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ONE FOGGY (NOT QUITE CHRISTMAS) EVE

Marsing parade shines through

Rudolph and his red nose were nowhere in site, but Santa still made it down Main Street in Marsing on Friday night.

Barely.

The second annual Light Up Marsing Holiday Parade really needed the lights as a thick bank of fog obscured most of the festive illumination until parade entries were in close

— See *Parade*, page 7A



Above: The Marsing community Christmas tree shines on a foggy Friday night. Left: Mayor Chad Sevy (left) gets help from grand marshals Jeff and Noreen Percifield and the Marsing High School choir to count down to the tree lighting. More photos, Page 8A

County prepares to collect \$8.5M in taxes

Treasurer provides information on how to pay property tax bills

As the deadline to pay the first half of property taxes approaches, Owyhee County property owners will notice lower levies in many districts.

Property owners have until Dec. 20 to pay all or half of their tax bill. If they opt to pay just half of the tax amount, the balance will be due on June 20.

Property owners can call the Treasurer's Office at (208) 495-1158 with questions and concerns. The toll-free number is (833) 337-5522, and the caller will have to ask for the treasurer's office. Leave a message if no one answers; county Treasurer Annette

— See *Taxes*, page 3A

Shorter grace period sought for delinquent Marsing water users

Code officer is spouse of incoming councilperson

another affecting just one.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m., inside the council chambers/Sandbar Meeting Room at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

The council could amend Ordinance A-223, which would shorten the length of time water users have to be delinquent in their payments before officials terminate service.

Currently, the past-due date for bills is the 25th of each month, but water users are given an additional 10-day

— See *Marsing*, page 5A

Compliance will be a theme tonight when the Marsing City Council meets for the last time in 2021.

Councilpersons, including Rachael Percifield who is entering the final meeting of her term, will discuss one item affecting all properties and

Volunteers harvest sagebrush seeds to replinish the Owyhees

Prisoner-grown seedlings will be returned to Soda Fire area

Volunteers fanned out across a portion of the Owyhee Front near the Oregon border last week to collect sagebrush seeds.

A band of 20 volunteers and Idaho Department of Fish and Game staffers harvested seeds by hand on about 40 acres of the Bureau of Land

Management's Owyhee Field Office.

The group worked about four miles east of the Oregon border off U.S. Highway 95.

"Our volunteers want to give back and make sure that there is healthy, functioning habitat that supports wildlife in our state," IDFG Southwest Region volunteer coordinator Karie Pappani said.

The Wyoming sagebrush seeds collected last week will be grown into seedlings in a

— See *Sagebrush*, page 5A



A volunteer shakes sagebrush seeds into a 5-gallon bucket during the Nov. 30 project. BLM photo



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Supply chain problems delay Homedale school windows

District now owns snow removal equipment

Homedale School District is working to improve student safety and infrastructure. Some of the projects are falling victim to a familiar problem for many construction projects. Supply-chain disruptions. The district is in the midst of replacing windows at all three schools. More than \$95,000 is being used to replace the windows. Most of the work has yet to begin because the materials aren't available yet. "As soon as a window comes in, (maintenance crews) will replace an old one," district superintendent Rob Sauer said. "It will take a while to get the entire job completed." Among the delayed work is a proposed \$40,775 job at the elementary school and another \$35,000 worth of work at the

middle school. Some windows have been replaced at the high school — a \$20,000 price tag — but Sauer said other materials are delayed. The capital for the windows project is part of the district's allotment from the federal Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund. ESSER was created by the CARES Act as part of Congress' reaction to the coronavirus pandemic. The district also has spent \$12,500 to recoat the elementary school roof. Work crews dug a huge trench in the high school parking lot because of the recent Idaho Avenue reconstruction project. "With the road construction done on the highway, we weren't able to connect to the highway drain any longer," Sauer said. The Idaho Transportation Department paid for the construction of a new French drain in the parking lot to

mitigate the loss of the storm drain. The City of Homedale public works department was scheduled to work on a drainage problem at the corner of the East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East near the high school Ag shop. The drain backed up during recent heavy rains.

Safe schools grant secured
Homedale has joined the Parma and New Plymouth districts in a three-year grant program called "Safe Schools, Safe Students."

"The focus of the grant is to build the knowledge base and capacity of three rural school districts in the area of creating safe schools and improving school climate and culture," Sauer said. The district receives \$12,000 to support expenses related to training to implement evidence-based practices to achieve the grant's objectives. The three districts are in the second year of the three-year grant, Sauer said. "We will continue to provide support and training to staff," he said.

Bond requires treasurer
District clerk Debbie Denney was appointed the district's treasurer during the board of trustees meeting on Nov. 8. "As part of the bond process,

we needed to have a district treasurer identified," Sauer said. "The recommendation from our bond counsel was that the business manager made the most sense." Sauer said the appointment won't cost the district any additional money. The district is still in the process of finalizing the 15-year, \$14 million high school construction bond that voters overwhelmingly approved in August.

District ready for snow
School trustees approved the purchase of a 26-year-old dump truck, snowplow and sander.

The district paid \$20,000 for the equipment. The 1995 model has been driven 39,580 miles, Sauer said. "Instead of contracting, we can put sand and salt on the parking lots and sidewalks," the superintendent said. "We can also haul snow off instead of contracting. When needed, we will be able to use the truck to haul gravel for small projects." Sauer said the purchase will give the district greater flexibility. Contracting with the highway district or the city's public works department wasn't feasible because, "They are busy with other commitments," Sauer said. In the past, district

maintenance staff had used a small tractor to move snow into piles when clearing lots and sidewalks. A contractor was then hired to remove the snow, and the cost varied depending on the severity of the winter. "It depends on the year, but the last major snow removal was during the 2016-17 school year," Sauer said. "The district paid between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for snow removal in the 2016-17 school year. Other years are hit-and-miss depending on the snow."

Personnel news
During its November meeting, the school board approved new hires. Mike Townsend has joined the maintenance staff, and Nancy Zaragoza is now part of Food Service. Several coaching positions were approved, too, including:
• **Brenda Reay** — Seventh-grade girls' basketball coach, B team
• **Alex Maxwell** — High school junior varsity boys' basketball coach
• **Angel Cardenas** — High school frosh soph boys' basketball coach
David Correa's position as a volunteer seventh-grade girls' basketball B team coach was approved, too. — JPB

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Homedale Friends church to stage bazaar Saturday

Homedale Friends Community Church will present its sixth annual Christmas bazaar Saturday.

The bazaar will be open from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., inside the church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Soup lunch will be available for a donation, and door prizes will be awarded every hour.

Some items that may be found include wreaths, bags and blankets, jewelry, wood working, biscotti, metalwork, aprons, furniture, home decorations, recycled wool mittens, cards, crochet masterpieces, and other unique gifts.

Scott Morin is the Friends church pastor.

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✓ Taxes: First-half or full payment due to treasurer’s office by Dec. 20

Dygert said the staff can get busy this time of year.

“My staff in the treasurer’s office is amazing,” Dygert said. “They are very customer-oriented and will answer all of your questions. If they don’t know the answer, they will find out and get back to you.”

The treasurer said her two staffers — chief deputy Gentry Stoumbaugh and deputy Brandi Long — “are great assets to this office. They are efficient and work well with the public.”

Dygert said she loves her job as treasurer/tax collector.

“I know this time of year isn’t a really good time to have to pay taxes, and as property owners my office (staff) understands the frustration,” she said. “We are here to help you understand the tax process and answer any questions that arise.”

Payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, or property owners can use a credit card, debit card or e-check.

Card payments are accepted over the phone, at the counter in the Murphy office or online at www.owyheecounty.net.

“We also enjoy putting a face to a name, so paying in person in our office in Murphy is also available,” Dygert said.

The treasurer reminds taxpayers that anyone using a card must pay a 2.5 percent non-refundable fee to the third-party provider Access Idaho. A \$1 non-refundable fee is charged when paying by e-check.

E-check payments require a

What goes into getting tax bills out

After receiving the certified levies from the State Tax Commission, the Owyhee County Treasurer’s Office staff mailed about 10,000 property tax bills on Nov. 18.

That marked the end of a process that took about three weeks, Treasurer Annette Dygert said.

The biggest part of the process in Dygert’s office was the smooth operation of the new UAD WEB program, which was piloted in the Owyhee County office three years ago.

“We have a checklist that we go through to put the new taxes on the computer,” Dygert said. “We check, re-check, double-check and triple-check to make sure we are balancing.”

The balancing process takes three to five days “depending on how many problems we run into,” Dygert said.

It takes up to two days to print the bills then another three to four days to sort the bills by ZIP code, property owner, and to determine which ones are attached to mortgaged properties.

“Then the fun part is stuffing all of them into envelopes,” Dygert said. “We run them through the mail machine and to the post office.”

— JPB

routing number and bank account number.

Dygert said her office accepts payments postmarked on the due dates. If a payment is being mailed on the 20th, Dygert urges property owners to visit the post office to get the postmark. If the payment is put in the mailbox on the 20th, the postmark will make the payment late.

Looking ahead to the second-half deadline in June, Dygert said her office will be open even though June 20 is the observation date for the new federal holiday for Juneteenth (which is actually June 19). The courthouse in Murphy will be closed, but Dygert’s office will be open to accept payments.

Many property tax levies went down, but the levy Owyhee County uses to fund governmental operations increased, affecting all property owners. The county road levy also increased.

Other taxing districts that increased levies include the Homedale School District for the high school construction bond and the plant facility levy; the Three Creek School District’s bond levy; Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery; and fire district levies for Grand View and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson.

All other taxing districts, including all three municipalities, had have lower levy rates this year.

Dygert’s staff mailed out

more than 10,000 tax bills on Nov. 18 (four days before the deadline) after the State Tax Commission pushed right to the levy certification deadline of Oct. 25, putting pressure on the local process.

Dygert said the certified levies arrived at her office just before 5 p.m., on the deadline day, while the state has previously finalized levies as early as the middle of October.

“Many factors went into being a little later than ‘normal,’ ” Dygert said. “The biggest one was the Legislative session passed House Bill 389 that amended many different sections of the taxing process, which wasn’t passed until later in the session in May.

“The State Tax Commission has been working many hours to rewrite programs since that bill went into law.”

Dygert’s office also has received more than \$135,000 on the current tax roll, which is a drop in the bucket for a total of nearly \$8.5 million. The gross taxes due increased more than \$1.2 million between 2020 and 2021.

There are still taxes due on hundreds of parcels for tax years 2017 to 2020, though.

The county has yet to collect more than \$300,000 for those tax years.

“We also accept monthly payments for those behind on their taxes or those that want to pay monthly so they don’t have a big amount due in December,” Dygert said.

