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It's back!

COVID-19 won't slow Marsing Disaster Auction this time

A small band of volunteers is determined to keep the Marsing Disaster Auction chugging into its seventh decade.

Those volunteers have been busy preparing for the return of the famous

first-Saturday-in-February auction with the quirky start time of 10:13 a.m., after it was determined that COVID-19 wouldn't take away another big event.

"The economic difficulties Owyhee

County citizens faced made it obvious having the auction would put more undo strain on our donors," MDA spokesperson James Ferdinand said of the reason behind the 2021 cancellation.

Organizers are treating next year's auction as if it is the 60th anniversary auction after this year's event was shelved.

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Marsing schools could lose funding

New HVACs planned in several buildings

Attendance protocol will return to normal, but the Marsing School District could be looking at a revenue hit because of COVID-19 absences.

The board of trustees voted to return the district to the Green category for COVID-19 operations when the second semester begins Jan. 3.

The first semester ends

— See *Marsing*, page 5A

Silver City, Bachman

roads closed

County commissioners have instituted winter closures for Silver City Road and Bachman Grade Road.

The annual resolution was passed during Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy.

Signs are posted, and there are penalties for disobeying postings. Rescue costs, if any, will be recouped, too.



The generosity of Hands Around Homedale

Volunteers gathered in the Homedale Elementary School cafeteria Thursday to pack Christmas food boxes for 50 families. Food was collected through the Homedale schools' commodity drive and donations from local businesses. Kevin Miyasako (left) from Allendale Produce and Mary Sonke were two of the volunteers who showed up. Submitted photo

OHR Christmas auction locale, day changes

Avalanche gift drive ends Friday

The annual benefit auction to help brighten Christmas for nursing home residents has been rescheduled and moved.

Originally set for Saturday (Dec. 11), the auction to support Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center residents

has been rescheduled for 8 p.m., on Friday.

The auction will be held at Fisher's Saloon, 30 W. Idaho Ave. In previous years, it was staged at the Last Chance Saloon down the street.

Proceeds from the night will be used to buy Christmas presents and necessities for the residents.

For more information on

providing donations for the auction or helping OHR residents in general, call Denise Baker at (208) 899-0163 or Kristi Rushing at (208) 713-3430.

The Owyhee Avalanche's gift drive for OHR residents is in its final days, too.

The residents' wish list appears on Page 12B in this week's Avalanche.

Presents donated by community members will be accepted until Friday.

A total of 54 men and women submitted their Christmas wish lists.

Items sought include candy, cologne and perfume, clothing, hair and body care products, gift cards to The Bowling

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Teaching couple no strangers to Three Creek School

Aults familiar with area because of life in Jarbidge

Shannon Ault didn't go very far when she accepted the job as Three Creek School's new teacher.

The Twin Falls native had spent 22 years in the Twin Falls School District doing exactly what she's doing in the 2021-22 school year — filling the role of a kindergarten through eighth-grade teacher.

Three Creek students attend K-8 at the tiny schoolhouse in southeast Owyhee County before moving on to high school, usually in Castleford in nearby Twin Falls County.

Ault and her husband, Daniel, who is Three Creek's para-professional, were no strangers to the Three Creek area. They spent plenty of time in Jarbidge just over the Nevada line, first in a camp trailer and then buying a home in Jarbidge. They also own a home in Twin Falls.

Shannon said the couple loved the area on their visits and even more since buying the home and getting to know the local folks and the land.

"The land and its old ways have become a way of life for us when we are not hard at work," Shannon said.

The work changed when a new opportunity presented itself.

"We had been trying to figure out a way to plant our roots even deeper, while continuing to make a difference teaching children," Shannon said. "So, when we discovered there was a job opening at the Three



Shannon and Daniel Ault are in their first year teaching the children at Three Creek School. Submitted photo

Creek School we had driven past hundreds of times, we knew this was it. It was our chance.

"The rest is history in the making, and we truly have been blessed to be given this opportunity."

Shannon has made her life's working teaching children.

After attaining her first degrees in Idaho (Associate's at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Idaho), she received a Master's in Literacy Education from Lesley University in Cam-

bridge, Mass.

She taught second-graders for 14 years, third-graders for one year and spent seven years as a reading specialist — all posts primarily at Bickel Elementary in Twin Falls — before succeeding Dena Pollock at Three Creek.

She also has taught sixth- and seventh-grade math during summer school.

"I have had many pet projects along the way, but the one factor that keeps me around are the children," Shannon said. "They are the reason I started teaching, and they are the reason I continue to teach. I

Three Creek School Christmas party scheduled

The Three Creek School Christmas party, which is open to the public, takes place Thursday.

Dinner will be served, and the students will perform during the event, which

starts at 6 p.m., inside the Three Creek School community center.

Folks are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Student-created gifts will be on sale, too.

cannot see my life in any other way."

Daniel has been in education for six years with his experience primarily in behavior management and mentoring.

The Aults are a blended family of five grown children.

"Our kids are motivated young adults. They are all high school graduates from Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls, Idaho, and all of them have gone on to college," Shannon said. "They have accomplished so much between the five of them.

"They have all earned at least one college degree so far, and we could not be more proud of their endeavors."

The couple's oldest son is in his second year of medical school.

The second-oldest is an Air Force Academy graduate now attending Harvard.

Their oldest daughter is an Outdoor Recreation major who teaches rock climbing at a local gym.

Their youngest son earned a Culinary Arts degree and is living in Seattle.

Their youngest daughter is attending college to be an elementary school teacher and

working full-time at a bank.

Daniel and Shannon spend free time with their families or backpacking, hiking, fishing and studying wild plants.

"We are always up for a new adventure," Shannon said.

The latest adventure, of course, is teaching the four schoolchildren at Three Creek.

There are second-graders Cheyenne and Lilly and kindergarteners Elie and Ava.

"(The schoolchildren) have brought so much life to Three Creek School, and we are loving every minute of it," Shannon said.

The couple also sets aside a few hours a week to teach area preschoolers Jack, Jolene, Josie, and Reuben.

"Paula Brackett volunteers on the days we have preschool, and we sure couldn't do it without her," Shannon said.

The Aults have begun making regular posts to the school's Facebook where folks can find information about students and their activities.

Shannon has continued a "snail-mail" newsletter, and community members can get on the mailing list by emailing her at admin@threecreekschool.org.

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Giving Tree wraps up

Marsing City Hall staffers Kim Even (left) and Debbie Carter look at tags on the Giving Tree at the city office as Zee the dog checks things out. Volunteers will gather to wrap the donated presents Thursday at the Marsing HUB. Submitted photo

Homedale finalizes changes to property zoning ordinance

The Homedale City Council finalized changes to zoning on a couple lots during a lightning-fast meeting last Wednesday.

The meeting, presided over by council president Mike Aebischer, lasted all of six minutes.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen’s absence was anticipated as he returned home from a trip.

Wrapping zoning change requests filed by property owners in the past months, the council voted unanimously to amend the city’s zoning ordinance to allow residential zoning on East Owyhee Avenue east of North 4th Street and at the south corner of Industrial Road and East Colorado Avenue.

One change will allow for the sale of an existing residence, while the other opens the door for the property owners to sell the vacant lot for future residential development across the street from the Amalgamated Sugar Co.’s beet dump.

In other business, two department heads asked the council to consider declaring city property surplus.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that the current truck used by animal control officer Liset Llamas is in need of repairs.

“The repairs are going to cost more than the truck is worth,” Eidemiller said.

He is in negotiations with the Wilder Police Department to purchase another animal control pickup that has a climate-controlled kennel box, something that the HPD setup doesn’t have. The estimated price tag is \$1,500.

Eidemiller asked the council to consider declaring the current truck surplus to clear the way for a possible purchase.

The council didn’t take a vote because the topic was an information item and wasn’t listed on the agenda for action.

A similar situation arose during public works supervisor Bret Smith’s report.

He asked the council to consider declaring a riding lawnmower surplus so that it could be placed in the March equipment auction that will be held in Homedale.

Again, no vote was taken because the request wasn’t specifically on the agenda.

Smith also told the council about recent projects, including creating trenches to send power to two new spaces created at the Riverside Park RV park.

The flow data logger needed for wastewater lagoon regulation compliance has been installed, too. That device will be replaced when the rehabilitation project is carried out, but Smith said it was needed now because of compliance rules.

More repairs to sewer lagoon aerators have been carried out, too.

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Construction upgrades ongoing at Jordan Valley museum



The Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum has been going through quite a few changes this year.

First, a new curator — Kelly Stanford — came on board.

Now, the museum is undergoing what Stanford has characterized as a “facelift.”

In August, Lassiter Roofing Co., installed a new dark green metal roof on the old Elorriaga House and Basque Boarding House, which houses the museum.

In a Facebook post, Stanford said she was grateful for the work put in by Kelly Lassiter and his crew.

“The new roof was a need as there were multiple compromised areas in the old roof,” Stanford wrote. “Thanks to everyone that helped make this happen.”

The museum received a Heritage Grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation to help pay for the new roof.

More recently, Stanford has been conducting tours of the museum by appointment only as more work continues.

To schedule a tour, contact Stanford at (541) 586-2181 or (208) 615-6436.

The latest project is the



Above: The old paint is removed from the front of the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum in preparation for a makeover. **Left:** A worker affixes the new museum banner to the front of the building. Submitted photos

refurbishment of the front entry on the museum, which is located at 502 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

The first phase of the work on the front of the building included updating the white paint, replacing the screen in the porch and painting the first-floor trim.

“Next summer we will be replacing the screen and painting the green trim

upstairs,” Stanford said. “We have a new banner for the front of the museum thanks to Smashing Ink Vinyl in Nampa.”

The ION Heritage Museum board of directors meets at 6 p.m., on the last Thursday of each month inside the Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave.

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✓ **Marsing: Schools back to Green in COVID-19 protocol in January**

Thursday when schoolchildren leave on Christmas break.

“The board looked at the current COVID trends in the county and overall known cases in the district,” Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said. “The numbers have trended significantly down, so the decision to transition to Green was made.”

The decision means students have the green light to attend school full-time.

But the impact of modified attendance protocol over the past two school years could have some district officials seeing red, especially if the state Board of Education (ISBE) changes how the funding formula works when it meets today.

The ISBE could decide to use full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment to calculate funding distribution when it meets inside the Len B. Jordan Building in Boise at 8 a.m., today.

Seven days before the state

board was to meet, Stewart told Marsing’s trustees that altering the funding formula from average daily attendance to FTE could cost the district nearly \$91,000 in anticipated funding.

When the Marsing schools budget was built for the 2021-22 school year, trustees projected an FTE of 45.5 units. But Stewart said updated FTE projections could be as low as 42.42.

The state provides school funding at \$29,542 per FTE unit, and a loss of 3.08 units would mean state support would be under budgeted totals by nearly \$91,000.

A higher-than-anticipated student absence rate would be the key culprit to the lost funding if the state board shelves Average Daily Attendance in favor of FTEs.

According to a chart Stewart shared at last week’s meeting, the elementary school has had an absence rate of 15 percent of students for more than half of the 46 days in the Aug. 30-to-Nov. 23 reporting period.

The secondary school had eight days of absence rates over 15 percent in the same timeframe.

Combining the two schools’ statistics means the district has had 11 days with more than 15 percent of the student population absent (24 percent of the time).

