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Final sentencing set in hitchhiker's murder

Second defendant sent to prison for up to 26 years

A second conspirator in the 2017 murder of an Oregon hitchhiker could be in his 60s when he gets out of prison.

Willie Keith Rabey, 36, was sentenced to 11 to 26 years confinement in the Idaho penal system during a Friday hearing in Murphy before Third District Judge Davis VanderVelde.

Nearly 11 months ago, Rabey, a

Mountain Home resident, accepted a Rule 11 plea agreement related to felony charges connected to the shooting death of 18-year-old Hunter Smith-Tash of Junction City, Ore., in the summer of 2017.

Under the plea agreement accepted by VanderVelde, Rabey must serve at least 11 years behind bars for offenses

including accessory to first-degree murder, destruction of evidence, failure to notify authorities about a death, and a habitual violator enhancement.

Rabey already has served about 25 months in Owyhee County Jail.

The man who pulled the trigger



Willie Rabey



Montanna Reed

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Marsing's Island Park is now aglow

Filling in for Mayor James Ferdinand, Marsing City Council president Chris Even (far left) completes the countdown as the Island Park Christmas tree lights up Friday. See more photos from Friday's lighting and parade, **Pages 8-9A**

Marsing City Hall sale on horizon

Council may shift water testing fees to citizens

One of the two public hearings at tonight's monthly Marsing City Council meeting concerns the proposed sale of the City Hall building.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 425 Main St., in Marsing.

Council members will take public input regarding the parameters of the sale of the building, including setting a minimum bid and duration of

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Holidays alter deadlines

Fax problems at Avalanche office

With Christmas and New Year's Day around the corner, The Owyhee Avalanche will have modified deadlines for its Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 editions.

Classified advertising will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, and Friday, Dec. 27.

Display advertising will be taken until 3 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 19, and Thursday, Dec. 26.

The legal notices submission deadline remains the same, noon on each Friday (Dec. 20 and Dec. 27).

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Mary Blackstock named Farm Bureau woman of the year

Posthumous honor at state convention

An Owyhee County rancher with a fierce passion for the promotion of agriculture was recognized posthumously during the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation's 80th annual convention.

Mary Blackstock of Givens Springs received a Woman of the Year award from the IFBF's Women's Leadership

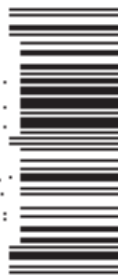
Committee during the state convention last week in Coeur d'Alene.

Ted Blackstock accepted the award on behalf of his late wife, who died at the age of 58 on Feb. 22.

"What a great woman Mary was," Farm Bureau president Bryan Searle



— See **Blackstock**, page 4A Mary Blackstock



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Marsing to consider expanding mayor's appointment power

A proposal to give the mayor or more personnel appointment power is among the topics on tonight's Marsing City Council meeting agenda.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m., inside City Hall, 425 Main St.

A proposed ordinance would allow the mayor to appoint three additional positions — city engineer, deputy city clerk, and public works director. Currently, the city attorney and city clerk/treasurer are appointed by the mayor with city council consent.

During a November discussion, city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney told the council that the town's chief executive has the latitude to appoint the attorney and clerk as a way to provide continuity in government when the roll call of elected officials changes after elections.

The proposed ordinance would provide further stability among the city's salaried employees and contractors.

As it stands now, appointed officials can be removed from office if a majority of council members agrees with the mayor's decision. The mayor needn't be involved in a decision if the council decides unanimously to remove an appointed official.

In other council business tonight, the council and Mayor

James Ferdinand will hear monthly reports from Bonney, city engineer Kirby Cook, city maintenance supervisor Philip Gibson, and Owyhee County Sheriff's Cpl. Atanacio Montes.

Cook will discuss repairs on the cracked sewer pipe on Moler Lane, updates on the Idaho Transportation Department project on Idaho highway 55 and the Snake River bridge, and more.

Bonney will discuss the parameters for intended sale of City Hall, as decided during the public hearing earlier in the meeting, and changes to the city's employee manual.

Gibson will update councilmembers on repair and installation of Christmas decorations, and repair and maintenance of city equipment. Public works crews are set to assemble and place new picnic benches and trashcans in the city's parks.

Ferdinand, who is in his final weeks in office, will share with council members and attendees his report, which includes further discussion of the City Hall sale parameters, a request for an RV ordinance waiver on Ron Kiester's property, the potential use of a postage meter at City Hall, Idaho Power's proposed LED streetlight upgrades, and more.

— TK



The 64-year-old south side of Marsing's Snake River bridge will be demolished as crews transfer traffic to the new north side.

South side of Marsing bridge to be demolished; traffic shifted

Motorists in Marsing can expect more traffic pattern changes on the Snake River bridge this week.

Idaho highway 55 traffic will switch to the north side of the bridge this week in preparation for the demolition of the south side.

Motorists can expect lighted signals to continue to direct traffic from both ends of the bridge. A 14-foot vehicle width restriction remains in place.

Island Park will be accessible at all times.

Idaho Transportation Department contractor Wadsworth Bros. Construction is rebuilding the bridge, including widening shoulders on both lanes of travel, and adding an additional access road and sidewalk to Island Park on the north side.



Work on the new north side of the Marsing Snake River bridge, shown in early November, is complete enough to shift traffic and start work on the south side.

The whole roadway is being replaced.

For more information about this project, visit Idaho Transportation Department's website, itdprojects.org/projects/marsing55improvements.

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✓ Blackstock: Late county women’s chair was active in OCA and 4-H



Mary Blackstock’s husband Ted accepts an Idaho Farm Bureau Federation Woman of the Year award on behalf of his late wife during a ceremony last Wednesday in Coeur d’Alene. IFBF Women’s Committee vice-president Allis Chandler presents the award. Photo courtesy of Idaho Farm Bureau

of Shelley said during a Dec. 4 awards ceremony. “She will be in our hearts forever, and we pay tribute to her.”

Blackstock was one of five women from around Idaho to receive the 2019 award.

The award honors individuals involved in farming or ranching who personify the highest level of professional excellence. The award also recognizes, encourages and celebrates the achievements of women in agriculture.

Other recipients included

Ann Moedl of Franklin County, Carol Chamberlain of Custer County, Amie Taber of Gooding-Lincoln County Farm Bureau, and Kathy Riebli of Boundary County.

Blackstock served as women’s chair for the Owyhee County Farm Bureau, and was presented the Owyhee County 4-H Distinguished Service Award in 2010 for her years as a 4-H leader.

Blackstock also served as an Owyhee County Fair board member and the fair’s

beef superintendent. She also was an Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association member and served with the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association.

The Farm Bureau Federation is the state’s largest general farm organization and represents 14,000 people in the state involved with agriculture.

According to the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture, there were 17,230 female farmers or ranchers in Idaho in 2017.

“What a great woman Mary was. She will be in our hearts forever, and we pay tribute to her.”

— Bryan Searle
Idaho Farm Bureau president
during the 80th Idaho Farm Bureau convention



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✓ **Murder:** Sentencing window of two days set for third conspirator

and shot Smith-Tash, former Bruneau-area resident Nicholas Blake Vandenberg, received a 30-years-to-life sentence in June. The Melba man entered guilty pleas to Murder 1 and criminal conspiracy, both felony charges, in April.

A third conspirator, 22-year-old Twin Falls resident Montanna Rae Reed, is scheduled for sentencing over a two-day period beginning next Wednesday before Third District Judge Susan E. Wiebe.

Reed pleaded guilty to felony counts of criminal conspiracy and failure to report a death in May.

State and county investigators began looking into the case when hunters found Smith-Tash's body in the Owyhee Desert in the Bruneau area in the fall of 2017.

It's believed that the defendants befriended Smith-Tash, who was hitchhiking to Nebraska to start a new job, and invited him to go shooting in the desert.

During that outing, investigators say, Vandenberg shot Smith-Tash in the head and torso.

Rabey and Reed helped dispose of Smith-Tash's body and burn his clothes.

— JPB

✓ **Marsing:** City rejects bid because state law requires specific process

the bidding window.

According to City Clerk Jolyn Green, the city had to reject a private offer of \$106,250 from an unidentified party because state law requires public property to be sold by sealed bid.

The offer was set for discussion during Mayor James Ferdinand's report at the November council meeting before city officials discovered that a public bid process was required.

"Even though the dollar amount was stated in the (city council meeting) minutes and became public record, it is technically one of the methods used in the valuation of the real property," Green said.

Green said she assumes that the unidentified party will likely put forth another bid once the auction has been declared open. Bids cannot be unsealed prior to the bidding deadline.

After listening to any public comment tonight, the city council will determine the details of the bidding.

The City of Marsing already has purchased the former Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause building on Sandbar Avenue with an eye toward expanded city offices.

Council members also will hear public comment on a proposed new fee for water hookups in the city. It's proposed that a fee, the amount of which hasn't been established, would be charged if a property owner fails the required testing prior to meter hookup.

This proposed fee would be for new service lines only.

"The hookup fee pays for the first test, but if it fails, we continue to test at the city's expense," Green noted. "We want to put that expense back on to the owner and not the taxpayers, and this amendment will be determined at the meeting."

The regular monthly council meeting will follow the two public hearings.

— TK

✓ **Deadlines:** Send information, ad copy by email instead of fax for now

Letters to the editor and news submissions must be received by noon on Thursday, Dec. 19 and Thursday, Dec. 26.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but the deadline modifications are an attempt to complete the editions so they may arrive before each holiday.

In another bit of office-related news, The Owyhee Avalanche has experienced technical difficulties with its fax machine in the past few weeks. The receipt and transmission of faxes have been sporadically successful.

Anyone who has business with the Avalanche — either editorial, advertising or billing — is urged to send inquiries and material via email:

- office@owyhee.com to reach office manager Donna Lowder with classified advertising, legal notices and billing questions. Previous office email addresses such as jennifer@owyheeavalanche.com, and kara@owyheeavalanche.com are no longer valid.
- jon@owyheeavalanche.com or todd@owyheeavalanche.com to submit news, sports, and milestone items (birthdays, engagements, weddings, and obituaries). Managing editor Jon Brown's email can be used for letters to the editor, too.
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Obituary

Lazaro “Laz” Mendieta

1925-2019
Laz Mendieta passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the age of 93 in Nampa, Idaho. Laz was born on December 27, 1925 to his parents, Galo and Ysabel Mendieta, at the Glass Ranch with the assistance of a midwife “Maggie,” Margaret Gluch. Laz attended schools with his sister Bene at South Mountain (Pleasant Valley) and McDermitt, Nevada.