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Volunteers coordinated through the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Southwest Region office were both bunched up and isolated during the work on 40 acres of federally managed public lands near the Oregon state line. BLM photos

✓ **Sagebrush:** Fish and Game program helps maintain Owyhee lands

program called Sagebrush in Prisons. Inmates in the region's penitentiaries care for the fledgling plants.

Pappani said Wyoming sagebrush grows naturally in the Owyhees.

The seedlings will be planted next fall throughout burned

areas on public lands, including along the Owyhee Front in areas charred by the Soda Fire in 2015.

“The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and BLM have worked cooperatively for many years to restore lands after fire,” Pappani said.

According to a BLM social media post, sagebrush adds valuable habitat for sagegrouse, mule deer, sage thrasher and other species.

"Collecting seeds is labor-intensive and the volunteers did a great job, and we are very thankful for their efforts," the

BLM post on Facebook and Twitter said.

Fish and Game's volunteer program also provides manpower for clean-up days, such as the annual operation carried out typically in the spring on the banks of the Snake River in parts of Owyhee

County.

“Our program is able to make a difference because of our strong connections with volunteers of all ages and collaboration with agencies, educators, and other groups,” Pappani said.

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√ **Marsing:** City seeks grant funding to help rehabilitate part of 1st Avenue

grace period before shut-off.

Under the new proposal, the 15 days between the due date of the 10th of each month and the 25th will be considered the grace period, and shut-off will be carried out if the bill remains delinquent on the 25th.

A nuisance hearing regarding a home at 911 Franklin St., is also planned. According to City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson, the legal property owner passed away and the current resident is squatting. The home has no water service, and the city cannot turn on service unless the rightful owner requests it.

With the Marsing Disaster Auction back on after a year's absence, the city council will consider a donation to the cause.

“The donation to the auction is usually up to \$500,” Thompson said. “The mayor will bid on items and then use them to donate to other charities.”

City engineer Kirby Cook from Civil Dynamics is scheduled to discuss the city's Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) grant application. If awarded, the money from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) will finance rehabilitation of 1st Avenue from Main Street to 2nd Street North.

The council is also expected to take action on a request

from NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts for more time to build its sidewalk.

Code enforcement officer Seth Wahl will make one of his first reports to the council regarding non-compliant ordinance issues in the city.

During Mayor Chad Sevy's report, the council will take action on a business license application from King Pest Control LLC and a slew of liquor license renewals including the Pour House, Pair-a-Dice Lounge and Restaurant, M&W Market, and Alejandra's Mexican Restaurant.

Percifield's term ends on Dec. 31, at which time Elizabeth Wahl will become the new councilperson. Incumbent Brandy Bennett will also start a new four-year term in 2022.

Wahl is the wife of Seth Wahl, who was hired as the city's code enforcement officer last month, after the election.

This is the second instance in which the spouse of a councilmember is a city employee. Kim Even, the wife of council president Chris Even, was hired as a deputy city clerk. At the time of Kim's employment, Chris agreed to stop receiving his councilmember stipend.

But, according to Thompson, the councilman has begun receiving a monthly salary again after his re-election in 2019.

While the Kim Even

appointment took place while her husband was on the council, Seth Wahl's hiring occurred before his wife was to take office. Idaho Code 18-1359 states that the "subsequent election" of a blood relative or one related by marriage shall not jeopardize an employee's

status.

Thompson explained the rule:

“If the council person has been elected after the relation has been hired that shows the community is OK with the relation and there is no conflict,” the clerk said.

As with Chris Even, Elizabeth Wahl will abstain from decisions pertaining to any aspect of her husband's employment. But she will still receive a salary because she was elected after he was hired.

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**CITY OF GRAND VIEW
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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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What to know when growing and selling seeds in Idaho

I know we have many gardeners and small farmers in the Treasure Valley who are passionate about saving their own garden seed from year to year. There are certainly benefits to doing so, whether for economic reasons or because they



Ariel Agenbroad

are refining or developing their own varieties that perform best in their gardens. Have you ever thought that what you grow and save might be of interest to other gardeners? As the season draws to a close and we look forward to next spring, let's discuss the rules and regulations around selling seed.

According to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the Idaho Pure Seed Law governs licensing related to the sale of seeds. There are three types of seed licenses that apply to Idaho-based sellers of seed. If you plan to grow, process, package and sell more than \$500 worth of your own seed, you will likely need all three.

These are the License to Condition and Clean Seeds (\$100), the License to Label Seed (\$50), the License to Sell Seed (\$50 for sales of \$500 to \$1,000 annually or \$100 for sales of \$1,000 or more). Before seed is offered for sale it must be appropriately labeled, and the label attached to the seed package. There are guidelines for information that should be on the seed label depending on what is being sold. For example, vegetable seed packets require the name of variety or cultivar, lot identification, the year for which the seed was packed, net seed weight and the name and address of labeler or seller. For

a complete copy of the Idaho Pure Seed Law, contact the Idaho State Seed Lab at (208) 332-8630 or download from the ISDA website www.agri.idaho.gov.

Maybe you enjoy growing plants and saving seeds but aren't ready for the steps involved in selling your own seed. If so, you're in luck, because you may be able to join the Snake River Seed Cooperative and grow seeds for them to sell.

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If you are new to the whole idea of growing your own seed, download this beginners guide from University of Idaho Extension Master Gardener Volunteers: <https://bit.ly/idseedsaving>.

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Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Story Time

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

Food distribution

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

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Grand View City Council meeting

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

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

School band and choir concert

6 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Three Creek School board meeting

7 p.m., Three Creek School, 49909 Three Creek Road, Rogerson.

Homedale Highway District meeting

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

Marsing School Board meeting

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

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

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Yoga class

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

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

Library board meeting

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

VFW meeting

7 p.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday

U and I Together class

2 p.m., 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. (208) 337-4228. 'Jar it Up: Homemade Gifts on the Go.'

Saturday

Christmas bazaar

9 a.m., to 3 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder

Catholic Mass

10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

Free lunch

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

Masonic lodge installation

2 p.m., open to the public, Silver City Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

OHR Christmas benefit auction

7 p.m., Last Chance Saloon, 120 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 713-3430

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.

Tuesday

Foot clinic

8:30 a.m., first come, first served, foot exams, \$15; ear cleanings, \$20, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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Prime Time Swingers

11 a.m., live music with congregate lunch, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens board meeting

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting

1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control meeting

1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Yoga class

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

Melba School Board meeting

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

School Christmas program

6 p.m., "The Greatest Snowman," Grand View Elementary School, 205 1st St.

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Obituary

William D. Stricklin

William D. Stricklin, 82, died on November 5, 2021 in a skilled nursing home in Caldwell, ID. William was born the year of 1939 in Laurence County, Alabama to William Anderson Stricklin and Mary Ella (O'Dell) Stricklin.

After graduating from high school in 1957, Bill joined the US Air Force. While in the Air Force, Bill was a part of the motor pool. He drove many different kinds of vehicles in

many different kinds of assignments.

While on a weekend, Bill met his wife, Beatrice Lovitt in Reno, NV, and they married in November of that same year. Bill and Bea had 5 children, David, Bruce, Tammy, Virginia, and Darrin. While in the Air Force, his family and him lived in many different locations; two of these locations were out of the United States.

Bill retired from the Air Force after serving 20 years



in 1977 and moved his family to Homedale, ID to begin the

next chapter of their lives. He had various types of jobs. He enjoyed any occupation involving driving a vehicle.

Shortly after moving to Homedale, Bill and Bea became active members of the Homedale Assembly of God Church. He loved being a part of the worship team playing his guitar. He participated in different types of church outreach over the years. He was a member of the church for over 40 years.

Bill is survived by his children, David Stricklin, Bruce (Mari Anna) Stricklin, Tammy (John) Snow, Virginia Hill, Darrin (Carmen) Stricklin; sister-in-law, Willie Lovitt and family; brothers-in-law, William Henry Lovitt Jr. and family; Silver Lovitt and family; grandchildren, Eric, Regina, Alexandra, Torsten, Holly, Samantha, Katie, Amanda, Junior, Audrey, Jonathan; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Death notices

ANITA GRACE SUNDBERG, 42, of Oreana, died at her home on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

ANN ELAINE TRACY, 68, of Caldwell, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at a local hospital of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

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✓ Parade: Business light display winner announced

proximity to parade-goers.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce, which coordinated the parade, thanked all float participants and gave a special tip of the hat to the Marsing High School marching band and color guard for covering the misty route from the high school football field parking lot to Island Park on foot.

The Chamber also announced on social media the Light Up Main Street winners. There was a Christmas decorating contest for the businesses along Marsing's main drag.

Idaho Fudge Company won the competition, and it was announced that the shop will use

its winnings to host a city-wide ice cream social in the spring.

The Whitehouse was runner-up, and Sevy Auto took third.

As previously reported, Jeff and Noreen Percifield served as grand marshals for the parade.

Once the parade ended at Island Park, the Percifields joined Mayor Chad Sevy to light the city Christmas tree and other holiday decorations around the riverside open space.

The high school choir sang carols, and city clerk and treasurer Jolyn Thompson served cookies and cocoa.

Santa also hung out at the fire station to greet children.



The Marsing Beautification Project Christmas street-side decoration sponsored by the Uberuaga family lights up Main Street near Subway.

Marsing Main Street holiday display installation complete

Volunteer teams at the ready for repairs, sprucing

"Elves" laboring in the cold have swapped out the street-side décor in downtown Marsing.

The Marsing Beautification Project volunteers built winter displays along Main Street late last month and then made some tweaks to the designs and elements last week.

Most of the work was completed on the Nov. 27-28 weekend, but volunteers ran out of daylight and stretched their work into last week.

There are more than 30 individual displays, sponsored by businesses and community members, according to MBP president Julie Franklin.

The winter- and Christmas-themed decorations replace fall displays that were placed in November.

More bulbs and bows were placed on the displays last week in time for Friday's Light Up Marsing holiday parade, and Franklin said there are groups of volunteers at the ready to make sure any displays needing TLC are addressed through the season.

A "display response" team

will patrol and fluff and clean the decorations, Franklin said.

There is also a "display crisis" team that will be dispatched whenever decorations need repair.

Volunteers who helped put the displays in place last month included Franklin, Dr. Jared Martin, Randall and Tracy Samples, Mike Sprinkel, Shannon and William Linker, Steve Derricott, Cindy and Corey Floyd, Chantytrose Davison, Mayor Chad Sevy, Alisha Sevy, Paunee and Phil Uberuaga, Mary Bubak, Debbie Carter, Stacy Gulley, and Norm Stewart.

— JPB

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Marsing lights it up for annual holiday parade



The Marsing High School marching band color guard members twirl lighted canes as they lead the band down Main Street on Friday night.



Clockwise from above:
The Marsing Assembly of God float was a fully decked-out gingerbread house.

Santa waited patiently in the fog at the high school football field for his chance to close out the parade in style.

Dawn Sandmeyer (foreground) leads the Marsing High School choir in Christmas carols at Island Park prior to the lighting of the city's Christmas tree.