High school attendance — or lack thereof — has secondary principal Nick Ketterling facing down the possibility of as many as 15 students filing appeals to dispute excessive absences. The absences are classified as not illness-related.

A student can have only seven absences in a school year before the attendance record begins to affect their ability to obtain enough credits to move to the next grade or graduate high school.

There is an appeals process to give students and their parents an opportunity to explain the absences.

One student has been absent 30 days this school year.

But Ketterling expressed frustration that more truancies aren’t dealt with as criminal cases.

“I’d like to refer more to the prosecuting attorney, but in six years, something has been done twice,” the principal said.

HVAC work planned

Trustees approved bids to replace HVAC units throughout the school district, agreeing to spend \$141,449 with two different contractors.

Nampa-based Affordable Property Services will replace heating, cooling and ventilation mechanisms in The HUB, the locker room for the elementary/middle school gymnasium, and the senior high school.

AC to Z Mechanical was awarded contracts for HVAC

work at the elementary school and in the Vo-Ag classroom.

The district will use CARES Act funding to pay for the work. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund created by the COVID-19 legislation allows expenditures to improve ventilation.

“As soon as the companies can get the units, we plan to begin,” Stewart said of the construction timeline.

Trustees OK new hires

Tiffany Wright is the new assistant preschool teacher and Regan Stansell and Aunna Delafunee are 21st Century Learning Center staffers.

Rebecca Brumbelow (custodian) and Rebecca Wasson (bus driver) were also hired.

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✓ **Auction: Raffle ticket sales to begin soon**

And there will be more poignancy to the auction when it is held on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

One of the auction’s founding fathers, Roman Usabel, died on Nov. 27, and the volunteers want to make sure his memory is honored.

Just because the auction didn’t go off as planned this year doesn’t mean the disaster fund committee didn’t help community members.

“The disaster fund dispersal committee has been able to help those in need while being conservative enough to get from year to year, even when we didn’t have an auction,” Ferdinand said. “We are hoping for a great year (and auction) in 2022.”

And certainly community members gave back to the fund even without the excitement of the live auction.

But when February rolls around, the committee is ready for some normalcy.

“We are hopeful that the 60th auction brings back our community to as normal an auction as possible,” Ferdinand said.

“We are all really looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the 60th Disaster Auction, and getting back to normal.”

The \$10 and \$1 raffle ticket sales have returned, too.

Marsing third- through fifth-graders will sell the \$1 tickets beginning during their Christmas break. The \$10 tickets will be available at Marsing City Hall, which also will be a drop-off point for any auction lot donations folks may want to make.

For more information on the auction or the raffle or how to

donate to the auction and fund, email marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com, or call any number of volunteers:

- Bob Carter, (208) 880-8770
- Sheila Carter, (208) 337-2100
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Making your live Christmas tree part of the landscape

I was recently wandering through a local garden center and observed the many options for a tree this holiday season. I could select from fresh-cut trees, artificial trees, live tabletop sized trees, and even containerized evergreen trees.



Nic Usabel

For those opting to select a live containerized tree that will become part of the landscape after it has served its indoor use, here are some tips for ensuring a successful transition of a live tree planting.

First, consider where in the landscape you will plant your tree. Select an open area that lacks overhanging tree branches or wires. If you don't have such a site, consider a dwarf conifer or evergreen shrub. Choose a tree that will thrive in your soil condition. Remember that while the tree is small in stature today it will expand to its full size in time. Proper planning now will save you time, headache, and money later.

When you visit a nursery or garden center, you will find a variety of evergreens to choose from. Evergreens are commonly available as containerized trees grown in a pot or balled and burlapped trees. These have large field-dug root balls bundled in burlap or other fabric.

Before the ground freezes, dig a hole two to three times wider than the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball itself. You may opt to fill the hole with leaves or straw to keep it from freezing as the temperature drops. The soil that is removed from the hole will need to be stored where it will not freeze. This soil will be used in planting the tree after the holiday.

Trees have a better chance

of survival if they are not displayed in the house for more than a seven to 10 days. If purchasing the tree early, keep the tree in a cool location before moving it indoors and water as necessary. Extended exposure to the indoor temperatures can counteract the winter dormancy in conifers. A short display period and prompt planting is the best way to ensure the survival of the tree in the landscape.

When you are ready to plant, remove organic material from the hole (if added), and position and level the tree. If the root ball is wrapped remove any cover or wires. Inspect the tree root ball for circling roots and straighten, cut, or remove them. Identify the trunk flare, where the trunk widens near the root zone, and ensure that the root flare is viable and ground level once planted. With the reserved soil, fill the hole and gently but firmly apply pressure. Water thoroughly and apply a woodchip mulch. For more detailed planting instructions of trees visit tree-saregood.org.

With appropriate care, planting, and management, you will be able to enjoy your tree in the landscape for years to come.

Upcoming classes

If you have been asking yourself, how do I plan a garden or what are some basic food preservation methods join virtually at noon on Thursday, Jan. 13 for "Plan the Garden, Preserve the Harvest!" Registration can be completed at bit.ly/PlanPreserve22.

Prefer to grow something indoors? Join virtually for "Greens with a Punch!" at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 24 to learn the basics to growing microgreens. Register at bit.ly/2Cmicrogreens22.

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Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

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

Story Time

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

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.

School Christmas program

6 p.m., "The Greatest Snowman," Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Ave., Bruneau

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

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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

School Christmas program

6 p.m., Three Creek School community center, 49909 Three Creek Road, Rogerson

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331

OHR Christmas benefit auction

8 p.m., Fisher's Saloon, 30 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 713-3430 or (208) 899-0163

Saturday

Free lunch

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

Sunday

Christmas program

5 p.m., Nativity play and dinner, Valley Christian Fellowship, 37866 State Hwy. 78, Grand View. (208) 834-2655

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

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1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

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

Friday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve candlelight service

7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Saturday, Dec. 25

Free lunch

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

Monday, Dec. 27

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, Dec 28

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

Yoga class

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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Obituary

Roman John Usabel

3/8/34 – 11/27/21

If you live in Marsing, you probably know of Roman Usabel. Roman was born March 8, 1934, to Nicasio and Mary (Luque) Usabel in Boise, ID and passed away on November 27, 2021, at the age of 87 surrounded by his loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy.

Wide-open spaces were attractive to Roman’s father, Nick Usabel, who emigrated here from Spain, with his brother, in 1917 when he was 15 years old! He was a sheepherder and eventually bought 200 acres to farm in Marsing. His dad grew hay, grain, corn and alfalfa seed. Like his father, Roman took to farming. Now his son, Joe, continues the family farming tradition.

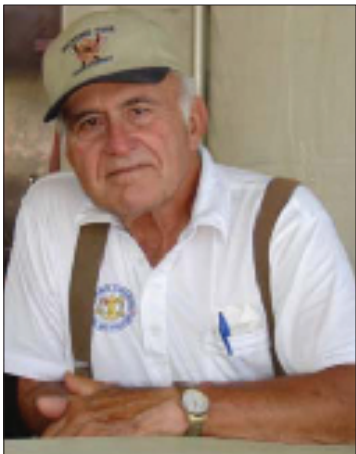
Roman lived in Marsing his entire life and on the same farm since he was three years old. He had one sibling, a sister, Carmen Subia, who recently passed. Roman attended Marsing schools, speaking only Spanish when he started. Roman was active in nearly every kind of sport. He excelled in boxing and had the nickname, “The Basque Bull.” After graduation, he attended The College of Idaho for a year and played football. He served two years in the Army on the military police force. He frequently told us stories

about “The Buckroe Beach Landing” and “The Battle of the Moat” at Ft. Monroe, VA. After the stint in the Army, he worked on building the Brownlee Dam in Idaho. He came back to Marsing shortly after and never left the place he affectionately called home.

In 1959 Roman married Helen Burton, and from this union they had three children: Joe, Ramona and Michael. Roman and Helen lived and farmed the family homestead in Marsing for 30 years. In 1989 Roman and Helen divorced.

Roman met Jeannie Drennon in 1990. Jeannie, Texas born & raised, had recently moved to Marsing where she met Roman. Their relationship quickly blossomed, and in 1995 they got engaged. They were married the next year and continued to live on the family farm in Marsing.

Roman started his lifetime of service as President of his Junior Class and then as Senior Student Body President at Marsing High School. Over the years Roman served 50-plus years on the Marsing Fire Department, 25 years as Fire Chief as well as the Fire Marshal; President of the Marsing Disaster Auction; Gem Irrigation Water Board; Selective Service Board for Owyhee County for 20 years; US Farm Service Agency Board



(formerly known as A.S.C.S.); FHA Board Member; Owyhee County Fair Board Member; President and board member of Cooperative Oil Assoc.–Treasure Valley; Marsing School Board Chairman and Board member for 20-plus years; Building Committee Homedale Basque Club–Txoko Ona; a lifetime Marsing Lions Club Member; and President of the Marsing Senior Citizens Board of Directors.

Roman was awarded several honors: 1963 Marsing Beard Growing Contest; two-time recipient of the Marsing Lions Club “Lion of the Year;” three-time Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree, Marsing FFA; State of Idaho “Outstanding Achievement Serving the People of Idaho” by Gov. Kempthorne in 1999; and most recently as the Grand Marshal of the Marsing Christmas Parade and Owyhee County

Fair and Rodeo Parade.

After he retired from farming, he started a huge garden at home. He loved working that garden every day in the summer after he got home from the coffeeshop, where he went every day to read the paper, catch up on the gossip and play Gin Rummy with the boys. He loved to play cards. Roman bought a food wagon that he and Jeannie named “Usie’s Chuckwagon.” Roman almost exclusively used the food wagon at farm and estate auctions. They also used it for private parties and lunchtime at SSI in Wilder, ID. He enjoyed being the “PR Man” at the window. He could give food away and BS with his buddies. He also ended up purchasing a lot of items just from the window of the wagon when the auction moved around close to them. Later in life, Roman volunteered several days a week at the Marsing Senior Center. Always the first to arrive, prepping food, serving and cleaning up. He enjoyed his time helping and serving his community.

If Roman could say one thing to all the people of Marsing, he would say, “Folks, be thankful you’re livin’ in the best community in the state of Idaho. It’s hard to beat.” He lived by the Golden Rule, and he appreciated the way that the people of Marsing support the

school system and each other. He also claimed the weather in Marsing is just about as ideal as you could get, and he had a hard time wanting to cross the river.

Surviving family members include his wife, Jeannie Marie (Drennon). Children, Joe Usabel (Karla), Ramona Ridley (Brandon Karas), Michael Usabel (Paige Kaufman). Grandchildren, Nic Usabel, Cody Usabel, MaryJo Anderson and Lacey Robbins; Sierra Palmer; and John Blake Usabel. Additionally, Roman was blessed with 10 great-grandchildren.

Please join the family in a service honoring Roman on Tuesday, December 21 at 10:00 am at Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic Church in Caldwell, followed by a graveside service at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A viewing will be held Monday, December 20 at 5:00 pm at Flahiff Funeral Home in Caldwell, followed by a rosary at 7:00 pm.

At Roman’s request, please no flowers. In lieu of flowers, the family has established a scholarship fund in Roman’s name. Donations can be accepted at any DL Evans Bank or mailed to DL Evans Bank, 919 Blaine St, Caldwell, ID 83605. Or a donation to the Txoko Ona Basque Center, P.O. Box 1163, Homedale, Idaho 83628.

