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Longtime town leader to lead Marsing event

Jeff, Noreen Percifield grand marshals for Friday's parade

Jeff Percifield loves the idea of working in the shadows for his community, but he'll be in the spotlight Friday night.

On Friday, the lifelong Marsing resident and his wife, Noreen, will be the center of attention for the second annual Light Up Marsing Holiday Parade.

The couple will serve as grand marshals when the night-light parade makes its annual trek from the high school football field parking lot, down Main Street to Island Park.

"I'm very honored and wasn't expecting it at all," Jeff said.

In announcing the Percifields' selection, Marsing

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New decorations unveiled

Volunteers fanned out in the cold during the weekend to put up Marsing Beautification Project winter displays on Main Street. This display near the Snake River bridge was funded by Richard and Paula Andrus. The group will complete the decorating this week prior to the holiday parade. Submitted photo

Large crowd watches patriotic Homedale parade

Elementary student lights city tree

Mild weather conditions boosted the profile of Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays parade and city Christmas tree lighting.

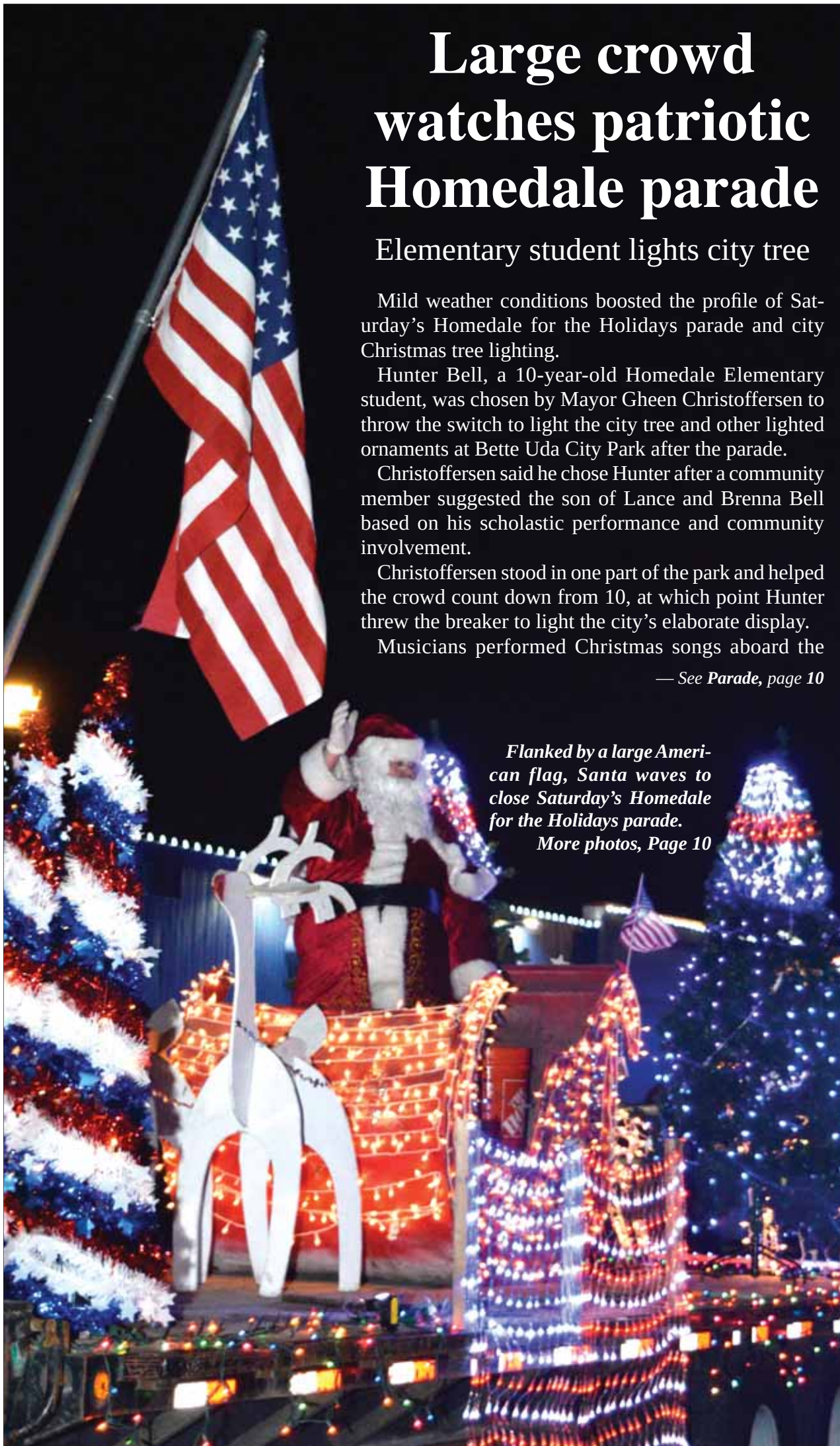
Hunter Bell, a 10-year-old Homedale Elementary student, was chosen by Mayor Gheen Christoffersen to throw the switch to light the city tree and other lighted ornaments at Bette Uda City Park after the parade.

Christoffersen said he chose Hunter after a community member suggested the son of Lance and Brenna Bell based on his scholastic performance and community involvement.

Christoffersen stood in one part of the park and helped the crowd count down from 10, at which point Hunter threw the breaker to light the city's elaborate display.

Musicians performed Christmas songs aboard the

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Flanked by a large American flag, Santa waves to close Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays parade.

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Above: Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 Worshipful Master Randy King (left) and fellow Lodge member Monte Bollar (right) present a check to Homedale Senior Center coordinator Sandra Ledford. **Right:** King hands a donation to Homedale High School student services specialist Debbie Flaming. Submitted photo



Silver City Masons kick-start community service efforts

Homedale causes receive donations; officers installed Dec. 11

Local Masons have made two large donations to Homedale causes recently.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 Worshipful Master Randy King and lodge member Monte Bollar handed a \$500 check to Homedale Senior Center coordinator Sandra Ledford last month.

Another \$500 donation was made to high school student services specialist Debbie Flaming to help with scholarships to pay activity fees and fund activity cards to allow students to participate in school-sponsored events.

“We decided to do something to support the community,” King said during the presentation at the senior center.

“Holiday time is always a good time to jump in and help out.”

The donation came about after King sat down with Ledford to chat about the senior center’s service to the community.

Ledford said the money will be used for Meals on Wheels and the congregate meal program, which is carried out each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

King said Homedale’s Eastern Star chapter typically made holiday baskets for the community service presence. But the Silver City Masons are making a more concerted effort to help community causes since Homedale’s Eastern Star chapter consolidated into the Caldwell chapter.

“We can spend money better than we can make baskets,” Bollard quipped.

The Masons still hold their semi-annual scholarship breakfast, but Bollar says the plan is to rename the scholarship fund for the late Harry Black. The Masons’ colleague recently passed away.

Local high school seniors, including those in Homedale and Marsing, are eligible for Silver City Lodge No. 13 scholarships.

The Masons also honor a teacher of the year at the end of each school year.

During the scholarship breakfasts, which are usually held in the spring and fall at the lodge, 19 W. Idaho Ave., the Masons also set up a Child ID table. That’s a program by which parents can get their children’s fingerprints, photos and descriptions recorded to safeguard if their child goes missing.

The local Masons also have a Bikes for Books program promoting literacy at Homedale

Elementary School. In the spring, schoolchildren can earn entries into a drawing for bicycles and helmets by reading books. Traditionally, the Masons have given away two bikes per grade level (first-through fourth-graders) on the last day of school.

Another aspect of the Silver City Lodge No. 13 outreach is opening officer installation to the public.

The next installation and luncheon will take place at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 11. The Masons also return to the birthplace of the local chapter — Silver City — for an annual meeting in July.

The Masons also spend time cleaning up a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 95 south of Homedale as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.

“We want to be good citizens,” King said.

— JPB

Happening this month at the senior center

Each Wednesday — Ladies coffee group, 9 a.m.

Each Tuesday and Thursday — Fit and Fall class, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 — Board of directors meeting, open to the public, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 — Foot examinations (\$15) and ear cleanings (\$20) on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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Charlie Brown trees highlight bazaar

The tree is lit and all the decorations hung throughout the museum.

It's time for the annual Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar and Charlie Brown Tree Sale.

The fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday inside McKeeth Hall and other areas of the museum complex, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The annual craft bazaar will also include homemade pie sales and a visit from Santa Claus.

Jim Hyslop and other OCHS volunteers have harvested about 200 Christmas trees from around the Silver City area. The trees will be on sale Saturday with prices ranging from \$25 to \$40 apiece.

This year, the tree lot will be fenced on the Marsing Depot lawn. Trees will not be sold prior to 10 a.m., and all trees will be marked with prices. Folks will pay for the trees in the museum gift shop.

More than 35 vendors are expected, some of which will include:

- **William Gardoski** — original oil paintings and prints of trains, ships, landscapes and aircraft
- **Ruth Parsons** — hand-made jewelry
- **Mary St. John** — sewn and embroidered accessories, flour sack towels, purses, earrings, and custom crafts
- **Christine Sward** — lariat rope baskets, vases, lamps, and more
- **JoLynn Hook** — wheel-thrown functional pottery
- **Philip Cronk** — hand-crafted pens, pencils, and seam rippers
- **Patty Shields** — unique fairy dolls, houses, and friendship dolls; Christmas ornaments and decorations made from recycled or up-cycled items
- **Todd and Pauline Davis** — chocolate, cinnamon rolls, and roasted almonds and pecans
- **June Gambler** — photographic art, photo cards, canvases, acrylics

For more information about museum holiday activities, contact the museum at (208) 495-2319.