On October 15, 1952 Laz married Vivian Gabica. They were blessed with the birth of their children, Frank Galo and Lisa Kay. Laz lived a full and fruitful life. He held a passion for his family and friends. He worked hard and played hard, enjoying immensely his ranching/cowboy lifestyle of horses, cattle and fishing, good food and drinks, jokes and a lot of laughter. Laz will be greatly missed by all who



knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Galo and Ysabel; his wife Vivian of 56 years; his daughter Lisa Burke; his siblings, Bea Jaca, Galo Mendieta, Millie Ugalde, Santy Mendieta, Eloise Smith, Markie Gearhardt, Mary Parker, Emma Albisu, Isabel Eiguren, Tony Mendieta, and

Victoria Margarite (infant). Laz is survived by his son, Frank, and sister Benita Anderson, both currently residing in Nampa, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, Jordan Valley, Oregon. Burial will be in the Jordan Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Laz’s memory to St. Bernard’s Catholic Church or a charity of your choice. Following the service a dinner will be held at the Parish Hall, all are welcome. Arrangements are under the direction of the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel where an online guest book is available at www.nampafuneralhome.com

Death notices

BARBARA JAE BRESHEARS ASUMENDI, 85, of Nyssa, Ore., who worked in the Adrian school cafeteria for decades, died on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 at home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at the Owyhee Community Church in Nyssa with interment at Owyhee Cemetery. Arrangements: Lienkaemper-

Thomason Funeral Chapel, 207 Ehrgood Ave., Nyssa. (541) 226-3134. www.lienkaemper-thomason.com

JESSICA LUNAN, 68, of Adrian, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019. Arrangements: Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, 2543 SW 4th Ave., Ontario, Ore. (541) 889-9335

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice
Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy
Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans
Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** S’more oatmeal bites **Lunch:** Ham & Cheese hot pocket, corn
Dec. 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Hamburger, french fries
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Choc. chip muffin **Lunch:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll, fruit, pumpkin pie

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk or juice
Cereal option each day
Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken tenders or pork chop, mashed potatoes & gravy, hot roll
Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Donut, string cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, baked beans
Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, steamed carrots
Dec. 17: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich or Rib-b-que sandwich, potato wedges
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, hot roll, mixed fruit with jello, pumpkin pie

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or mini waffles **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich or burrito, coleslaw, rice krispie treat
Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Little smokies & muffin or apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Nachos or baked potato with toppings, breadstick
Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Tornado or donuts **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or pepperoni calzone, steamed carrots, garlic toast
Dec. 17: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, hot roll, fruit, pumpkin pie

Marsing

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Middle/High School each day: Classic Grab-n-go line:
PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Pizza Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Tornado, yogurt **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Grab-n-go: Mini calzones, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Walking taco, tator tots
Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Berry twins, cheese stick **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Grab-n-go: Chicken fried steak, mashed tators w/gravy, and corn **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, hamburger, potato wedges
Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Banana bread slice **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Grab-n-go: Hot dog, mixed vegetables **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pulled pork sandwich, potato wedges
Dec. 17: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Grab-n-go: Spaghetti, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, hamburger, fries
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Line: Holiday ham, loaded potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole grain roll

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily
Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll
Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, fresh cauliflower
Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Beef & bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli
Dec. 17: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans & salsa
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies

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Christmas trees are sustainable, renewable and recyclable. Many Christmas trees sold in Idaho are grown in Idaho or the Pacific Northwest. Farmers replace cut trees every year, and these “forests” absorb carbon dioxide and provide oxygen and habitat for wildlife and birds during the six or more years it takes them to grow to maturity. Compared with many crops, Christmas trees can grow in poor soil conditions, and they don’t require much watering or weeding. And when the holidays are over, a fresh-cut tree can be used as firewood, mulch in the garden, or set out for recycling. A live or potted Christmas tree can live on as a unique houseplant or be planted in the yard permanently.

When choosing a fresh-cut tree, look for good color and a fresh scent. Avoid trees with obvious needle loss or wrinkly bark. Some favorite species:

Douglas Fir — soft, dark green needles radiating in all directions, and with a sweet fragrance; probably the most popular cut Christmas tree.

Frasier Fir — dark blue-green, short, durable needles that tip slightly upward; open branch habit with plenty of room for ornaments and trimmings.

Noble Fir — an elegant, long-lasting choice with strong, stiff branches that can

support the heaviest ornaments and lights.

Concolor Fir — small, narrow needles that hold their bright green color well; trees have a nice shape and great aroma.

White Pine — long, soft, flexible needles that are long-lasting but have very little fragrance; branches are best suited for lightweight ornaments.

Considering a live, potted tree? Look for varieties that will thrive in our climate once planted. Austrian or Scotch Pines, Colorado Blue Spruce, and Dwarf Alberta Spruce are preferable choices. Plan to keep the tree indoors a maximum of five to seven days. You may keep it in an unheated garage prior to bringing it indoors, and do not let the roots dry out. As long as your soil has not frozen, you may plant it outdoors after the holidays. You may even choose to predig your hole before the holidays, if you can work your soil. Let it acclimate for a few days in an unheated garage or shed before planting. Make sure it will have enough room to mature in the spot you have chosen! If the weather is very dry, you might water the tree once after planting. Consult with the nursery where you purchase your tree for additional tips on successful establishment.

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Ariel Agenbroad

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

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
4 p.m., board meets in either Marsing or Adrian, call for location each month. (541) 372-5782

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

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

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

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

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

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

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Marsing School Board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Bible study
7 p.m., various age groups, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

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

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

Senior center board meeting
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

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

Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., OC Coffee, 6138 Hwy. 55, Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

Library board meeting
5:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Friday

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

Saturday

VFW meeting
9 a.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Christmas bazaar
9 a.m., to 3 p.m., Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 1st St., Grand View. (208) 585-1811

Homedale Farmers Holiday Market
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440.

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

Light the Night Christmas Celebration
7 p.m., parade and tree lighting, downtown Grand View. (208) 585-1811

Monday

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

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Christmas program
7 p.m., Marsing Elementary, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Grades 3-5. (208) 649-5411

Tuesday

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

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Standing next to the 1936 Chevrolet pickup they used in the Marsing Christmas Parade, grand marshals Sue and Brion Showalter prepare to attend the tree lighting at Island Park.



Santa Claus, disguised as a “Dude in a Suit” named Doug White, high-fives 2½-year-old Titus McCloud at Island Park on Friday night. Titus is the son of Tiffany (holding Titus) and Brandon McCloud of Marsing.



The Marsing school band, comprised of middle school and high school musicians, plays down Main Street during Friday’s parade.



Members of Samuel C. Phillips Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 haul the colors to start Friday’s parade.

MARSING WELCOMES HOLIDAY SEASON



Gabby Lopez (left) makes her selection during the Marsing Elementary PTO bake sale inside the fire station.



Parent Andrea Beebe (left) and assistant Kristina Conger dished up chili at the fire station during the Marsing Elementary Parent Teacher Organization fundraiser Friday.



An elf (left) peeks out the rear window of a Marsing Rural Fire District engine during Friday's parade.



A snowman with tires as a base and a hat is along for the ride on the Sevy Auto Repair & Towing rollback truck/float.



Reigning Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Annie Miller of Marsing (left) waves to the crowd during her trip down Main Street.



New Marsing coffee shop to host Chamber meeting
Right: Sue Showalter, owner of OC Coffee, 6138 Hwy. 55, in Marsing, passes a flavored coffee to a customer Monday. **Above:** Katie Showalter (left) manages the shop for Sue. The shop opened Oct. 26 and sells a variety of flavored coffees, pastries, including cinnamon rolls, scones and more. The business hours are 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. It is closed on Sunday. The Marsing Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at OC Coffee at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday. Specialty coffees and pastries can be purchased and free black coffee will be provided.



Proof-of-insurance law won't affect local DMV workload

Uninsured motorists will face registration suspension

Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald said a law going into effect on Jan. 1 won't put an extra burden on the county's Division of Motor Vehicles office staff.

A new state law will give the Idaho Transportation Department latitude to check if motorists are carrying automobile insurance.

ITD will determine each month if vehicle owners have insurance, and anyone without insurance for two consecutive months could have their vehicle registration suspended.

"Right now, this will not increase our workload at all," Gruenwald said. "The insurance companies are sending their lists directly to ITD."

"ITD follows up on this with letters to the uninsured. The county DMVs at this point do nothing with this."

ITD will send warning letters to uninsured motorists, who will have 30 days to provide proof of insurance or get an exemption or risk losing their registration.

Gruenwald said there are exemptions to the proof of insurance law, including agricultural vehicles that do not leave the farm; trailers; and off-highway vehicles.

Military personnel living out of state but carrying Idaho vehicle registrations also are exempt from the ITD analysis.

"They do have to have insurance, but it can be by an out-of-state provider," Gruenwald said.

- In another vehicle registration-related matter, Gruenwald reported that there is a statewide "bug" in the renewal software for recreational vehicles.

"The registration notices that ITD sends out on RVs have the correct amount on them," Gruenwald said. "However when the plate is keyed into the system the fee is wrong. ITD is currently researching why this is happening."

In the meantime, RV owners can take steps to ensure they are charged the correct amount

when they visit the DMV offices in Marsing, Murphy, or Grand View.

"It is imperative when people come in to register RVs (that) they bring their registrations with them," Gruenwald said. "If they do not, we do not know the correct fee so we can't adjust it for them."

- Gruenwald also said that the Idaho Association of County Assessors will lobby the Legislature to increase the cut county DMVs receive from vehicle title fees. No fee increase is proposed, she said.

Currently, counties receive \$3 of every \$14 title fee, and ITD gets the rest.

"We are trying to get \$7 of the \$14," Gruenwald said. "We will see how this goes."

During the 2019 Legislature, Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) was unsuccessful in her push to allow local DMV offices to levy surcharges when out-of-county motorists come in to do business.

The Owyhee County DMV branches already charge a \$5 administrative fee for all vehicle registrations.

— JPB

Birth

Everett Antone Vosburgh

Michelle and Blake Vosburgh of Boise announce the birth of a son, Everett Antone, born on Nov. 5, 2019 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

Everett joins his brother, William, age 3.

Maternal grandparents are Ric and Terri Uria of Homedale. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Cindy Vosburgh of Springtown, Texas.

Maternal great-grandparents are Roxie and Gary Deshazer of Wilder.

Paternal great-grandparents are Jim and Janice Paschall of Paradise, Texas. Paternal



Everett Antone Vosburgh great-grandmother is Robin Vosburgh of Naples, Fla.

Courthouse report

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

- Nov. 27**
Yevgeniy V. Tabulin, Portland, Ore. — Misdemeanor motor carrier vehicle identifying markings violation: \$221 in fines, \$3 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear citation
- Nov. 25**
Andy Garrido Hernandez, Homestead, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier false logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Nov. 22**
Cameron Gary Hallows, Torrey, Utah — Misdemeanor motor carrier improper securement of heavy equipment and/or machinery: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
Andrey Sinitsa, Moses Lake, Wash. — Misdemeanor motor carrier false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
Jacob Matthew Welty, Nampa — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (amended from felony controlled substance possession, plea deal): 1 year in jail (2 days served, 363 days suspended), 1 year supervised probation, \$1,000 in fines (\$1,000 suspended), \$372.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession (2x)

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Sen. Risch’s reps hold office hours at Homedale Sr. Center

Representatives from Sen. Jim Risch’s Boise office and from other public officials and agencies will provide outreach Thursday in Homedale.

The senator’s staff and others will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m., at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Representatives from other Idaho congressional officers, the Idaho Commission on Aging, and local Area Agencies on Aging have been invited to attend the events.

The Homedale Senior Center board of directors held its final meeting of the year Tuesday.

Board members include:

- Cindy Cegnar, president
- Rosalyn Alambra, vice-president
- Carol Ebbers, secretary
- Mary Ensley, treasurer
- Carolyn Turner
- Eunice Tucker
- Mary Ann Griffin
- Robert Kratzberg
- Bob Hulse
- Sandy Ledford, senior center coordinator

The Homedale Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Congregate luncheons are served at noon each day of operation.

The senior center also operates the local Meals on Wheels program to provide hot food and camaraderie for shut-ins in Homedale and Marsing.

Call (208) 337-3020 for more information on how to enroll someone you think may benefit from the program.

The senior center also has a thrift store that is open during regular business hours. Proceeds help run the center.

Each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the center plays host to a Fit and Fall exercise class.

The Ladies Coffee Group meets at 9 a.m., each Wednesday.

There is no foot clinic scheduled in December. The next clinic will take place in January. Call (208) 337-3020 for details.

The senior center will be closed during the Christmas week (Dec. 24-26).