Homedale library events look toward Christmas

Youth visiting the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in the next week will prepare for Christmas.

Teens & Tweens participants will make Gnome tree ornaments.

The program begins at 5 p.m., on Thursday at Homedale’s

city library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

In addition to the craft, the boys and girls ages 10-17 will play a story cube game.

Homedale resident Steve Belknap, a retired elementary school teacher, will read “The Wish Tree” by Kyo Maclear to

start the Opal Nash Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.

Belknap, a member of the Friends of the Homedale Public Library, will also read the classic “The Night Before Christmas” by Clement C. Moore.

The preschoolers will build a

Christmas craft afterward.

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 Sundays.

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Death notice

ROBERT ARLAND FOREMAN, 81, of Nampa, died on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021. A graveside service will be held at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 at Oreana Cemetery. Dinner will follow at the Oreana Community Hall adjacent to the cemetery. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home. Online guest book and full obituary is available at www.nampafuneralhome.com

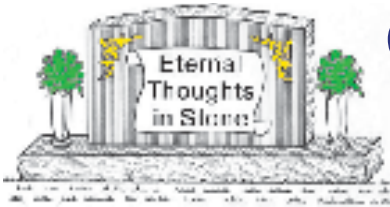
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Left: The Marsing Beautification Project Main Street decoration sponsored by the Jarvis Family adorns The Meeting Place. **Right:** Another MBP creation, sponsored by Owyhee Family Dental, was set up outside the old US Bank building on Main Street. Submitted photos

Children attended a dress rehearsal for the Valley Christian Fellowship annual Christmas Nativity play and dinner during the weekend in Grand View. **Back row, from left:** Hayli Conklin, Zayne Valez-Noble, and Noah Conklin. **Middle row, from left:** Mason Williams, Scotty Carnahan, Isaiah Greenfield, Logan Short, and Landen Short. **Front row:** Caiden Short (left) and Cameron Short. Submitted photo
For more about the play, see Page 11A



Charlie Brown trees still abound

More than 40 vendors turned out for the Owyhee County Historical Society's Christmas bazaar on Dec. 4 in Murphy. Museum director Eriks Garsvo said there were still Charlie Brown trees left after the sale closed, and as of Friday more than 30 were still available. Call (208) 495-2319 for more information.



Walkin' around the Christmas tree lot

Whitney Danos and her sons, Walker (left) and Layne, stopped by Rockslide Landscape Materials on South Main Street in Homedale to scope out the family's Christmas tree. Whitney and Dillon Danos and the boys live in Marsing. Submitted photo



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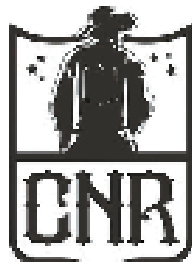
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Holidays won't alter local garbage service

Republic Services, the parent company of Westowns Disposal, Inc., will have regular garbage pickup days through the end of the year. Pickup days within the Homedale and Marsing city limits and other parts of the company's service area in Owyhee County will not be changed because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, spokesman Bill Pastoor said.



Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H club membership includes: **Front row, from left:** Josie Black, 9; Mateo Black, 11; Cylas Black, 7; and Emmett Roland, 10. **Back row, from left:** Ty Roland, 13; Terry Volk, 14; and Shayde Volk, 12. Submitted photo

4-H club announces 2021 outstanding buckaroo recipient

The Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H club has selected its Outstanding Buckaroo to wrap up the 2021 season.

Josie Black, 9, received the Outstanding Buckaroo belt buckle from leaders Nick and Mandi Roland. Josie recently completed her second year with the club.

Throughout the year, the seven club members earned points toward the Outstanding Buckaroo buckle for wearing western attire and wild rags and completing and exhibiting western heritage projects at the fair.

Black earned the most points in 2021 to win the buckle.

She completed a hatband, which is a Level 1 leathercraft project.

Club members participate in the “Saving Our Western Heritage” project.

“Job well done to all the kids for completing their projects and having a fun year,” the Rolands wrote in a season-ending press release.



Josie Black shows off her Outstanding Buckaroo buckle. Submitted photo

Those interested in joining a 4-H club for the 2022 season can see what slots are available by calling the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104.

✓ OHR: Final days of drive

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Alley, novels, puzzle books, and adult coloring books, among other things.

Generally, items such as playing cards, pillows, socks, electric razors, compression socks, 2022 calendars, and others also will be accepted.

The gifts can be wrapped and tagged with the number of the resident and the item that has been selected.

Drop off presents at the Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m., and 5 p.m.

— JPB

Owyhee County Church Directory		
Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Wednesday 7:00pm (208) 880-4033	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street (208) 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule TBA <i>All are welcome</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031 www.nampacatholic.church
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 11 a.m. has nursery, children's program Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. Sundays Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school at Homedale First Presbyterian www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale (208) 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Homedale Baptist Church 212 S. 1 st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11am-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave (208) 337-4112 Sunday 1st Ward, 1130 a.m. Bishop David Hann Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Chris Varuska
Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors (208) 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 461-9016 or (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3 rd St., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
 Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones (208) 319-4650 Don Vanderbough (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, (208) 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry St., (208) 965-1650 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Wednesday Service 7pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4 th Ave. W., (208) 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Jody Hampton (208) 649-5256 12 2 nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am 6pm on all but the 3 rd Sunday of the month Sunday School - 9:45am	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10am, 112 N. 4 th St. Sunday Evening 5:30pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm Sunday and Thursday evening services held at First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6 th St. W.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3 rd Ave. West, (208) 896-4151 Sunday 1 st Ward, 10:30 a.m. Bishop Sean Rowley Sunday 2 nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lon McRae	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3 rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2 nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4 th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho	United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4 th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines (208) 880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6 th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school (Friends church sponsor) Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2021 Mass Schedule - 10:00am on second Saturday of month thru November All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
Church in the Dirt Cowboy Church Service The Tango, Homedale 406 U.S. Hwy. 95 Pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly Every Sunday, 10 a.m.	Valley Christian Fellowship Grand View 37866 State Hwy. 78 Pastor Nate Good (208) 834-2655 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m., Sunday Communion & potluck first Sunday each month AWANA Bible Club: 5 p.m., Sunday	

Teachers work to cover children’s feet

Homedale Elementary School teachers spent time recently working for a cause. The teachers spent time decorating shoes for colleague Kristi Uria’s My360Project. My360Project is a program that provides shoes for children in need worldwide. A second-grade teacher, Uria organized the project, and several teachers decorated shoes bound for Ugandan boys and girls. Veteran teacher Teri Uria said My360Project officials brought the shoes to the school for the workday. Kristi is Teri’s daughter-in-law. Teri Uria and her sister, HES counselor Randee Garrett, decorated a pair of shoes in honor of Garrett’s late son Cody. The shoes are adorned with the Navy veteran’s life motto “Carpe Diem.” Uria said people can buy shoes or make their own for the My360Project mission. Options and more information are available on the website www.my360project.org. — JPB



Teachers gathered around tables in the library to build the shoes for Kristi Uria’s (second from right) project. Submitted photo

Marsing City Council declares house a nuisance

Building with no legal owner will be boarded up

The City of Marsing made initial steps in possibly taking ownership of a residence in limbo last Wednesday. The city council voted unanimously to declare an abandoned house at 911 Franklin St., a nuisance property. City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson explained that the homeowner died nearly three years ago, leaving no known legal heir to the property. However, about 2½ years ago, a squatter moved into the residence, which doesn’t have city water or sewer services. Thompson said the squatter recently was able to restore power to the home. “The home is in complete disarray, and all the windows are boarded up,” she told the council. Thompson said that Marsing’s building inspector, Steve Pierson, has posted that

the property is uninhabitable because of unsafe conditions. The structure’s certificate of occupancy has been revoked. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has an indigent medical lien on the property, but in talking to state officials, Thompson learned that the amount owed outweighs the value of the home. It’s unlikely the state will pursue the lien. Likewise, it will be another two years before Owyhee County could perform a tax deed sale to recoup unpaid property taxes. The city can claim \$5,000 in unpaid water and sewer bills, too. After the council declared the nuisance, city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney was planning to contact the Idaho Attorney General’s Office to inquire about the state’s intention with the lien. Thompson said the state has begun probate proceedings, which is a step toward cleaning up the ownership of the property. “Right now, we have no authority,” Bonney said before

the nuisance declaration vote. “At least by declaring the nuisance, we have some authority.” Now that the property has been declared a nuisance, the city’s public works staff will devise a way to seal off entrances to the house. The squatter apparently has active county arrest warrants, but Thompson said that Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies won’t jail the individual because he has medical issues. Sheriff’s deputies will be asked to help remove the squatter from the house when the public works crew arrives to close off the building. **Water, sewer bill delinquency shored up** In an attempt to keep water and sewer users from falling too far behind on their bills, the city council amended Ordinance A-223 to eliminate a grace period that pushed delinquent accounts into the next billing cycle. With the amendment’s publication in this week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, the

city has the option to terminate water or sewer service if a bill isn’t paid by the 25th of the month. Previously, the 10-day grace period was initiated after the due date on the 25th. The previous grace period policy meant that some delinquent accounts were unpaid for two months. **Road infrastructure issues to be addressed** A recent accident on the new Snake River bridge damaged the metal railing on the eastbound lane. Mayor Chad Sevy asked city engineer Kirby Cook to look into the cost of repairing the railing during last week’s council meeting. Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Travis Leedom confirmed that the railing was damaged a couple weeks ago when a truck pulling a load of wood skidded on the icy bridge deck, sending the load of wood onto the roadway and into the railing. Cook also told the council that the Local Rural Highway Improvement Program grant application to rehabilitate part of 1st Avenue was submitted to

the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) on Dec. 1. The city seeks \$100,000 to help with total project price tag of \$209,303. The council also granted another extension to the NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts store on Main Street to complete a sidewalk along Riverfront Drive. The work must be completed by July 1. Cook explained that the business originally had until July 1, 2020 to pour the sidewalk. But that work was delayed because of the Idaho Transportation Department’s comprehensive reconstruction of Main Street/Idaho highway 55. The city granted an extension until Dec. 31, but Cook said contractor issues has further delayed the project. Cook said that if the sidewalk is not completed by next summer’s deadline, the city can take the construction bond NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts has secured and complete the work through the bidding process. — JPB



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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 157 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 22 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 107,961 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sliced ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, hot roll, mixed fruit, pumpkin pie

Dec. 20-30: No school – Christmas break

Homedale Middle

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

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patties, hashbrown patty, strawberries

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Sliced ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, hot roll, mixed fruit, pumpkin pie

Dec. 20-30: No school – Christmas break

Homedale High

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

Dec. 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

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** English muffin sausage sandwich, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich with tots, or mozzarella filled breadstick with tots, or southwest chicken wrap with chips, or southwest chicken salad with breadstick

Dec. 20-30: No school – Christmas break

Marsing

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

Elementary School each day: **Breakfast:** Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad

Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Holiday ham, holiday potatoes, buttered corn, hot roll, sugar cookie

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt **Lunch:** Assorted sandwiches, carrot sticks, potato chips

Dec. 20-30: No school – Christmas break

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots

Dec. 20-30: No school – Christmas break

Nativity play set for Grand View

Valley Christian Fellowship invites community members to come celebrate the wonder of the Savior’s birth.