Jackson library’s new youth services coordinator in training

Board still searching for new member

The transition process continues at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale.

Wilder resident Emily Lincoln has been hired to succeed Carol McMichael as the city library’s youth services coordinator.

McMichael is training Lincoln through the end of the year when her retirement becomes official.

Library director Sharla Jensen said Lincoln has an Associate’s degree in English.

Lincoln’s employment was one of the topics the library board covered during Friday’s meeting at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The youth services coordinator helps develop programs for Teens & Tweens and the Opal Nash Story Time.

The next Teens & Tweens activity will be held at 5 p.m., on Thursday. Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.

The board also discussed the problem of lost, stolen and damaged library books, but Jensen said no solution was found and the issue was tabled.

“We have been spending a lot of our budget on replacing books ...,” Jensen said. “I would like to find a way to lower that cost, so I can use our grants and budgets on more new materials.”

Jensen also briefed the board on grants that have been received recently.

A \$2,500 Idaho Community Foundation Forever Idaho grant will be split between a couple of objectives, Jensen said.

“The ICF grant’s stated purpose was it was to be spent ‘on our greatest needs,’” Jensen said. “We have spent about \$1,000 on new materials.”

After the purchase of DVDs and books, Jensen said the remaining \$1,500 will be set aside for youth programming, and “I am hoping to buy a new computer for public use,” Jensen said.

Jensen also anticipates receiving a \$2,000 grant check from the Whittenberger Foundation soon. The money will be divided between youth programming (\$700) and youth materials (\$1,300), she said.

U and I series continues

Preparing a sweet treat is Friday’s plan for the next U and I Together series at the library.

The program begins at 2 p.m., on Friday.

“Jar It Up” will feature a demonstration on making a layered cookie recipe in a jar.

Attendees can choose between four recipes to make a gift jar to take home, and other recipes can be taken home to make cookies in a jar later.

This is the final U and I class for 2021.

The classes will start again on Jan. 7 with instruction on “Healthy Snacks.”

Jensen said 12 people attended Friday’s “The Game of ‘Real’ Life exercise.

District steering committee formed

A steering committee has been formed to further investigate the process of creating a taxing district to fund the library.

Pam Gibbens, who is now the library board chair, was tasked with developing the steering committee.

The panel’s first meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 10.

Board replacement not finalized

Board members are still working on a successor for colleague Debbie Packer.

“We are still looking in to possible replacements,” Jensen said. “A few more suggestions were given at the last meeting.”

— JPB



Homedale library raffle winners announced

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library fundraiser winners were named last month. Katie Mounkes (pictured) picked up the labyrinth quilt Nov. 27. Liz Gomez won the tied quilt made and donated by City Councilman Jerry Anderson and his wife Vicki. Proceeds from ticket sales will help with library programs, materials and operations. Submitted photo

Latest library programs announced

Christmas STEM challenges are planned at Thursday’s Teens & Tweens event at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale.

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Night begins at 5.

The challenges include:

- Tallest gumdrop Christmas tree
- Fastest sled
- Slowest sled

Boys and girls ages 10-17 who attend the event will be able to create a pipe cleaner circuit Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Story Time has a theme

Miss Emily will read two seasonal books during Opal Nash Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the Homedale city library.

“Gingerbread Friends” by Jan Brett and “Winter is Here” by Kevin Henkes are the featured stories.

The children will be able to make cutout gingerbread men and a snow advent calendar after the story readings.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs.

Library hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday.

The library is closed on Sunday.

Art lovers flock to pop-up gallery

Homedale residents Steve and Nancy Belknap check out some of the artwork displayed in the The Shed at Garrett Ranches for Homedale High School student Téa Uranga’s senior project. Uranga said the Belknaps were among about 70 people who attended Friday’s three-hour showcase. About \$1,300 was raised for Trevor Project. Submitted photo

A photograph showing several people, including a man in a green jacket and a woman in a blue jacket, looking at various artworks displayed on easels in a gallery setting.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 15 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 166 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 22 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 103,739 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.

OCD brings back pesticide classes

For the first time in two years, the Owyhee Conservation District will hold a pesticide recertification class prior to its farmers appreciation lunch. Participants will gather for three separate classes, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and running to 11:45 a.m., next Wednesday at the Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale. Lunch will follow. The free classes count as three credits toward a pesticide applicator license. Reservations are necessary. Email susan.thayer@id.nacdn.net or call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102.

Social distancing and face coverings will be required this year. Lessons include: • "Pesticide Formulations: Measuring and Personal Safety," led by Ronda Hirnyck, University of Idaho Extension pesticide coordinator, will demonstrate proper methods and devices for measuring pesticide concentrates in a spray mixture. Common household products will be used to show the variations in pesticide formulation bulk and weights. • "New Rules for Idaho's Pesticide Applicators," by Sherman Takatori, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture pesticide registrations manager, covers amended application rules. Takatori will discuss new pesticide license categories, revised pesticide record-keeping requirements, modified wind restrictions, changes to pesticide applicator supervision and safety information. • "Managing and Avoiding Pesticide Drift." Kimberly Tate from the U of I Extension pesticide safety education program will discuss the importance of pesticide applicator responsibility in protecting our environment by managing and avoiding pesticide drift. Applicators will learn about drift mediation and how to protect our native pollinators and water resources.

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Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, pears **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello

Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, cheese stick, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with hot roll, steamed carrots
Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, scrambled eggs, oranges **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad with ranch, Jello
Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with hot roll, steamed carrots
Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, scrambled eggs **Lunch:** Beef taco with Spanish rice and refried beans
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patties, hashbrown patty, strawberries

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
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
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog with tots, or chicken or spicy chicken sandwich with tots, BBQ chicken ranch wrap with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick, chocolate chunk cookie
Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts or mini waffles, yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:**

Cheeseburger with fries, or pepperoni pizza with fries, or turkey bacon ranch sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick
Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty, cheese stick **Lunch:** Sliced ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll, mixed fruit, pumpkin pie
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or tornado (sausage, egg, cheese), yogurt **Lunch:** Taquitos or cheeseburger with potato wedges, or roast beef sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick

Marsing

Choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & veggies
Elementary school: Breakfast: Cereal option Middle/High School each day: PB&J 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. 8: **Breakfast:** Cake donut, yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Macaroni and cheese, green beans, snickerdoodle cookie Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco, potato wedge
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or sausage and cheese croissant, yogurt **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-go: Popcorn chicken, French fries Cold Grab-n-go: Italian sub
Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Nutrition breakfast bar or mini cinnis, cheese stick **Lunch:** Mozzarella-filled breadsticks, potato tots/gems Cold Grab-n-go: Malibu chicken wrap meal
Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles, yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans Hot Grab-n-go: Cheeseburger or chicken sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Holiday ham, holiday potatoes, buttered corn, hot roll, sugar cookie

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
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
Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli
Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans with salsa
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

SBOC directors hold final 2021 meeting

Tuesday marks the last regular meeting of the year for the three boards that govern the southern portion of the Owyhee Project. All meetings are open to in-person attendance, but are still available via videoconference on Zoom. All three meetings take place inside the South Board of Control building at 201 W. Wyoming Ave. The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors will

meet at 1 p.m. The Gem Irrigation board meets at 1:15 p.m. The South Board of Control convenes at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in sitting in on the meetings via the internet through Zoom can contact the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760 to get a link to access the meeting. Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings remotely and does not have access to a computer or internet-capable

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Dec. 9: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli
Dec. 14: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend vegetables
Dec. 15: BBQ glazed chicken patty on bun, macaroni and cheese, Brussels sprouts
Dec. 16: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables

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Dec. 10: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and onions, wheat roll
Dec. 13: Sausage rice skillet, baby carrots, broccoli, wheat roll
Dec. 15: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, cascade vegetables, baby lima beans, wheat bread
Dec. 17: Herb salmon, brown rice, broccoli, 9-grain bread
Dec. 20: Tuna casserole, stewed tomatoes, carrots, wheat bread

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Dec. 14: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, broccoli slaw with oranges, cinnamon apples, birthday cake and ice cream
Dec. 16: Lasagna, whole grain noodles, steamed vegetables, green salad, garlic bread, pineapple and cottage cheese, pudding
Dec. 21: Tomato soup with grilled ham and cheese on whole grain bread, green salad, beets, celery sticks, crackers, apricots



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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Be true to your school



The tragedy at a Michigan high school may have been the furthest thing from anyone's mind during Homedale High School's monthly PBIS student assembly.

But Thursday's gathering of the entire student body epitomized the correct way to run a school and keep at bay the evil that seems to lurk in waiting in school hallways across America.

It would be naïve to suggest that HHS is Utopia, but judging from the way the assembly flowed, the PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) model seems to be working as it was intended when the Boise State University-engineered program was brought on campus two years ago.

A big reason for the program's success at all three Homedale schools is how the administrators and teachers have bought in to the concepts.

Buy-in is a cliché in the coaching world, but it's fitting that one of the biggest proponents of PBIS in the Homedale district is HHS football coach and principal Matt Holtry.

Holtry studies leaders — both on and off the field — and his reading and analysis has helped shaped the type of leader he is.

During Thursday's assembly, he shared inspirational videos that carried the December school theme of positivity.

Before showing one of the videos, he turned to the students — all 300-plus of them seated with rapt attention on one side of the HHS gymnasium — and admitted that he probably thinks about them too much.

The video he was about to show was a Pixar animated short that he had first seen at Disney World during the Thanksgiving break.

On vacation. With his wife and three young children. He was thinking about the kids in his other, Trojan, family.

That type of commitment is what makes the PBIS program successful in Homedale. It's what makes the Trojans football team successful.

And there are other leaders in the school that carry

the water. Randy Lyons also spoke at the assembly. He's a gentle giant of sorts. He speaks softly — until somebody goofs off. Then he turns, just as a calmly and, without raising his voice, calls out the behavior before returning to the point of his message.

He did that Thursday, and the disruption was fleeting.

The freshman's behavior was also an outlier at these assemblies. Students file in orderly, even through the narrowing hallways of the 80-plus-year-old school that probably wasn't designed to ever hold more than 100 or 150 students.

They sit by class — freshmen on the east side of the gymnasium, seniors on the west side under the glass cabinet that houses the spirit helmet.

They listen to the presentations and applaud to celebrate successes.

Then they file out, class-by-class, at Holtry's instruction.

There is no goofing off, no hoots and hollers. Just teenagers walking with respect and a purpose — to get back to class and keep learning.

How the PBIS program has impacted students was never more evident than when that Trojans' warrior helmet shelved high above the gymnasium floor among the championship banners went up for grabs in the class competition at the close of the assembly.

Each class was asked to sing the school fight song, and teachers fanned out across the hardwood to judge which class did the best.

Now, I have no dog in that fight, and I'm not one to complain about officiating.