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:

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

Milk available each day. Roll available each day but Dec. 18

Dec. 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans

Dec. 12: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies

Dec. 17: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, creamed spinach

Dec. 18: Chicken patty w/lettuce & tomato on bun, fries, Brussels sprouts

Dec. 19: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Christmas ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

Dec. 12: Salisbury steak, baked potato, carrot & raisin salad, yogurt, garlic bread, cook’s choice soup

Dec. 17: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, broccoli & orange salad, banana, yogurt, cake & ice cream

Dec. 19: Spaghetti, green salad, peaches, pudding, garlic bread, cook’s choice soup

Dec. 24: Tomato soup & grilled cheese sandwiches, green salad, apricots & cottage cheese, french fries

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Community Christmas dinner planned at Rimrock Senior Center

December events in Grand View announced

The Rimrock Senior Center will play host to a free community Christmas dinner.

Dinner will be served at noon on Christmas Day.

Senior center coordinator Ellie Gillett said anyone who needs a place to enjoy dinner or just plain doesn’t want to do dishes is invited to the meal, which will be held at 525 Main St.

A potluck dish is not required, but folks are encouraged to bring a salad or their favorite dessert to share.

The menu will include turkey, ham, yams, mashed

potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, green salad, cranberry sauce and rolls.

The senior center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a congregated lunch is served at noon each day of operation.

The senior center will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 26.

- Membership fees for 2020 are being accepted and cost \$10 per person.
- From 9 a.m. to noon, on Thursday, El-Ada Community Action Partnership staff will be on hand to help with energy assistance.
- A blood pressure and health check will be offered from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday.
- The senior center board of directors meets at 1 p.m., on Thursday.
- The Mennonite Church

choir presents its Christmas performance at 7 p.m., on Thursday.

- The senior center bus will depart at 12:15 p.m., next Wednesday for the Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon at the Bruneau Valley Library.
- Appointments are available for the monthly foot clinic, which will be held between 9 a.m. and noon on Thursday, Dec. 19. Examinations cost \$20, and you must call the senior center at (208) 834-2922 to make an appointment.
- After lunch is served on Tuesday, Dec. 31, the senior center will be open for white elephant bingo, pinochle, dominoes and canasta.
- Pinochle games are played at 1 p.m., each Tuesday and Thursday.

Tree lighting, bazaar in Grand View

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce is preparing a “Light the Night” Christmas celebration at 7 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 14 in Grand View.

The celebration will begin with the annual afternoon vendor bazaar from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m., inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium.

The night parade follows at 7 p.m., and will commence with the town tree lighting. The festivities also will include cookies and hot chocolate served by Rimrock Jr.-Sr.

High School sophomores and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus for the children.

Bazaar vendors and parade entries are still being accepted.

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Friends church holds bazaar Saturday

New pastor team in midst of first year in Homedale

Vendor space is still available for the Homedale Friends Community Church’s annual Christmas Bazaar.

The sale of handmade and homemade crafts, food and gifts will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday at the church, 17434 Hwy. 95, north of Homedale.

Vendors can buy table space for \$10. A soup lunch will be served for a donation.

For more information, call (208) 546-2576.

This is the first holiday season at the Homedale church for pastor Scott Morin and his wife, Kim.

According to the church’s website, <http://www.homedalefriends.org>, the couple arrived in Homedale from Washington State, ending a two-year sabbatical to begin service at their new church.

The couple has three daughters and a son-in-law. They have previously served in Kansas, Virginia, Iowa, and Washington state as pastors, worship, leaders and youth pastors.

Scott received his degrees from Barclay College, earning a Bachelor’s in Pastoral Ministry and a Master’s in Transformational Leadership



Jackie Benson (right) stands with her husband Tom at her Jackie’s Country Cookin’ table at Saturday’s Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar. Jackie will sell pickled goods, pies and other treats at the Homedale Friends Community Church bazaar.

Spiritual Formation. Kim earned a Bachelor’s in Psychology at Barclay and seeks a Master’s degree from Liberty University. Worship takes place at 10:45 a.m., each Sunday. Christian Education begins at 9:30 a.m., each Sunday.

Schoolchildren ready to sing about Christmas

Elementary schoolchildren will present Christmas programs in the next week.

Homedale’s music programs will take place Thursday.

The third-graders will perform at 10:30 a.m., and the fourth-graders will entertain at 12:15 p.m.

Homedale Elementary School is located at 420 W. Washington Ave.

Bruneau Elementary’s Christmas program is set for 6:30 p.m., on Thursday at 25841 Benham Ave.

Marsing Elementary students will present their programs on Monday and Tuesday. The programs start at 7 p.m. each day inside the school district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

Among the songs third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders will perform Monday are “Nut-tin For Christmas,” “Rockin Around the Christmas Tree,” “Here Comes Santa Claus,”

“White Christmas,” “Jingle Bell Rock,” and “Jingle Bells.”

The school’s kindergarten, first- and second-grade classes take the stage Tuesday with “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,” “Santa Claus Is Coming To Town,” “Christmas Makes Me Sing,” “I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas,” “Holly Jolly Christmas,” and a few more.

Grand View Elementary students will perform Yankee Doodle Christmas at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, in Bruneau.

Other programs include:

- **W.W. Jones Elementary, Arock, Ore.** — 7 p.m., Monday
- **Pleasant Valley School** — 7 p.m., Tuesday
- **Jordan Valley Elementary** — 7 p.m., next Wednesday
- **Three Creek School** — 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19



An Ada County-based real estate investment group has its eye on the old Homedale Laundromat in the first block of West Owyhee Avenue.

New library, old laundromat on Homedale council’s agenda

Public hearing leads off tonight’s meeting

Tonight’s Homedale City Council meeting is light on specific items, but there are some important issues on tap nonetheless.

Council members will hold the final regular meeting of 2019 at 6 p.m., inside the magistrate courtroom on the east side of the City Hall building, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The council will slip into Planning and Zoning mode to hear a special use permit application from Jesse Denton, who is a principal for real estate developer JADE Investment Group LLC.

During tonight’s public hearing, citizens can give input on the company’s plan to reinforce the old Homedale Laundromat at 16 W. Owyhee Ave., add a second floor and

open the building as a mixed-use spot.

JADE Investment Group proposes residential apartments above the existing retail space.

The special use permit is necessary because the city’s zoning ordinance doesn’t allow multi-use buildings.

The council is scheduled to vote on the permit application during the P&Z report portion of tonight’s meeting — after other regular reports on the library, police department and public works department.

Just east of the old laundromat, the former Homedale Floral shop has been converted into The Dog Spa pet grooming business locale.

The council will take up another issue related to the city library expansion project. Although substantial completion has been reached after officials performed a walk-through a couple weeks ago, the 3,600-square-foot

addition is at least two months behind the original schedule.

Great West Engineers representative Craig Erickson will visit tonight’s meeting to discuss Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades for city facilities.

An ADA compliance survey of all city-owned property is required because the city received federal funding for the library expansion.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said that possible updates to the city’s ADA compliance plan could include adding railing to public restrooms in the town’s parks and at City Hall, and modifications to City Hall’s main door.

The city already has performed some ADA upgrades, including providing disabled persons parking when the City Hall parking lot was built, and the new library building was built to ADA standards.

— JPB

Hospice worker to speak at Marsing prayer breakfast

This month’s non-denominational prayer breakfast in Marsing will feature a volunteer coordinator from a local hospice.

Anita Bergquist from Heart ‘n Home Hospice and Palliative Care in Caldwell will serve as the guest speaker for the breakfast, which starts at 8 a.m., on Saturday in the basement banquet room of the Marsing Church of the Nazarene.

Bergquist is the Heart ‘n Hospice volunteer in Caldwell. A native of Fiji and the oldest of four children, Bergquist became a second mother to her siblings at age 8 when her father died.

According to a Heart ‘n Hospice biography provided by prayer breakfast publicist Jack Muldoon, Bergquist likened her childhood in Fiji to camping. She cooked over

a fire and didn’t have running water for many years.

She is known for her compassion and her positive attitude as well as her inspiration and dedication to serving others.

The church is located at 12 S. 2nd Ave. W. Attendees should enter through the basement doorway on the side of the building. A free will offering can be given for breakfast.

Blue Cross steps up for Homedale again

Grant to bring behavioral health specialist to secondary schools

Homedale schools and the city continue to reap benefits from a relationship with the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health.

Today, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen will accept a \$1,000 check at the elementary school, signifying his reward for averaging 10,000 steps per day during the High Five! Initiative Mayors Walking Challenge in October.

The High Five! Initiative is part of the Blue Cross foundation.

The Blue Cross foundation also announced Monday that the town’s high school and middle school has received technical assistance grants to implement the Healthy Minds Partnership.

“The Homedale School District is excited to receive the Healthy Minds Partnership Technical Assistance Award,” Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer said.

“This opportunity is made possible by the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health. We appreciate its support and the opportunity to better serve our students and our families.”

Homedale’s secondary schools are among nine campuses around the state to receive assistance to better support students with behavioral health needs. Homedale is the only Treasure Valley town that will benefit from the grants.

The technical assistance awards, \$50,000 in all, arrived at the schools immediately so the Healthy Minds Partnership can be started for the 2020-21 academic year.

The partnership is a collaborative between schools and behavioral health providers located within schools that would allow students to access necessary care on campus and reduce absences.

The program also takes pressure of parents who would

have to scramble to make appointments and overcome transportation difficulties.

The grants are the Blue Cross foundation’s latest effort to dedicate resources to addressing youth behavioral health.

According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness, 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have, a serious mental illness. Centers of Disease Control research indicates 1 out of 7 children ages 2-8 are reported to have a diagnosed mental, behavioral or developmental disorder.

The foundation’s technical assistance grants have helped four schools in Eastern Idaho and several schools in Nampa in the past two years. Some of the students who received behavioral health services showed an improvement in grade-point average and attendance, prompting the school districts to offer the Healthy Minds Partnership in additional schools.

“We see youth behavioral health as one of Idaho’s most-pressing health needs,” Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health executive director Kendra Witt-Doyle said.

“The Healthy Minds Partnership ensures that Idaho children receive the services they need so they can focus on learning.”

The seven other schools received technical assistance awards for the 2020-21 school year include Glens Ferry schools (kindergarten through 12th grade); American Falls High School; Heyburn and UpRiver Elementary schools in St. Maries; and Bickel Elementary, IB Perrine Elementary and Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls.

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/3	1.3	7	1.3	41	28	35
12/4	1.3	5	1.3	46	28	33
12/5	1.3	5	1.4	36	26	31
12/6	1.3	5	1.4	41	29	34
12/7	1.3	3	1.4	43	31	37
12/8	1.6	4	1.5	37	33	35
12/9	1.8	4	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/3	1.2	7	1.4	38	31	34
12/4	1.2	5	1.5	34	27	31
12/5	1.2	5	1.5	33	21	28
12/6	1.2	4	1.5	34	26	30
12/7	1.2	4	1.5	42	32	38
12/8	1.2	3	1.5	36	30	34
12/9	1.2	3	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/3	2.1	12	3.3	35	29	33
12/4	2.1	11	3.3	47	31	35
12/5	2.1	11	3.3	43	31	35
12/6	2.1	10	3.3	42	30	36
12/7	2.1	9	3.3	41	33	37
12/8	2.5	9	3.6	34	30	32
12/9	2.6	10	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 65 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 236 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 33 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 465,543 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Dairy wants to add more cows

A Marsing dairy may get the OK to expand its operations.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners wants the state to form concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) site advisory team to examine Van Es Dairy’s proposed expansion south of Marsing.

County commissioners have passed a resolution asking Idaho State Department of Agriculture director Celia Gould for help.