The fellowship’s Christmas Nativity play and dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m., on Sunday.

Valley Christian Fellowship is located at 37866 State Hwy. 78 in Grand View.

Pastor Nate Good leads the congregation, which holds communion and a potluck on the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday School is held at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service follows at 10:45 a.m., each Sunday.

The AWANA Bible Club meets at 5 p.m., each Sunday.

For more information, call (208) 834-2655.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: *Not Available due to the Coronavirus
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Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day except Dec. 15th

Dec. 15: BBQ glazed chicken patty on bun, macaroni and cheese, Brussels sprouts

Dec. 16: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables

Dec. 21: Glazed ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, stuffing

Dec. 22-23: Closed – Merry Christmas

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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

Dec. 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

Dec. 22: Pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, Capri vegetables, applesauce, wheat roll

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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

Dec. 23: Turkey, ham, stuffing, yams, mashed potatoes and gravy, green salad, beans with bacon, roll, cranberry sauce – SERVING AT NOON, please bring salad or dessert

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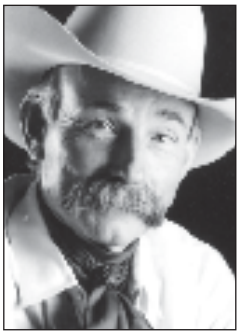
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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
Cat laws



I was reading the paper to the cat last week. She tries to keep up on current events, particularly stories about politics and alien landings. We got to a story where a few obscure animal rights groups have called for the nation’s 66 million pet cats to be kept indoors for life. “Why?” asked Miss Kitty. “Well,” I answered, “This says that free roaming cats kill from 8 million to 217 million birds a year in Wisconsin alone.” “My, I had no idea there were that many birds in Wisconsin.” “Yes, and one person was quoted as saying ‘We don’t want our house companions going out and killing other animals.’” “What about mice?” asked Miss Kitty, scratching behind her ear. “They don’t say, but they are also worried about you being eaten by coyotes.” “Then why don’t they keep all the coyotes indoors for life? It’s like making people bolt and bar their homes and stay inside during prime shopping hours. Why don’t they just keep all the criminals indoors for life?” “Good question, but they say cats are domesticated animals and coyotes are wild animals and they don’t want to appear anti-wildlife.” “Mice are wildlife, and so are birds. It’s all part of the food chain.” “They apparently want to remove cats from the food chain. For your own protection, of course.” “I thought it was to protect the birds,” said Miss Kitty, ever vigilant to flaws in my logic. “And besides, do they really enjoy that odiferous cat box in the laundry room. It’s bad enough to walk around in a Tupperware Toilet if you’re a cat. I’ve always envied camels. Sand as far as you can see. Go anytime you please.” “They suggested humans who want their cats to spend time outdoors need to invest in an outdoor enclosure or walk their cats on a harness.” Miss Kitty got indignant, “You ever tried to walk a cat in a harness! We’re not dogs, you know! I’ve spent a lifetime keepin’ your place free of rodents and vermin, and this is the thanks I get. So I eat a bird now and then. And another thing, I’ve lost more friends to car tires than coyotes. Why don’t they have speed limits slow enough to let cats get out of the way?” “Wait a minute,” I protested, “It isn’t me. It’s just a story in the paper.” “Sure,” she huffed, “But some self-appointed cat lover will weasel or badger you into makin’ me a house cat. You’ll fall for it and take me prisoner. Next thing I know, you’ll be takin’ me for walks in a cat harness. Not for me, buckaroo, I’m leavin’.” “Wait,” I pleaded, “Where will you go ...” “Well,” she said, “I’ve always wanted to see Wisconsin.”

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Doing things the right way



Drew Williams isn’t your ordinary high school coach. With a full beard, he doesn’t look like your typical girls’ basketball coach when he strolls the sideline. And he doesn’t approach the job of coach in a wholly usual way. The 2003 Homedale High School graduate is building up more than just the Compass Charter program he helps coach. He strives to build up other teams, too. Even the teams he will face throughout the 2A Western Idaho Conference season. That was the case this weekend when the Aviators’ junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant hyped-up Friday’s conference matchup. He heaped praise on the job Marsing coach Mike Swanson is doing with his own burgeoning program. Given that Williams is the son of former HHS principal Mike Williams and the late Marsing schoolteacher Mary Williams — who was a force of positivity in her own right — it shouldn’t come as any surprise that Drew looks on the bright side of life. He’s dad to a young daughter, and is working hard to build a winning culture of fundamentals among the young women who make up the fledgling Compass Charter program. There are only six girls — freshmen and sophomores — on the Aviators’ JV team. But with Williams’ quiet intensity and reinforcing leadership, the athletes played big Friday night in

a 24-19 win over Marsing. During lulls in the action, Williams would call an individual player over to chat about the situation, sneaking a little tutoring in during the game. He was always teaching Friday, which is to be expected with a young JV team, but he also pulls double duty as a varsity assistant. While he defers to varsity coach Richard Malm when the parent club is playing, Williams is front and center with the JV. His demeanor is intense but encouraging. He doesn’t lose his mind over mistakes, instead saying, “You’re OK,” after his point guard turned the ball over trying to execute the fast-paced game Williams and Malm want. Williams’ positive outlook extends to Instagram where he has a presence as “Coach Uncle Drew” where he offers inspirational insight, and on Facebook where he provides inspiration and tries to hype up other local programs for the sake of the sport and the sake of the players’ confidence. In an uber-competitive and increasingly cold world — both in sports and in general — more people need to pay attention to Drew Williams’ style and mission.



From Washington
Trade critical for economic growth,
dealing with China’s aggression

China’s encroaching aggression in the Indo-Pacific region is a threat to international and regional security. Trade is critical not just for economic growth and strength, but also in the context of dealing effectively with China. The Biden administration cannot stand idly by as China advances its own trade priorities in the region; the United States must lead by forging ambitious new trade deals with our allies. As Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, with jurisdiction over implementation of reciprocal foreign trade agreements, I had the opportunity in November to meet directly with the leaders of critical Indo-Pacific nation allies about shared efforts to combat China’s manufacturing imbalances, and threats to free and fair trade. Our congressional delegation trip to the region allowed us to hear firsthand the issues facing our partners in the region. Engaging in stronger and more consistent discussions on important and robust trade agreements with these partners remains a focus of my work at the Senate Finance Committee. Finally, we must continue to support Taiwan to ensure it remains economically and defensibly secure, confident and free from China’s increasing efforts to militarily overwhelm the island. In connection with my official duties as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, I also participated in

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conversations about sanctions on Russia and Iran as well as additional efforts to combat national security threats from foreign investment, illicit finance and other economic issues. Combatting illicit finance and addressing other economic issues in the area is critical for furthering deterrence from additional international aggressors like Russia and Iran. Moreover, recent supply chain shortages have highlighted the critical importance of Taiwan’s semiconductor industry to

Commentary

Financial management

Focus on one reasonable resolution and find accountability

Dear Dave,
I thought I was going to get control of my money and make a lot of other positive changes in my life this year, but very few of the things I wanted to accomplish happened. I started strong, and began with serious intentions, but somewhere along the way I lost focus. Can you give me some advice for making and sticking to my resolutions in 2022?

— Isaac

Dear Isaac,
Lots of people make big promises with the best intentions on December 31st. It seems everyone comes up with a laundry list of New Year's resolutions, but research shows very few people actually achieve their goals. If you're ready — and I mean really ready — to reset

your life and succeed with your New Year's resolutions, here are a few simple, proven steps that'll help.
First, write down your top goal. Pick the resolution that means the most to you and write it down. You're more likely to succeed if you can focus on a single goal, and you have a greater chance of achieving it if you write it down — on paper, on purpose. And make sure the resolution you choose is very important to you. Writing down a goal just because it's what someone else is doing, or because it sounds like a good idea, isn't good enough. If your goal isn't yours, it won't happen.
Second, set benchmarks. Let's say you want to pay off your credit cards before July. You need to make that goal measurable throughout the year by setting benchmarks. If



you owe \$5,000 on your credit cards and want to pay them off in six months, you need to pay about \$833 towards them every month. Write your benchmark down beneath your goal, and make a plan for how you're going to get it done.
Three, find an accountability

partner. A great accountability partner isn't afraid to ask how your goals are coming along, and they'll call you on it when you're slacking. If you set a financial goal, a good accountability partner isn't going to be the friend who always asks you to go shopping. Studies have shown that having a strong accountability partner increases the likelihood of achieving a goal dramatically.
And finally, make sure you reward yourself along the way. It's tough to stay motivated when hitting your goal takes a while. Lots of folks start out at full speed, only to see the momentum disappear over time. You might treat yourself to a night at the movies when you've paid off the first \$1,000 on your credit cards, or maybe a nice, new shirt when you've paid off half the card.

Sometimes life doesn't work out the way we think it will, Isaac. Our priorities can change, and our goals may change, too. If that's why you didn't make your resolutions happen this year, that's fine. Just don't make the mistake of thinking it's too late to change and improve your life!

— 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 more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He is CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

From the Statehouse

Bob Dole leaves an enduring message for Idaho, America

by Gov. Brad Little

When I heard of the passing of World War II combat veteran and former presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, I immediately recalled a man of integrity, humility, and patriotism.
Sen. Dole wrote his final column earlier this year. It has been published in the days since his death on Dec. 4. A member of the "Greatest Generation," he served our country during a time when civility in politics was a requirement for getting anything done — and he reminds us that even though civility seems like a bygone value in American politics, it is STILL a requirement for getting the people's work done. Indeed, our country's future depends on the return of civility in politics and all aspects of our lives.
We should all take a few minutes to read Sen. Dole's piece and reflect on his message for America. These passages particularly stood out to me:

"We have overcome our biggest challenges only when we focused on our shared values and experiences. These common ties form much stronger bonds than political parties... I cannot pretend that

I have not been a loyal champion for my party, but I always served my country best when I did so first and foremost as an American... When we prioritize principles over party and humanity over personal legacy, we accomplish far more as a nation. By leading with a shared faith in each other, we become America at its best: a beacon of hope, a source of comfort in crisis, a shield against those who threaten freedom."
Last week, I pulled an old book off my bookshelf. I remembered Sen. Dole authored the introduction for the biography, "Idaho Sheep King," written in 1990 by Coeur d'Alene native Louise Shadduck about my grandfather, Andy Little. It was published in celebration of Idaho's centennial.
Sen. Dole's message for Idaho 31 years ago is as poignant today as it was then, perhaps more so. In part, he said:
"My hometown of Russell, Kansas, appears to be akin to Emmett, Idaho, and thousands of other small American towns from whence come the sustaining

traits of friendliness, helpfulness, and the building of extended families, to include employers, employees, friends and neighbors... I have known and become friends with a number of Idahoans, including sheep and woolgrowers. All of them have a strength of character and integrity that I am convinced is alive today throughout our land... 'We the People' need to be reminded of what went into Idaho, to Kansas, and indeed, into the entire United States, and rededicate ourselves to the ideas and ideals that served our forebears so well."
What a hopeful message for our people. Bob Dole's life and contributions should be remembered through the generations. He was a true patriot who reminded us that Americans have been through hard times before and emerged stronger than ever when we put God and country first.
— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

✓ Trade: Idaho's trade partners are part of the Indo-Pacific equation

From Page 12A
the basic functioning of the tools we need here in America for everyday life.
We met with officials in the Philippines, Taiwan and India to strengthen ties with these critical allies. According to the Idaho Department of Commerce, Taiwan is Idaho's second-largest trade partner, accounting for the purchase of more than \$413 million in Idaho products in 2020. "Goods frequently sold to Taiwan from Idaho include high-tech products (semiconductors and computer parts), food and agriculture and personal care products," the agency reports. The Philippines was the market for \$53 million in Idaho products in 2020, according to the

U.S. Census Bureau. Additionally, outside of a 17 percent drop in overall trade during 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. remains one of India's largest trading partners.
The discussions followed the Senate's overwhelming passage of the Trade Act of 2021, which was included as part of the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act in May. I worked with Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) to negotiate this strong trade package to push back against China in the most critical arenas we face: trade, our economy and working against China's efforts to undercut American companies. This legislation combats China's unfair trade practices, including censorship, and strengthens

our relationship with allies, including by reauthorizing the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program — for the longest extension in the history of the program — and supporting the negotiation of digital trade agreements. The Trade Act of 2021 would strengthen America's competitive footing and help Idaho's hard-working producers compete globally, and I continue to press for its enactment.
— 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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 18, 1996



Homedale for the Holidays ...