But, just between you and me, the sophomores were robbed.

One-by-one each class sang the fight song under the leadership of the HHS cheer squad.

As to be expected, the freshmen were a little rocky. The majority of the ninth-graders — having only been at the school for about three months — had to

— See *School*, Page 13A

From Washington
Spirit of Freedom recipients epitomize spirit of service

Since 2002, I have had the great honor of recognizing Idaho veterans and volunteers who assist Idaho veterans with the Spirit of Freedom: Idaho Veterans Service Award. It provides an opportunity to recognize the outstanding service to our nation of area veterans and many Idahoans who dedicate considerable time to supporting those who have served our country. As of this year, 350 Spirit of Freedom Awards will have been presented since the award's creation. Veterans organizations across Idaho nominate the awardees. Sixteen Idahoans are recipients of the 2021 Spirit of Freedom Award.

The Spirit of Freedom Award is presented in two categories: veterans and volunteers who assist veterans. Often times, the award categories overlap, as countless Idaho veterans who have served our country return home and continue to give generously of their time and resources to helping fellow veterans, military families and many others. The awardees represent some of the many deserving individuals who strengthen our communities and set exemplary

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standards of service.

For example, the Idaho State Veterans Home—Boise nominated Parker Harger, a Marine Corps

veteran who continuously helps others through various groups and inspires others to join his efforts. In October 2020, he started his own non-profit, SoGood!, dedicated to spreading kindness and helping others. His first of many thoughtful projects was making mobile video-call carts to enable veterans and the elderly to call family members during the pandemic. Parker puts his ingenuity and know-how to use in helping his fellow veterans and others.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3646 of Glenns Ferry nominated Col. Dale Smith because of his decades of military experience, tenure and leadership within VFW and his service in the community of Glenns Ferry. Dale served nearly 27 years in the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of colonel and numerous recognitions for his honorable service. Since attending a VFW Post 3646 meeting in 1995, at which he was promptly elected post commander (a post he held for 25 years), Dale has also served as the

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Commentary

Financial management

Maturity, avoiding touchy subjects help brighten family holiday

Dear Dave,

I don't really see eye-to-eye with my dad and older brother on many things. This is not a new realization on my part, but over the last few years it has led to hard feelings and various arguments at family gatherings about religion, finances and other things. With Christmas coming up, I would like to avoid conflict and try to handle things a little better with them. Do you have any advice?

— Cam

Dear Cam,

It takes a strong, level-headed person with a good heart to want to approach a situation like this with maturity and love. I'm proud of you for trying to create better relationships within your family.

My initial advice would be don't take discussions too deep, and make a conscious effort to stay away from any hot-button topics you know already exist. I'm no family counselor, but the chances of you changing a lifetime of differences and toxic behaviors, or bringing them around to your way of thinking, in one brief interaction are probably pretty small.

Don't tell them you think what they're doing is wrong or



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best advice is to be a model of sanity and reason if you feel a confrontation brewing. Situations like this are hard to deal with, especially when the conflict is between a father and son or two brothers. It's hard on you *and* them, plus it has a negative impact on the rest of the family during what is supposed to be a joyful and loving time of year.

These are people you love and care about, even if they are hard to get along with or understand sometimes. Pray for them, Cam. And ask God to give *you* guidance, patience and understanding in this situation, too.

— 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.

✓ School: Fight song rendition can tell a lot about students' morale

From Page 12A

refer to the fight song banner hanging on the gym's east wall.

The sophomores roared as if they had rehearsed the song, and nary an eye wavered from the cheerleaders to the banner.

The juniors sang the song at a lower volume than the sophomores, but still had a great grasp of the words.

The seniors closed out the competition with a raucous rendition, led by foot-stomping and hand-clapping that harkened a hoedown. The theatrics probably swung the judges.

The bottom line in the competition, though, was that all four segments of the school population were invested in trying to win the hardware. The spirit was high, and that comes from above — the teachers and the administrators.

If the faculty isn't excited and committed to being on campus then the students won't be either.

And, if the school leadership is just mailing things in and not paying attention, fissures in student morale and behavior and respect for one another will develop.

Homedale High School is in a good place with students and teachers who care about the institution and one another.



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✓ Awards: Many service members continue to serve fellow vets after completing military time

From Page 12A

Department of Idaho VFW commander, and received the VFW Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014. He has been a high school baseball coach since 1997 and has enabled opportunities for the VFW post to greatly transform the baseball field and upgrade the softball complex as well. He is an example of the great Idaho veterans who served our country extensively, and continue serving others long beyond the completion of their military commitment.

In addition to these great Idahoans, a complete list of the 16 recipients of the 2021 Spirit of Freedom Award is provided below. Summaries of their service along with summaries of the service of past Spirit of Freedom Award recipients are posted on my official website, www.crapo.senate.gov.

Veterans

- Michael J. Crowley, Idaho Falls
- Preston Funkhouser, Clearwater
- Kenneth "Parker" Harger, Meridian
- Todd Johnson, Pocatello
- Cynthia Jones, Boise
- Rondal H. Lang, Filer
- Oscar Mirl Nye, Jr., Kuna
- Rick Sample, Boise
- Donald Shaffer, Boise

Volunteers

- Paul Anderson, Pocatello
- Estela Benavidez, Burley
- David A. Blanton, Priest River
- Tressa Brophy, Boise
- Wendell Thomas, Grangeville
- Diana Titus, Fruitland

Thank you to the veterans organizations that submitted award nominations this year: American Legion District No. 5; Bannock County Veterans Services; Idaho State Veterans Cemetery; Idaho State Veterans Home—Boise; VFW Posts 2909, 3043, 3520, 3646 and 7019; and Vietnam Veterans of America, Idaho State Council. And, thank you to this year's award recipients, and the many other Idahoans like them who may not be recognized yet, for your thoughtful and unwavering efforts to help others in our communities.

— 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.

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Courthouse report

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

Nov. 30
Shakhzodbek Matlatipov, San Francisco, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 29
Daniel Boyd Gisi, Reno, Nev. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 180 days in jail (3 days served, 177 days suspended), 12 months unsupervised probation, \$350 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs

Santos Armenta Villalobos, Marsing — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: 2 years unsupervised probation, \$500 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Dakota A. Chavis, Mountain Home — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, unlawful taking of game animals, birds or furbearers: \$135 in fines, \$168 in court costs

Charles D. Kipp, Nampa — Misdemeanor inattentive or careless driving: 90 days in jail (suspended), 6 months unsupervised probation, \$142.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Antonio Machuca Macias, Homedale — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation over weight (4,001 pounds and over), exceed allowable loads: \$142.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nono Vanlare, Tampa, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation fail to stop at checking station: \$394.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 23
Jonathan J. Orjuela, Valrico, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 22
Oguzhan Afsar, Brooklyn, N.Y. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, failure to have or properly maintain required emergency equipment (plea deal): \$62.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor fail to stop at a checking station

Fayzullo S. Ismatov, Owings Mills, Md. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, general logbook violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Charlene Latrice Thomas, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug

paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 2 days in jail (served), \$400 in fines, \$200.50 in court costs

Nov. 19
Ameer Dhergham Sami Sami, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, ELD used to record a driver's hours of service under 395.8(A): \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 18
Anthony Earl Whitten, Nampa — Felony controlled substance possession: 2 to 7 years in state prison (suspended), 91 days in jail (served), retained jurisdiction, \$250 in fines, \$635.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged after successful completion of sentence. **Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession 2x, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

James Lee Young, Emmett — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 1 to 7 years in prison, 91 days in jail (served), \$200 in fines, \$635.50 in court costs. Felony marijuana possession of more than 3 ounces in prepared form: 1 to 4 years in prison (served concurrently with first felony charge). Felony unlawful possession of a weapon by convicted felon: 1 to 4 years in prison (served concurrently with other charges), \$250 in fines, \$595.50 in court costs.

Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Felony misappropriation of personal identifying info for purchases or credit over \$300, felony grand theft, felony drug trafficking, felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession 2x

Hermes Jesus Mustelier Estrada, San Antonio, Texas — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Katherine Michaela Renz, Marsing — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal): \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 17
Katalina Aaron Belardes, San Jose, Calif. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$202.50 in fines, \$395 in court costs

Colton Jack Smith, San Jose, Calif. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$202.50 in fines, \$395 in court costs

Remberto M. Trejo, San Diego, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, ELD driver access to records violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

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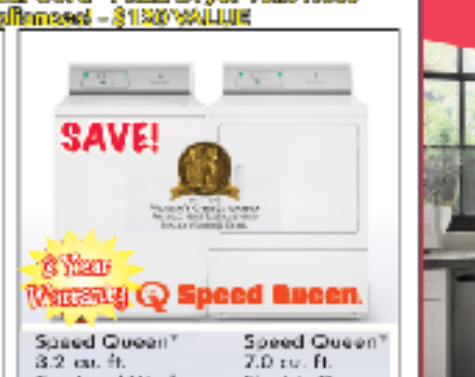





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LOOKING BACK, PAGE 4B WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 LEGALS AND CLASSIFIEDS, PAGES 10-11B

Marsing trustees prepare welcome mat for McClellin

Board could hire Huskies new football coach tonight

Marsing school trustees have plenty on their plate tonight for the final board meeting of the year.

Arguably, nothing looms larger in the community's collective consciousness than the hiring of a new football coach.

Marsing High School graduate, Boise State standout and former NFL player Shea McClellin waits in the wings to accept the first high school head-coaching job of his career.

"I think Marsing opened

"I think Marsing opened up at the right time, and I feel it's where I should be."

— Shea McClellin

Prospective Marsing High School football coach

up at the right time, and I feel it's where I should be," McClellin said. "It's hard seeing them struggle for the last 10 years."

Huskies fans shouldn't expect McClellin in the board room when the meeting starts at 7

p.m., though. The trustees will go into an executive session prior to making personnel decisions, so the coach-in-waiting figured it would be better to wait.

— See **McClellin**, page 10B



Shea and Samantha McClellin's young family will grow by one more boy come February. Submitted photo



Darren Uranga (standing, center) addresses his middle school football players in the midst of another championship season. Submitted photo

Homedale community lauds coach's positive impact

Darren Uranga to receive award at bowl game

Darren Uranga's ability to shape young minds and athletic wills has landed him on The Blue for the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

Maybe by halftime of the Dec. 21 game at Albertsons Stadium in Boise, the

Homedale coaching fixture will be over the shock.

The 1999 Homedale High School graduate, who helps his hometown's youth athletes thrive, will receive a 2021 Positive Impact Coaching Award.

"Darren was completely humbled and surprised," Homedale Youth Sports board member Amy Fossette said. "He had no idea he was even nominated."

H Y S answered the call when the I d a h o Y o u t h S p o r t s C o m - mission reached out about potential award candidates.



Darren Uranga

— See **Impact**, page 8B

Homedale rushes past Marsing boys

One team's apparent watershed performance was the other's growing opportunity Saturday.

