There is a Court House and Jail, a Church, two Banks, an Express and Postoffice, two Assay Offices, a Theater, Foundry, Skating Rink, Brewery, a Printing Office, Hotels, Restaurants, Meat Markets, numerous stores and other establishments that go to make up a first-class mining town. There is a well-attended and liberally supported Public School, two Lodges of Masons, an Odd Fellows’ Lodge, and an Encampment of the Independent Champions of the Red Cross. A line of stages, running between Boise City and Winnemucca, passes through the town daily. A stage also makes two trips daily between Silver City and a lively little town, called Fairview, situated in close proximity to the mines on War Eagle Mountain. Silver City is 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, and the summit of War Eagle is about 1,800 feet higher.

### NATIONAL MAGNANIMITY

On the first of this month Alexander H. Stevens, formerly Vice-President of the “Southern Confederacy,” took his seat in the Congress of the United States, as one of the Representatives of the State of Georgia. The event is worthy of special notice, not because of any unwanted political influence Mr. Stevens possesses, but as an indication of the startling changes so brief a period has wrought in the history of our country. Ten years ago, Mr. Stevens was one of the chief leaders of a colossal military power organized for the express purpose of breaking up the American Union. Now he is one of our national law-makers and a part of the Government of that Union. It has been claimed, and with some show of truth, that Republics are ungrateful. That they can be magnanimous above all other political bodies, the United States have conclusively shown. Heretofore, the crime of treason has been invariably punished with death. No matter what desperate causes may provoke to rebellion, the subject who opposes legitimate authority, if vanquished and made prisoner, can hope for no mercy. The subjugation of the South was followed by no executions. Not a drop of blood was spilled for political offenses.

**OWYHEE COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR 2019**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2019.  
HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS  
ELECTION DATE: May 21, 2019  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2019

Gem Highway District  
1016 Main St. – Marsing, ID  
Commissioner District #3 – 4 year term

Homedale Highway District  
102 E. Colorado Ave. – Homedale, ID  
Commissioner Sub-Dist. #1 – 4 year term  
Commissioner Sub-Dist. #3 – 4 year term

Three Creek Highway District  
864 Filer Ave. – Twin Falls, ID  
Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year term

LIBRARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS  
ELECTION DATE MAY 21, 2019  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2019

Bruneau Valley Library  
32073 Ruth St. – Bruneau, ID  
Commissioner Districtwide (3 positions) – 6 year terms

Eastern Owyhee County Library  
520 Boise Ave. – Grand View, ID  
Chairman – 6 year term

Lizard Butte Library  
111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W – Marsing, ID  
Trustee Districtwide (2 positions) – 6 year term

CEMETERY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS  
ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Bruneau Cemetery District  
30073 Hot Springs Rd. – Bruneau, ID  
Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year term

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District  
4410 Cemetery Rd. – Marsing, ID  
Commissioner Sub-Dist. #3 – 4 year term

Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District  
13528 Reynolds Creek Rd. – Wilson, ID  
Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year term

Riverside Cemetery District  
645 Idaho St. – Grand View, ID  
Commissioner Districtwide (2 positions) – 4 year terms

SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS  
ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365  
39678 State Hwy. 78 – Bruneau, ID  
Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term

Castleford School District #417  
500 Main S.t – Castleford, ID  
Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term

Glenns Ferry School District #192  
800 Old Highway 30 – Glenns Ferry, ID  
Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone 3# - 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term

Homedale School District #370  
116 East Owyhee Ave. – Homedale, ID  
Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term

Three Creek Joint Elementary School District #416  
864 Filer Ave. – Twin Falls, ID  
Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term

Marsing Joint School District #363  
209 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. West – Marsing, ID  
Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term

Melba School District #136  
520 Broadway Ave. – Melba, ID  
Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term

Pleasant Valley School District #364  
28026 Juniper Mountain Rd. – Pleasant Valley, ID  
Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term  
Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term