The Homedale High School Band won the grand prize in Saturday's "Homedale for the Holidays" parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Sheriff-elect Aman opposes BLM police powers

Incoming Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said the Bureau of Land Management's proposals to strengthen its federal police power on public lands violates court decisions pertaining to civil rights.

"Off the top, I'm totally against it," Aman said. "I think it's illegal. I wonder how it could ever become law."

The proposed rules give the agency law enforcement authority beyond public lands, according to an analysis by the American Sheep Industry Association. If the new rules are enacted, the BLM could police activities on private land adjacent to and upstream of BLM lands.

The rules would also expand BLM authority over motor vehicles, powers typically reserved to state and local government. Regulations would apply to speed limit, driving under the influence and other violations.

Aman pointed out that only the governor or county sheriff can grant to the BLM the powers of arrest.

"I can't speak for the governor, but I can guarantee they won't get any police powers from me," he said. "I think it's just some more of the government trying to take over our lives."

"I'll fight them tooth and toenail. I'm sworn to uphold the Constitution. I can't allow anyone to come in and violate our rights."

Homedale High School lists Students of Month

Nine Homedale High School students were named "Student of the Month" in their respective subjects, according to a school announcement last week.

The students and the subjects in which they excelled were Steven McRae, business education; Tasha Grammater, humanities; Kristi Conant, language arts; Joseph Slawson, mathematics; Kale Hartwig, physical education-health; Kacey Pegram, science; Lara Housley, social studies; Adam Duckett, special services; and Roberto Serrato, vocational education.

New middle school would ease overcrowding

A growing enrollment necessitates more classrooms. Dan Mabe of the Meridian School District met with the Homedale district building committee to give an estimate of what a new middle school would cost.

A preliminary estimate given for building a new middle school and remodeling at the high school is about \$4.1 million, Mabe said.

50 years ago

December 16, 1971



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS at Homedale High School are, kneeling, LoRetta Johnstone, freshman, and Karla Johnson, sophomore. Standing are, Tami Uda, freshman, and Lynn Lineberger, freshman. Photo by Bette Uda.

Trojan hoopsters whack Huskies for 67-45 win

The Trojans took their second win from Marsing Saturday night in an easy 67-45 contest.

The Huskies, without the help of Dan Percifield, spent the entire evening in a 32-minute nightmare. It took the Blue and Gold five minutes and 45 seconds to get their first tally.

The win put the Trojans, who are ranked No. 2 in the state AP poll, 3-0 on the season while the Huskies stand at 2-3.

Big Rick DeGroat leaped to the challenge to dump in 19 counters.

The Huskies were paced in scoring by speedy guard Mike Gaviola with 19.

FBI describes plane hijacker who parachuted

Shown is an artist sketch of the person who hijacked a Northwest Airlines plane out of Seattle Nov. 25.

Available description as follows: white male; weight, 170-175; height, 6'1"; age Mid 40's; complexion, olive; eyes, brown; hair, black - cut in conventional business man's style - parted on left; build, slim; clothing, black suit, white shirt, black narrow tie, black raincoat, black oxford shoes, no hat; glasses, at time wore wrap around sun glasses - lens brown - frame dark plastic; voice, moderate - no accent.



LYLE R. TAGGART, graduate of Homedale High School in 1956, has been promoted to loan officer of the Hillcrest office, Boise, of the Idaho First National Bank.

Owyhee Telephone merges with neighboring system

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Dec. 9 approved the merger of the Owyhee Telephone Co., Homedale, with the Idaho Telephone Co., McCall.

The approval means the Idaho Telephone Co., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Continental Telephone Co., will move its offices to Homedale, and add the approximate 2,362 subscribers of the Owyhee Telephone Co., in the Homedale, Wilder,

155 years ago

December 15, 1866

DICTIONARY OF CONGRESS.—Among the documents soon to be issued from the Government press at Washington, will be a revised and greatly enlarged edition of Lanmen's "Dictionary of Congress." It will contain between four and five thousand brief biographies, and the official information composing its ample appendix will be brought to the close of the last session of Congress. It will not be for sale, as no copies except the Government edition will be printed.

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ELECTION FOR ASSEMBLYMAN.—As announced before W. E. Davenport and N. T. Caton were voted for on the 11th for Assembly. Both were partisan nominees. The ostensible issue was the location of the County seat, while in fact there was a mixture of party spirit with private interest, men who were rampant on the County Seat question positively refused to vote against their political feelings and either did not vote or voted for their partisan nominee. Therefore, the late election by no means indicates the wishes of the people on the County Seat question. Put the question to be voted upon fairly, "County Seat at Silver" or "County Seat at Ruby" without the dead weights of personal, political or other interests, and the result would have been very different. Men opposed to removal worked for Caton and those favoring it for Davenport. Some refused Caton a hearty support because of his legal ineligibility for the position. (See Sec. 4 of Act approved Dec. 17, 1864.) There is no use to be dishonest and conceal facts. The Legislature in their action upon the County Seat question of this County, disregard the vote as expressive of the voters' wishes. We have only room to give the vote by precincts:

	DAVENPORT	CATON	TOTAL
Silver City,	53	341	396
2 blank			
Ruby City,	175	9	186
2 blank			
Flint District,	47	44	92
1 blank			
Hays & Ray,	22	20	42
Reynolds' Creek, ..	50	2	52
Baker,	19	0	19
	366	416	787

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Marsing man gets probation for drunk driving conviction

A Marsing man can get his record cleared if he successfully completes his sentence for drunk driving.

Michael Patrick Collett, 58, was handed a withheld sentence when Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington presided in Homedale on Dec. 1. Collett must serve two years of unsupervised probation, and he had his driver's license suspended for 90 days.

Darrington ordered \$397.50 in fines and \$360.50 in court costs, but also entered a withheld judgment. Collett can petition for his record to be expunged upon the completion of successful probation and the payment of all penalties.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy arrested Collett shortly before 12:30 a.m., on Sept. 12 at Main Street and 8th Avenue in Marsing on a charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence.

The deputy initiated a traffic stop after observing Collett's truck speeding 36 mph in a 25 mph zone eastbound on Main Street.

The deputy reported that Collett's blood-alcohol concentration was .125 percent. The legal limit in Idaho is .08 BAC.

Courthouse report

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

Dec. 7
Anton Averin, Duanesburg, N.Y. — Misdemeanor operation of commercial vehicle without current or valid license: \$342.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Dec. 6
Angesom G. Ghebrendrias, San Jose, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Donald E. McElhiney, Mountain Home — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, exceed limit and/or violation federal regulations about hunting or possessing migratory birds: \$135 in fines, \$420 in court costs

Randal Lee Mitchell, Meridian — Misdemeanor Fish and Game game tags violation, transfer or use another's license, tag or permit; misdemeanor unlawful possession of wildlife: \$460 in fines, \$268 in court costs

Charles E. Phillips, Mountain Home — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, exceed limit and/or violation federal regulations about hunting or possession migratory birds: \$135 in fines, \$415 in court costs

Aleksandr Fedorovich Shestyuk, Antelope, Calif. — Misdemeanor driving offense by person owning or controlling the vehicle (amended from speeding infraction): \$33.50 in fines, \$56.50 in court costs

Tristan Keith Zeller, Caldwell — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, shooting from or across a public highway: \$100 in fines, \$165 in court costs

Dec. 3
Ryan Daniel Keyzers, Fallon, Nev. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation of limitations or conditions of a special permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Dec. 2
Maurice Husani Bigbee, Richmond, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Iurli Dubovenko, Hallandale Beach, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting; misdemeanor commercial freight regulations false logbook, serious violation: \$162 in fines, \$315 in court costs

Dec. 1
Michael Patrick Collett, Marsing — Misdemeanor driving under the influence: 1 day in jail (served), 2 years unsupervised probation, 90-day driver's license suspension, \$397.50 in fines, \$360.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence

Robert Dale Arehart, Homedale — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession (plea deal): \$100 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driver possess or consume open alcoholic beverage container

Brandon David Warren, Caldwell — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession (plea deal): 15 days in jail (served), \$2.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Janie Linn Barker, Homedale — Misdemeanor fail to maintain liability vehicle insurance, second or subsequent offense (plea deal): \$131.50 in fines, \$150 in court costs

Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Keziah Kaylynn Hance, Marsing — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$202.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Erica Leticia Medina, Nampa — Misdemeanor driving without privileges (plea deal): \$235 in fines, \$172.50 in court costs

Margarita Ann Mendoza, Nyssa, Ore. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Efren Ramirez-Lopez, Hermiston, Ore. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Dalton R. Strack, Homedale — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal): \$100 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs

Juan Manuel Tinoco, Nampa — Misdemeanor pedestrian under the influence of drugs or alcohol (plea deal: amended from misdemeanor battery): 8 days in jail (served), \$157.50 in court costs

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JV girls
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win streak

Jordan Valley High School brought home a tournament championship trophy Saturday.

The girls' basketball team stretched its season-opening winning streak to six games, knocking off Enterprise in the final day of the Calvin Hiatt Memorial Tournament in North Powder, Ore.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 45, Enterprise 21 — Everyone got in on the act for the Mustangs as each player on the roster scored, and the defense blanked the Class 2A Outlaws to start the second half.

Jordan Valley already held a 24-9 lead before going through the third quarter on a 10-0 clip.

Cassity Gluch scored 10 of her game-high 12 points in the first half, and Jill Gammett scored six of her eight points in the first quarter.

Meg Eiguren and Tayler Eiguren scored eight points apiece.

Maci Marr (six points) and Rilyn Kirkland (five points) each hit three-pointers for Enterprise.

Friday: Jordan Valley 37,

— See JV girls, page 3B



Homedale post Alijah Joyner hits the deck to a tussle for the basketball with Melba's Tucker Lowber on Saturday as (from left) Hayden Kincheloe, Cache Beus and Elijah Renteria look on.

A&E provide clutch drama
in Trojans' epic victory

Gritty HHS boys outlast
Melba in triple OT

Homedale High School's boys' basketball season resembles a holiday blockbuster so far.

There has been adversity. There has been drama. There has been suspense.