Homedale High School used two big runs to beat host Marsing, 58-33, in a non-conference matinee.

Huskies coach Tim Little said the Trojans' "physicality and pressure led to 19 turnovers."

Twelve of Marsing's miscues occurred in the second half.

"They are well experienced, athletic and are a very good matchup for us to pinpoint areas we need to get better at so we can be at our best," Little said of the lessons his young players picked up in their first run-in with their intracounty rival.

Homedale (1-1 at week's end) used second-half spurts of 16-2 and 17-2 to build the rout.

Trojans junior guard Mason Strong led all scorers with 19 points, and Jaxon Dines added 10 points.

With 4 minutes, 25 seconds left in the game, coach Cam Long's Trojans bounded to the bench when Little called a timeout, showing an emotion that one typically doesn't see in the second game of the season.



Noel Quebrado

The timeout came after Strong nailed a three-point goal to give Homedale a 52-30 lead.

Long put his reserves in the game for the final 3½ minutes, and the intensity didn't wane.

Elijah Renteria and Omar Rios hit layups, and the second-unit players continued to scramble for loose balls even with the Trojans up by 24 points.

Noel Quebrado led Marsing (0-2) with 11 points, while Nacho Margarito chimed in with five points and six defensive rebounds.

The Huskies managed just one offensive rebound and shot 48 percent (12-for-25) from

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Sports

Huskies battle back vs. big Payette in opener

Showing the fight that is ingrained in Tim Little-coached basketball teams, the Marsing High School boys fell short of their mark in Thursday’s season opener.

Dom Enrico, the lone senior on the floor for the Huskies, did not miss his marks during a 56-49 non-conference loss to Payette.

The 5-foot, 11-inch senior

guard nailed four of six three-point shots to lead the short-handed Huskies with 16 points.

Even with Marsing’s other senior — guard Noel Quebrado — out with an illness, Marsing was able to rally from a 16-point deficit in the second half.

The team erased much of a 15-point deficit at the end of the third quarter and pulled within six points with 1 minute, 3

seconds remaining.

“Free-throw shooting kept us in the game, and our physical effort was outstanding against a very strong and big Payette team.”

Zander Allen hit for 15 points for the Pirates, while teammate Cace Lewis cashed in with 10 points.

Enrico grabbed two rebounds and two steals.

The bulk of the Huskies’ remaining scoring came from sophomores Braden Ankeny (nine points) and Nacho Margarito (eight points), and junior Mikey Acosta (eight points).

The 6-3 Ankeny led Marsing with seven rebounds, grabbing a team-high four on offense. The team managed just 20 rebounds, including 11 on its

own glass.

All of Margarito’s three rebounds were defensive, and Acosta collected three of his five rebounds on Payette’s end of the floor.

“There are definitely some things that we need to work on, but being the first game, they are little things that we can fix in order to continue to get better,” Little said.

Two Marsing athletes collect multiple wins in wrestling opener

Marsing High School ran out of chances in a wrestling slugfest Saturday against Tri-Valley.

The Titans held on for a 36-24 triumph in the season-opening East-West Duals in Wendell.

Tri-Valley built a 36-6 edge before the Huskies got three forfeit victories late in the match.

Jonathan Leon (182 pounds), Trayton Jacobi (195), and Jarrek Fuentes (285) were the beneficiaries of the forfeits.

Results on TrackWrestling.com didn’t list a 220-pound match.

Valley 36, Marsing 24 — Three of the Huskies’ four victories came by pinfall.

Jonathan Ineck stopped Jordan Birkhimer at the 3-minute, 50-second mark at 145 pounds.

Inigo Medina got a pin at 160, putting Hunter Henstock on the mat at 3:32.

At 195, Jacobi pinned Trapper Pruett three seconds before the end of the first

period.

Wendell 36, Marsing 6 — Jacobi picked up a forfeit victory at 195 pounds for the Huskies’ only points.

Jaristian Crandall pinned Ariana Vega 14 seconds before the end of their 138-pound exhibition.

Twin Falls 84, Marsing 12 — Jacobi needed just 56 seconds to pin Kenny Sanchez at 195, and Medina got his second win of the tournament with a 70-second pin of 160-pounder Ivan Keller.

Huskies girls drop first 2A WIC games

Marsing High School is off to a winless start in the 2A Western Idaho Conference girls’ basketball season.

New Plymouth rolled, 51-25, on Thursday as the Huskies (1-4 overall, 0-2 in conference at week’s end) opened the 2A WIC campaign with a pair of road games.

No statistics were provided.

Nov. 30: Nampa Christian 50, Marsing 19 — Sophia Ganino scored 11 points and piloted the Trojans’ offense as the Huskies lost on the road in their conference opener.

“We didn’t respond well to their pressure,” Swanson said. “Nampa Christian did a good job of keeping and playing at their pace, and we just didn’t

respond like we wanted.”

Swanson said Marsing’s “point-blank” shots didn’t fall.

“Llee (Loucks) on a single possession gained four offensive rebounds, and still the ball just didn’t want to find its home,” the coach said.

Still recovering from the flu, Emily Vanosdall “uncharacteristically missed some wide-open layups and shots,” Swanson said.

“Like I said before, ‘If you are on the floor you are expected to compete,’ ” Swanson continued.

“My girls did that and always will, but the pressure got to us early and we never overcame that.”

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Mikalia Gonzalez, jr., G
Has seen significant playing time



Boys' basketball
Braden Ankeny, so., F
Averaged 5.5 points (4-6 shooting), 4.5 rebounds in first two games



Wrestling
Trayton Jacobi, sr., 195
Two pinfalls at East-West Duals

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Friday, Dec. 10, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11, home vs. Cascade, 12:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Dec. 10, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Adrian High School (quad meet), 5:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Saturday, Dec. 11 at Payette, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Saturday, Dec. 11 at Payette, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph

Saturday, Dec. 11 at Payette, noon

Tuesday, Dec. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.



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Sports

Melba hopes basketball mojo is still working

Mustangs have several returners from boys' squad that surged to district crown

Spencer Trappett probably saw this coming.

Coming off a postseason surge that led to a 2A District III boys' basketball championship, Melba High School returns the bulk of that squad as the 2021-22 season looms.

The Mustangs pulled off upsets against Nampa Christian and top-seeded The Ambrose School to parlay a third-place finish in the 2A Western Idaho Conference into a district title a season ago.

All but two of the players from that squad — Henry Clark and Josh Leavitt — will step on the floor for the season opener at 7:30 p.m., on Friday against visiting Firth.

"We are super-excited about this year," Trappett, the Mustangs' fourth-

year coach, said. "We have tons of potential as players and as a team."

Topping the list of athletes is returning conference Player of the Year Joe Reiber, a 6-foot, 4-inch senior shooting guard.

"He brings leadership, scoring, rebounding and defense," Trappett said.

Reiber averaged 16.7 points and 7.1 rebounds per game during the Mustangs' 20-6 campaign last season.

The Mustangs also have leading scorers Nos. 2 and 3 back for another year — and they are underclassmen still.

Braden Volkers was a first-team all-conference guard. The 6-1 junior will run the offense from the point and take his share of shots after he averaged 12

points per game last season and hit 41.1 percent of his three-point attempts.

"He brings shooting, passing, ball-handling and scoring to the team," Trappett said.

Another scorer and rebounder who Trappett says plays with intensity is 6-2 All-2A WIC honorable mention post Cache Beus. He scored 10 points and grabbed 12.5 rebounds each night last season.

Two Owyhee County athletes — senior post Trace Stimpson and junior guard Kaden Dayley — are among the varsity newcomers.

Two other seniors — post Jeff Fahey and guard Alfredo Orozco — and junior guard Gabe Shaffer round out the new group that Trappett said "brings team play, defensive intensity and the ability to score."

Similar to last year, the Mustangs' will have a knack for scoring in 2021-22, the coach said.

"We have multiple players that can put up big numbers," Trappett said. "Our weakness will be if players don't fulfill their role and play as a team."

With Melba reloading after last year's district title run and more athleticism, Trappett says fans should see a fun game in Potter Gymnasium and on the road.

"(The Mustangs will feature) defensive pressure and a fast-paced game," the coach said. "With our deep bench, we have the ability to get up and down the floor."

The 2A WIC has expanded this season with the addition of Compass Charter, so there are eight teams in the conference.

"There will be some really tough teams in the league," Trappett said. "We will be one of those teams. We have potential to do well."

— JPB

Reiber's rocket ride continues for Melba

Two routs mark boys' 3-0 start

Joe Reiber might be the returning conference player of the year, but Melba High School has an arsenal of boys' basketball sharpshooters to fear this year.

Reiber's 25 points lead four scorers in double figures Saturday in a 78-45 non-conference wipeout of South Fremont.

Cache Beus logged his second double-double in the season's first three games, racking up 15 points and 12 rebounds to go with five steals.

Melba (3-0 at week's end) also got 20 points from Braden Volkers. He also grabbed four rebounds and four steals.

Reiber pulled down six rebounds and swiped four steals as the Mustangs used defense to cage the Cougars.

Dillon Stosich added 12 points.

Kaimen Peebles (18 points) and Mason Siddoway (13) did the bulk of South Fremont's scoring.

Friday: Melba 54, Firth 47 — Reiber and Volkers led the way in the Mustangs' home opener against a non-conference opponent from

the 2A District VI Nuclear Conference.

Reiber poured in 21 points, and Volkers scored 14 in the victory against a team that came within one of qualifying for the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament last season.

Austin Jacobson scored 15 points for the Cougars, who lost, 51-44, to New Plymouth in a state tournament play-in game in February.

The Mustangs stymied Firth with defense. Reiber came up with four steals to go with six rebounds. Volkers added three rebounds and three steals, and Stosich rang in with seven points and three steals.

Last Wednesday: Melba 66, Weiser 41 — Reiber didn't miss a beat when the season began, leading three Mustangs in double-digit scoring with 25 points in Washington County.

Volkers and Beus both chimed in with double-doubles.

Beus scored 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to go with six steals, while Volkers had 12 points and 10 boards.

Reiber also pulled down six rebounds and swiped four steals.

The Wolverines' Evan Haggerty scored 18 points, and Malakye Scott added nine.

Road-trippin' Mustangs girls get back to their winning ways

Melba High School racked up a couple of girls' basketball wins by spending a little time on U.S. Hwy. 20 during the weekend.

The Mustangs wrapped up a two-game road trip to southeastern Idaho with a narrow 44-39 non-conference win against South Fremont on Saturday.

Keylee Wilson scored 16 points and snagged seven rebounds as the Mustangs (6-1 overall at week's end) edged out the Cougars in St. Anthony.

Hallie Arnold scored 10 points, while Owyhee County's Brooklyn Dayley filled up the stat sheet with eight points, five rebounds and six assists.