The county received a CAFO expansion applica-

tion from Dale Van Es, on behalf of Desert Farms Real Estate LLC. The requested expansion would increase the dairy’s lactating Holstein cow population, from 4,500 to 7,700, its dry cow population from 500 to 800, and its heifers from 2,500 to 4,000.

In their letter to Gould, the commissioners requested that an advisory team provide a suitability determination for the expansion.

The existing and proposed expanded CAFO would

confine cattle up to 1,400 pounds.

The dairy is located on Desert Drive between Idaho highway 78 and U.S. 95.

New legal assistant for PA

The county prosecuting attorney’s office has a new legal assistant.

The commissioners approved Amy Fossette for a full-time position helping Jeffrey Phillips. She started the job Monday and will make \$13.29 per hour. — TK

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Some of the Homedale High School seniors who volunteered during an Oct. 25 service project accept a donation Thursday. **From left:** Savana Buckley, Lizzy Schamber, DeLaynie Dorsey, Maggie Johnson, Lexi Franko, and Kerry Hills Winery owner Mindy Mayer. **Not pictured:** Lily Galvan

Wilder-area winery looks out for HHS seniors, scarce species

Vineyard includes habitat for bees, butterflies, owls

Homedale High School seniors accepted a donation Thursday, six weeks after braving windy conditions to help a local business celebrate its grand opening.

Kerry Hill Winery proprietor Mindy Mayer presented members of the Class of 2020 with a \$500 check.

Senior class president Lexi Franko welcomed Mayer into HHS government teacher Randy Lyons’ classroom for the presentation, which included information about Mayer’s winery on Homedale Road.

A handful of HHS seniors helped guide guests into the parking lot during an Oct. 26 event celebrating the opening of the Canyon County winery.

The location is named for a breed of sheep raised on the grounds, Mayer said.

Mayer said the Oct. 26 party was her way of thanking people who helped get the winery off the ground. The Kerry Hill tasting room was scheduled to open Friday.

“I really appreciate the (students) that came and helped me with parking,” Mayer said.

The vineyards are for more than growing grapes, though.

Thursday, Mayer explained how the property has been rehabilitated not only to support grape growing, but to serve as habitat for Monarch butterflies, owls and honeybees.

Her property features a beehive that is a to-scale replica of a McDonald’s — complete with a drive-through window. Mayer owns one of the fast-food franchise restaurants in Portland, and got the idea for the themed beehive from simi-

lar structures built at restaurants in Sweden. They’re called McHives, of course, and were installed on restaurant rooftops to promote bee survival.

Mayer also enters the border collies that help manage her band of sheep into sheepherding competitions.

A Homedale student built bat boxes for the property last year as a senior project.

Kerry Hill also made a donation to last month’s Homedale Community Wish Tree poker tournament auction.

Mayer welcomes Homedale students to her property for an outdoor working classroom. She suggested that visits could be especially beneficial for FFA chapter members.

Kerry Hill sheep are a heritage breed of the species that originated in Wales and Ireland, Mayer said. Because the animals cannot be brought into the United States, she has to build her flock via artificial insemination.

Mayer’s flock has grown to become the largest concentration of Kerry Hill sheep in the United States, she told Lyons’ students.

Lyons is senior class advisor.

Mayer explained that she has started growing habitat for Monarch butterflies to combat the shrinking number of the species. She told the class that farmers’ efforts to eliminate milkweed from their property is believed to be a factor in the species decline. Apparently, Monarch butterflies will only lay eggs in milkweed, Mayer said.

Boise State University graduate students have visited Mayer’s property to put leg bands on a specific species of owls that is also scarce.

Mayer also pointed out that she uses lasers rather than cannons to chase away birds that could threaten her crop.

— JPB

OWYHEE COUNTY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Owyhee County Historical Society member Nick Ihli (right) finishes the sale of a Charlie Brown Christmas tree to Meridian resident Francis Everett (center) as Everett’s wife, Bobbie, looks on. The Everetts visited the OCHS bazaar in Murphy with their daughter Jackie. Jim Hyslop, his family and a couple other OCHS members cut 160 trees on Bureau of Land Management ground and private ground in preparation for this year’s fundraiser. The work also serves as a fuels reduction project around Silver City. The historical society once again donated the tree at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale under which secret Santas can place gifts for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents (see Page 12B for an updated wish list).



Above: Exchange student Angiolina Mischer (right) chats with vendor Sharon Rogers of Melba. Mischer, who lives near Cologne in northeast Germany, is spending her junior year at Homedale High School, and living with the Mike and Carla Frank family. **Left:** Mike Frank, a previous winner in the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS gun raffle, models this year’s prize and stands near another raffle item. Tickets for the .410 caliber Henry shotgun cost \$5 each, while quilt tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. MRW volunteer emergency responders are selling tickets until the agency’s Christmas party later this week when the winners will be announced.

Homedale’s Teens & Tweens tackle coding at city library

In observance of Computer Science Education Week, Homedale City Library will present an “Hour of Code” during Teens & Tweens at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to engage in self-led tutorials concerning computer coding. They will have some unplugged coding activities, too.

There will also be a hot chocolate bar and cookies for refreshment.

Computer Science Education Week runs through Sun-

day.

At 10:15 a.m., on Monday, during Story Time, youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will read “Santa’s Underwear,” by Marty Rhodes Figley and illustrated by Marty Kelley. The story is about Santa Claus and his favorite, missing Christmas underwear.

The children will also hear “Christmas Cookie Day,” by Tara Knudson and illustrated by Pauline Siewert. This story celebrates the tradition of making Christmas treats.

Following the stories, the children will play “Match Santa’s Underwear” game, decorate some cookies, and do a Christmas light counting game.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

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Homedale High School's Ardis Elizabeth Nash Memorial Tournament contingent stands with U.S. Olympic coach Jessica Medina. **Front row, from left:** Gracie Rotter, Kaydence Turner, Medina, Savannah Turner, Lizzy Hergesheimer. **Back row:** HHS coach Jake Levinski (left) and assistant coach Joe Egusquiza. Submitted photo

Junior's title leads 4 Trojans medalists at Nash Memorial

Savannah Turner earned a championship in Homedale High School's historic girls' wrestling tournament Saturday.

The Trojans' four wrestlers entered in the inaugural Ardis Elizabeth Nash Memorial came home from the Johnson Sports Center in Nampa with medals.

Homedale played host to the tournament, named for a longtime HHS teacher and wrestling booster, which was held Saturday at Northwest Nazarene University.

Turner pinned Alexandra Garvin of Rocky Mountain in 36 seconds to win the 130-pound A bracket championship.

It was Turner's third pinfall in as many matches Saturday, which marked the start of her fourth year of wrestling and third with the high school squad. She needed just 14 seconds to dispatch Borah's Michael Bernier then battled Hallie Campbell from Columbia before getting a pin with 38 seconds left in their semifinal

bout.

"(Savannah) has improved much over the years," HHS fourth-year coach Jake Levinski said. "She is one of our pioneers as one of our female wrestlers."

"Her and her sister keep recruiting other girls for the team."

Savannah's sister, Kaydence, also reached a championship match, but lost at 136 pounds when Caldwell's Marissa Jimenez

— See *Trojans*, page 3B

Tourney honors staunch HHS booster

Longtime teacher has strong
ties to program's history

The Ardis Elizabeth Nash Memorial is an ode to Homedale High School's wrestling history and the sports' future.

The inaugural tournament was held Saturday inside Northwest Nazarene University's Johnson Center in Nampa.

Homedale athletic director Casey Grove reported that 100 competitors turned out.

A free clinic featuring U.S. Olympic coach Jessica

Medina preceded the tournament on Friday.

Trojans coach Jake Levinski said he and assistant coach Joe Egusquiza had heritage in mind when they came up with the name and the concept for the all-girls tournament.

"For our tournament, we wanted to reach into our rich history as a team and keep it alive," the fifth-year HHS coach said.

"I found out that Ardis

was a huge supporter of the sport and team. I went to her children and received their permission to name the tournament after her to help build female wrestling in Homedale."

Nash is the grandmother of Nash Johnson, the Trojans' all-time leader in career victories, and the mother-in-law

— See *Tourney*, page 3B



Ardis Nash

Huskies boys beat Trojans in physical hardwood matchup

Marsing proved Friday that it was once again up to the task of beating intra-county rival Homedale in high school boys' basketball.

The Huskies came out on top, 47-32, in a hard-fought, physical contest played inside Marsing's new gymnasium.

The non-conference victory came a year after the Huskies pulled off an 18-point win, 54-36, against the Trojans.

Huskies coach Tim Little showed appropriate respect to the effort and abilities of the Trojans, who are in their first year under coach Cam Long.

"A good team win against a very good opponent," the sixth-year coach described the contest. "Homedale (0-3) tested us in many areas, and I thought for the most part ... we responded well to their physical game."

Both teams showed a lot of emotion on the court, and it occasionally manifested in a tussle or two. Neither team got many open looks and every shot was contested, which was apparent with Marsing (3-0) hitting 42 percent of their shots and Homedale hitting 28 percent.



Marsing wing Merrick Hall makes a jumper over a leaping Hayden Kincheloe during the Huskies' win over Homedale on Friday.

The Huskies' Cash Sevy had a proficient night shooting and proved to be a nightmare on the defensive side of things. The senior post

— See *Huskies*, page 3B

Adrian sophomore's monster season nets player of the year

Football coaches
recognize state
champs' offense

Sophomore Conley Martin was named the 1A Special District 3 East player of the year after piloting a devastating offense for the Adrian/Jordan Valley 1A Oregon football state championship team.

Martin passed for 2,298 yards and 35 touchdowns and ran for 1,882 yards and 36 scores.

The 5-foot, 9-inch, 155-pounder attending Adrian was also placed on the all-district

second team as a quarterback and a linebacker.

Coach Bill Wortman's squad had four first-team nominations, including two-way players Kort Skinner (tight end and defensive end) and Wes Bayes (lineman on both sides of the ball).

Skinner is a senior at Jordan Valley High School, while Bayes is in his final year at Adrian.

Another Adrian senior, Michael Babock, pulled down a first-team running back designation after rushing for 1,569 yards and 18 TDs.

— See *Adrian*, page 10B



Sports

Melba starts season with versatile scoring

Trey Wilson led the way 12 points as Melba High School roughed up Liberty Charter in boys’ basketball. Caleb Fong had nine points and seven assists for Melba (3-0 at week’s end). Henry Clark added 11 points in the Mustangs’ 66-40 non-conference victory on the Patriots’ floor in Nampa on Thursday. Liberty Charter (1-2) of the 1A Western Idaho Conference received a game-high 16 points from Noah Baker. Alex Bristiceanu added 13. Three players reached double figures as the Mustangs opened the season with a non-conference victory at home. The Wolverines’ Ande Jensen led all scorers with 16 points. Michael Huntsman paced Melba with 13 points, while Easton Bunnell and Caleb Fong came away with 10 points each. Huntsman and Bunnell also grabbed six rebounds apiece, while Fong dished three assists. Brett Spencer scored 12 points for Weiser.