And that was all just in Saturday's thrilling non-conference matinee in hostile territory against Melba.

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Shea McClellin is ready to trade in his Cole Valley Christian swag for old familiar Marsing blue and gold. Submitted photo

McClellin
hits the
ground
running

Marsing trustees
officially bring
alum on board

HMS wrestlers claim district championships



Micah Higley (forefront) battles a Fruitland wrestler in a championship match in McCall on Saturday. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Trojans finish second in McCall

Homedale Middle School finished runner-up in the 3A District III championship meet Saturday.

Fruitland won the team championship in the tournament held at Payette Lakes Middle School in McCall.

Four Trojans captured championships to lead a slew of district tournament medalists:

- **Mateo Black** — 82 pounds
 - **Chance Martell** — 96 pounds
 - **Trey McFarlane** — 103 pounds
 - **Sebastian Larzelier** — 124 pounds
- Two other HMS wrestlers reached their respective district

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It's official: Shea McClellin is Marsing High School's new football coach.

And the former NFL player wants to make sure he has a quality staff to help rebuild his alma mater's program.

The 2007 Marsing graduate, who now lives in Nampa, won't receive a coaching stipend, according to district superintendent Norm Stewart.

"The stipend will be zero," Stewart said. "He has asked to have the head coaching salary

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Sports



Marsing's Mila Astorquia runs over Compass Charter's Katie Shaw during a loose-ball situation in Friday's conference game.

Huskies girls end week on streak

Big first halves drove Marsing High School to back-to-back girls' basketball blowouts at home.

On Saturday, the Huskies dismantled non-conference foe Cascade, 53-28, after roaring to a 27-9 lead at the intermission.

On Friday, the team posted a 44-17 win over 2A Western Idaho Conference opponent Compass Charter.

Kaitlyn Smith knocked down a three-point goal, Emily Vanosdall had a trey and took a

steal coast-to-coast for a layup, and Llee Loucks put back a rebound to get Marsing off to a 10-1 start in the game.

No statistics for either game were provided.

Dec. 7: Cole Valley Christian 63, Marsing 11 — Emily Vanosdall scored all but one of the Huskies' points over the second and third quarters in a blowout conference loss in Meridian.

The reigning 2A District III champion Chargers held Marsing scoreless in the first

and fourth quarters. Cole Valley Christian (7-1) held a 37-4 halftime lead.

Four scorers reached double figures for the Chargers, including Lyndsie Krogh with a game-high 16 points, Julee Caven (11) and Elli Fraas and Hadley Fraas with 10 apiece.

Marsing (2-5) came out of the locker room and scored seven points in the third quarter.

Statistics were provided by Cole Valley coach Matt Beglinger. No Marsing statistics were provided.

Depleted Huskies off the mark in dramatic finish against Payette

Noel Quebrado's attempt to beat the buzzer rimmed out Saturday in Payette.

And, with that, the hometown Pirates survived Marsing High School's scrappy comeback attempt in a 60-58 non-conference victory.

"This game, although painful to come up short, was a positive experience, and we are heading in the right direction," Huskies coach Tim Little said.

Marsing (0-3 overall) stepped off the bus short-handed, and its roster only got thinner in the third quarter.

Romeo Robles was out with a knee injury, and only six full-time varsity players dressed down for the contest.

Then, after halftime, Nacho Margarito went down and was lost for the rest of the contest.

Still, the Huskies faced down an 11-point halftime deficit and pulled to within seven points heading into the final quarter.

Marsing was 20-for-23 from the foul line in the second half, tying the game, 58-58, with eight seconds left. The team was 4-for-10 from the stripe in the first 16 minutes.

"Our players' effort level was inspiring for the entire game, and they stuck to the

game plan giving us a chance," Little said.

Quebrado drained 12 of 14 free throws and scored a career-high 23 points.

Alejandro Barrera was perfect in six trips to the foul line and scored 15 points.

Dom Enrico dropped four of five free throws en route to 12 points.

Quebrado hit three three-pointers, and Enrico added a pair.

Marsing barely averaged more than a shot per minute, converting 37.8 percent (14-for-37).

Payette, which finished the week with two wins against Marsing and three losses against all its other opponents, scored the winning basket on an out-of-bounds play from the baseline with slightly more than four seconds left.

Case Lewis scored 12 points for Payette, and teammate Zander Allen put in 14.

"Defensively, we are still struggling a little with some fundamentals, especially against bigger, more experienced players like (Lewis and Allen), but the things that are hurting us are also things that we can fix," Little said.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Kaitlyn Smith, fr., G
3-pointer early vs. Compass Charter

Boys' basketball
Noel Quebrado, sr., G
23 points, 12-14 free throws vs. Payette

Wrestling
Iñigo Medina, jr., 160
Pinned Adrian's Derek Faulconer

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 17 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday, Dec. 17 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18, home vs. Notus, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Homedale, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Dec. 17 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18, home vs. Notus, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Homedale, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16, home vs. The Ambrose School, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17 at Cascade, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16, home vs. The Ambrose School, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Dec. 18 at Juston Wolfe Invite, Glens Ferry, 10 a.m.

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Sports

HMS eighth-grade girls finish atop the conference

Homedale Middle School’s eighth-grade A team has completed an unbeaten girls’ basketball conference season. The Trojans shook off a cold and sluggish start to beat Weiser, 28-17, on their home floor Dec. 7. Homedale (9-1 overall, 6-0 in conference) earned the top seed for the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament and played host to a semifinal on Monday after deadline. The championship game takes place today. “This game was not pretty, but I am very proud of this team that has proven they can win in a variety of ways,” coach Benji Sorenson said. “They are capable of clicking on offense, but when they have these down offensive games, they can win it with their defense.” After connecting on just two shots in the first quarter and trailing, 6-4, Homedale used defense to hold its 3A Snake River Valley conference foe scoreless. Tiana Sorenson’s offensive rebound and 10-foot jump shot gave Homedale its first lead, 7-6. “It was a lead we would never relinquish, but also never felt safe,” HMS coach Benji Sorenson said. Tiana Sorenson kicked off a transition basket a couple minutes later with a steal and a pass to Kierstley Roseborough, who hit Stephanie Quezada for a layup. Roseborough led the team with nine points. Belen Asumendi’s free throws and left-handed layup helped the Trojans to a 13-6 halftime lead. She finished with eight points. Roseborough scored four points — Homedale’s only points of the third quarter — and Weiser crept back to within five points, 17-12. Homedale used defense with two minutes left in the game to secure the win and close on an 8-3 run. Asumendi’s steal led to Kynna Soland-Pfiel’s basket, and Roseborough and Soland-Pfiel raced coast-to-coast for a pair of lay-ins off defensive rebounds. Soland-Pfiel collected seven rebounds, and Asumendi, Quezada, and Sorenson each had four steals. **B team: HMS 30, Weiser 10** — The Trojans captured sole possession of the conference lead with their ninth consecutive victory. “An incredible accomplishment for this group that worked so hard all season and showed so much improvement under Coach Mike Frank,” Sorenson said. Balanced scoring became the norm for the team during the season, and in the finale Breydyn Ford scored 10 points, and Taylor Phelps added eight. Ava Wilson chipped in six points, and Hailey Jakovac added four. Mila Binford scored two. “It was an incredible season for these girls, and a few of them will come up and dress down for the A team tournament with us,” Sorenson, who also coaches the high school junior varsity team, said. “I can’t wait to see what they continue to accomplish as they enter high school next year. “We have such a deep group of talented basketball players in this class. They should feel extremely proud, and a ton of credit goes to Coach Mike. He certainly brings the best out in his teams.”

✓ McClellin: Class of 2007 alum has plans for program

✓ JV girls: Gluch, Eiguren, Stoddart make sure Mustangs’ wins are all in the family

From Page 1B
reallocated to help pay for assistant coaches.” The board of trustees approved McClellin’s employment during last Wednesday’s regular meeting. McClellin returns home after a successful NFL career that started as the Chicago Bears’ first-round draft pick and ended a year after he had won a Super Bowl with the New England Patriots. But the former Boise State standout doesn’t think the Huskies fan base is excited because of his résumé. It’s his pedigree. “For me I haven’t felt like that,” he said. “I think it’s more of I played there, and I did some good things in my career. “More of it is alumni being back. That’s what they’re excited about.” McClellin has already started the program rebuilding project, starting with a return to the classic uniforms that he wore for the Huskies. “I’m working on it right now. I’m working on a decal logo (for the helmet),” he said. “Those old-school Wolverines, like the all-blue. I want that basic look. I’m working on some designs; we’ll see what it gets into. “I’m excited about bringing new jerseys and equipment to the program.” McClellin, of course, knows rebuilding the program is more than fashion statements. “I think first off, you’ve got to get kids out. That’s the most important part is getting kids to play football and getting the program bigger,” he said. McClellin said getting 50 players out for the program would be “a huge win.” Getting those athletes to buy into the culture and into a weight-lifting program — including off-season if they’re not playing other sports — is the second part of the plan. “Lastly is building that unity together as a team,” he said. “Building the camaraderie and being willing to play for each other and play for the coaches.” Other coaching hires approved by school trustees last Wednesday included Johan Jimenez and Chad Hungate as boys’ basketball assistant coaches. — JPB

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Joseph 18 — Tayler Eiguren sank all four of her free throws and scored a co-game-high 10 points in the Mustangs’ second game of the tournament. Jordan Valley held the Eagles to a Maggie Miller field goal in the second quarter to forge a 21-8 halftime lead. Joseph sophomore Aimee Meyers scored 10 points, and teammate Cooper Nave scored six to round out the Eagles’ scoring. Jill Gammett dropped a three-point goal and scored seven points for Jordan Valley. Teammate Kelsey Gluch hit a pair of field goals — including a trey — and scored all five of her points in the second quarter. Sophomore Kaitlyn Stoddart scored six points. **Thursday: Jordan Valley 47, Imbler 20** — Cassity Gluch scored 15 points in the first half as the Mustangs ran away from the Panthers in an opening-round game. Jordan Valley led, 19-4, after eight minutes. Meg Eiguren and Kelsey Gluch scored six points each. Cassity Gluch was 7-for-11 from the free-throw line. Jayda Cart scored seven points before halftime to lead Imbler.

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Sports

Healthy conditioning plan crucial to Marsing wrestlers’ success

by Taylor Callison
Marsing H.S. Journalism

As the wrestling season begins, Marsing High School’s seniors are looking to get in shape and make their final prep season the best season yet.

“Trayton Jacobit has lots of skill and lots of potential and has been sidelined the last couple seasons due to injury,” second-year coach Juan Garcia said.

“Jonathan Ineck is our other senior and he’s got some great skills, and we look forward to seeing how successful he can be.”

The seniors are not looking forward to all the conditioning in wrestling, but they want this season to be one they remember. Therefore, they are willing to put in the work.

“We start off kind of slow with conditioning because we want people to stick around,” Garcia said. “We don’t want to scare them off and we also understand that some people are

not in shape.”

Even with all the conditioning, some of the team still needs to cut weight for tournaments, but they must do it the healthy way.

Garcia said some kids will lose weight by not eating.

“In the past, we have had wrestlers who rollercoaster their weight. They will be really heavy throughout the week and then they will cut weight at the end ... for a tournament ... which is not best for the body,” Garcia said. “We’ve got a weight loss plan that we instill for each wrestler.”