Jordan Valley Student Council offers free Christmas trees

Jordan Valley High School Student Council members embarked on a holiday-themed community service event Sunday. The students, with help from fathers Todd Gluch and Doug Rutan who manned chainsaws, gathered fresh-cut Christmas trees. The trees were transported to the high school and will be available free of charge for pick-up at any time. **From left:** Todd Gluch, Claire Collins, Doug Rutan, Kelsey Gluch, Jace Grenke, Kyndra Williams, and Shailee Rutan. Photo by Tara Echave

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✓ Marsing: Lifelong resident to be honored Saturday

Chamber of Commerce president Brooke Lynes called Jeff “quite the icon in our town.”

Jeff may shy away from that label, but his involvement and deeds speak otherwise.

He retired a week ago after 31 years as a butcher and meat department head for the town’s grocery store – from the Snake River Mart, to Logan’s Market, to M & W Market.

As the town market’s meat maestro, Jeff helped prepare the beef that has been the centerpiece of the Marsing Lions Club’s Third of July Barbecue.

He also served as a volunteer firefighter for 30 years, including 10 years as the department’s assistant chief. He recently started his second four-year term as a fire commissioner.

He continues to serve on the Gem Highway District board

of commissioners. Jeff said he’s been on that board for nearly 30 years.

Jeff’s short time on the fire board has been highlighted by the establishment of the district’s Canyon County substation.

Two decades ago, he ended a 15-year association with the Marsing Disaster Fund board of directors. He served as the Marsing Disaster Auction chair in 2000.

The 1976 Marsing High School graduate also spent 15 years as an integral part of the Percifield Memorial Coed Softball Tournament, which bears the name of his late brothers Mike and Tim.

Noreen also is retired after 33 years working for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Forest Service as a network administrator, Jeff said.

The couple have been married for 33 years. They have



Jeff and Noreen Percifield wed in 1988. Submitted photo

two children — Joe and Marla — and four grandchildren.

Jeff may be retired from the store, but he has yet to embark on retirement. He still works part-time.

“So far, I can’t seem to get out of that store too much,” he said.

But he has an idea of what he’ll do once retirement becomes more consistent.

“I do a lot of hunting and fishing, and I’m sure I’ll find stuff to do work-wise,” he said.

For now, though, he’s concentrating on his grand marshal role, even if he’s not

sure what that will entail.

“I guess I’m supposed to be in some sort of fancy car,” he said.

The man who doesn’t like attention plans to endure this bit of time in the limelight, but he also sees light at the end of the tunnel and will gladly return to his reserved yet impactful existence.

“It’ll be over Friday, so it won’t matter,” he said.

Parade entries will begin gathering at the staging area at 4:30 p.m., and the parade will push off at 6 p.m.

After the parade, Mayor Chad Sevy will flip the switch to light the Island Park Christmas tree.

Community groups are encouraged to enter a float in the parade.

For more information on participating, call Lynes at (208) 800-9461.

— JPB

Saturday bazaar to help build JV center

The Jordan Valley Christmas Bazaar will help the Lions Club continue toward the dream of a new community center.

Proceeds from Saturday’s bazaar will be deposited into the Lions Club’s building fund, which is aimed at constructing a larger community center.

The bazaar will be held inside the Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), which now serves as the town’s community gathering place.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m.

Other fundraising aspects of the bazaar besides renting vendor tables include the sale of snacks, lunch and refreshments.

For more information, call (541) 586-2213 or Diana at (208) 697-8948.

Correction

The name of the business owner who provided a free community Thanksgiving dinner at the Homedale Senior Center was misspelled last week. The Dog Spa owner Marc Tidalgo was responsible for the holiday spread.

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Homedale holiday traditions old and new

Above: Another generation tapped in to help with the Community Wish Tree in Homedale. Cousins and siblings, including Paislee Badiola, Sage Badiola, Charleigh Maxwell, Riley Herman, and Mason Herman, placed tags on a wooden Christmas tree created by Sumr Badiola at Albertsons. Wish tags from local families are also located at Moxie Java, Snake River Ranch & Lumber, Tango Saloon, Idaho Pizza Co., The Bowling Alley, Homedale Post Office, the Men’s Hair Shack, and CTI Foods in Wilder. Presents must be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 15. Submitted photo



The Dog Spa owner Marc Tidalgo rings the dinner bell at the Homedale Senior Center where he fed dozens of people a free Thanksgiving meal on Thursday. Submitted photo

Oreana hall window fundraiser underway

Proponents of the Oreana Community Hall preservation have a Christmas wish: Raise enough money to pay for the installation of new windows. The project is scheduled for completion in late January.

Individuals can buy a personalized block for \$25, while a family can secure one for \$50. The business cost is \$100.

Folks who want to participate in the block fundraiser are asked to send the wording they would like engraved on the block when they send in their donation for the fundraiser.

Organizers say directions on what should be put on the block will ensure correct spelling of names as well as the correct design of the block.

Send the donations and instructions to 24777 Collett Road, Oreana, ID 83650.

Since then, a campaign to sell personalized plaques that will be housed at the hall has been launched.

The “Wall for the Hall” window fundraiser is ongoing.

Gardeners set Chmas meeting

The Owyhee Gardeners are planning to help a family for Christmas.

Club members are reminded to bring their donations for the Christmas family the Gardeners have adopted.

The gifts will be delivered after the meeting.

Next week’s meeting also marks the club’s annual Christmas gift exchange and holiday potluck.

The garden club will hold its Christmas meeting from 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 9 inside the Sandbar Community Room at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

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Interested parties who wish to review the Petition or supporting documents may do so during normal business hours at the Grand View City Hall, Grand View, Idaho.

Any interested party may appear by written appearance or answer to the Petition filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court at any time prior to the date set for hearing on the Petition, which has been set before the Hon. Andrea Courtney on the **17th day of December, 2021, at 1:30 o'clock P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 ID-78, Murphy, Idaho 83650. The hearing will also be held remotely and can be attended by the public via Zoom or Telephone. Please contact the City of Grand View or the Owyhee District Court for information to access the remote hearing.



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Death notices

ROMAN JOHN USABEL, 87, of Marsing, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 of natural causes surrounded by his loved ones. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

JOLENE F. WELLS, 79, of Payette, a Homedale-area resident for about 15 years, died on Nov. 14, 2021 at a local hospital. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Curbside pickup available before 12:30 p.m.
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day except Dec. 1st and 8th

Dec. 1: Hot dog on a bun, baked potato, carrot salad
Dec. 2: Beef stroganoff, California blend vegetables
Dec. 7: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets
Dec. 8: Goulash (ground beef, mixed vegetables, marinara, elbow noodles), zucchini, mozzarella breadsticks
Dec. 9: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)

Dec. 1: Turkey Florentine, snap peas, peaches, 9-grain bread
Dec. 3: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed red potatoes, beets, roll
Dec. 6: Mushroom Swiss chic ken, wheat penne pasta, broccoli and cauliflower, green salad, wheat bread
Dec. 8: Beef stew, Brussels sprouts, spiced apples, three bean salad, cornbread
Dec. 10: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and onions, wheat roll

Rimrock Senior Center
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Dec. 2: Sloppy Joe sandwich, whole grain bun, coleslaw with raisins and carrots, green salad, French fries, pudding
Dec. 7: Chili burgers, whole grain bun, green salad, hash brown patty cottage cheese, banana
Dec. 9: Glazed chicken, baked potato, green salad, garlic bread, mandarin oranges, yogurt with granola

Blood drive set in Adrian

Adrian High School senior Walter Griffin has organized a blood drive for his leadership project.

Folks will have a chance to donate to the American Red Cross blood bank from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Friday inside the school's old gymnasium, 301 Owyhee St., in Adrian.

Registration is available at the high school office.

For more information, call Griffin at (541) 216-3098 or Michelle Dudley at the high school, (541) 372-2335.

Obituary

Caroline Levell Nielson



Caroline Levell Nielson, 83, of Grand View passed away Monday, November 22, 2021 of natural causes in Mountain Home. There will be a memorial service for Caroline in the spring of 2022.

Caroline was born September 18, 1938 in Eden, Idaho to Leo and Colleen Wilson.

She later married Ivan Leon Nielson on February 13, 1956 and raised five children together. The two were lifelong companions and friends.

Caroline was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan, and her parents, Leo and Colleen.

Caroline is survived by her only brother, Russel Wilson and his wife Gaye; her five children and their spouses: son Terry and wife Drena Nielson; daughter Mona Nielson; son Calvin and his wife Leanne Nielson; son Curtis and his wife Larue Nielson; son Daniel and his wife Christy Nielson; 11 grandchildren Josh, Jacob, Lacey, Nikala, Quentin, Cammie Jo, Latrisha, Jared, Travis, Ciera, and Bronson; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; numerous step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

She was loved by all her family and will be deeply missed.



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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 14 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 164 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 22 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 99,800 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale.

Homedale Chamber seeks 2022 dues

Next year's membership dues were discussed during a sparsely attended Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting last week.

The town's business leaders also put the finishing touches on the Homedale for the Holidays parade, which was held Saturday.

Looking forward, though, Chamber president Gavin Parker briefed the attendees on the upcoming membership drive.

The Chamber has less than 50 member organizations, Parker said, but at one point the membership was as high as 60 businesses.

There are three levels of dues based on how many people a business employs:

- \$35 — One to five employees
- \$45 — Six to 10 employees
- \$60 — 11 or more employees

Membership forms for new or returning businesses are available through the Chamber's executive board.