Dec. 3: Melba 59, Weiser 48 —

✓Trojans: Homedale’s girls’ mat program continues to build momentum

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pulled off an 11-7 decision. Levinski used the same adjectives to describe Kaydince and Savannah, saying the siblings are “determined” and calling them hard workers. Homedale’s other two wrestlers were fourth after dropping the bronze-medal matches in their respective classes. Gracie Rotter, a junior who sat out last season, lost to Perla Alvarado for the second time in the tournament in the third-place match at 101 pounds. Alvarado pinned Rotter in 18 seconds for the bronze, and started the tournament with a 46-second pin of the Trojans wrestler. Rotter stayed afloat in the consolation semifinals, pinning Caldwell’s Issabella Lopez in 1:13. “I can see she’s more aggressive and more focused,” Levinski said. Sophomore Elizabeth Hergesheimer went 2-2 and finished fourth in the 130B bracket. Caldwell’s Jennifer Sanchez pinned Hergesheimer with eight seconds left in the first round of their third-place match. Hergesheimer pinned Sanchez’s teammate, Ameliah Vidales in 1:37 to start the tournament then lost in the championship semifinals when another Caldwell wrestler — Tessa Martinez — with a pinfall at 3:32. Hergesheimer qualified for the third-place match when she pinned Anayeli Celedonio of Nyssa, Ore., in 1:14. “She’s learning quickly and aggressive,” Levinski said. With three of four wrestlers returning to the fold, the HHS girls have consistency even with the loss of two 2019 graduates — state qualifier Amber Allen (113) and Janae Volk (120). Another thread of consistency is the return of the team’s liaison — Malorie Turner, mother of the Turner sisters. — JPB

✓Tourney: Nash’s sons, grandson, son-in-law all helped further legacy

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of former coach Toby Johnson. Her sons — Steve and Ryan — were standout Homedale wrestlers in the 1980s under the tutelage of coach Bob Stanciliff. Ryan was a longtime assistant coach and head coach at his alma matter in the 2015-16 season. Ardis, a longtime teacher at HHS, died in 2009 at the age of 72. Just as much as Ardis supported the Trojans program, Levinski and Egusquiza hope to use her namesake tournament as a catalyst for girls’ wrestling in Idaho. “High School female wrestlers in Idaho do not have their own sanctioned division,” Levinski said. “We thought that Homedale wrestling would do our share in the quest to provide our girls, as well as all the other girls in the state, a tournament — an opportunity — to compete with each other. “Hopefully one day our efforts along with the efforts of so many other people throughout the state will ... pay off, and our daughters will have their own high school division.” This isn’t the first time that a Nash family member was honored with a tournament in their name. Rodger Nash, Ardis’ husband, was the namesake of the Rodger Nash Duals, held in 2014 and 2015 at HHS. — JPB

✓Huskies: Lomeli leads Homedale with 10 points, five rebounds

From Page 1B
went 5-for-9 from the floor, finishing with 10 points, and recorded four steals. He was draped over Trojans’ players all game long. Senior wing Merrick Hall struggled with his shooting, hitting just two of his nine attempts, but was a force elsewhere. He grabbed four rebounds, had a team-high six assists, and one each of blocks and steals. Sophomore Noel Quebrado receives so much defensive attention. He came within one point of another double-double, scoring nine and grabbing 10 boards. Senior Dom Enrico scored four, all from the free throw line. Homedale senior forward Spencer Fisher made two of his three shots, including a three-pointer, and finished with five points. He pulled down five boards. Seniors Arnulfo Llamas and Daniel Uranga scored three points and recorded three rebounds each. Freshman Mason Strong also scored three points. The Huskies outrebounded the Trojans, 31-26, and Marsing had 12 steals compared to the Homedale’s two. Little acknowledged his team’s toughness on the court and believes his team performed admirably, “with the exception of some questionable decisions on our end offensively at the end of the third and start of the fourth periods. “We used the game to improve as we continually try to get ready for league.” The Huskies open 2A Western Idaho Conference play at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday against visiting McCall-Donnelly. Marsing and Homedale will meet one more time — at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 28 on the Trojans’ floor. — TK

OTHER SCORES

Boys’ basketball Rimrock (0-1) Thursday — Ambrose 60, Raiders 27 Saturday — vs. Notus (no score) This week Today — vs. Idaho City, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday — at Jackpot, Nev., tournament Monday — vs. Wilder, 7:30 p.m.	43	This week Badger Tournament, North Powder, Ore. Thursday — vs. Joseph, 6:30 p.m. MST Friday — Opponent TBA Saturday — Opponent TBA	p.m. Saturday — at Cole Valley, 3 p.m.	Friday — Cove 45, Antelopes 22 Saturday — Echo 48, Antelopes 36
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

Dec. 14, 1994

Impact area proposal sent to city council

Some rural property owners living in the path of Homedale’s proposed area of impact are worried about getting “stepped on” by city ordinances.

County residents who testified at the first of two hearings on the proposal said they’re concerned about encroaching city regulations. A few of the two dozen people who filled Homedale City Hall Wednesday said they didn’t understand the ramifications of the impact area.

Planning and zoning officials deferred answering some technical questions raised about property divisions, citing a lack of legal expertise, but essentially said county residents would see little change.

P & Z Chairperson Pam Carson said the impact area addresses local growth 20 years down the road.

“We have to look at the growth that is coming to these small cities all over the state and the impact it will have on cities like Homedale,” she said.

They voted to send the two area of impact agreements on to the Homedale City Council with an attached list of concerns. P & Z officials said unanswered questions would be addressed when the City Council holds the next hearing on Dec. 22. The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. at City Hall.

At issue are the size of the area of impact, property divisions and the amount of control the city would exert over unincorporated portions of Owyhee and Canyon Counties.

Plan would create school loading zone

Traffic on Washington Ave. between 3rd and 6th Streets in Homedale could be routed one way under a plan aimed at improving student safety at the elementary school.

A meeting last Friday between school, city and police officials focused on what steps could be taken to make the street crossing safer during the morning rush.

Between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. daily, parents drop kids off on both sides of the busy street, creating what Homedale Police Chief Ron Roberson has described as “an accident waiting to happen.”

Under the proposal officials settled on, traffic would travel one way westbound on Washington Ave. from 3rd to 6th Street. The area in front of the school east to 3rd Street would be reserved for loading and unloading students at curbside.

The school would lose numerous staff parking spots in the process. Parking directly in front of the school would be designated as handicapped.

Staff and school visitors would have to park west of the school entrance on Washington Ave. next to the playing field.

Homedale: City searches for more water

The City of Homedale is in search of a gusher. For reasons unknown, the aquifer that supplies the city with a portion of its drinking water is drying up.

Two of the city’s domestic wells are pumping a third of what they once did. At their peak, the City Hall wells each produced about 150 gallons a minute. Now they spout about 40-50 gallons a minute.

City officials are not in a panic over the diminishing water supply, but they have put out tentative feelers on acquiring a new well site. Drilling another well could run as high as \$60,000.

About 900 households are currently hooked up to the city water system, with about 30 of those added in the last nine months or so.

50 years ago

Dec. 11, 1969

Homedale scores 60-48 win over Vallivue quintet

Clamping on a 19-point second-half defense, the Homedale Trojans ripped to a 60-48 victory over Vallivue High in a non-league cage contest Tuesday night.

The win gives the Trojans a 2-1 record on the year as compared to a 1-2 mark for the Falcons.

Vallivue led at halftime, 29-27, but the Trojans shut off the visitors with seven points in the third and 12 in the final period of action.

Paul Pearson led the Trojans with 23 points and Stan Zatica chipped in with 21. Ernie Knight hit 11 and Jim McMillan added 10 for the losers.

Homedale had only four players in the score column, but Pearson and Zatica nearly duplicated the Vallivue output.

School patrons ask questions at meeting of board Monday

A delegation of about 35 patrons attended the Homedale school board meeting Monday night and presented a list of some 22 questions concerning school activities. Vic Uria was spokesman.

The questions were mostly referred to school principals Darrel Reisch and Herb Fritzley for discussion, according to clerk Jim Duncan.

About four hours were spent in the discussions, and the board did not complete its meeting until about 2 a.m., Duncan said.

- The board also:
- Set a date for its annual school visitation.
 - Decided to institute the Stewart sandwich program at the high school in lieu of hot lunch.
 - Accepted the resignation of Nancy Graham as second grade teacher and hired Mrs. Stewart of Nampa to replace her after Jan. 1. (The Grahams are moving to Idaho Falls).
 - Offered a \$100 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of persons breaking windows of school buildings. (Six large windows were broken at Lincoln building and 15 at the high school building Friday night).
 - Paid bills totaling \$5,501.28.

A report was made by Herb Fritzley on a meeting of the National Council of Social Studies, which he attended in Houston, Tex., Nov. 23-29.

Darrel Reisch reported on the in-service training institute, which he attended at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 6 to Nov. 7.

Supt. Deward Bell was instructed to set up a meeting of the teacher credit evaluation committee.

Board member Boyd Jemmett gave a brief report on the vocational classes being formed by the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency. First course will be in auto mechanics.

The board discussed proposed building plans, which are stymied by problems of sale of bonds.

Gem Irrigation re-elects trustees Malmberg, Dines

Forney Malmberg and Russell Dines were re-elected to the Gem Irrigation board Tuesday, without opposition.

Malmberg and Dines each received 8 votes at the American Legion Hall polling place. Judges were Dora Upton, Amy Adams and Faye Orr.

At the Gem office Malmberg received 8 votes and Dines 9. Judges were Florence Stimmel, Mildretta Adams and Mrs. Clark Maybon.

At the Wo-He-Lo Club, Marsing, each candidate got 10 votes. Judges were Emma Johnstone, Anna Maxwell and Ruby Moore.

145 years ago

Dec. 12, 1874

GOOD TIME.-

George W. Baker’s mule teams brought freight into town to-day, having only been 13 days in making the trip from Winnemucca. This is remarkably good time for this season of the year, or indeed for any season of the year. But then, George is an unusually good rustler, and has got the freighting business figured down to a scratch.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.-

The entertainment given by the pupils of the Silver City School, in Champion Hall, last evening, was a very praise worthy affair, reflecting credit on both the children and their teacher. The total receipts were \$124.35 and we are requested to say that the school is very grateful to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN TELEGRAPH.-

The wire is already strung on the poles to a point beyond Flint District, and will be completed to South Mountain by next Saturday. Time and distance will then be annihilated, and the AVALANCHE will have news from that camp every day.

A GRAVE SCARE.-

About dark last night a lady residing next door to Upham’s carpenter shop, on Jordan Street, missed her three-year-old boy. It appears that the urchin had found the door of the carpenter shop open and had strayed in. Hearing a noise in the shop, which the mother supposed was her child, she went in and, while carefully weeding her way among the piles of lumber and rubbish on the floor, she stumbled against something and fell head-long, at the same time uttering a scream which brought her husband with a light to find his better half reclining at full length in a coffin that had just been made for a dead Chinaman; the whole thing savored too much of a family funeral, and the man lost no time in extricating his wife from the coffin, and hunting up the truant youngster.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.-

At a regular meeting of the stockholders of the Champion Hall Company held last evening, the following new officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: Trustee, Lewis W. Walker; President, James Graham; Treasurer, J.A. Rupert; Secretary Tim Ragan.

Governor Bennett’s Message

The document is crammed full of sound sense and practical suggestions which, if heeded by the present Legislature, will redound to the benefit of the whole Territory. Owing to the great length of the Message and the limited space at our command, we cannot do more than glance rapidly at its contents.

The Governor enjoins the Legislature to enact a law to provide for carrying into effect the law of Congress in relation to the election of councilmen. Then follows many good and practical suggestions on retrenchment and reform, which, if carried into effect, would save the people of the Territory several thousands of dollars annually.

It is recommended that a change be made to the law concerning District Attorneys, in order that each county may elect its own Prosecuting Attorney. This is a wise suggestion, and we hope it will be attended to by our law makers.

Sports

Huskies boys open basketball season in dominant style

Marsing stifles
Payette once again

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team opened the season with a pair of convincing out-of-conference victories.

The Huskies finished the week with a perfect 3-0 record after handling Homedale, 47-32, at home Friday.