The conditioning and cutting weight are not the seniors’ favorite part of wrestling, but it is a necessary part in order to have a successful season.

Garcia wants this year to be a great success, and he wants all of us to know “how extremely happy [he is] to see so many new faces and to see so many new kiddos trying something new.”

Most local wrestlers start season with Adrian quad

A mix of veteran and inexperienced wrestlers pushed Homedale High School to an easy dual-meet victory over Marsing.

Seniors Willy Haun (195 pounds) and Rhyalee Nix (182) picked up pinfalls in a 75-0 non-conference triumph over the Huskies in Adrian on Dec. 7.

The dual was part of a quad meet that also included Nampa Christian, which is coached by former HHS assistant Mark Boothby.

Haun pinned Trayton Jacobi in 1 minute, 42 seconds, while Nix needed 2:24 to beat Jonathan Leon.

Other HHS victories included:

- **113** — Wyatt Stewart pinned Erika Frazier (2:41).
- **138** — AJ Robles beat Jaristian Crandall, 4-1.
- **160** — Keegan McKay pinned Iñigo Medina (1:13).
- **285** — Brodie White pinned Jarrek Fuentes (1:13).

Marsing forfeited seven weight classes.

Crandall pinned LaRae

Stewart in 3:05 of their exhibition at 145 pounds.

In 220-pound extra match, Michael Rose pinned Jacobi in 2:41.

Homedale 60, Nampa Christian 9 — Three victories on the mat highlighted a Trojans’ victory fueled by forfeits.

- **132** — Brayden Rosa pinned Tanner Cagle (3:07).
- **145** — Andrew Marston pinned Derek Riggs (2:32).
- **195** — Haun pinned Sean Barton (1:53).
- **285** — Michael Rose pinned Peyton Riggs (3:12).
- **285** — White pinned Gabriel Bowlin (2:21) in an exhibition.

Marsing 12, Adrian 12 — Frazier pinned the Antelopes’ Virginia Tolman in 1:20 to win the bout at 113.

Medina needed 68 seconds to pin Derek Faulconer at 160.

Adrian’s victories included Chase Andrade pinning Leon in 1:06 at 182, and Toby Clow’s 23-second dispatch of Jacobi at 220.

Adrian 15, Homedale 6 — Three late victories helped the Antelopes prevail.

Stewart pinned Tolman in 32 seconds to give the Trojans a 6-0 lead after the 113 match.

Faulconer pinned Stanford Allen in 3:45 at 170.

The bout of the meet came at 182 when Andrade edged Nix, 9-7.

Clow got two victories. In the dual, he pinned Brodie White in 3:29. He beat Allen Current in 21 seconds in an exhibition at 220.

Nampa Christian 30, Marsing 18 — Three forfeits and two on-mat victories pushed the Trojans to a non-conference win.

Jacobi picked up the Huskies’ only triumph on the mat, pinning Sean Barton in 55 seconds at 195.

Adrian 24, Nampa Christian 18 — Tolman pinned Finnley Olson in 47 seconds at 106 to kick off the Antelopes’ success.

Andrade pinned Barton at 195 (2:15), and Clow stopped Gabriel Bowlin at 285 (2:38).

Seasoned Homedale returners welcome new crop of wrestlers

There probably isn’t such a concept as “rebuilding” in the sport of wrestling. After all, each season is its own construction project regardless of the caliber of the team.

“The highlight of the tournament season or wrestling season in general is the journey,” Homedale High School coach Jake Levinski said. “I believe who you become as a person along the way is more important than where you end up.

“When a person can go through the challenges of a wrestling season and become victorious — I am not talking about only wins and losses — that person will learn how to deal with everyday adversity as a person and become victorious there as well.”

Another challenging season is already underway for the Trojans and their sixth-year coach.

The girls opened the season at home with the third annual Ardis Nash Memorial, and the coed squad took part in the Calhoun Classic on Friday and Saturday in Nyssa, Ore.

The dual meet season started last Wednesday with a decidedly local-flavored quad with Adrian, Marsing and Nampa Christian on the Antelopes’ mats.

“When our dual team has no holes in the lineup or when we face teams without holes in their lineup, I will put more stock in the dual meet competition,” Levinski said. “In the meantime, I believe dual meet wins and losses are misleading.”

At its essence, wrestling is an individual sport, so the tournaments are what will show the most for the Trojans, who have three wrestlers returning for senior seasons after finishing fourth in the 3A state tournament in February.

Two of the seniors — Rhyalee Nix and Willy Haun — will be in action right away. The third — Willie White — is recovering from recent knee surgery and should be back with the team in early February.

Other returners include senior Elizabeth Hergesheimer, junior Brayden Rosa, and sophomores Brodie White, Keegan McKay, Trinity Neeser, Noah Bowen, Shawn Lee, Michael Rose, and

Trojans fundraiser ongoing

Homedale High School’s wrestling program has launched a scrap metal fundraiser.

A large, red Treasure Valley Metals (TVM) bin is located at the Deward Bell Stadium parking lot along Riverside Drive.

Trojans coach Jake Levinski said the fundraising is ongoing, and folks can drop off scrap metal at the bin.

“We do not have a closing date as of yet; however, we’ve been able to get it filled up multiple times,” Levinski said.

Andrew Marston.

“Every person who returns is important,” Levinski said. “That person brings back experience and wisdom. Both are important in building a team.”

There are 28 wrestlers out for the team this season as the program regroups after the graduation of Joseph Egusquiza, Kaydince and Savannah Turner, and Owen Houser.

Nine of the wrestlers are girls, and half of those are new to the program, the coach said. In all, there are 16 first-year wrestlers.

“Once again, the wrestling team is growing in numbers,” Levinski said. “The girls’ involvement with the team is continuing to grow.”

The new blood gives Levinski the opportunity to solidify the program for the future.

“This year, we have quite a few new wrestlers,” Levinski said. “These individuals have never wrestled before this year. They are eager and ambitious.”

With so many inexperienced athletes, Levinski will lean on his returning wrestlers to help bolster the troops.

“I look at all our returners and see the potential in them to set up and become a leader,” Levinski said. “Even if it is only by example of letting their actions speak.” — JPB

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Sports

Several Trojans wrestle for Calhoun third-place medals

Rhyalee Nix and Willy Haun reached championship bouts in the first tournament action of their senior season.

The Homedale High School wrestlers were runners-up Saturday to cap the Calhoun Classic, which was held over two days in Nyssa, Ore.

Nix pinned three opponents in the 182-pound bracket before losing in overtime to McCall-Donnelly's Seth Rushton in the final. Rushton got a takedown in extra time for a 3-1 victory.

Nix pinned another Vandal — Adam Rushton — in 4 minutes, 53 seconds in the semifinal. He also pinned Cody Eskew of Oregon's Baker/Powder Valley cooperative (5:38) and Boise's Mohamed Jabril (3:32 in the quarterfinals).

Baker/Powder Valley's Gauge Bloomer stopped Haun at 4:38 of the championship bout with a 16-0 technical fall.

His tournament started in the quarterfinals with a



A Homedale wrestler tries to control her match during the Calhoun Classic girls' tournament. Photo by John Braese / EasternOregonSports.com

79-second pin of Emmett's Landon Stoffel, and he pinned Melba's Trevor Rhoades in the first round of their semifinal (1:22).

Michael Rose reached the quarterfinals at 220 pounds, pinning Baker/Powder Valley's Jayden Clark in 2:21 of

their opening-round match. Rose rebounded from a quarterfinal loss with a pin of Ontario, Ore.'s Alexander Sigrah (2:38) in the consolation bracket.

Girls' tournament — Three of four Trojans in the tournament wrestled for bronze medals with senior Elizabeth Hergesheimer bringing home third place at 125 pounds.

Hergesheimer pinned hometown wrestler Yisella Torres in 1:24 to get the medal.

She bounced back from a semifinal loss with a 15-second pin of Weiser's Payzlee Wilkins in the consolation semifinals, and she started the tournament with a 9-5 decision against Torres in the quarterfinals.

LaRae Stewart lost the third-place match at 145 when Nyssa's Hailie Ballou got a pin in 3:44.

Myra Jean Koon was fourth at 170 after another Bulldog, Abigail Mardock, posted a pin in 2:09 for the bronze.

✓Trojans: Coach flying high with optimism after Homedale's big week

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"Something special is brewing with this Homedale boys' basketball team," Trojans coach Cam Long posted on social media after an epic 50-46 triple-overtime victory over the Mustangs.

There was even a spoiler alert.

Homedale ended Melba's season-opening four-game winning streak.

"... These Men of Troy are displaying amazing individual and team efforts. Their attitude and mindset are right where they need to be," Long said in his Facebook post.

Senior Hayden Kincheloe used some football grit to score the go-ahead basket, banging bodies and then banking in a flying baseline layup for a 47-46 lead with 1 minute, 19 seconds left in the third OT.

At the other end of the floor, 6-foot, 3-inch senior post Alijah Joyner capped a stellar defensive stretch run by blocking Dillon Stosich's lay-in attempt with 65 seconds left in the third extra four-minute period.

Joyner went to work again when Alfredo Orosco missed

two free throws, getting a hand on the second miss to deny a Melba player a clean shot at a follow-up basket.

Then he blocked Cache Beus' shot with 44 seconds left.

Another Elijah — junior Renteria — converted three of four free throws down the stretch to keep Homedale (3-2 overall) in the driver's seat. Renteria went 6-for-8 from the line to score half of his 12 points. The 5-9 guard led the team with eight rebounds, seven of which came on the defensive end.

The Alijah and Elijah show epitomized the Trojans' approach to a week of games that ended with the team playing a tough Melba squad short-handed.

Starters Jaxon Dines and Trent Fisher were out of the lineup and on a beach in Hawaii, while Josh Brown was taking part in an Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) drill, Long said.

"This was a huge 'W' for our kids, especially being so shorthanded," Long said.

Junior Mason Strong maintained his role as the Trojans' leading scorer, putting in 13 points.

Kincheloe sparked Homedale's 9-2 comeback from a 37-30 deficit in regula-



Homedale's Mason Strong puts up a floater over Braden Volklers on Saturday inside Potter Gymnasium in Melba.

tion. He scored 12 points and — like Joyner — collected six rebounds.

Melba tried to take the air out of the ball as coach Spencer Trappett put his squad into a four-corner stall with 3:09 left in the fourth.

But Kincheloe got a steal and dribbled in for a layup to tie the game, 39-39, with 2:41 remaining.

Melba went back to the stall and tried to win the game with a long three-point shot, but Braden Volklers was off the mark.

Volklers led all scorers with

16 points, but Homedale held prolific senior Joe Reiber to just nine points and seven rebounds.

The Trojans stifled Cache Beus, too. The 6-4 sophomore post managed just six points while taking down 11 rebounds.

Beating Melba was just the latest in big games for Homedale.

Thursday: Homedale 57, Baker, Ore., 52 — Sigmund Goode fired in four three-pointers in the game and scored 11 of his team-high 18 points in the first quarter as the Trojans avenged a home loss from earlier in the season.

Kincheloe chipped in 14 points, and Strong added 12 on the Bulldogs' floor.

Dec. 7: Kimberly 51, Homedale 50 (OT) — Dines and Strong hit three-point goals in the fourth quarter to help the Trojans force overtime against the No. 2-ranked Bulldogs.