# Public notices

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY PLAT MEADOW BROOK SUBDIVISION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho on January 9, 2019 at 7:00p.m. for the amendment to the Meadow Brook Subdivision Preliminary Plat. **GENERAL LOCATION:** The property is located south of Thompson Road and west of Bruneau Highway. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Parcels. This Parcel is situated in a portion of the N.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼, and the S.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼ of Section 33. The S.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼ and the N.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼ of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the northwest corner of said N.E ¼ of the N.E. ¼; thence along the north boundary of said N.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼,

- S.89°01’26”E., 472.59 feet to a point on the northeasterly vacated right-of-way of the Homedale Branch of the Oregon Shortline Railway as shown on Record-of Survey Instrument No. 286643, records of Owyhee County; thence along said vacated right-of-way,
- S.32°23’43”E., 1539.39 feet to a point on the west boundary of said N.W. ¼ of the N.W. 1/4; thence continuing,
- S.32°23’43”E., 35.52 feet to a point on the north boundary of said S.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼; thence leaving said vacated Right-of-Way,
- N.89°05’55”W., 19.21 feet to the northeast corner of said S.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼ as shown on said Record of Survey; thence along the north boundary of said S.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼,
- N.89°06’48”W., 747.15 feet; thence leaving said north boundary,
- S.00°25’53”W., 270.90 feet; thence
- S.15°23’59”E., 368.29 feet; thence,
- N.57°36’09”E., 769.95 feet to a point on the west boundary of said S.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼; thence continuing,
- N.57°36’09”E., 125.21 feet to a point on said vacated right-of-way; thence along said vacated right-of-way,
- S.32°23’43”E., 724.82 feet; thence leaving said vacated right-of-way,
- N.88°28’05”W., 497.36 feet to a point on the west boundary of said S.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼; thence continuing,
- N.88°28’05”W., 1184.32 feet

to a point on the centerline of the “C” Canal; thence along said centerline,

- N.28°55’34”W., 253.39 feet to a point on the west boundary of said S.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼; thence leaving said centerline and along said west boundary,
- N.00°25’54”E., 500.30 feet to the southwest corner of said N.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼; thence along the west boundary of said N.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼,
- N.00°25’54”E., 1317.37 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING.**

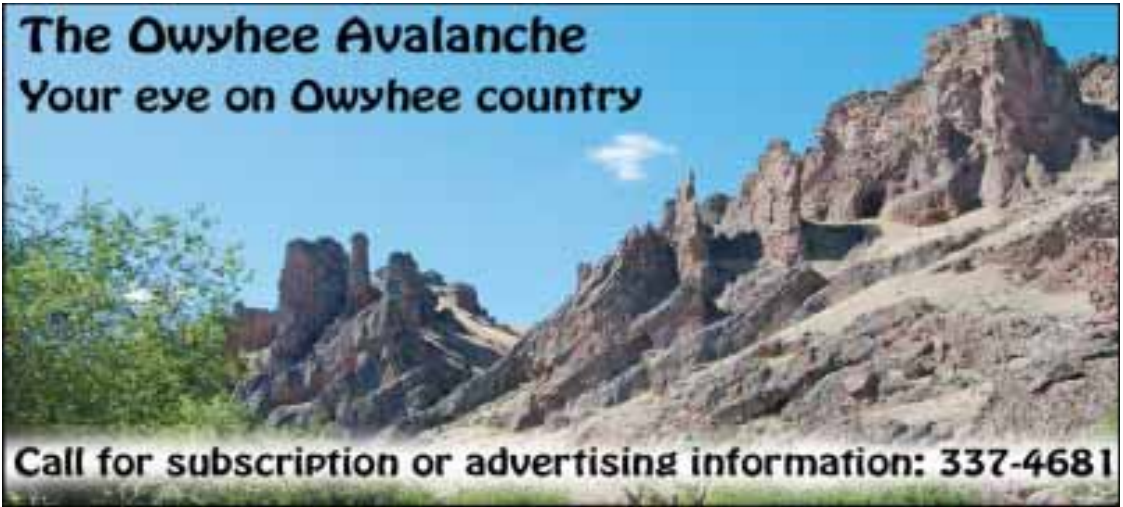
All as depicted on the Survey Recorded Instrument #286643 Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho Recorders Office. All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to the City of Marsing, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639, but must be received by January 9, 2019. You can e-mail your response to jbicandi@marsingcity.com. Written testimony received after this date will not be entered into the record or read at the public hearing. A complete file on this matter may be reviewed by the public at Marsing City Hall. If you need further information, please call our office at (208) 896-4122.