Thursday: Marsing 62, Payette 17 — The Huskies came out strong against the host Pirates, holding them to just six first-half points. The 45-point victory was Marsing's largest winning margin since a 48-point difference in last season's opener against Payette.

The Pirates' struggles from last season continued. The team suffered through a 2018-19 campaign in which they won just one of 22 games, a four-point win over Class 1A, Div. I school Compass Charter.

On Thursday, Payette never posed a threat.

"(The Huskies) were in control the entire game," sixth-year Marsing head coach Tim Little said.

The Huskies 6-foot, 8-inch junior post, Jacob Ankeny, had an outstanding night, going 6-for-9 from the floor and scoring 15 points. He also pulled down 10 rebounds, six on the offensive side.

Guard Joaquin Oliveros also had a productive night, recording 13 points. The senior led the team with five steals.

Sophomore Noel Quebrado put up nine points, including a team-high 4-for-5 from the free-throw line. He also led the team with five assists.



Marsing High School coach Tim Little figures opposing teams will have a hard time against 6-foot-8 Jacob Ankeny much like Homedale's defenders experienced Friday night.

Senior post Cash Sevy added eight points and four rebounds.

Junior guard Rogelio Valadez finished second on the team with his six rebounds, scored four points, and was tied for second with his four steals.

Senior guard True Shippy logged five points and five rebounds.

Senior wing Merrick Hall finished with four points and three rebounds. He was second on the team with four assists and tied for second with four steals.

Dec. 3: Marsing 47, Liberty Charter 35 — The Huskies used impressive defense to beat visiting Liberty Charter from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

The Huskies allowed just four fourth-quarter points to a Patriots team that rode 18 wins to a 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament appearance last season.

"We were able to overcome some first-game offensive shooting woes for the first three quarters with a stellar defensive effort," Little said.

Little noted that seniors Sevy and Oliveros had four steals each, and the team finished with 13 overall.

Hall put up 17 points on 7-of-17 shooting, including a three-pointer and 10 rebounds evenly split on each end of the floor. The senior also recorded two each of steals and blocked shots.

Ankeny finished one board shy of a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds. He dished three assists and swatted away a pair of Patriots' shots.

"Liberty did what most teams will try to do this year to us, focus on... Jacob Ankeny, which opened up some great looks in the fourth quarter as we stayed disciplined, moved the ball around, and knocked down some shots," Little said.

In addition to his four steals, Oliveros had five points and two assists

Quebrado knocked down a pair of treys for six points, four rebounds, and three assists.

Sevy was third on the team with eight boards, to go with his four points.

Valadez scored four points, collected three boards, and two steals.

Dionicio Elton and Alex Bistriceanu led the Patriots, finishing with 17 and 11 points, respectively.

Little believes that, overall, it was a good first-game performance from his squad.

"With only 10 turnovers, the staff is pleased with our effort on both ends of the court," he said.

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Boys' basketball
Merrick Hall, sr., W
17 points, 10 rebounds in season-opening win vs. Liberty Charter

Girls' basketball
Autumn Bennett, sr., G
Three-year starter

Wrestling
Troy Miller, jr., 120 pounds
Won all three of his matches at East/West Duals in Wendell

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 13, home vs. Vision Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 14 at Cole Valley Christian, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 13, home vs. Vision Charter, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 14 at Cole Valley Christian, 1:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Dec. 11, home for Marsing Duals (vs. Homedale, Adrian), 6 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore.
Wednesday, Dec. 18, home for Marsing Duals, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 12 at Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 17, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 12 at Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 17, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Dec. 17, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.

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Go Huskies!

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
Leroy and Tom



Everybody has a Christmas that stands out in their memory like dandruff on Superman’s cape! Mine was several years ago. Bah Humbug Bill, the cow buyer, made a deal on a set of cows down below Snowville.

Leroy, Tom and I were to go down, work ’em and ship ’em back home. Bah Humbug set it up for December 23. He, of course, would not be able to be there to help.

Leroy and Tom were both members of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse. We borrowed Albert’s new blue pickup and headed out. Leroy was raised down in the country where we were goin’. He was driving and took a few shortcuts. We were on a side road going toward Strevell, and Leroy had ol’ Blue kicked up to 85 mph. We cautioned him about speeding.

“No sweat,” he said. “The police have never patrolled this ol’ road.” Ten minutes later, red and blue flashing lights reflected in the rear-view mirror.

“Snow plow?” asked Tom.

Leroy pulled over and stomped back to the state patrol car. He returned, started up and drove on in silence.

“Did you show him yer deputy sheriff’s badge, Leroy,” we asked. “Yea,” he said. “I told ’em I was takin’ these two lunatics to the nuthouse down south. One of ’em thinks he’s a veterinary, and the other thinks he’s a cowboy!”

The ticket cost him \$45!

Leroy suggested I buy the gas, and he’d buy us dinner at the finest restaurant in Tremonton. He asked Tom to pick up the motel bill and promised he’d treat us to a meal fit for a king! We cleaned up and went with him to the finest dining place in town. We were in a festive mood. Holly and Christmas music was everywhere. The café even had its own Santa who gave candy to the kids.

“Git anything you want, boys,” Leroy encouraged us. “It’s on me!” We ordered steak and lobster with all the trimmings and polished off a mince pie. Santa came over and gave us candy. We thanked Leroy for his generosity.

“Check, please,” he said smiling and picking his teeth. He patted his pocket confidently. Then he patted his other hip pocket. Then his front pocket and his shirt. He ransacked his coat pockets! He looked up with a look of desperation on his stricken face. “I forgot my wallet!”

Next mornin’ on the way out to the ranch, we stopped for clipper blades. Tom bought a new pair of blue handy man gloves with little white speckles on them.

At the ranch Leroy was mouthin’ and puttin’ in Ritchey ear tags; bloody work. I was preg checkin’; messy work. Tom was brandin’, but he was still wearin’ his old yellow gloves with holes in the fingers. He was savin’ his new ones. I put on the left one and gave the right to Leroy. After workin’ an hour, Tom noticed my left hand.

“I’ve got gloves just like that. Only mine aren’t covered with cow pucky,” he said. He noticed Leroy’s gloved right hand, which was caked with blood. The light slowly dawned. “I quit!” He said. It was the third time he’d quit since 8:30 that morning!

I never worried. Those two fellers had the perfect arrangement: Nobody else would work for Leroy and nobody else would hire Tom!”

Merry Christmas to y’all, especially you Leroy and Tom!

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest book is “A Commotion in Rhyme.” When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in *The Owyhee Avalanche*.

Luke Mayville, Reclaim Idaho

Medicaid Expansion
Legislative leaders should thank volunteers for effort



Idaho’s Medicaid Expansion program, enacted last year by popular vote, will go into full effect starting Jan. 1. Tens of thousands of Idahoans will finally have a chance to see a doctor. For many, it will be for the first time in their adult lives.

We’re seeing an outpouring of gratitude directed at the people who made Medicaid Expansion possible: The thousands of volunteers who picked up clipboards and went door-to-door, neighbor-to-neighbor, and collected signatures to qualify Medicaid Expansion for the 2018 ballot.

The Post Register profiled one volunteer, Amy Pratt, of Idaho Falls. A school-bus driver on weekdays, Amy spent every weekend for nearly four months walking door-to-door as a volunteer and engaging her neighbors about Medicaid Expansion.

Amy wasn’t paid a dime for her efforts. She had access to healthcare through her employer, so she didn’t do it for herself. In her own words: “I did it because everybody else needed it.”

It’s not surprising so many Idahoans are

welling up with gratitude for Amy and thousands of other volunteers who set aside time to make Medicaid Expansion a reality. Unfortunately, some of our state’s most powerful legislators are not so grateful.

Consider op-eds published recently by House Majority Caucus chair Megan Blanksma and other powerful Republican legislators. The op-ed falsely claims that Medicaid Expansion will harm 15,000 Idahoans by throwing them off of their health insurance. The truth is, those in question will be eligible for Medicaid coverage that is both higher quality and more affordable.

The Republicans’ op-ed disparages Medicaid as a form of “public assistance.” But the fact is that the private insurance exchange is subsidized by taxpayer dollars just as Medicaid is. In fact, Speaker of the House Scott Bedke’s plan to push Medicaid-eligible Idahoans onto the state exchange is predicted to cost Idaho taxpayers an additional \$42.5 million per year.

— See *Volunteers*, Page 7B

From Washington
Steps taken to make healthcare more affordable for small business

As participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. One of the issues Idahoans have contacted me about is S. 1170, the Association Health Plans Act, and Association Health Plans (AHPs). The following is my response:

I support Association Health Plans. The needs of small business owners and employees are of great importance to me. As a result of Obamacare, small business owners have increasingly struggled to find affordable health insurance options for their employees and their employees’ families. AHPs offer a more affordable option for small businesses by enabling them to be regulated like a large employer when they buy insurance.

On April 11, 2019, Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY) introduced S. 1170 in order to make it easier for small businesses to join AHPs and help them deliver affordable health insurance to employees. I am a co-sponsor of S. 1170 that would reinstate a U.S. Department of Labor statute previously struck down by a federal District Court that jeopardizes thousands of health care enrollees. S. 1170 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions for further consideration.

Further, on June 24, 2018, the Trump Administration finalized a rule to expand access to association health plans without

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the burdensome mandates of Obamacare. The regulation will allow small businesses and self-employed individuals to obtain coverage under AHPs. Additionally, working small business owners without other employees, including sole proprietors and their families, will now be able to join AHPs.

Small businesses are the backbone of Idaho’s economy and it is crucial to provide their employers with comprehensive health benefits at an affordable price. Should S.

— See *Healthcare*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Cash in savings bonds, find better investment returns

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are following your plan, and recently we found some old savings bonds that had been given to her by her grandfather when she was a kid. Do you think we should go ahead and cash these in before they reach their final maturity date in a few months?
— John

Dear John,
Absolutely! Every one of those savings bonds is accruing interest at the appropriate rate for the type of bond it is. The problem is every one of those rates stinks. I hate savings bonds. We’re talking about some *very* low interest rates.
Another reason I don’t like savings bonds is they’re not financial instruments, which cause you to be responsible with them. People lose them, they forget about them, and then maybe they turn up in

an old lock box somewhere down the road after making a whopping two or three percent.
Back in the day, they used to be positioned as patriotic and all that. But who wants to finance the stuff *this* government does? We’re not supporting World War II anymore, you know? Cash them in, and depending on what Baby Step you’re on, put it toward your emergency fund, your debt snowball, retirement, your mortgage — just be proactive, and do something *better* with the money!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
We have two preschool kids, and I’m a stay-at-home mom. My husband brings home about \$2,500 a month, and our mortgage payment is \$1,000 a month. Recently, we’ve had to tap into our savings in order to



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pay the bills. Should I go back to work? There are a couple of reputable daycare centers near us, but I’m just not sure if this is the right thing to do.
— Tammy

Dear Tammy,
Being a full-time mom is a wonderful thing. And honestly, I can’t blame you for wanting

to stay home with your children when they’re so young.
The biggest problem I see is that 40 percent of your husband’s paycheck is going toward your mortgage. That’s *way* too much! A house payment should never be more than 25 percent of your take-home pay.
I know trying to live on the \$1,500 that’s left is hard, especially with two babies in the house. But it doesn’t sound like a lot of fat can be trimmed right now.
One of you might consider taking on a part-time job nights or weekends for a while, or he could look into enhancing his education. Either one of these would help get your income up.
Selling the house is an option, too. But I’m not a fan of that one except in the most extreme circumstances.
Right now, I’m viewing this as a math problem with three components. The components are income, house payment, and lifestyle. You and your husband need to sit down, and have a serious heart-to-heart talk about things.
There will have to be some sacrifices in order to make things better, but only the two of you *together* can determine exactly what’s best for your family.
God bless you all.
— 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 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

Letter to the editor

Motorist worried about pedestrian safety near HHS

I am still concerned about public safety, meaning we need to increase visibility of pedestrians by the Bette Uda City Park.
I think to do this the tall streetlights on East Idaho Avenue and South 2nd Street East should be on continuously, including during the summer.
In the shade of the trees, I found that it was hard to see the people that were there, because my eyes were still adjusting from the bright

sunlight on Highways 95 and 19.
Many young people from the schools cross back and forth on East Idaho Avenue and South 2nd Street East. They especially need to be visible in the shade or the dark. I suggest they should wear something white and face traffic while walking at night.
P.S. The sooner the better. Save a life!
Patricia Gibson
Caldwell

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:
• E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
• Faxed to (208) 337-4867
• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call managing editor Jon P. Brown at (208) 337-4681, ext. 102.