For more information, call Parker at (208) 337-3271 or secretary/treasurer Sheila Matteson at (208) 337-4093.

Parker is part of the Parker Advisors crew, while Matteson works for Alforex Seed.

The Chamber will skip its December meeting, which was scheduled for Dec. 28, and will meet again at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 25. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month inside The Bowling Alley banquet room.

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Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick, banana **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, steamed broccoli, snickerdoodle cookie

Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites, yogurt, pears **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty, oranges **Lunch:** Beef taco with Spanish rice and refried beans

Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily

Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, Sausage, cheese), cheese stick **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, steamed broccoli, snickerdoodle cookie

Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt **Lunch:** Taquitos, buttered corn

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day

Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or apple breakfast bites, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak with roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, or turkey bacon ranch sub with chips or southwest chicken salad with breadstick, snickerdoodle cookie

Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast burrito or mini pancakes, cheese stick **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza with potato wedges or Buffalo chicken with roll and potato wedges, or club sub with chips, or taco salad with breadstick

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles or bagels and cream cheese, cheese stick **Lunch:** Cheeseburger or chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich with fries, or turkey bacon sub with chips, or

BBQ chicken salad with breadstick

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl with steamed broccoli, or Malibu chicken wrap with chips, or turkey bacon ranch salad with breadstick, Jello

Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Texas toast or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans, or pepperoni pizza with tossed salad, or ham and cheese sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries Hot Grab-n-go: Pizza stuffwich, French fries

Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart or ham, egg, cheese croissant, yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni ripper, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, Jello Cold Grab-n-go: BBQ chicken ranch wrap

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Banana bread, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, hot roll Cold Grab-n-go: Ham and cheese sub meal

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Beef taco, refried beans, carrot sticks, Spanish rice Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza, potato tots/gems

Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Cake donut, yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Macaroni and cheese, green beans, snickerdoodle cookie Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco, potato wedge

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hash browns **Lunch:** Chicken taco, refried beans with salsa, corn

Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, baby carrots

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots, whole wheat roll

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans with salsa, corn

Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, fresh cauliflower

BGV district plans shows for Chmas

The Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School band and choir is getting ready to kick off two weeks of holiday music at the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

The high school band and choir Christmas concert is set for 6 p.m., next Wednesday inside the Rimrock auditorium.

Third-year Bruneau-Grand View district music director Miranda Brim also has been working with elementary schoolchildren on “The Greatest Snowman” musical.

“It’s a pun on ‘The Greatest Showman,’ ” Brim said.

“It’s about a little snowman who gets picked to take over for Santa.”

Brim said the premise of the musical is auditions to fill in for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

Every 100 years, Santa takes a year off, and tryouts are held to see who will relieve the big guy.

In the musical, the Tooth Fairy, Easter Bunny, elves, penguins, polar bears, reindeer and a couple of tigers will audition to replace Santa.

Brim said the story line addresses bullying, and that the Snowman finally gets the gig because of his kindness and generosity.

The Grand View Elementary presentation of “The Greatest Snowman” will be presented at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 14 inside the Rimrock auditorium.

The Bruneau Elementary rendition will be held at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at that school.

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Gallery features Homedale artists

Senior project sheds light on LGBTQ+ suicide

Téa Uranga has brought passions together for a leadership project.

The Homedale High School senior will present an art gallery from 6 p.m., to 9 p.m., on Friday at the Shed at Garrett Ranches on Homedale Road.

“I plan on going to college for art and then becoming a concept artist for film and stage,” Jennifer and Tony Uranga’s child said.

“My senior project reflects this by showing my love of art and my willingness to collaborate with other artists to do something great.”

Donations at the art gallery will benefit the Trevor Project, which works to lower the suicide rate among teenagers in the LGBTQ+ community.

“I, myself, am part of the community, so it means a lot to me that the Trevor Project works for us,” the Homedale High School student said.

The art gallery is being produced with the help of Uranga’s mentor, HHS art teacher Danielle Forsberg.

Uranga said the gallery will feature paintings, photos, ceramic projects and a welding project. Homedale students are providing all the creations.

“Many, many artists will have art in the gallery,” they said. “I cannot describe all of them individually, but most of them are Homedale art students like me.”

Uranga will display several examples of her own artwork,



Téa Uranga’s own artwork will be part of the gallery.

most of which is being pulled straight out of their college art portfolio.

“As an artist, I would say I’m very spontaneous,” they said. “Most of my art is never planned, and a lot of it is abstract.”

“I think it’s because I tend to put a lot of emotion into my art.”

Uranga “didn’t really become serious” about art until the spring of their sophomore year when COVID-19 shut down the school year and created a quarantine.

But what started as something

to do has evolved into exactly what many creative people use creation for.

“I decided to pick up a paint brush because I was really bored being confined to home,” Uranga said. “Now, I paint because it helps me relieve stress.”

— JPB

Programs return to E. Owyhee library

Eastern Owyhee County Library’s new program director isn’t all that new to the library.

Kathy Chick has moved into the position for the third time. But, library director Tammy Gray said, an intern has been brought on board to create some backup.

Amber Good is the intern now working with Chick to plan activities at the public library in Grand View.

“We have added an intern position for six months to work with Kathy to learn the ‘ropes’ of the program director’s position in the hopes that we might be able to have someone in the wings to take over should Kathy leave us,” Gray said.

With Chick and Good working in tandem, the library has jump-started some offerings.

For two months, the library has had an hourlong after-school program at 4 p.m., on Tuesdays.

The program is open to

boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade.

“We have had amazing attendance since we started Oct. 1,” Gray said. “Everyone knows that Mrs. Chick plans a good time.”

On Nov. 18, the library held what Gray called a “very successful” Family Read Night.

The programs aren’t just for children and families, though.

An adult Winter Book Club, formerly known as “Let’s Talk About It,” starts in January.

A meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month on Jan. 3, Feb. 7 and March 7. Each meeting will begin with a light soup lunch at 12:30 p.m., and a book discussion will follow at 1 p.m.

Books in the series are:

- **Jan. 3** — “Buffalo Coat” by Carol Ryrie Brink
- **Feb. 7** — “Tatterhood Tales” edited by Ethel Johnston Phelps
- **March 7** — “The Enders Hotel” by Brandon R. Schrand

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Above: Homedale Elementary student Hunter Bell awaits the signal to throw the switch. **Below:** Once he did, the Christmas tree and other lighted decorations at Bette Uda City Park began to glow for the season.



Homedale Calvary Fellowship was awarded the top prize in the parade for its living Nativity scene.



Gregg Garrett stands in the bed of the Garrett Fruit Ranch 1939 Ford cabover truck, which was dedicated to the memory of Cody Garrett (Gregg's son with wife Randee) and as a salute to all service members like Cody and Cody's grandfather Frankie.

From page 1

✓ Parade: Foreign exchange student from Bethlehem rides in procession

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints float afterward.

Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker was pleased with the turnout for the parade — both from community members and parade entrants. He said about 35 different entries were in the procession, which began on East Owyhee Avenue near North Main Street and ended at the high school.

The Homedale Calvary Fellowship's

living Nativity scene won the sweepstakes. A 1939 Ford cabover stake truck owned by Garrett Fruit Ranches and dedicated to the memory of Cody Garrett was runner-up.

Gregg Garrett said the truck, put back on the road with help from retired Mattesons repair shop service manager Mike Conant, was purchased new more than 80 years ago by his grandfather.

Other parade entries included Steve's

Ag Repair, owned by City Councilman Steve Atkins; Murray's Ice Cream and Treats, which featured a Volkswagen Bug cabriolet and Councilperson-elect Kim Murray on a scooter; Santa rode on an SMX Trucking flatbed; the Homedale City Library's entry featured a vintage Chevrolet pickup owned by Tim and Rona Williams in which rode retiring youth program coordinator Carol McMichael, librarian Kelsey Tooke and

Judy Marzouka, a Palestinian exchange student from Bethlehem who is living with library director Sharla Jensen and her husband Scott and their family while attending Marsing High School; Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Ella Boren of Oreana rode horseback in a new saddle; Hap Duryee rode his illuminated bicycle; the Homedale High School marching band; and several Homedale emergency vehicles.

— JPB



Homedale High School boys' basketball coach Cam Long gives pointers to his players last Wednesday during a Thanksgiving break practice.

Veteran Trojans squad will put fast-paced game on hardwood

Nucleus formed in football back for another year

Continuity, familiarity and consistency are the fuels that will stoke the Homedale High School boys' basketball engine this season.

And, with several players in their third year of varsity ball under a three-year coaching regime, fans can expect that motor to be turbocharged.

"Fast and more fast," is how third-year coach Cam Long explains the Trojans' game. "Year Three in our system allows these guys to play faster and just read things much quicker.

"We should see an uptick in our points per game this season."

If Long's characterization sounds an awful lot like his old friend, football coach Matt Holtry's description of that team's ongoing consistency and expectation, there's good reason.

Long has been an assistant coach during Homedale's four-year run of reaching at least the 3A state semifinals in football (including three straight 3A Milk Bowl championship game appearances).

One of his basketball assistants — Matt Strong — is also a football assistant. Other coaches include Casey Grove, Alex Maxwell and Angel

Cardenas.

And, of course, nearly every impact skill player from the football squad plays a pivotal role with the basketball team, including returning All-3A Snake River Valley conference players Mason Strong, a junior point guard; junior guard Jaxon Dines; and junior post Trenton Fisher.