South Fremont (5-2) got 16 points from Rylie Neville.

Friday: Melba 53, Firth 26 — The Mustangs' second road game in a three-game stretch ended as a decisive non-conference victory in Bingham County.

Kendall Clark showed no ill-effects of the injury that had limited her earlier in the season, piling up a double-double of 17 points and 16 rebounds.

Arnold and Wilson scored 10 points apiece. Arnold dished three assists, and Wilson added seven rebounds.

Dayley ran the offense well with eight assists, while carding six steals and scoring nine points.

Piper Clayson paced Firth with 10 points.

Nov. 30: Cole Valley Chris-

tian 53, Melba 42 — The team that beat the Mustangs for the 2A District III championship last season was at it again last week.

Lindsey Krogh scored 13 points, and Ellie Fraas added 12 as the Chargers took down the reigning state champions in the teams' 2A Western Idaho Conference season opener in Meridian.

Dayley and Arnold scored nine points apiece for Melba. Clark added eight points.

Cole Valley swept Melba in three games last season, including a 51-38 triumph in the 2A District III championship game.

Melba's seven-game winning streak and perfect 4-0 start to the season ended.

Adrian, JV players collect volleyball honors

Four local high school volleyball players — two each from Jordan Valley and Adrian — have been named to the All-1A High Desert League first-team.

Seniors Tayler Eiguren and Kelsey Gluch represent the Mustangs, and senior Lizzy Nielson and sophomore setter Presley Speelmon are first-teamers for the Antelopes.

Senior Allyssa Dudley and freshman Addy Martin are Adrian second-teamers, as was Adrian senior Cassity Gluch.

The honorable mention includes Jordan Valley juniors Jill Gammett and Meg Eiguren, and sophomore Kyndra Williams. The Antelopes' honorable mention picks are senior Shelby Sheets and sophomore Lucy Martin.

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25 years ago

December 11, 1996



Parade a bone-chilling experience

Despite sub-freezing temperatures, Marsing residents turned out Saturday to watch the “Old Fashioned Christmas” Holiday Parade, sponsored by the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

Kiwanis donates \$1,200 to Homedale Ambulance

The Kiwanis of Homedale has donated \$1,200 to the Homedale Volunteer Ambulance Association for the purchase of equipment used to aid in the treatment of patients, said president Vonnie Harkins.

The donation was used to purchase a One Step Glucose Monitor and a Pulse Oximeter. The glucose monitor is used along with protocols from a doctor to obtain a drop of blood from a patient to measure the glucose level.

The Pulse Oximeter is a device to measure, using rays of light, the amount of oxygen in the bloodstream, when placed on the finger or ear lobe.

Owyhee RMP meeting in Melba draws 600

More than 600 people who packed the Melba High School gymnasium Dec. 3 were told of the necessity to work together to thwart the Bureau of Land Management’s attempts to force cattle ranchers and recreationists from public lands.

A panel comprised of ranchers, members of the Owyhee County Land Use Planning Committee, and state Sen. Atwell Parry, R-Melba, told those assembled they must educate themselves regarding federal and state laws protecting their rights.

Nampa attorney Fred Grant said it was his belief Alternative C is unconstitutional under Idaho law. Grant, a land-use planning expert, cited federal statutes which require the BLM to work with the county in coordinating its planning efforts.

“They’ve put every obstacle in our way to try to tire us out to the point where we won’t keep trying,” Grant told the crowd. He accused the BLM of disregarding federal laws requiring the agency to develop the least restrictive land-use plan possible.

The BLM has not worked with Owyhee County, and only under threat of lawsuit has agreed to meet with the public to solicit comments.

Trojans lose, win in season openers

The Homedale boys varsity basketball team was cruising to an easy win over Wilder in its 1996 season opener last Friday night when wily Wilder coach Ferris Lynn switched defenses to out-score the Trojans by 14 points in the last quarter to post a 77-70 non-conference win.

Led by 5-10 sophomore Darren Uranga who dropped in 15 points, the Trojans out-scored Wilder 21-14 in the first quarter and added an additional two points to their lead in the second quarter to end the half 41-32.

50 years ago

December 9, 1971



HOMEDALE JUNIOR VARSITY quiz team competed with New Meadows Thursday in a contest taped for presentation over TV. Seated, from left, are Richard Fritzley, David Takasugi, Doug Cook, Loren Metcalf, James Herod; standing, Matt Paxton and Wally Sandy, alternates; Ted Vance, assistant adviser and Ralph Cruz, adviser. Photo by Bette Uda

Trojan quintet hits well to win over Marsing

Trojan cage fortunes continued to look bright under new coach Gary Matlock here Friday night as Homedale muzzled the Marsing Huskies 80-63 in a non-conference opener.

The Trojan quintet is essentially the same as the outfit which placed third in the Class A-3 state finals last year, except for the loss of big Paul Pearson, all-state center.

High scoring honors for the evening went to Homedale’s Mike Hyer with 18 important tallies. Rich Degitz hit for 13, and Ray Garcia slipped in 10 to round out the Trojan double figure men.

The Marsing scoring attack was a very balanced effort with all starters ending up in double figures.

Jerry Followill topped the list with 17 big counters, while Dan Percifield ran a close second with 16. Dave Hartly, Gary Followill and Delon Larsen all connected for 11 apiece.

Fire district names members to board

Sixteen votes were cast in the Homedale rural fire protection district election Monday.

Charles Yost, candidate for re-election for a 4-year term from the Canyon County sub-district, received all 16 votes.

James Murray, running for commissioner from the Owyhee County sub-district for a 4-year term, received 15 votes.

The election was held at the Homedale Highway District office with Mrs. Verda Johnston, Mrs. Opal Nash and Mrs. Ruth Trostle as judges.

John Kushlan is commissioner at-large and secretary of the district.

Trojan grapplers score many points vs. Nampans

Homedale matmen crushed Nampa Christian 61-6 here Thursday night as Trojan grappled Trojan in a non-league season opener.

Coach Ken Kellum’s Trojans, who are defending kings of the Southwest Idaho League, registered five pins, and Homedale won four other bouts by forfeit from the NC HS Trojans, who are competing as an independent this winter.

Scoring pins for Homedale were Jim Yamamoto at 126 pounds, Jack Watson at 132, Fred DeGeus at 138, Steve George at 167 and Tom Grimes at 185. In addition, Steve Yamamoto picked up four points with a 14-0 decision conquest.

155 years ago

December 8, 1866

DISTANCES FROM THE BIG BEND OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER TO RUBY CITY, IDAHO — NEW ROUTE MEASURED AND PROPOSED BY BREV. LIEUT.-COL. R. S. WILLIAMSON, U. S. ENGINEERS.—Camp at Bend of Truckee River to King’s (near south end of Winnemucca Lake) twenty miles; altitude of the surface of Lake above mean low tide, 3803 feet. Camp near the Lake at spring — nine miles; at next spring, near the Lake, six; next camp, five; next three camps two miles each, at springs near the Lake — plenty of bunch grass near all. From the Lake to Mountain Spring, thirteen miles, altitude 5537; Summit Pass one mile, altitude 6306 — grass and water plenty; camp (spring) N. E. Mt. Spring, three miles, bunch grass, altitude 5485; Lost Mule Camp seventeen miles, altitude 6093, grass and spring; Rabbit Hole Spring sixteen miles, altitude 4484, water plenty, no grass; next camp six miles, spring and grass; next camp twenty-six miles, large spring, coarse grass; next on a creek twelve miles, bunch grass near; Alder Creek seven miles, good grazing; to Bend of Queen’s River sixteen miles, grass plenty, water not good; Buffalo Springs sixteen miles, water and grass plenty; Rebel Creek eight miles; Willow Creek three miles; Flat Creek six miles with good water, bunch grass near; Camp McDermit eighteen miles, good grass, water plenty, altitude 4730; Camp “Ten Mile Creek,” eight miles, good water and grass; Head of “Ten Mile Creek,” nine miles, good grass and water; Bluff above —, altitude 5980; Spring in cañon eight miles, good grass and water; Forks of the Owyhee thirty miles, no grass, altitude 3934; Top of Bluffs, altitude 4719; High point on trail nineteen miles, altitude 4960; Camp on Lone Tree Creek two miles, good grazing; to Hall’s Ranch seven miles, coarse grass, altitude 4465; Ruby City, or Camp Lyon eighteen miles, altitude 4664. Total distance, 322 miles.

The foregoing is only a summary of the report, but contains all that is of interest here. Whether the altitude of “Ruby City, or Camp Lyon,” as given, means that they are both the same — as the results of observations at either point, it is not definitely stated, but infer that two places are of equal altitude. The above is the result of a survey ordered by Halleck since his tour of last Summer, and proposes to be the nearest out for freighters en route for Owyhee.

LEGISLATIVE NOMINATION.—The Republican Central Committee of Owyhee County met on the 7th of December, 1866, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Assembly of Idaho, to fill a vacancy made by the absence of C. L. N. Vaughn — a member elect at the regular election in August, and announced by the Governor, who had ordered a Special Election to take place on Tuesday, December 11th, 1866, to fill said vacancy.

On motion, Wm. H. Davenport was nominated. Dec. 7, 1866. Sen. D. Prescott, Chairman of Committee

By order of Major General Halleck, Assistant Adjutant General Robert N. Scott has issued General Orders, No. 19, in substance as follows: 1st. By the authority of General Grant, and on the application of Major-General Steele, the Head Quarters of the Department of the Columbia are hereby transferred from Fort Vancouver, W. T., to Portland, Oregon. 2d. The Head Quarters of the 8th U. S. Cavalry are hereby established at Benicia Barracks, California.

Sports

Hardwood comebacks don't stick for Homedale girls

Homedale High School couldn't maintain the momentum of a charge late in the first quarter Saturday in non-conference girls' basketball.

Sparked by the three-point shooting of senior guard Reece Garey, Kimberly sailed to a 68-39 victory in the Homedale Middle School gymnasium.

The Trojans (0-4 at week's end) played the game in the smaller venue because the high school gym was occupied by the annual Ardis Nash Memorial girls' wrestling tournament.

The Bulldogs (2-4 at week's end) rained three-pointers inside the small gymnasium during the first half.

Garey drained five three-pointers and had 21 points in the first 16 minutes. Post May Dille took over in the second quarter, scoring seven points on a pair of field goals and 3-for-4 foul shooting.

Kimberly shook off Homedale's 8-0 spurt to pull within a point, 15-14, at the close of the first quarter.

With Garey firing shots at



Homedale junior Jacy Parker (24) dribbles past Kimberly's Taylor Bishop and into the key during Saturday afternoon's game at Homedale Middle School.

will, the Bulldogs stretched their lead to 23 points, 45-22, by halftime.

After back-to-back three-pointers and a Taylor Bishop free throw gave Kimberly a 15-6 lead, the Trojans fended off the Bulldogs' three-quarter-court press long enough to mount a comeback.