**DATED this** 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 Publish: December 19, 2018, and December 26, 2018.  
12/19,26/2018

## 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  
12/5,12,19,26/2018



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CASE NO. CV-2017-1394 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. BOYD R. EOFF, BETTY R. EOFF; JOANN FAYE EOFF; KELLY GENE EOFF; TAMRA SUE EOFF; CORAM DEO, LLC DBA CTR – CLEANUP AND TOTAL RESTORATION; ROBERT W. PAASCH; STATE OF IDAHO; DOES 1 THROUGH XX, AS INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed on March 15, 2018 and entered with the Court on March 16, 2018 and Writ of Execution issued on October 3, 2018 out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled

action on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to wit: LOTS 11 AND 12 OF BLOCK 53 OF THE AMENDED TOWN DITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 9, 1911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The above described property is commonly known as 124 West Washington Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m. of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder, for each or certified funds in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of this sale herein.

The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.  
Sheriff of Owyhee County  
s:/Perry Grant, Deputy Sheriff  
12/19.26.01/02/2018

# New and increased landfill fees coming to Pickles Butte

## Owyheean's solid waste fees unchanged

Owyhee County residents who use Pickles Butte landfill in Canyon County will see new and increased rates some materials and services.

The rate hikes, which Canyon County commissioners adopted in October, go into effect on Jan. 1.

The fee increases impact many Owyhee County citizens because of its proximity.

Canyon County reported in its press release on the matter that “the new and increased fees are necessary to cover proportional costs of landfill operations, and are reasonably related to, but do not exceed, the actual cost of the services being rendered.”

The fee increases for Owyhee County residents include:

- Demolition materials — increased from \$14.50 to \$34 per ton
- Hard to handle waste — increased from \$14.50 to \$21.75 per ton

Canyon County defines “hard to handle waste” as large stumps, bio solids, concrete, mobile homes, dead animals, mattresses, and drip lines.

Additionally, there are new fees for extraordinary services, including:

- Surcharge for uncovered/

unsecured loads — \$50

- Digging out boxes (per box) — \$25
- Anchoring (per anchor) — \$15

• Vehicle/trailer battery jumping — \$10

• Gate closure late fee — \$20

• Clean wood violation penalty — \$15

Solid waste fees for Owyhee County residents are unchanged:

• Minimum fee (600 pounds or fewer) — \$5

• Municipal solid waste — \$16

• Tires (per tire) — \$2.25

• Refrigeration units (per unit) — \$15

• Asbestos — \$57.50

• Resident overage — \$16 (first 500 pounds free per month)

Miscellaneous fees include:

• Agriculture waste — \$14.50

• Contaminated dirt — \$14.50

• Credit card convenience fee — 50 cents

• Clean wood — \$12

• Fuel (per gallon) — \$5

• Burial fee — \$10

All fees are based per ton, unless otherwise specified.

Pickles Butte Sanitary Landfill's hours of operation are Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The facility is closed on Sundays.

For more information about the fee changes, call (208) 614-5005.

# Life's milestones

*The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes any news of engagements, weddings and births or announcements of significant birthdays or anniversaries. Photos are accepted, too. Announcements must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week before publication.*

There are numerous ways to get your information to the Avalanche:

**Mail** — P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628

**Fax** — (208) 337-4867

**E-mail** — jon@owyheeavalanche.com

**Drop off** — 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Call (208) 337-4681 for more information on guidelines, including e-mailed photos.

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