Other returners who had a big influence on the football team's fortunes are senior

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Mason Strong

Huskies' boys face tall task with the new season

Pragmatic veteran coach eyes steady improvement

Replacing a skilled 6-foot, 8-inch former conference player of the year is a monumental task for any coach.

As former Utah Jazz coach Frank Layden famously said, "You can't teach height."

Without the kind of size that the Marsing High School boys' basketball team lost with the graduation of stand-out post Jacob Ankeny, ninth-year coach Tim Little must turn to other means to achieve success on the court.

"It will be a different look for us after having a 6-8 center and player of the year in our

program," Little said. "We will be more balanced offensively but will have to focus on the defensive end to neutralize the size we will be giving up against the huge teams in our league."

The Huskies closed out the 2020-21 season with a 37-36 nail-biter of a loss to New Plymouth in the 2A District III Tournament third-place game. A win would have sent Marsing to the state tournament play-in game.

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Tim Little

Melba rolls to 4th win

Keylee Wilson poured in the bulk of Melba High School's scoring, but the girls' basketball team still spread the offense around.

Three players scored in double figures in a 57-31 non-conference win over Weiser on Nov. 23.

Wilson scored 20 points for the Mustangs (4-0 overall), while teammate Kendall Clark added 12 points on her home floor.

Hallie Arnold hit for 10 points.

Owyhee County's Brooklyn Dayley missed double figures during a busy, complete game.

She scored nine points while dishing seven assists and coming up with five steals.

Clark had four steals, and Wilson chipped in four rebounds.

Mattie Shirts scored 10 points for Weiser (1-2).

Marsing girls defeat Payette for first time since 2018

Lexi Loucks and Arely Gonzalez can now say they've beaten Payette High School.

Marsing girls' basketball's two seniors earned that right with a 30-24 non-conference victory on the Pirates' floor on Nov. 23.

"This was a very emotional game for us as a program as the seniors have never won against Payette," second-year Huskies coach Mike Swanson said.

Junior Mila Astorquia scored 14 points, grabbed five rebounds and collected three steals as Marsing (3-1 at week's end) ended a five-game losing streak against the Pirates.

"We played hard and

bought in to our team offense and defensive philosophy," Swanson said. "I'm very proud of the leadership we displayed and kept our heads in the game."

Payette claimed a 36-33 victory in Marsing on Nov. 16.

The Huskies had last beaten Payette on Nov. 20, 2018 with a 49-40 triumph in the Pirates' gym.

Marsing opened the 2A Western Idaho Conference season on the road Tuesday after deadline against Nampa Christian.

Nov. 19: Marsing 35, Vision Charter 15 — Emily

Vanosdall returned to double-digit form to lead Marsing in Caldwell.

The junior scored 11 points, and the Huskies scored 30 points after the intermission for a non-conference victory over the Golden Eagles.

Marsing got off to a slow start, scoring only five points in the first half.

"We regrouped in the second half and broke the game open," Swanson said.

Vanosdall did it all, posting team-high totals with eight steals and eight rebounds.

"This was a group effort, and the girls were coachable and adaptable," Swanson said.



Marsing junior Mila Astorquia splits Rimrock defenders while dribbling into the lane during a recent home game.

Sports

✓ Trojans: Good mix of seasoned players and newcomers on varsity

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guard Hayden Kincheloe, senior guard Eli Heck, senior post Josh Brown, and junior guard Sigmund Goode.

Kincheloe returns to the hardwood after a 2020-21 season that was disrupted by an ailing shoulder that is now surgically repaired.

“(He is a) versatile, great athlete,” Long said. “He’s starting to really understand the game now. We’re glad to have him back.”

The other griddier who now converts to a cager is Strong, a first-team all-conference player as a sophomore that Long calls his floor general. He averaged 11.1 points per game last season.

“It helps me sleep at night knowing he’s running the show,” the coach said. “He’s the best two-way player in the conference.”

Long calls Dines, a second-team guard last season, an “exciting scorer.” He led the Trojans with 13.3 points per game as a sophomore.

“He can really fill it up, and he’s a great passer as well,” the coach said.

An honorable mention All-3A SRV post as a sophomore, Fisher brings the football mentality to the court.

“He’s tough, tough and tough,” Long said. “Did I say tough? He really came on late last year as a scorer (4.6 ppg), and he’s looking to build on it.”

Heck is another tough-minded player who Long says has a great attitude.

“Eli is our glue guy,” the coach added.

Long also said that Goode has toughened up his defensive game. “He’s always been a sharp shooter, but now has the ability to score at the rim,” the coach said.

Even with those pieces coming back for another year, Long said the newcomers are adding sought-after elements.

“Omar Rios (junior post and another football alum) brings much-needed toughness and depth in the paint,” Long said. “He’s a good rebounder and a great defender.”

Alijah Joyner will also play post. Long said the junior is a good shot blocker and scorer inside who has good basketball IQ.

Elijah Renteria, another football player who hauled in passes for the junior varsity squad, will start his junior season as a guard/post for the varsity Trojans.

“He’s incredibly valuable to us because of his versatility,” Long said. “He’s our Swiss army knife.”

Long sees improved play on the backboards and when opponents are looking for baskets.

“Defensively, we will be tough,” he said. “We should rebound better this year, which will allow us to play at an up-tempo pace offensively.

“We need to be more efficient in scoring and shooting if we are to make it back to the state tourney. It starts with our shot selection and guys really buying into getting the best shot for the team.” — JPB

✓ Huskies: As to be expected, Little coaches athletes to hustle to the end

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With the departure of Ankeny, who was 2A Western Idaho Conference Player of the Year as a junior and is now suited up as a University of Montana Western Bulldog, the Huskies will have to lean on hard work and senior leadership.

Ankeny provided 12.2 points, 10.3 rebounds, and 3.4 blocks per game last season.

Marsing returns a pair of four-year lettermen guards in Noel Quebrado (5-9, 6.2 ppg) and Dominic Enrico (5-11, 4.3 ppg). The senior duo will provide a needed veteran presence.

“Overall, we are not too big, so we will have to rely on some technique and fundamentals to become more physical and fundamentally sound,” Little said. “The majority of the players have dedicated a lot of time last spring, this summer and fall to improve.

“There is definitely a desire to get better for a lot of the players — especially the younger ones.”

Little said that fans should expect a fun and exciting product on the floor. Anticipate close games in which the players will compete until the final buzzer.

In addition to Quebrado and Enrico, the coach expects solid contributions from a few players who saw significant playing time last season:

- **Mikey Acosta, jr., 6-1, F** — Acosta averaged 4.5 rebounds per game as a sophomore.
- **Nacho Margarito, so., G** — “He is a basketball junkie and plays extremely hard,” Little said. Margarito flexed frequently between varsity and junior varsity squads in the 2020-21 season.
- **Alejandro Barrera, jr., 5-10, G** — “Goes to the rim well, and gives us positive energy in the locker room and on the floor,” Little said. Like Margarito, Barrera received valuable minutes on the varsity squad last season.

The team also has a four-some of valuable returners in assistant coaches Daryl Lemos (sixth season), Luke Ankeny (fifth), Chad Hungate (fifth), and Clint Thomas (fifth).

Little expects the Huskies to have their struggles with a tough conference season.

He anticipates the 2A WIC to play out similarly to how it finished up last season, with The Ambrose School, Nampa Christian and Melba at the top of the heap.

Marsing finished sixth in conference, which is where the coach sees the team this year.

“Our league is extremely difficult this year; however, the coaching staff is encouraged with the number of players interested in being part of the program and putting in extra time to improve,” he said.

“Our youth and inexperience will lead to a lot of growth as the season continues, and the goal, as always, will remain to celebrate the little successes along the way while staying positive.”

The season is a long one, and Little understands the need for patience.

“We will keep in mind that we do not have to be at our best in November,” he said. “We have three months to get as good as we can be as a collective group, and will work to reach our potential once the tournament rolls around.”

MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete of the Week

Girls’ basketball
Mila Astorquia, jr., wing/guard
14 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals vs. Payette

This week’s Sports Schedule

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 2 at New Plymouth, 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7:15 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 2 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Saturday, Dec. 4 at East/West Duals, Wendell

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4, home vs. Homedale, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4, home vs. Homedale, 1:30 p.m.
Frosh soph
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4, home vs. Homedale, noon

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Sports

Former coach back in the fold for Jordan Valley girls

Mustangs basketball season starts Thursday on road

Kelsi Skinner is ready to help Jordan Valley regain some normalcy.

The high school girls' basketball coach returns to the sideline after a two-year absence, and one season after there were no state-sanctioned games because of COVID-19.

"My girls are busy getting ready for competition," Skinner, who previously coached the Mustangs for six years, said.

"These students, seniors especially, have been cheated out of a lot of their high school athletic experience and are hopeful that this year will operate as normal."

The 2020-21 basketball season was cancelled in Oregon because of fears of spreading coronavirus.

"Last year was an awkward year," Skinner said. "The team only competed in a few Idaho tournaments."

Skinner returned to the post

she had left at the end of the 2018-19 season when her assistant Marcia Eiguren stepped down after two years.

"Marcia did an outstanding job, and I appreciate the time and effort she puts into developing these young ladies," Skinner said.

"She not only coached basketball. She is also the volleyball coach. It takes a lot of time and effort to coach one sport, let alone two."

Skinner left the job after she and Eiguren led the Mustangs to a second consecutive 1A Oregon state tournament appearance in 2018-19. That squad went 23-4 with an unbeaten run through the 1A High Desert League season and a 1A District 8 championship.