Sophomore swing player Olivia Asumendi pulled off a

couple of steals and fed junior guard/forward Jacy Parker for a layup that sparked eight straight points.

Téa Uranga nailed a couple free throws, and Parker scored on a jumper before Uranga returned with an offensive put-back to get Homedale to within a point, 15-14, with 1.6 seconds left in the opening stanza.

Parker had nine points in the first half, and Asumendi chimed in with six. Uranga was 3-for-4 from the foul line and scored five points, while Cheyanne Kelly went 2-for-4 from the line for Homedale's other first-half scoring.

No second-half statistics were provided.

Thursday: Baker, Ore., 66, Homedale 36 — According

to information obtained independently by The Owyhee Avalanche, the Trojans couldn't keep up with the host Bulldogs in the second half of a non-conference game.

Parker caught fire in the fourth quarter, knocking down a three-pointer and scoring seven of her team-high 11 points, but Homedale couldn't muster much more production over the final eight minutes.

Baker blew open the game by outscoring the Trojans, 23-10, in the final period.

Jozie Ramos scored eight points in the final stanza to close out a game-high total of 23 points.

Holding Baker to just nine points in the second half, Homedale trailed by only five points, 25-20, at the break.

Laney Swallow scored six of her seven points in the first quarter for Homedale. She didn't score after halftime.

Asumendi was 1-for-5 from the free-throw line and scored seven of her eight points (including a three-pointer on which she was fouled) in the second half.

Homedale Trojans

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 9, home vs. Baker, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Dec. 9, home vs. Baker, Ore., 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m.

Frosh soph

Thursday, Dec. 9, home vs. Baker, Ore., 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 9 at Baker, Ore., 8:30 p.m. MST
Saturday, Dec. 11 at Melba, 2 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Dec. 9 at Baker, Ore., 7 p.m. MST
Saturday, Dec. 11 at Melba, 12:30 p.m.

Frosh soph

Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Baker, Ore., 5:30 p.m. MST
Saturday, Dec. 11 at Melba, 11 a.m.

Wrestling
Coed

Wed., Dec. 8 at Adrian High School (quad meet), 5:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat, Dec. 10-11 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore.

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Jacy Parker, jr., F/G
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Boys' basketball
Mason Strong, jr., G
19 points vs. Marsing

Wrestling
Trinity Neeser, so., 130
Two victories at Ardis Nash

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Sports

Adrian wrestler medals at Nash girls' tourney

Two Trojans get wins on home mat

Only one of the seven local wrestlers in the Ardis E. Nash Memorial Girls' Tournament earned a medal Saturday.

Adrian High School's Virginia Tolman finished fourth at 101 pounds, while the hometown Homedale High School squad got shut out.

Twenty-eight teams from all over Idaho and eastern Oregon traveled for the third annual tournament.

Tolman lost the bronze medal match four seconds before the end of the first period when La Grande, Ore.'s Lyndie Isaacson pulled off a pinfall.

Tolman split her other matches, starting the day with a 2-minute, 45-second pin of Emmett's Jayla Goslin before battling Rocky Mountain's Kiera Hersel's in the semifinals.

Hersel pinned Tolman at the 5:10 mark to qualify for the championship match.

The host Homedale squad had little success in the championship bracket.

Only senior Elizabeth Hergesheimer got a win in the bracket, pinning Burley's Estrella Hernandez in 41 seconds of their second-round match at 123 pounds.

Hergesheimer lost in the quarterfinals when Bonneville's Kayla Vail got a pin in 90 seconds, and she was eliminated when Emmett's Lilian Yerby pinned her at 5:21 of their consolation bracket bout.

Trinity Neeser pinned her opponents to win back-to-back consolation matches at 130 pounds. She needed 1:24 to beat La Grande's Nakita Gonzalez, and pinned Nyssa, Ore.'s Kaitlyn Esplin in 1:17.

- Other HHS competitors included:
- **123 pounds** — Addison Rosa
 - **143** — LaRae Stewart
 - **170** — Myra Jean Koon
 - **191** — Brooklyn Ashliman



Above: A Bonneville wrestler prepares to take her opponent to the mat during the third annual Ardis Nash Memorial girls' wrestling tournament at Homedale High School on Saturday. Left: Two out-of-town wrestlers grapple on one of the mats the Trojans wrestling team set up Friday afternoon ahead of the tournament. Photos by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Adrian senior quarterback Conley Martin (left) looks for a way around the Dufur defensive pursuit during an early-season game. Photo by John Braese / EasternOregonSports.com

Adrian's Martin, Wortman take top football honors

En route to winning the program's third 1A Oregon state championship, Adrian High School's football team dominated the Special District 2 all-league polling.

Senior two-way first-teamer Conley Martin was named Player of the Year after dominating as a quarterback and linebacker.

Adrian's Billy Wortman is District 2 coach of the year.

Other Adrian first-teamers are:

- Jace Martin, running back

- and defensive back
- Toby Clow, offensive lineman
- Gavin Bayes and Riley Griffin, receivers
- Misael Munoz, defensive lineman
- Second-teamers include:
- Trevor Bertalloto, offensive lineman
- Adan Bautista, center
- Sam Kiely, defensive lineman
- Carter Bayes, defensive back
- Jace Martin, kicker

Sports

HMS wrestlers ready for conference tournament

Homedale Middle School rides a season of wrestling milestones into the 3A Snake River Valley conference championships.

The meet will start at 9 a.m., on Saturday at Payette Lakes Middle School in McCall.

The Trojans have tasted success individually and as a team this season under coach Ryan Nash.

Nov. 20: Treasure Valley Championships, Kuna — Homedale placed third in the 21-team tournament behind championships from Trey McFarlane at 100 pounds and Sebastian Larzelier at 125.

“This was a really tough tournament,” Nash said.

Both champion wrestlers competed in the varsity tournament.

Varsity runners-up included Mateo Black (80 pounds) and Nathan Marston (110).

Other HMS wrestlers who placed in the varsity tournament included third-place wrestlers Micah Higley (70), Porter Swan (85), Kade Hall (152), and Tayson McKay (189). Trell McFarlane was fourth at 80 pounds, and Gerardo Vargas took sixth at 115.

Diego Silva claimed the 135-pound championship in the junior varsity bracket, while Talyn Gray (70) was runner-up.

Collecting fifth-place medals were Zander Gonzalez (115) and Michael Tellez (125).

In the girls’ tournament, Homedale claimed five medals, including Miriah Kiser’s first-place hardware in the 139-148 division and a runner-up showing for Vanessa Canterberry at 114-118.



Head coach Ryan Nash (far right) and his assistant coach flank the Homedale Middle School wrestling team after they picked up the third-place trophy in Kuna last month. Submitted photo



Three girls won bronze medals — Elizabeth Harper (75-83), Kim Smith (117-120), and Kira Manley (120-125).



Above: An unidentified Homedale wrestler stands tall with his Parma opponent in the air during Homedale’s tri-meet on the Panthers’ mat on Dec. 1. **Left:** Sixth-grader Wade Ingram throws his Parma foe during the tri-meet. Photos by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Middle school girls pick off more basketball opponents

Both Homedale Middle School eighth-grade girls’ basketball teams kept rolling last week.

The A team remained unbeaten in 3A Snake River Valley conference play, while the B squad extended its winning streak to seven games.

A team

Thursday: HMS 50, Ontario, Ore., 5 — The Trojans led, 28-0, at halftime and rolled to their fifth conference victory.

Belen Asumendi led the Trojans (8-1 overall, 5-0 3A SRV at week’s end) with 12 points against the short-handed Ontario squad.

Every player coach Benji Sorenson put on the court scored with Tiana Sorenson adding 10 points, Stephanie Quezada hitting for eight, and Karlie

Kildow contributing six.

Nov. 30: HMS 41, Parma 25 — The Trojans bounced back from poor starts in the first and second halves in a road game against a team Benji Sorenson believes Homedale could face in conference tournament.

“We started out the halves sluggish in this one, but used a good second and fourth quarter to put them away,” Sorenson said.

The Trojans struggled to a 10-8 lead after the first quarter behind poor offensive execution and several turnovers.

The team shook off the start to lead, 24-12, at the break.

But, unlike earlier games, Homedale was unable to put Parma away in the third quarter.

The Panthers opened the second half

on a 6-0 run, but late baskets gave the Trojans a 28-20 heading into the final period.

“We finally put things back together in the fourth and pulled away for the win,” Sorenson said.

“It was a game that felt closer than the final score indicated, but the girls found a way when they needed to.”

Kierstley Roseborough notched another double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Tiana Sorenson tallied eight points and five rebounds.

Asumendi grabbed seven rebounds and four steals.

Stephanie Quezada played “a good all-around game,” Sorenson said, tallying six points, five rebounds, four steals, and two assists.

Point guard Stella Heck dished a team-high three assists.

B team

Nov. 30: HMS 19, Ontario, Ore., 4 — Defense ruled the Trojans’ eighth consecutive victory.

Leading 7-2, the Trojans (8-1 at week’s end) rattled off 10 unanswered points to start the second half.

Breydyn Ford scored a team-high 11 points, and Mia Badiola, Hailey Jakovac, Mila Binford, and Ava Wilson scored two points each.

Nov. 30: HMS 31, Parma 15 — Ford single-handedly outscored the Panthers with 17 points.

A season-high seven players entered the scoring column for Homedale.

Jakovac scored four points, and Tayler Phelps put in three.

Scoring two points apiece were Mia Badiola, Avery Ross, and Mila Binford, while Wilson drained a free throw.

Sports



Above: Darren Uranga also coaches Homedale youth in baseball, the sport in which he made his biggest impact as a player first at Homedale High School, then at Albertson College of Idaho and in a professional minor league. Left: Uranga (right) and an assistant coach help an injured middle school player off the football field. Submitted photos

✓ Impact: Community members, colleagues chime in on coach's style

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"The board nominated three amazing local coaches, but only one was selected to be one of six to receive the award," the HYS said in a press release.

Other local nominees were Kenny Thomas and John Poole.

A Homedale native, Uranga first came to prominence as a standout football, baseball and basketball player for the Trojans. He went on to play baseball at then-Albertson College (now The College of Idaho) and had a three-year minor-league stint in the independent Frontier League from 2003 to 2005.

Nowadays, Uranga coaches and mentors hundreds of youth and sits on the HYS board.

In the past two seasons, he has led seventh- and eighth-grade football teams to championships.

"He gives and gives and never asks for anything in return," the HYS press release reads. "Darren will stop at nothing when it comes to making sure his players are ready for battle."

"He pushes them and teaches them in a way that words cannot even describe. He has a heart of gold and has the ultimate knowledge and patience with these kids."

HYS officials call Uranga a "huge asset" to the coaching staff, adding that assistant coaches line up to help him because they know they can learn from him.