✓ Healthcare: Trump rule, legislation try to lessen mandate burden

From Page 6B
1170 be brought forward on the Senate floor, I will keep the needs of small business owners and their employees in mind.
To access information about some of the important issues of interest, please visit my website, at crapo.senate.gov. The website also provides information

about how to contact me to share your views via email, phone and mailing addresses. News about recent activities and information about accessing my Facebook and YouTube pages and following me on Twitter can also be found on the website. Links to legislation and other resources to assist Idahoans who need help with federal agencies can also be accessed on the website. The messages you send me

help to shape my approach on a number of important matters. Please continue to contact me and share your thoughts and ideas.
— 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.

✓ Volunteers: Legislators should be grateful for Medicaid petition work

From Page 6B
Most unfortunately, the op-ed goes on to refer to those who collected signatures as a “paid-signature-gathering group” and as “Prop. 2 salespeople.” The Republican leaders lead readers to believe the driving force behind Medicaid Expansion came from out of state. The fact is that Reclaim Idaho launched the entire campaign in a volunteer’s backyard in North Idaho. Active teams of volunteers formed in at least 25 counties, from Bonners Ferry to the Teton Valley, and collected 96 percent of the required signatures.
For many volunteers, the Medicaid Expansion

campaign was their first time actively participating in the political process. The campaign was their introduction to the difficult, rewarding work of self-government.
It’s a shame that legislative leaders would insult and malign the volunteer efforts of thousands of ordinary Idahoans.
In this season, Idaho legislative leaders should be heaping gratitude — not scorn — on those who volunteer their time to improve our state. This would seem especially true in the case of those who worked to solve the Medicaid crisis, which our political leaders failed to address for six years, even

as tens of thousands of hardworking Idahoans waited desperately for action.
Thank you, thank you, thank you to every volunteer who said enough is enough and took matters into their own hands. Thank you for securing healthcare for tens of thousands of Idahoans. Most of all, thank you for proving our system of self-government still works — that a determined group of ordinary citizens can still come together and make a difference.
— Luke Mayville is the co-founder of Reclaim Idaho.

Sports

Underclassmen emerge as Mustangs' boys' top threats

Jordan Valley High School ended the first week of the boys' basketball season on a two-game losing streak.

The Mustangs, coached by Jordan Valley alum Alek Quintero, have their home opener on Jan. 7 against McDermitt, Nev., according to OSAA.org.

Saturday: Enterprise, Ore., 50, Jordan Valley 41 — For the second time in three games, the Mustangs lost a neutral-court contest despite 16 points

from junior Blaise Warn.

Jace Grenke added nine points, and fellow sophomore Birch Eiguren chimed in with seven points.

Friday: North Lake 31, Jordan Valley 17 — The host Cowboys of Silver Lake, Ore., corralled the Mustangs shooters.

Grenke led Jordan Valley with six points, and senior Kort Skinner had a team-high eight rebounds.

Junior Blaise Warn kicked in

four points.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 45, McKenzie 27 — Skinner scored 10 points, and Warn led with 12 rebounds in the Mustangs' season opener in Silver Lake.

Eiguren logged seven steals.

Rounding out the Mustangs' roster are seniors Chase Easterday, Trevor Fillmore and Don Youren, junior Quinton Collins, and freshman Grady Johnsrud.



Homedale's Gracie Dines drives past a defender in the Trojans' non-conference loss Friday in Vale, Ore. Photo by John Braese / EasternOregonSports.com

Short-staffed JV girls start strong

Although understaffed, Jordan Valley High School's girls' basketball team won two of its first three games.

Coached by Marcia Eiguren, the Mustangs (2-1) have just seven players on the roster, but played their first three games with just five players. All five athletes scored in each game.

Sophomore sisters Kelsey and Cassity Gluch were away from the team on vacation.

"Our freshmen stepped up and really shined during their first three games," sophomore Tayler Eiguren said. "The upper classmen proved to be good leaders as well."

Overall, all of us worked well together. Our team looks

promising."

Juniors Kiana Quintero and Kate Gooch are the most experienced players on the team. Freshmen Jill Gammett and Halle Burch round out the roster.

The Mustangs' first six games are on the road, including at three-game tournament in North Powder, Ore., from Thursday to Saturday.

According to a schedule on OSAA.org, Jordan Valley's first home game is a 5 p.m. tipoff against non-league foe McDermitt, Nev., on Jan. 7.

Saturday: Enterprise 35, Jordan Valley 33 — With no bench players, the Mustangs five played all 32 minutes and

lost by only two points in a non-league game played in Crane, Ore.

Tayler Eiguren scored 11 points to finish as the team's leading scorer for the third time in as many games.

Friday: Jordan Valley 39, North Lake 27 — Eiguren's big game with 16 points and 19 rebounds led the Mustangs.

Gooch had 10 points and seven rebounds, while Quintero chipped in nine points and snagged two steals.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 61, McKenzie 5 — In the season opener played at North Lake High School, Eiguren poured in 20 points to lead the rout.

Homedale girls close gap on the hardwood

Leading scorer hurt against New Plymouth

If improvement for a young basketball team is measured in small victories, the winless Homedale High School girls got in the win column Friday.

"This was our most competitive game of the season," Trojans' first-year coach Clay Hatfield said after the Trojans' 53-25 non-conference loss on the road in Vale, Ore.

"It was by far our best effort of the season."

The game marked the Vikings' season opener.

Homedale has an average scoring deficit of 45.6 points per game in its winless start to the season.

But Vale's 28-point margin of victory was the slimmest of the season for a Trojans' opponent, and the 25 points were the most Homedale has scored this season.

"We went into the locker room only down 12 (26-14)," Hatfield said. "We got into some foul trouble that hurt us

in the second half."

Gracie Dines and Lizzy Schamber scored six points each to lead Homedale. Laney Swallow and Delaynie Dorsey chipped in four points apiece.

The Trojans are off until Tuesday when they open the 3A Snake River Valley conference season at home against Weiser.

Thursday: New Plymouth 48, Homedale 18 — Amaia Aberasturi scored four points before getting hurt late in the second quarter, which sapped the Trojans' momentum.

"We played a great first half, but lost Aberasturi to injury right before half," Hatfield said. "She was having a great game, and that took the wind out of our sails."

Ashley Moore led the Trojans, scoring six points in the non-conference road game in Payette County.

Hatfield said Homedale's players showed more savvy against an all-too-familiar defensive strategy.

"We handled the press really well," Hatfield said.

Buckley also scored four points, while Amaya Beckman chimed in with two points.

Homedale football banquet scheduled

The Homedale High School football program will celebrate the 2019 season next week.

The annual year-end banquet takes place at 6 p.m., next Wednesday inside the school cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

The banquet will celebrate the championship seasons of both the varsity and junior varsity teams, a second consecutive runner-up finish in the 3A Milk Bowl, and this year's seniors.

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Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2020:

ELECTION NAME	ELECTION DATE	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE
Presidential Primary Election	March 10, 2020	December 11, 2019
Primary Election - Office of County Sheriff - Office of County Prosecuting Attorney - Office of County Commissioner District 2 (2 Year Term)	May 19, 2020	March 13, 2020
General Election (with political Subdivisions listed below)	November 3, 2020	March 13, 2020
Owyhee Soil Conservation USDA Service Center, 250 North Bruneau Hwy. Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 3, 2020	September 1, 2020
Bruneau River Soil & Water Conservation Dist. 31811 Colyer Rd. Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 3, 2020	September 1, 2020

Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the ‘Elections’ link. Political Subdivision forms may be obtained at the addresses listed above.
12/11/2019

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
November 4, 12, 18 & 25, 2019
November 4

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$80,692; Road & Bridge \$4,951; District Court \$2,464; Fair, County \$11; Fair, Grounds & Buildings \$151; Probation \$434; Health District \$4,604; Historical Society & Museum \$7; Indigent & Charity \$25,377; Jr. College Tuition \$500; Revaluation \$405; Solid Waste \$6,370; Weeds \$663; 911 \$2,041; County Vessel \$1,390; Waterways \$7; Off Highway Vehicles \$1; Taxing District Elections \$780; Auditors Trust \$3,976; County Vessel \$12,877

Approved Resolution 2019-22: Amending and replacing Owyhee County Resolution 10-08 relating to the participation by Owyhee County in the District 3 Interoperability Governance Board and Naming Representatives.

Approved matching the Owyhee Initiative funds for Education Program in the amount of \$2,000 – the Board will request a letter of support.

Approved the County Annual Juvenile Justice Report to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections.

Approved the new hire of Connie Peterson as Detention Deputy to begin November 6, 2019 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 19-32.

Approved a certificate of residency to North Idaho College for student 19-2.

Indigent and Charity hearing for case 19-40 was held. Re-affirmed the August 5, 2019 decision and deny Indigent and Charity case 19-40.

Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 19-33.

Indigent and Charity hearing for case 19-41 was held. Continued the hearing on December 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

November 12

Approved the 2020 Shewey Vander Boegh, LLC Industrial Appraisals contract.

Nominated Rick Visser, current Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program District 3 Board Member, for the upcoming election of officers.

Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 19-59.

Approved Indigent & Charity case 19-59.

November 18

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$60,552; Road & Bridge \$61,392; District Court \$7,336; Probation \$9,511; Historical Society & Museum \$704; Indigent & Charity \$17,871; Jr. College Tuition \$150; Revaluation \$169; Solid Waste \$11,676; Veterans Memorial \$1,200; 911 \$2,437; County Vessel \$645; Off Highway Vehicles \$134; Taxing District Elections \$7,898; Auditors Trust \$2,832; County Vessel Trust \$9,577

Approved a pay raise for Sheriff’s Dispatcher Paula Rhodes, to remain at a grade 7 and pay increase from \$14.76 to \$15.50 to begin November 18, 2019.

Approved the 1st Amendment to the Motorola Communications System and Service Agreement.

Approved a Liquor License transfer for the Y-Bar & Café.

Approved a catering permit for the Y-Bar & Café and Simplot Land & Livestock on December 14, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Grand View American Legion Hall.

Approved Indigent & Charity case 19-57.

November 25

Approved a letter to Lara Douglas, BLM Boise District Manager, regarding the Tris-State Fuel Breaks Project.

Approved a letter to Colonel Goodman with Mountain Home Air Force Base regarding the EIS for Air Space Optimization.

Approved Resolution 2019-23: Requesting ISDA to form a CAFO Siting Advisory Committee for the proposed expansion of the Van Es Dairy.

Approved a letter to Idaho State Department of Agriculture requesting a CAFO Siting Advisory Committee for the proposed Van Es Dairy expansion.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RP06S07E033000 in the amount of \$377.35 in taxes and a solid waste fee of \$59.00.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel MH02N05W141210 in the amount of \$364.66 in taxes and a solid waste fee of \$59.00.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RP02S02W278250 in the amount of \$72.98 in taxes.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RP06S07E033000 in the amount of \$377.35 in taxes and a solid waste fee of \$59.00.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RPF00600001110A in the amount of \$248.73 in taxes.