"I really missed coaching, interacting with the players, and teaching on and off the court," Skinner said.

From 2013-14 to 2018-19,

Next week
A look at the reloaded Melba High School boys' basketball team.

Skinner compiled a 104-57 overall record while winning 56 of 69 league games and leading Jordan Valley to five straight 1A Oregon state playoffs and back-to-back district championship game appearances.

Eiguren only coached one season because of the virus cancellation. The team was 18-9 during the 2019-20 season with a 7-1 league record, a third-place finish in the district tournament and a sixth consecutive appearance in the state playoffs.

Seniors Kiana Quintero and Kate Gooch graduated in the spring with Quintero signing to play and study at Northwest College in Powell, Wyo.

Quintero is averaging 4.3 points and 3.3 rebounds this season with the Trappers.

Skinner's return to

competition comes at 6 p.m., MST on Thursday against Powder Valley and is followed by a Friday game against Dufur. Both games will be played in North Powder, Ore.

The Mustangs open the home portion of their season at 2 p.m., on Saturday against Wallowa.

Several seniors are returning after missing out on their junior seasons — Cassity Gluch, Kelsey Gluch, Tayler Eiguren and Kaylee Stoddart.

Junior Jill Gammett and sophomore Shailee Rutan also return to the varsity squad this season.

"I'm super-excited about the dynamics of this team," Skinner said. "I look forward to working with them and building a program."

Skinner's assistant coach this season is Mike Skinner.

Three freshmen — Meg Eiguren, Kyndra Williams and Claire Collins — and sophomore Katie Stoddard are new to the varsity roster this season.

"I love the energy these

new players bring and can't wait to see them develop the chemistry with the returners," Skinner said.

Boys

Former Mustangs standout Alek Quintero is back for a third season at the helm.

The season starts at 7:30 p.m., MST on Thursday on the road against Powder Valley. The first home game tips off at 3:30 p.m., on Saturday against Wallowa.

Quintero has coached his alma mater since the 2018-19 season. There was no 1A Oregon season in 2020-21.

The Mustangs have lost in the first round of the state playoffs each season under Quintero after finishing third in the 1A District 8 Tournament in 2020 and 2019.

The team went 12-1 in the 1A HDL in Quintero's first year and lost just twice in nine league games in 2019-20.

No other information about the 2021-22 boys' team was made available.

— JPB

Homedale Trojans



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Girls' basketball
Téa Uranga, sr., P
Third-year varsity player

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball Varsity Thursday, Dec. 2 at Baker, Ore., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 vs. Kimberly at HMS, 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, Dec. 2 at Baker, Ore., 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 vs. Kimberly at HMS, 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m. Frosh soph Thursday, Dec. 2 at Baker, Ore., 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 vs. Kimberly at HMS, noon Monday, Dec. 6 at Ontario, Ore., 4:30 p.m.	Boys' basketball Varsity Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Baker, Ore., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Marsing, 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Baker, Ore., 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Marsing, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Kimberly, 6 p.m. Frosh soph Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Baker, Ore., 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Marsing, noon Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Kimberly, 4:30 p.m.
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Physiologically speaking, money can buy happiness

Our brains are hard-wired to be negative. That is because negative information and emotions lead to drawn-out thought processes, whereas positive information and emotions are a gift horse that we are not looking in mouth. We feel good, we enjoy it and don't question why, and then we move on. That is why we retain criticism better than praise, and why studies suggest that financial losses hurt nearly twice as bad as the positive emotions linked to financial gains.



Andrew Bingham

That is also why the holidays are so great, because for at least one season a year we are challenged to put off our negative nature — whether consciously or subconsciously — through gratitude and charity. And there is a growing body of research that shows that it works. One study showed that individuals who spent a portion of their bonus on others were reportedly happier than those who spent it on themselves. For those that have engaged in similar altruistic behavior before, these findings are likely unsurprising, and that is because our negative brain also likes to do kind things, ironically. Helping others triggers the release of oxytocin, serotonin, and dopamine in our bodies, hormones associated with myriad health benefits including happiness.

In the context of finance, I find this psychology fascinating because it helps answer

the age-old question “Does money buy happiness?” And in at least in one sense, it does. Money provides the resources and the means to give freely often, it buys time and with it the opportunity to volunteer, and it buys the peace of mind that makes it easier to see the needs of others.

But that doesn't mean that money is a pre-requisite to charity and the subsequent happiness. It does not take considerable wealth to drop change in the Salvation Army bucket, or to even offer a friendly “Hi” to the freezing bellringer. You don't have to be rich to visit the elderly at a senior care facility, or volunteer at the foodbank or some other charity. Writing a letter of gratitude to a family or loved one would cost pennies and has shown to be a major booster to happiness to both the sender and receiver. In the world of charity, money can be viewed as a means for doing more, but not an obstacle.

We are living in divisive times, but on this one matter I hope we can all agree: We could all benefit from an added measure of happiness. So, this year more than any, give thanks, give what you can afford, give your time, and reap the rewards.

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Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m., to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Story Time

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

Snake River Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Christian Life Club

4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held)

Thursday

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Reynolds Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Melba.

Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting

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

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Friday

Blood drive

9 a.m., to 2 p.m., Adrian High School old gymnasium, 301 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 216-3098 or (541) 372-2335

U and I Together class

2 p.m., “The Game of Real Life,” 121 W.

Owyhee Ave., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. (208) 337-4228.

Light Up Marsing Holiday Parade

4:30 p.m., lineup at high school football field, 6 p.m., parade down Main Street to Island Park, tree lighting to follow, Marsing.

Saturday

OCHS Christmas bazaar

10 a.m., to 4 p.m., includes Charlie Brown Christmas tree sale, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Jordan Valley Christmas bazaar

10 a.m., to 3 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213 or (208) 697-8948

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting

7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Tuesday

Widows breakfast

8 a.m., The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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Opaline Irrigation District meeting

7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

Wednesday

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 4, 1996



Bobby Jean versus Sammee Cook

Marsing’s Sammee Cook, right, attempts to steal the ball from Rimrock’s Bobby Jean Jones in last week’s non-conference high school girls’ varsity basketball game. Marsing had 15 steals to Rimrock’s 13.

\$31,673 of '96 expenses paid from '97 budget

Hardly before the ink dried on the Owyhee County’s 1996 fiscal year, the records are off for the '97 fiscal year, according to information obtained over the last week.

The information, obtained by the Avalanche, shows at least \$31,673.18 paid out of this year’s funds for expenses incurred and reported during the 1996 fiscal year.

The expenses were in three budget items, including the county road and bridge fund, sheriff’s budget, and the jail budget.

The information shows that last year’s expenses paid from this year’s money included: road and bridge department, \$22,564.44; sheriff’s fund, the figure was \$2,731.20, and from the jail coffers, the total was \$6,377.54.

Unless the budget from last year is reopened and the corrections made, the effect will be two-fold.

First, it will not reflect a true financial condition for the county for fiscal year '96.

Second, it leaves these departments short those respective amounts for which to operate in fiscal year '97.

Council appoints Gifford P&Z administrator

The Homedale City Council has appointed former Planning and Zoning Commission member Ervin Gifford to a one-year term as the city’s planning and zoning administrator.

An administrator is needed, Gifford said, because all Homedale planning and zoning ordinances require it to carry out enforcement. Homedale has not had an administrator in recent years.

“The commission wasn’t getting the information it needed to make wise decisions,” Gifford said. “A check of the ordinances showed that something had to be done. Either the requirement had to be removed from the ordinances, or an administrator needed to be hired.”

The commission is an all-volunteer organization, and the city needs to have a person who can devote some time to the job.

Gifford was recommended by the members of the commission, and resigned his seat to accept the position when Mayor Paul Fink offered it to him.

50 years ago

December 2, 1971

CINDA DANIELL, drum majorette with the Homedale High School marching band, led the group to “Best of Class” and a “Superior” rating in the marching band festival held recently at Boise State’s Bronco Stadium. Cinda is a junior, and this is her second year as majorette. Photo by Bette Uda



Grand View, Bruneau to vote on new school bonds

GRAND VIEW — Residents of Grand View and Bruneau will vote Dec. 29 on a bond issue for a new \$790,000 junior high and high school.

This is the second time this year for a vote on the issue. In June voters approved the bond issue in Bruneau but defeated it in Grand View by a 1.5 per cent margin, according to Supt. Howard Cox.

If it is passed the bond issue would impose an 11 mill tax levy on property owners in Bruneau and Grand View. It must be passed by two-thirds of the voters, Cox said.

The site for the proposed combination junior high and high school is a 40-acre grassy plot near Strike Dam. This is directly between the two towns of Bruneau and Grand View and would require busing students 10 miles. They now travel 20 miles if not attending school in their own town.

Architects’ plans for the school show open areas surrounding a library. Cox explained classrooms will be formed in these open areas by using partitions which can be moved and changed when need warrants.

HOMEDALE POLICE OFFICER Russ Cornwell has returned to Homedale following a month at the Idaho Peace Officer’s Training Academy in Pocatello. The school consisted of 220 classroom hours and 40 hours of field training. This was the ninth session of the academy and was attended by 28 police officers from throughout Idaho. Cornwell tied for second in scholastic honors and placed first in the pursuit driving course. In all, 52 subjects pertaining to law enforcement were covered. The purpose of the academy is to upgrade law enforcement in Idaho by increasing educational standards. All three Homedale officers are now certified through various academies.

County Clerk Ihli resigns post held 15 years

Nick Ihli, Owyhee County clerk, auditor and recorder, has submitted his resignation to the county commissioners, effective Monday, Dec. 13.