"Darren is Homedale Youth Sports and embodies the very

foundation of the term GRIT," HYS added.

Several community leaders and parents supported Uranga's nomination:

Schools superintendent Rob Sauer: "I had the good fortune of coaching our seventh-grade boys' basketball team after Darren served as their coach for many years. They had been incredibly well-coached in previous years, and that is a credit to Darren."

"In all honesty, it's a bit intimidating to follow Darren. He is the type of coach we want at every level for all of our kids. He is determined, dedicated, passionate and caring."

"As I consider the youth coaches that I have worked with in my 27 years as an Idaho educator, I can't think of anyone more deserving than Darren."

Heather Jacobson, parent: "Darren took a group of little 10-year-olds and literally made them into an amazing group of boys. My son Wylee was coached by him for four years ... he taught him that disappointment was going to happen: He could either buck up and learn from the mistake he made or sit around and cry about it, but sitting around crying about it will not make him a better baseball player."

"Well, Wylee was a crier for the first year and he did learn a lot of hard lessons, but Darren was always there to build him back up and be there for him when he had questions."

"Baseball is not just baseball, it's teaching these boys at a young age to be better,

to learn from their mistakes, and go out in the world and do better."

Matt Holtry, high school principal and football coach: "The first quality that I feel makes Darren a great recipient is his commitment. Darren will work a full day and then turn around and coach a third-grade Optimist team followed by an eighth-grade middle school team, only to finish his day helping the varsity team prepare on a weekly basis."

"How he juggles it all and remains committed to it all is a mystery to me. He is blessed with a supportive wife and family for sure, but his commitment to helping young people and helping the programs that he coaches is something I have not witnessed in my 20-plus years of coaching or teaching."

"Darren is a staple in our community. From his ancestry having such a powerful influence in our community, he puts far more into the community than anyone I know. He is one of the hardest-working, loyal, and committed individuals that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past 13 years ..."

"... Whether it is football, basketball or baseball, he is going nonstop and is always putting in extra hours after his busy day just to build relationships and build young people into successful adults."

Casey Grove, high school athletic director: "Everything Darren does in his teachings comes back to life lessons or things they can take away from the game and apply it to their

own life."

"Kids and parents all love and respect what Darren does for all kids in Homedale. If it wasn't for people like Darren, Homedale Youth Sports wouldn't be where it is today."

"Darren leads by example. He is not a motivational speaker, but demonstrates how to be a great person by his actions as a human being. He works hard for his family and Homedale's youth, literally seven days a week."

Cam Long, high school boys' basketball coach, football assistant, and elementary school physical education instructor: "I have known Darren for seven years now. ... Over the years, I have been amazed at the youth programs that are set up in Homedale. At the center of it all is Darren."

"He coaches all the youth sports as well as helps at the high school, volunteering his time. This man is an MVP for Homedale kids and community."

Kevin Fine, middle school assistant football coach and parent: "Darren's best attribute aside from his ability to teach X's & O's is his love for the players. I believe 100 percent that Darren cares more about building young men than he does about winning."

"Darren consistently teaches the young men in our program that we will win with class on and off the field."

Becky Bridgewater, parent: "In addition to the lessons about football that Darren teaches his athletes, his teach-

ing and modeling of mindset are second to none."

Bridgewater described how Uranga handled players complaining and letting the heat of a late-summer practice affect their performance. He explained they couldn't control the weather but they could control their mindset and attitude.

"His message was direct and communicated his expectations for the players to act better, to be aware that even being able to play was an opportunity and a privilege."

"As a single mother who is very specific about the male role models in my son's life, I couldn't ask for better than Darren. My son is as hard as they come on the field, but as tender-hearted as can be out of uniform. Darren pushes him to be better, holds him accountable and is clear in his expectations."

"Under Darren's wing, my son has developed mind-blowing skill, his confidence has skyrocketed, and he has absolutely fallen in love with the game."

"Playing for Darren has provided my son a place where he has absolutely no doubts who he is, where he belongs, and that he is cared about as an athlete but even more so as an individual."

The HYS leadership said in the release:

"Thank you, Darren. We are so blessed to have you in our lives, our hearts and this community. You, sir, are Homedale Youth Sports!"

Sports

Mustangs sail behind siblings’ shooting

The Gluch sisters led the way Saturday afternoon as Jordan Valley High School capped a perfect first week.

“I was proud of how the girls started off their season,” Mustangs girls’ basketball coach Kelsi Skinner said.

“We have a great bunch of girls that work hard. We definitely have some work to do, but the season is looking promising.”

Jordan Valley capped its season-opening three straight wins with a 58-27 non-league rout of Wallowa at home Saturday.

Cassity Gluch connected on three of four free throws and led the Mustangs with 15 points. Her sister, Kelsey, nailed a three-point goal on the way to 14 points.

Every player scored for Jordan Valley, which iced the game with a 16-4 run to start the second half.

Friday: Jordan Valley 47, Powder Valley 23 — The Mustangs scored as many points in the first half as the

Badgers did in the entire game at North Powder, Ore.

Jordan Valley held a 23-4 edge at halftime.

Jill Gammett had a team-high 12 points, while Cassity Gluch converted three of five foul shots as part of her 11 points.

Tayler Eiguren scored 10.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 60, Pine Eagle 12 — In the first of two games played in North Powder, the Mustangs spread the scoring out and stifled the Spartans from Half-way, Ore.

Already leading 37-10, Jordan Valley shut out Pine Eagle, 9-0, in the third quarter.

Gammett led four Mustangs in double-figure scoring with 15 points.

Tayler Eiguren was 3-for-4 from the line for part of her 11 points.

Cassity Gluch scored six of her 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Meg Eiguren finished with 10 points after scoring eight before halftime.

One-two of Eiguren, Grenke leads JV boys

Birch Eiguren and Jace Grenke scored 13 points each Saturday as Jordan Valley High School dismantled Wallowa in non-league boys’ basketball.

With a 20-point halftime lead, the Mustangs cruised, 45-18, in their home opener.

Jordan Valley (2-1) rebounded from a Friday blowout loss to Powder Valley to wrap up a two-game season-starting set in North Powder, Ore.

“It was a good weekend to highlight the areas we need to improve on, and hopefully we can continue to sharpen our team moving forward,” coach Alek Quintero said.

The Hawker brothers dominated the defensive backboards against Wallowa. Eight of Ryley’s team-high 10 boards came on the Wallowa end of the floor, while Lan collected six of his seven rebounds on defense.

Lan also added seven points, while Chris Mackenzie chipped in six.

Friday: Powder Valley 56, Jordan Valley 35 — The Mustangs were unable to climb out of a 20-5 hole in the first quarter of the non-league contest.

Jordan Valley committed 19

turnovers, but Eiguren’s six steals led the way for a defense that tried to even the balance sheet. The Mustangs registered 14 steals.

Grenke poured in 16 points, most of which came on four three-point goals, and led the team with seven rebounds.

Eiguren scored eight points, and Lan Hawker had six points and five rebounds (four defensive).

Thursday: Jordan Valley 55, Pine Eagle 39 — Three of the five Mustangs that broke into the scoring column in the season opener reached double figures in a neutral-site game in North Powder.

Grenke led the way with 17 points and eight rebounds against the Spartans from Halfway, Ore. He snagged six defensive rebounds and knocked down three treys.

Lan Hawker also nailed three three-pointers en route to 15 points. He collected all six of his rebounds on the Spartans’ glass.

Eiguren had a co-team-high eight boards (six defensive rebounds as Jordan Valley corralled 20 rebounds on Pine Eagle’s end). He also scored 15 points on 6-for-11 shooting.

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Sports

✓ McClellin: Former Super Bowl champion excited to take over alma mater’s club

From Page 1B
High school athletic director Brian Marshall is putting together a news conference to officially introduce the new coach in the days after the decision is final.
Regardless, McClellin, 32, is ready to hit the ground running.
The 2007 Marsing grad has a plan in place to restore the culture for a program that has seen five head coaches since his old ball coach — Don Heller — departed after 17 seasons following the 2007 campaign.
Since Heller left in the winter after McClellin’s graduation, Marsing has had eight coaches in 14 seasons. There have been five different men at the helm since Brad Hill was fired after two games in 2014 and replaced by now-superintendent Norm Stewart.
“Something they need is consistency, especially from a head coach, and that’s something I can give to them,” McClellin said. “I’m excited about the opportunity. And it’s just special to have it back in Marsing.”
“The community had always supported me through college and the NFL, and it’s time to give back, and I’m excited about it.”
McClellin and his wife Samantha, the high school sweetheart he married in 2012,

live in Nampa with their three sons ages 7, 5, 2. Another baby boy will arrive in the first week of February.
McClellin got an on-field look at the team he will inherit earlier this year when he opposed the Huskies as Cole Valley Christian’s offensive coordinator.
“I loved it. It was probably the most fun I had coaching honestly,” he said of the opportunity. “Coaching offense is just different.”
The family has been back in the Treasure Valley since March, returning from California after what McClellin characterizes as an “extended vacation.”
Soon after ending his Super Bowl-winning football career by retiring from the New England Patriots, the former Chicago Bears first-round draft pick coached linebackers at Mountain View High School in Meridian.
After one year, the family packed up and moved to Newport Beach, Calif., where he caught on with Corona Del Mar High School as a linebackers coach and dipped his toe in special teams coaching.
“My ultimate goal was to be a head coach, and I wanted to get experience on both sides of the ball and with special teams,” he said.

— JPB

✓ Homedale: Trojans split first two games of season

From Page 1B
the field.
Quebrado drained three three-point goals in 10 attempts, while Alejandro Barrera went 3-for-3 from the floor for his six points.
Mikey Acosta was 2-for-3 from the foul line and scored four points. Marsing took just eight free throws in 32 minutes, draining five.
Homedale lost its season opener, 55-51, to Baker, Ore., in a non-conference game played Thursday on the Trojans’ floor.
No statistics were provided.

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

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

Gift Drive Ends December 17

- Female #1

Female #2

Female #3

Female #4

Female #5

Female #6

Female #7

Female #8

Female #9

Male #1

Male #2

Male #3

Female #10

Female #11

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Male #15

Male #16

Male #17

Male #18

Male #19

Male #20

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

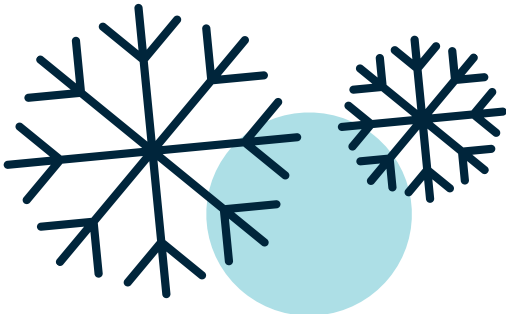
Bowling Alley Gift card, Sport shorts with elastic waist 2X, Short sleeve T-shirts 3X,

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.