Approved the Prosecuting Attorneys legal assistant hire of Amy Fossette, to begin December 9, 2019 at a rate of \$13.29 per hour.

Approved the corrected Juvenile Justice Annual Report (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019).

Approved Indigent and Charity case 19-41 and vacate the hearing scheduled for December 9, 2019.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 19-48 and to vacate the scheduled hearing for December 2, 2019.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.
12/11/2019

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707 IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2019 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o’clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2019. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier’s check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

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12/11,12/18/2019

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. BOYDR. EOFF (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of BOYD R. EOFF; BETTY R. EOFF (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of BETTY R. EOFF; JOANN FAYE EOFF; KELLY GENE EOFF; TAMRA SUE EOFF; CORAM DEO, LLC DBA CLEANUP AND TOTAL RESTORATION; ROBERT W.

PAASCH; STATE OF IDAHO; DOES I THROUGH XX, AS INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY legally described as:

LOTS 11 AND 12 OF BLOCK 53 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE 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.

Which may commonly be known as: 124 West Washington Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Third Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed on September 17, 2019 and entered with the Court on September 17, 2019, and Third Writ of Execution issued on September 23, 2019, 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 March 16, 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 Third Order of Sale of Foreclosure and Third Writ of Execution and to apply the proceed 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:

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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 16th day of January 2020, at the hour of 10 o’clock a.m. of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse front entrance, 20381 state Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650, 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 Third Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder, for case or certified funds in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of 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 4th day of December. 2019

Sheriff of Owyhee County
By: Luisa Basabe
Deputy Sheriff
12/11,18,25/2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-19-00415

In the Matter of the Estates of CARL D. HAYS, SR. a/k/a Carl D. Hays, and MARJORIE L. HAYS’ Deceased Persons.

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho.

Dated this 19 day of November, 2019

s:/CARL D. HAYS, JR.
Personal Representative
11/27,12/4,11/2019



Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, 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:

This parcel is a portion of the Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, and is more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 18’36” West a distance of 273.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 33’48” East parallel with the East boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of

159.61 feet; thence South 89 degrees 17’26” East a distance of 273.00 feet to a point on said East boundary; thence South 00 degrees 33’48” West along said East boundary a distance of 159.52 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 13101 Edison Rd. nka 5729 Edison Rd., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes 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 executed by DANA J RIVERA, an Unmarried Person, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST SECURITY BANK, N.A., recorded July 3, 2000, as Instrument No. 233001, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on July

3, 2000, as Instrument No. 233003, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated June 30, 2000, in the amount of \$204.00 each, for the months of May through October, 2019, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 7.15% per annum from April 1, 2019, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$6,121.19, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.15% per annum from April 1, 2019.

DATED This 1st day of November, 2019.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
11/20,27,12/04,11/2019

Sports

Trappett keeps on scoring, Mustangs keep on winning

Melba girls end NP’s win streak

Kortney Trappett continued her scoring binge Saturday as Melba High School opened the girls’ basketball conference season with its fourth consecutive win.

Trappett put in 17 points and set up three other baskets with passes in the Mustangs’ 45-31 home victory against New Plymouth.

The game was the 2A Western Idaho Conference for both teams.

Kate Clark added nine points for Melba (7-1 overall, 1-0 in conference at week’s end).

Nicole Binggeli scored 13 points to lead New Plymouth (5-2, 0-1), which saw a five-game winning streak end.

Thursday: Melba 60, Parma 50 — Trappett scored 20 points to lead the Mustangs in a battle of two of the state’s top small-school programs.

Kate Clark chimed in with 18 points and four assists in Melba’s third consecutive victory.

Trappett also had five rebounds and three steals.

Austyn Harris led the Panthers with 14 points, while teammate Ady Harris added 12.

Melba and Parma were runners-up in their respective Real Dairy Shootout state tournaments last season.

Dec. 3: Melba 51, Fruitland 38 — Kate Clark poured in 12 points and grabbed four steals in the Mustangs’ non-conference road victory.

Kendall Clark pulled down 14 rebounds to go with nine points for Melba.

The Grizzlies received seven points from Abby Smith.



First-team all-district running back Michael Babcock (left) races downfield during a 1A Oregon state playoff game. Photo by AHS Yearbook

✓ Adrian: Seniors bring home first-team selections

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Wade Bond, a senior at Adrian, was a first-team kick returner and earned second-team status as running back, linebacker and kicker. He caught 18 touchdown passes and used a yards-after-catch strategy to roll up 1,049 yards receiving.

Logan Vickers, another senior at Adrian, was tabbed as a second-team defensive lineman.

“This team showed a grittiness that made both communities proud,” Wortman said.

Adrian wrapped up a 13-0 perfect championship season with a 38-32 come-from-behind victory against St. Paul on Nov. 30 at Hermiston High School.

“We couldn’t be more proud of our seven seniors in Kort Skinner, Don Youren, Logan Griffin, Logan Vickers, Wes Bayes, Wade Bond, and Michael Babcock. These men showed up everyday to practice with the mentality to become champions, and it paid off. They have set a standard of hard work, perseverance, and grit that will be used as a measuring stick for years to come.”

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Annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas Gift Project for Residents of Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center

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

Gift Drive Ends December 20

Male #1	Long Sleeve 3X Tall Shirts (Red or blue), compression socks (shoe size 12) Cologne (any kind)
Male # 2	Old spice, heavy blanket, country gospel music CDs, sweat suit Size Lrg.
Female #1	Hoodie Sweat Jacket 3X, BSU Sweat Shirt 3X, Obsession perfume
Female #2	Small black slacks, sm long sleeve blouse, sm vest (likes blues/purple/reds), slippers Size 7-8, Bath and body works spray and lotion (any scent)
Male #3	Long Sleeve Shirts Tall 3X (blues and greys), Sweat pants 3X, country western CD/DVD likes western movies and music.
Female #3	CD player, music from the 50s and 60s, Old country music, Head phones, bath and body works lotion/body spray (any scent)
Female #4	Sweat suit size 3X (green), Word Search puzzles, Dark Chocolates, Subscription for Reader's Digest. Mumus size 3X
Male #4	Long tube socks (size 10), Old Spice Cologne, Book: The Unique States of America. Jogging pants L, Long sleeve knit pullover shirt size Xlrg
Male #5	Men's cologne (any kind), Electric Razor, Air Force poster, M sweat suit greys or blacks
Male #6	Electric Razor, Sweatsuit (2Xbottoms, 3Xtops) Socks 10-12.
Female #5	Camis/Undershirts size Lrg, New Born for Real Baby Alive (80+functions), Fashion Sunglasses, Boot style slippers (size 8 Wide)
Female #6	Bath and Body Works Lotion/Body Spray (any scent) Sweat Suit Size 3X (red, blue or pink), Lady's watch. Chocolates.
Female #7	Slacks (size 10), Long Sleeve Blouse (large), Sweater (large), likes reds and blues. Undershirts/camis, Slippers size 10, Pajamas
Female #8	Adult Color books, colored pencils , Pull Over sweaters size 2X, Slacks Size 2X, Hair access, Bath and body lotion/body spray (any scent)
Male #7	Old Spice after shave, History Books,
Female #9	Bath and Body works Rose scent lotion and spray, Fleece night gowns 3X,
Female #10	Baby Wipe Warmer, Blouse and slacks Large, For real baby alive newborn (80+functions), Bath and body works any scent.
Male #8	Electric Razor, Tube Socks size 12, Dak Prescott Jersey (Cowboys) size 2X tall, Subscription for racing/car magazine.
Male #9	Sweat Suit Size 3X, grey/black/dark blue, Old Spice, Electric Razor, Men's slippers Size
Male #10	Cowboy Hat size large (Black), Western Movies, Men's Cross Necklace, Fleece Jacket (2X)
Female #11	Snow Boots (Sixe 8), Pajamas 1X, Leggings large with long dress/blouse Xlarge, scarf
Male #11	Electric Razor, Aqua Velva after shave, Socks size 8, Levi's 501 size 31/31, Western shirts Size M.
Female #12	Slippers size 8, bath and body works lotion/spray (any scent) Blouse size large, pants size 8 or M.
Female #13	Sweat Shirt Xlarge, Ipad, Moisturizing Bath Soap, Word Search
Female #14	Ladies Watch, Slacks 2X, Blouse 3X, Pink Teddy Bear, Night gown 3X(cotton)
Female #15	Country music CD, Gospel Music, Bath and body works lotion/spray (any), Sweatsuit (pink 4X), Grey purse with long strap, Large fuzzy socks.
Female #16	Long Sleeve Button Up blouse 2X, Sweater (button up 2X), Slippers M-9, Compression Socks M-9, Skirt 2X, Dresses 2X
Female #17	Long Sleeve Blouses 3X, Loose knit/stretchy slacks 3X, Slippers 9, Night Gown 3X
Female #18	Hat/Glove and Scarf, Socks M, Bath and Body works lotions/spray, Blouses Size large, slacks Size large.
Female #19	Plaid Flannel Shirts Size Large (36), Socks size 8, Denim elastic waist pants Size Xlarge, Caramello Chcolates
Female #20	Undershirts large, blouses and pants size large, Baby Alive for real newborn (80+functions), bath and body works lotions/sprays
Female #21	Craft Kits, knitting needles, yarn, word search puzzles, Lipstick (light colors), Floral scent perfume, hand held gambling machine
Male #12	CD player, music from 50s/60s, Fleece Jacket 2X,
Female #22	Sweatsuit Size Xlarge, Pajamas Size Xlarge, Women's Fleece Jacket Xlarge.
Female #23	Flannel Plaid Shirts 3X, Zip up hoodies 3X, salt and pepper shakers, Word Search puzzles, cards.
Male #13	Electric razor, cologne, etc
Female #24	3X night gown, sweatsuit 3X (reds or blues), Heavy wrap/shawl, Non-skid socks
Male #14	Electric Razor, Western Boots Size 10,
Female #25	Music Box, Jewelry (Gold Necklace w Cross), Floral scent perfume, Gospel music CDs with headphones and player, Slippers 8-9, warm wrap/shawl
Female #26	Subscription for Guidepost, Mirror on a stand, Skirts size Xlarge, Blouses Long Sleeve Xlarge
Female #27	Zip up hoodie large, women's sweatsuit Size large (blues, greys and blacks),
Female #28	Blouse M and slacks Large, Ladies watch with a pink band (similar to a square smart watch), Camis size M, Chocolates, Beaded necklaces
Female #29	Night gowns size Large (cotton), Chain for her glasses, Blouses M, slacks Large
Female #30	Elec toothbrush, black knee high socks, skirts/dresses size large (pinks, floral, peach, white and navy), Mirror on a stand, pearl dangly earring and necklace.
Female #31	White hat, scarf, gloves, Slippers size M, bath and body works lotions/body sprays, Flannel night gowns size Large
Male #15	Leather Belt size L, Digital Watch, Flannel Shirts Size Xlarge, Vest Xlarge
Male #16	Suspenders, Button up long sleeve shirts 2X Tall, ball cap (outdoors/camo), Hand held fishing video game
Female #32	Sweatsuit (large pant, Xlarge top), Fuzzy socks 8-9, slippers 8-9, Word search, chocolates
Female #33	Large Silk Pajamas, Word search, Unscented lotions, Hershey bars, undershirts/camis Xlarge

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19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8am-noon and 1pm-5pm Mon-Fri.**