Ihli has held the clerk’s office since 1956, and plans to manage the Owyhee County Abstract Office, which was run by Vic Ford until his death in an automobile accident Nov. 3.

155 years ago

December 1, 1866

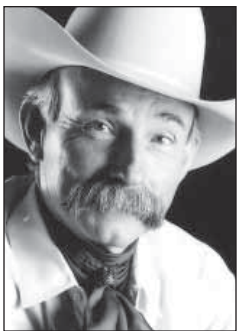
DULL TIMES.—Owyhee is just now suffering from an acute attack of general debility. All the money, or whatever description, whether bogus, battery or greenbacks, that could possibly be raked and scraped together, has gone to pay freights — about all of which for the season has arrived — and the consequence is the camp is nearly destitute of a circulating medium. Much of the dust heretofore paid to workmen in exchange for coin drafts on the banks and mill companies was under the new \$10 regime, gone into the assay offices and been paid out in the shape of bars to freighters, which, in a measure, accounts for the scarcity of dust, while greenbacks have been carried away by thousands by individuals going away to spend the Winter, who were afraid to take dust out of the camp without having it assayed and who were loth to pay assayers’ charges and take the risk of a loss besides.

THERE is a species of poppycock mingled with the politics of America, which breeds a class of mouthing demagogues as indescribable as they are contemptible. They are ever alluding to their exotic genealogy in communities where they are unknown, though their groveling blood may have crept through the filthiest channels of the American body-politic for the last six generations. If their family cognomen only contains something like a big O with a fly-speck over the right upper corner; or should it contain vague indications of having originated in medieval times in the land where lager beer is the most popular beverage; or in any way convey the impression of being a lineal descendant of some of those ancients who were forbidden the use of pork as a part of their diet; — their political capital is ample for an ordinary life-time. Flattery and false promises constitute the purchase by which they are enabled to ply their stock in trade. When change of hobby will no longer replenish their exchequer to the keeping of their usually diminutive souls and very rotten carcasses together, the diversified character and extent of the people and country generally affords relief in a change of location. When too old for replanting, they become an object of charity and go the way of the common bummer. Idaho has been the dumping-ground for immense quantities of all sorts of political alumgullion, to which our Oregon neighbors have dispatched numerous cargoes. The land of red fruit and fathomless mud, contained a numerous assortment of *Bush* whackers who, when thrift would no longer follow fawning, — when they could no longer suck the toe jam accumulated by the laboring man, — were kicked out by the foot that fed them; thence, they were compelled to seek new worlds to conquer — and many have again secured a place and pittance by the aid of a fifteen-dollar-Cayuse. One we have in our mind’s eye, was a most glowing example of a political seven-years’-itch, but the nice compliment paid him, at the last June election, of many hundred votes — behind his ticket, was too much for even an erudite juvenile porcine, and it occurred to the mind of our hero that something had become about ex(s)tinct. He is now a comfortable hero in Idaho, prating of liberty through copious draughts of free whisky. He is of that family of American donkeys who, when in possession of a good thing, are apt to get above their business and exhibit signs of their true nature, but are ever ready to renew their peck of dirt to regain the confidence and support of the people they infect.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Museum faces



I took a trip to the museum of natural history. It was a fascinating place: a taxidermist’s showcase. A dog heaven, what with all the prehistoric bones. But as I walked through the halls and stared at the infinite variety of creatures that stalked the Earth, I began to feel uneasy. I started seeing familiar faces looking back at me.

There stood the reincarnated remains of Stegosaurus. He was 25 feet long, had a hump in his back, big spikes on his tail and a skull about the size of a Spanish goat. The description said he wandered from place to place, grumbling about the mud and slashing his tail at his enemies. He had one brain the size of a walnut in his head that controlled his mouth. He had another in his rear end that controlled his tail. It is unlikely that the two brains communicated much. Thus, one end never knew what the other was doing, so that if his mouth wasn’t gettin’ him in trouble the other end was. He looked like every feedlot cowboy I’ve ever known.

Back in the corner was Brother Walrus, weighing in at 700 pounds. I could picture his rounding the corner of the loading chute, sittin’ behind the wheel of his 2003 Lincoln. Or hooking his tusks out the window as he drove up and down the feedlot alley, figgerin’ out how to shave two cents off the price. All he needed was a cheap cigar to look like yer typical, everyday packin’ house buyer.

Rearing up before me, 17 feet tall, with a head the size of a front-end loader, was Tyrannosaurus rex. His huge mouth and armory of teeth reminded me of Carlsbad Caverns. Every creature gave him wide berth. His front paws were very small, good for very little except, possibly, counting money. He ate everything he could catch and showed no mercy. The fiercest carnivore that ever lived ... yer friendly Ag loan officer.

Then I came upon a pitiful sight. A Giant Sloth, mired in the Tar Pits. He was being attacked by two Saber-toothed tigers (drug salesmen), six hyenas (government bureaucrats), an alligator (the implement dealer), and a covey of buzzards (assorted veterinarians, consultants, county agents and commodity brokers). He was stuck in the tar. He couldn’t get out. Even if, by some miracle, he did manage to extricate himself from the tar, he’d still have to fight his way through the hungry predators. Strangely enough, it occurred to me that if the Giant Sloth finally went under, so would the predators. So it goes with the farmer rancher.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest release is a collection of three audio books taking his usual humorous look at rodeo. Be sure to mention The Owyhee Avalanche when ordering.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Hope and charity



It’s a cliché I’m not supposed to use without incurring the wrath of copy editors of old — or of the back office.

’Tis the season.

Now that everyone has finished cringing, this really is the season: To help, to love, to support, to embrace family, to embrace strangers.

Yes, all of the above should be carried out year-round in a Christian nation. But, as we know, for whatever selfish reason not everyone carries charity in their hearts 365 days a year.

So, here’s your chance. Take your pick.

Volunteers in both Homedale and Marsing are hard at work gathering community donations of food and gifts to help less-fortunate families that have children in both school districts.

There are Wish Trees — wooden creations that are the brainchildren of Sumr Badiola — posted throughout Homedale with tags listing the needs for families coordinated by the Uranga sisters and daughters-in-law and elementary school counselor Randee Garrett. Several families, community service organizations and businesses have also adopted some of the families, while the students and staff at Homedale’s three schools are in the midst of their Hands Around Homedale food drive.

The Giving Tree group in Marsing has been holding meetings, and the tree tags are going up and the food drive ongoing.

The annual gift drive for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center residents is underway. You can

find a wish list in The Owyhee Avalanche and drop off gifts at the Avalanche office in Homedale. The Last Chance Saloon in Homedale will hold its benefit auction for OHR residents on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Last month, the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas held a food drive for that community.

There are several other ways to help good causes this season, too.

As reported elsewhere in this week’s edition, the historic Oreana Community Hall is in the midst of a bit of refurbishment. Volunteer proponents are trying to put new, efficient-yet-historically accurate windows in the 90-year-old building. The additions will improve the energy savings in the building and probably lower operating costs by cutting the power bill and insurance rates.

The plan is to sell personalized, engraved wooden blocks that will adorn a wall inside the community hall similar to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association brand blocks.

Another worthy cause is the Owyhee County Historical Society, which is staging its holiday bazaar and Charlie Brown Christmas tree sale Saturday in Murphy.

Proceeds from the day of craft, tree and food sales will help operate the museum and probably help director Eriks Garsvo carry out more curation projects.

On Friday, there is a blood drive at Adrian High

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From Washington Idahoans would fund windfall for wealthy in reckless tax-and-spend bill

The Democrats’ self-stated effort to “change America,” and to do so unilaterally through the budget reconciliation process, has revolved around an ever-changing menu of tax hikes guided not by sound tax policy, but by the revenue they want to raise. These reckless tax hike proposals are being sold under the guise of “taxing the rich,” “leveling the playing field,” or having people pay their “fair share.” The truth is the Democrats’ proposals seek to tax everyone, and a large portion of tax relief, if the state and local tax (SALT) cap is repealed, will go to the wealthiest one percent.

Before the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was signed into law, the SALT deduction was one of the biggest itemized deductions available to taxpayers, mainly benefitting wealthy individuals living in high-tax states. The TCJA ended this federal subsidy, putting residents of California and Connecticut on more equal footing with residents of Idaho and West Virginia.

Since that time, members of Congress from high-tax states have been fighting to remove the cap. The SALT cap issue is awkward for Democrats, so it is no surprise it was not publicly debated during House consideration of the tax-and-spending bill. Instead, they have stealthily airdropped the proposal into the most recent version of their reckless tax-and-spend legislation.

While the updated proposal uses a number of

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accounting tricks to make it appear less costly, analysis from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget says the proposal is the second-most expensive item in the legislation over the next five years. It is more costly than establishing a paid family and medical leave program, and nearly twice as expensive as funding home-medical services for the elderly and disabled. The Congressional Budget Office, Congress’s nonpartisan scorekeeper, recently

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Commentary

Financial management

With a little planning, Christmas on a budget is possible

Dear Dave,
We're doing our best to stick to our cash Christmas budget this year. Are there any traps to avoid, and do you have other advice on ways we can cut costs during the holiday season?
— René

Dear René,
If you're getting out of debt, the phrase "extra money" probably isn't even in your vocabulary. Regardless, stores will do everything they can to convince you to toss a couple of extra items into your cart when Christmas rolls around. Their festive marketing is everywhere, and most of it tries to get you to spend extra on things you don't need or can't afford.
It might be Christmas, but that doesn't mean you need to buy a bunch of high-

end electronic gadgets for everyone. Any way you slice it, electronics add up to be way more than most people want to spend. Try focusing on more personal — and less expensive — gifts that will be truly meaningful to the ones receiving them.
Set a reasonable budget, determine what's fair for each person and stick to it. Be sure you're following realistic gift guidelines before you go out shopping. If you have kids, don't let their Christmas lists dictate how much you spend. Your budget should do that. Look out for sneaky buys that drain your wallet, too. Some people spend as much on stocking stuffers as they do regular gifts under the tree.
Whether you're shopping online or out and about, remember that extended



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warranties are not a good deal. Neither are store credit cards and the accompanying "discounts." It seems everyone from big-box retail stores to mom-and-pop operations have their own store credit card these days. Sure, they'll be happy to offer you 10 to

20 percent off a \$7 purchase of socks if you'll just open an account. But there's a good chance you'll still be paying off this year's Christmas next December.
If gift wrapping at the store is complimentary, go for it. If not, just do it yourself. Sure, it takes a little time and effort, but you'll save a ton of money buying a few rolls of wrapping paper at the local dollar store. Don't wait until Dec. 20 to order your Christmas presents, either. Plan ahead — like right now — so you don't have to worry about expensive overnight shipping rates.
Finally, I know many folks want to send Christmas cards to everyone they know every year. Some people go completely over-the-top, with their family (including the dog and cat) dressed to the

nines and a photo taken by a professional photographer. Come on! You can cut costs by sending cards to just your closest friends and family. It's OK to be a little selective here, and the cards don't have to be expensive.
I hope this helps, René!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Windfall: Tax breaks on big-ticket electric purchases won't help most

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confirmed these figures.
The Tax Policy Center says the latest plan would provide little or no benefit for low- and middle-income households, but generate a substantial tax windfall for those with much higher incomes. Further still, an analysis by the American Enterprise Institute shows the majority of the tax benefit will be felt by the 10 largest states, with taxpayers in California, New York, New Jersey and Illinois alone accounting for 46 percent of the cost.
Budget gimmickry also tries to obscure the actual tax cut provided to rich taxpayers living in high-tax states. The proposal substantially increases the current SALT cap right away, front-loading relief for rich taxpayers, which will add inflationary fuel

to economic fires. It then re-imposes the lower cap years down the road, back-loading corresponding tax increases advocates claim will "pay for" the giveaway. This dynamic makes it certain that at least some rich taxpayers — for example, those who move between states — will benefit from relief, but never actually pay the cost.
Predictably, a recent analysis by the non-partisan Joint Committee on Taxation confirmed the bill provides fleeting benefits for the lower- and middle-income earners, but generous, longer-lived tax benefits to the wealthy. While much of this reality stems from the inclusion of the SALT deduction, the analysis doesn't even account for other provisions expected to primarily benefit the wealthy, like tax credits for purchasing union-made electric vehicles

or electric bikes.
Any suggestion this bill constitutes a broad-based, middle-class tax cut is clearly false. The SALT deduction is ultimately a wealth transfer from low-tax to high-tax state residents, and punishes residents of low-tax states for their states' fiscal prudence. As multiple analyses show, the largest amount of relief from the Democrats' bill will go to those at the very top, with Idahoans and others in low-tax jurisdictions footing the bill.
— 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.

✓ Hope: Plenty good causes to consider at Christmastime

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School. Giving the gift of life is a great way to celebrate the reason for the season, too.
The Grand View Community Club is selling Christmas trees by that town's post office to raise money to continue developing the community center at the old St. Henry's Catholic Church.
Homedale Police officers and Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies will take disadvantaged boys and girls shopping for themselves and their families on Saturday, Dec. 11 for the annual Shop with a Cop in Nampa.
There are plenty of ways to celebrate the season by helping others.
Pick one — or several — and run with it.

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Adrian goes back-to-back after state championship comeback

Two touchdowns in the game’s final five minutes gave Adrian High School its third 1A Oregon state championship Saturday.

Senior quarterback Conley Martin cashed in with a six-yard scoring run immediately after a turnover to clinch a 46-38 victory over Powder Valley at at Bulldog Stadium in Baker.

Martin’s TD with 2 minutes, 37 seconds left in the season came five seconds after a Badgers fumble.

Jace Martin had tied the game, 38-38, on a two-yard run to cap a 12-play drive with less than five minutes left.

The Antelopes (13-0) were the only team to beat Powder Valley (11-2) in the 2021 season. Adrian was the top

seed and Powder Valley came in with the No. 2 seed.

Conley Martin closed his high school career with three touchdown runs.

He ran 61 yards on a one-play scoring drive for the game’s first touchdown, but Powder Valley’s Cole Martin signaled a wild night when he ran the ensuing kickoff back 94 yards for a tie

game. The Badgers took an 8-6 lead on Reece Dixon’s two-point PAT run.

Powder Valley would hold the advantage until Jace Martin’s fourth-quarter scoring dash.

Conley Martin rushed for 219 yards and three scores in the final game of his prep career, while Jace Martin added 102 yards and two TDs.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES October 4, 11, 18, 25

October 4

- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: Current Expenses \$40,554; R&B \$26,570; Dist Court \$452;Fair, grounds & building \$11,307; Probation \$892; I&C \$18,038; Revaluation \$803; Solid Waste \$7,986; 911 \$1,890; Waterways \$6; Off Hwy Vehicles \$103; Elections \$593
- Approved the 09-27-2021 minutes.
- Approved the Conflict Attorney Public Defender contract with Rondee Blessing.
- Approved Resolution 2021-20: Sheriff’s Office Destruction of Temporary Records.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office new hire Toni Gardner for Dispatch at the pay rate of \$15.50 per hour to begin on October 6, 2021.
- Approved the New Member Application to Valley Wide COOP.
- At 9:27 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74- 206(f) to discuss possible litigation. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 9:34 a.m.

October 12

Old Business:

- Citizen letter to Carlin Otto was moved to executive session
- Approved the signature of Clerk Barkell regarding the County’s participation in the National Opioid Settlement.
- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved the 10-04-2021 minutes.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office re-hire of Greg Bishop for the position of patrol at the pay rate of \$25.00 per hour to begin on October 12, 2021.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office re-hire of Tim Riha for the position of Recreational supervisor, at the pay rate of \$19.09 per hour to begin on October 12, 2021.
- At 9:28 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a) personnel matters and Idaho Code 74-206(f) to discuss possible litigation. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 10:15 a.m.
- Engineer Cook discussed updates on the County RV project – a change in the main sewer pipeline; when Idaho Power will be on the ground; and when the new bathrooms project will begin.
- The 3rd quarter jail inspection took place.
- Lance Okeson spoke about the proposed grazing permit for the Big Springs Allotment in the Bruneau area.

October 18

- Public Comment – Connie Brandau addressed the Board on behalf of the Succor Creek Watershed Advisory Group. Who does the Board want to represent the County – Commissioner Hoagland agreed to be the County representative.
- Set the agenda as presented with the exception of the Boise District BLM Coordination meeting at 11:00 a.m.
- Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: Current Expenses \$92,830; R&B \$80,740; Dist Court \$16,591; Fair, Grounds & Buildings \$174; Probation \$929; Health Dist \$4,447; Historical \$313; I&C \$14,154; Pest Control \$3,500; Revaluation \$2,039; Solid Waste \$16,072; Tort \$70,194; Weeds \$259; 911 \$129,479; Waterways \$1,669; Off Hwy Vehicles \$771; Elections \$1,071
- Approved the 10-12-2021 minutes.
- Approved the pay raise for Cynthia Read from \$14.36 to \$14.65 per hour, retro effective to October 12, 2021.
- Approved the Attorney-Client Engagement Agreement for FY 2021-22 with Maren Ericson.
- Approved the Sawtooth Correctional Medicine 2021-22 Medical Services Contract with Eric Wells for \$2,750 per month.
- Approved the MOU between Owyhee County, Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area, Bruneau River Soil and Water Conservation District, and Shoshone-Paiute Tribe with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Approved the Paragon Consulting Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services for the Reynolds Creek Rd Rehab Project.
- Approved the Paragon Consulting, Inc 2021-ID-FLAP Application – update and completion for Bachman Grade Road for the amount of \$5,000.
- Approved the Prosecuting Attorney’s new hire Corynne Patterson for the part-time position of Jr. Legal Secretary, at the pay rate of \$13.83 per hour to begin on October 7, 2021.
- Approved I&C case #18-42.
- Denied I&C case #21-14, per Idaho Code 31-3502(17)– County is not the last resource.
- Discussion – Rocky Widner and Terry Jensen discussed with the Board with their concerns regarding rain water run-off from Bates Creek Road on their separate properties. Both parties stated they have run-off water damage to properties several times within the past two (2) years and would like to see the road better and more appropriately maintained to prevent, or at least mitigate, the water damage. Rocky and Terry also voiced their concerns regarding OHV traffic on Bates Creek Road by their properties. Each stating that the lack of speed limit and road closed to OHV use

is unacceptable and gives them and the other property owners zero back-up when they approach the OHV drivers. Commissioner Hoagland stated that he would speak with the Road & Bridge 1 Supervisor Rittenhouse about visiting the concerning sections of Bates Creek Road to figure out what can be done to at least mitigate the rain water run-off.

October 25

- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved the 10-18-2021 minutes.
- Approved the Anthem Broadband Tower Lease Agreement.
- Approved the Catering Permit for Slicks Bar for 10:00 a.m. November 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. November 14, 2021 for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas.
- Approved the 2020-21 Owyhee County Juvenile Justice Annual Report with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Approved the 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program Subrecipient Agreement for the amount of \$29,033.26 with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Approved the Sheriff Offices’ new hire of Chase Rhodes for the full-time position of Detention Officer at the pay rate of \$15.50 per hour.
- Approved the Sheriff Offices’ transfer of Steve Crawford from full-time Jail Commander to part-time jailer at the pay rate of \$20.08 per hour.
- Approved the County Museum’s request for a building permit fee waiver in the amount of \$313.20.
- Approved the College of Western Idaho Certificates of Residencies 21-13 & 21-14.
- Approved the withdrawal of interest on I&C case #21-14.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 430

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SEWER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2022, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO; DESCRIBING THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF REVENUES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; ESTABLISHING FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATING TO

THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BOND TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A summary of the principal provisions of Ordinance No. 430 of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, adopted on November 10, 2021, is as follows:

Section 1: Defines the terms and phrases used in the ordinance.

Section 2: Describes the sanitary sewer improvement project to be constructed with the proceeds of the Bond authorized by the Ordinance, and states that an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000 of the cost thereof is to be paid from the sale of the Bond of the City described in Section 3, and the balance of which is to be paid from grant funds and other lawfully available funds.

Section 3: Describes the City of Homedale Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2022 (the “Bond”), and provides for the terms of payment and the maturity of the Bond.

Section 4: Provides for the manner and method of execution of the Bond.

Section 5: Provides for the place and manner of payment of the Bonds.

Section 6: Appoints the City Treasurer as Bond Registrar.

Section 7: Provides for the prepayment of the Bond.

Section 8: Provides for sewer rates and charges.

Section 9: Pledges the Net Revenues of the sanitary sewer System for the payment of the Bond.

Section 10: Establishes the “City of Homedale Sewer Project Capital Improvement Fund.”

Section 11: Establishes the “City of Homedale Sewer Revenue Fund.”

Section 12: Establishes the “City of Homedale Sewer Revenue Bond Fund.”

Section 13: Provides for a Debt Service Reserve Fund.

Section 14: Provides for the disposition of surplus funds.

Section 15: Establishes the conditions of and limitations on the issuance of additional bonds or other obligations.

Section 16: Provides for the investment of surplus funds.

Section 17: Provides certain general covenants of the City with the Registered Owner of the Bond.

Section 18: Provides certain special covenants of the City with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Bond from income taxation.

Section 19: Provides for method of amending the Ordinance and adopting supplemental ordinances.

Section 20: Recites that the Bond is issued pursuant to the

Idaho Revenue Bond Act.

Section 21: Provides for remedies of the Registered Owner of the Bond.

Section 22: States that the Ordinance constitutes a contract with the Registered Owner of the Bond.

Section 23: Provides for severability.

Section 24: Repeals prior inconsistent ordinances, to the extent of any inconsistency.

Section 25: Provides for issuance of bond anticipation notes or other interim financing obligations.

Section 26: Authorizes the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Treasurer to execute any additional documents necessary to sell and deliver the Bond.

Section 27: Provides for the publication of the Ordinance or a summary thereof and the effective date of the Ordinance.

The full text of Ordinance No. 430 is available at City Hall and will be provided to any citizen upon personal request during normal office hours.

DATED this 10th day of November, 2021.

CITY OF HOMEDALE
Owyhee County, Idaho
/s/: Mayor, Gheen Christoffersen
ATTEST:
/s/: City Clerk, Alice E. Pegram
12/01/2021

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 85375 TERRACE LAKES WATER CO, C/O DENNIS LARGENT 60 STARVIEW DR., GARDEN VALLEY, ID 83622-5222 has filed Application No. 85375 for changes to the following water rights within BOISE County(s): Right No(s). 65-12985, 65-13457, 65-23085; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

The transfer proposes to add a new point of diversion to three water rights located in Section 3, T09N, R04E, on Terrace Lakes Recreational Ranch

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 12/20/2021. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
12/01/08/2021



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FULL OR PART TIME The Owyhee Avalanche is seeking a person or persons in our communities who have the knack and interest to write articles and/or take photos of events in this area. Email your interest, resume, and contact information to: jon@owyheevalanche.com

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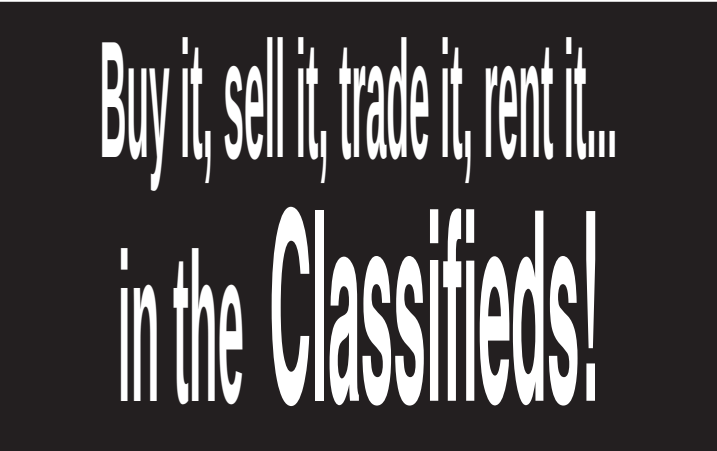
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Gift Drive Ends December 17

- Female #1

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Male #21

Male #22

Male #23

Female #30

Female #31

Box of fruity candy, Black sweat pants XL 16-18

Easy piano sheet music, hair clips, make-up kit, vanity mirror

Blue slip on shoes 7 ½, Sweat suit (M) pink, perfume

~~lrg soft stuffed animal, bath and body works~~, shawl/wrap

XL short sleeve blouses, XL sweat pants (pink)

Easy piano sheet music, John Sandford books, sweat suit (S) , hair clips

Pink short sleeve T-shirts 2X, Sandra Brown books

Hanging lamp, Lindor dark chocolate truffles, ~~bath and body works (Peony)~~, high waisted dress (L) with med length sleeves

Fuzzy soft pajamas (M), Chocolates, bath and body works

Golf style hat/news boy cap, mens adult coloring book, Sweat suit (M)

Sweat pants (grey) XL , Long sleeve shirts (drk green) 2X, Bowling Alley gift card

Sweat pants XL, Long sleeve T-shirts Blue 2X, fidget gadget, Nerf gun

Chocolates, sparkly hair clips, Slipper socks (non skid), red sweater (S)

Pink slip on shoes 7 ½, 2X pink blouses, elastic waist pants (XL) Life like doll

Sweat suit (XS) pink, slipper socks (M)

Big blue purse, 3X long mumu dresses, hair clips

Mens flannel pajamas XL, cologne, Amazon card

Fleece lined sweat pants size (L), Polo shirts XL

Art supplies, blank canvas,

Bowling Alley gift card, sweat suits (L), ~~light weight blanket,~~

Warm red cardigan sweater (M) ~~stuffed animal~~

Bowling Alley gift card, Amazon card, Raiders Coat (L), sweat pants XL

Squirrel stuffed animal, Elvis anything, watch, Mentos

Navy blue sweat suit LRG, Graphite fishing pole

Metal straws, XL dark colored elastic band comfy pants, sweats with strait leg holes, T-shirts, short and long sleeved, XLT

Large slipper socks, bath and body works, pullover poncho(fleece)

Fishing line for crafts, tall socks (10)

Sweat suit dark green 4X, mumu dresses 4X

Warm knitted beanies, shawl/wrap, bath and body works

Dr. Pepper, BSU gear 2X

Slippers red wide, 9 ½, 3X mumu dresses

Pink pajamas (12/16), Pink scarf

Sweat suit (pink or blue) 2X, pajamas soft fleece

Slippers 7-8, adult coloring books

Warm sweater purple (S), Slippers (7) sweat pants (M)

Slip on shoes/Velcro mens 10 black or blue, thick sweat pants (L)

Long Sleeve shirts XL, Tall socks lrg, Nerf gun

Long sleeve hooded zip up XL, flannel button up shirts XL, men’s Vest, ball cap, Bowling Alley gift card

Velcro shoes, (men’s 10), black or blue

Size 10 slipper, audio books, Cologne

Soft beannies, bath and body works, shawl/wrap, books on tape

Bath and body works, Blouses XL, slacks XL

Bowling alley gift card, cologne

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1000 piece puzzle (outdoor scene), any thing Green Bay Packers

Sweat suit (M) slippers (8)

Electric razor, Polo shirt 2X, Flannel Jacket 2X

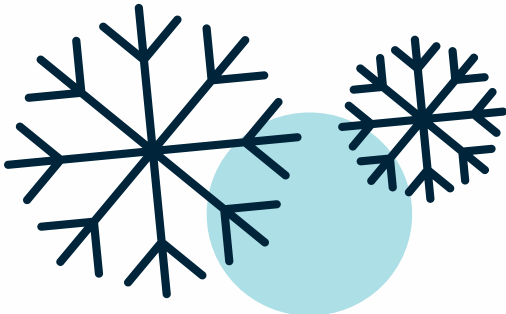
Bowling Alley Gift card, Sport shorts with elastic waist 2X, Short sleeve T-shirts 3X,

Mens sweater (M), Sweat pants (M)

Flannel style fleece jacket (Lrg) Oregon state ball cap

Blouses (M) sweat pants (M), pink or light blue, bath and body works, shawl/wrap
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Misc Items: Men’s fingerless gloves, Gift cards, ~~Blankets~~, Beanies, bath and body works, BSU gear

Gifts for residents may be dropped off at the Owyhee Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8am-noon and 1pm-5pm Mon-Fri.