Homedale held a 29-26 lead at halftime after Dines, Strong and Fisher fueled a 20-point second quarter.

Strong led all players with 24 points and popped six three-pointers. Dines hit three treys and four of seven free throws on the way to 19 points.

"(This was a) huge week for us," Long said. — JPB

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Sports

Parker's powerful performances propel Trojans

Coach's first HHS win comes against Ontario

Jacy Parker capped a big week with a career-high 27 points in a non-conference girls' basketball rout Saturday.

The Homedale High School junior scored 15 points in the second half of a 57-33 home-court victory over Vale, Ore.

The Trojans (2-5 overall at week's end) were never threatened, leading 18-4 after eight minutes.

Senior Laney Swallow led the team from the free-throw line, sinking five of eight attempts and scoring 12 points — all in the first half.

Cheyenne Kelly was 3-for-4 from the charity stripe in the first quarter for all her scoring.

Sophomore Haile Peterson scored eight points for Vale (0-3), including converting four of seven free throws. The Vikings scored more than half of their points from the foul line (17-for-31).

Thursday: Baker, Ore., 46, Homedale 30 — The Trojans scored 13 points in the fourth quarter, but that couldn't make up for a mid-game lull at home against the Bulldogs.

Baker built a 20-point halftime lead and cruised to the non-conference victory.

Parker scored eight of her 12 points in the final eight minutes after being held to a pair of field goals in the first half and shut out in the third quarter.

Homedale managed to convert just eight of 18 free throws with Téa Uranga going 3-for-4 from the foul line for the bulk of her five points.

Amaia Aberasturi scored four points in the first half, but didn't hit a field goal after the intermission and finished with six points.

Sydney Davis scored all five of her points after halftime.

The Bulldogs' Jozie Ramos matched Homedale's first-quarter offensive output with eight points of her own. She led all scorers with 19 points.

Dec. 6: Homedale 56, Ontario, Ore., 17 — Parker's

hot-handed night gave Monica White her first win as the Trojans' coach.

The junior wing-guard scored 11 points in the first quarter to ignite the Trojans' run to a 19-4 lead.

She finished with 21 points, and Homedale never looked back to snap a season-opening four-game losing streak.

Olivia Asumendi scored on nothing but free throws until the fourth quarter and wound up with 12 points. She was 5-for-8 from the foul line and finally found her range in the fourth quarter with a three-point goal and two field goals.

Aberasturi drilled a pair of treys on her way to 10 points, while Swallow and Emma Criffield scored four points each. Criffield hit a three-pointer in the third quarter as the Trojans stretched their advantage to 42-13.

Kira Evans scored six points over the second and third quarters to lead Ontario's offense. Xiovova Ortega was 2-for-4 from the free-throw line and scored four points.



Homedale's Sydney Davis launches a long jump shot during Saturday's easy win over Vale, Ore. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Girls' basketball
Laney Swallow, sr., F/P
12 points (5-8 free throws) vs.
Vale, Ore.



Boys' basketball
Elijah Renteria, jr., G
12 points, 6-8 FT, 8 rebounds (7 on
defense) in 3 OT win vs. Melba



Wrestling
Rhyalee Nix, sr., 182
Calhoun Classic runner-up

This week's Sports Schedule

Football
Wednesday, Dec. 15, year-end banquet, Homedale
Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18 at Vale, Ore., 3 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20 at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18 at Vale, Ore., 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20 at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Thursday, Dec. 16 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18 at Vale, Ore., noon
Monday, Dec. 20 at Kimberly, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18 at Wiley Dobbs
Invitational, Twin Falls

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Owyhee Holiday Invitational
(At Owyhee H.S., Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 16 vs. The Ambrose School, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17 vs. McCall-Donnelly or Aberdeen, 5
p.m., or 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18 vs. opponent TBA, 9 a.m., 10:30
a.m., noon, or 1:30 p.m.
Non-conference
Tuesday, Dec. 21, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Owyhee Holiday Invitational
(At Owyhee H.S., Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 16 vs. Minico, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17 vs. Owyhee or Emmett, 5 p.m., or 8
p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18 vs. opponent TBA, 9 a.m., 10:30
a.m., noon, or 1:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, Dec. 21, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
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Frosh soph
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(At The Ambrose School, Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 16 vs. Bishop Kelly, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17 vs. Owyhee or Vallivue, 5 p.m., or 8
p.m.
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Sports

Melba girls dodge upset-minded Parma

Mustangs roll to first 2A WIC wins

This is the way a matchup of two of the best girls' basketball programs in Idaho is supposed to progress.

Keylee Wilson blocked Rylie Calkins' three-point shot as the overtime buzzer sounded Dec. 7 to preserve Melba High School's 43-41 non-conference victory over Parma.

The Mustangs downed the host Panthers for their third consecutive win.

Parma led by two points with 90 seconds left in regulation when Owyhee County's Brooklyn Dayley hit an 8-foot jump shot to tie the game.

There was more drama before the game went into the extra period.

The Panthers turned the ball over with 25 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Melba's Hallie Arnold missed a three-point shot at the buzzer.

Kendall Clark scored five points in the extra period to cap an 18-point performance.

Dayley finished with eight points, six assists, four rebounds and three steals for another all-around game.

Wilson had seven points and six rebounds, while Arnold scored six points, dished three assists and snagged three steals.

Calkins led Parma with 16 points, and teammate Kaidance Kaiser added nine.

The second-ranked Mustangs rebounded from their first 2A Western Idaho Conference loss

of the season to top-ranked Cole Valley Christian.

Melba (9-1 overall, 2-1 in conference) lost the 2A District III championship game to the Chargers last season only to rally to win the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Parma (2-6) won the 3A district crown last season and finished fourth in the state tournament.

Saturday: Melba 69, Nampa Christian 23 — Three massive double-digit performances carried the Mustangs past the visiting Trojans in a conference matchup.

Dayley poured in 19 points and got help from Clark (18) and Wilson (17).

Clark led the team with nine rebounds and six steals.

Dayley notched seven assists and five steals, and Wilson snagged five rebounds.

Liberty Wiles scored six points for Nampa Christian (5-4, 1-2 at week's end).

Friday: Melba 49, New Plymouth 24 — Dayley racked up 10 steals as the Mustangs broke through for their first 2A WIC victory and the Pilgrims' first loss.

Clark led the host team with 11 points and four rebounds.

The Mustangs kept the Pilgrims (5-3, 3-1) at bay with defense. Hallie Arnold had three steals to go with 10 points and three assists.

Wilson scored 10 points, and Dayley rounded out her statistics with nine points and six assists.

Jane Gibson paced New Plymouth with 11 points.

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Baked Tomato Goat Cheese Dip

Recipe courtesy of Marzia Aziz of "Little Spice Jar"
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4-6

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cups RAGÚ Simply Traditional Sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, divided
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped, divided
- 1/8-1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 log (10-10 1/2 ounces) goat cheese, softened at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons olive oil, plus additional for brushing, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh thyme
- kosher salt, divided
- pepper
- 1 large baguette, sliced on bias
- blistered tomatoes, for serving (optional)

Position one rack in upper third of oven and one in lower third. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray small, round baking dish with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

Add sauce to small bowl. Grate in two garlic cloves then add 1/8 cup basil and red pepper flakes. Stir to combine then pour sauce into baking dish.

Smash goat cheese log into ball. Place ball between two sheets plastic wrap. Using hands, flatten cheese into thick, round disc about 1 inch smaller in diameter than baking dish. Remove goat cheese from plastic wrap and place in center of sauce. Drizzle cheese with 2 teaspoons olive oil. Sprinkle with fresh thyme, kosher salt and pepper. Bake on lower rack, uncovered, 20-25 minutes, or until sauce is bubbly and cheese is warmed through.

Place baguette slices on baking sheet. Drizzle or brush with olive oil and sprinkle with kosher salt. Bake crostini on upper rack 10-12 minutes, flipping halfway through. When bread is done, remove from oven, cut last garlic clove in half and rub cut side on bread.

Top dip with remaining basil and blistered tomatoes, if desired, and serve with crostini.

Note: To make blistered tomatoes: Heat skillet over medium-high heat until almost smoking. Add 1 pint cherry tomatoes to dry skillet and let sit 1 minute. Lower heat to low, toss tomatoes with 2 teaspoons olive oil and cook 2-3 minutes, or until tomatoes are about to burst. Remove from heat; sprinkle with pinch of salt and pepper.



Baked Tomato Goat Cheese Dip



Polenta Bites

Polenta Bites

- 1 tube (18 ounces) polenta
- 1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Chunky Tomato, Garlic and Onion Sauce
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella
- 2 sprigs, rosemary, destemmed and chopped
- 3 basil leaves, chopped
- 1 block (8 ounces) hard Parmesan cheese

Cut polenta into slices. In skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat; fry polenta slices 10-12 minutes on each side until crispy and golden brown.

In saucepan over medium heat, warm sauce.

Place polenta slices on tray and sprinkle with mozzarella. Place 1/2 teaspoon warm sauce on each slice then sprinkle with chopped rosemary and basil. Grate hard Parmesan onto each slice for topping.



Snowman Pizza Bombs

Snowman Pizza Bombs

- 1 tube (11.8 ounces) pizza dough
- 1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Old World Style Traditional Sauce
- 1 package (6 ounces) pepperoni slices
- 1 package (6 ounces) Canadian bacon slices
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 package (8 ounces) mozzarella cheese slices

Decorative vegetables (optional):
multicolored sweet peppers
olives
spinach
mushrooms
cherry tomatoes

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Cut pizza dough into 12 squares. On each square, place 1/2 teaspoon sauce and evenly top with pepperoni, Canadian bacon and cheddar cheese.

Pinch corners of dough together to round into balls then place in muffin tins.

In small bowl, mix melted butter, garlic powder and Italian seasoning; brush generously over dough balls.

Bake 15-20 minutes until golden brown.

Remove from muffin tin and carefully shape dough balls into circles; place on baking sheet. Cover with mozzarella slices and bake until melted.

Create snowman faces by decorating each with peppers, olives, spinach, mushrooms and cherry tomatoes, if desired. Use remaining sauce for dipping.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR 2022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2022:

ELECTION NAME	ELECTION DATE	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE
Primary Election - Office of County Assessor - Office of County Clerk - Office of County Coroner - Office of County Treasurer - Office of County Commissioner District 2 (4 Year Term) - Office of County Commissioner District 3 (2 Year Term) - Precinct Committeemen	May 17, 2022	March 11, 2022
General Election - State and County Officials	November 8, 2022	March 11, 2022

Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the 'Elections' link. Political Subdivision forms may be obtained at the addresses listed above.
12/15/2021

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 November 1

-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: Current Expenses-\$37,722; R&B-\$50,639; Dist. Court-\$2,009; Fair, County-\$5.60; Probation-\$1,432; Hist. Soc&Museum-\$1,939;I&C-\$11,529; Junior College-\$500; Revaluation-\$1,123; Solid Waste-\$9,013; 911-\$2,816; County Vessel-\$68; OffHwy Vehicles-\$71; Elections, Taxing Dist-\$50,641.
-Approved the 10-25-2021 minutes.
-Nominated Pam White for the District 3 CAT Board Member.
-Approved the Liquor Catering Permit for Y Knot Winery to be used on November 12, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
-Approved the FY 2022 Certificate of County Levies.
-Approved the Ninth Amendment to Agreement for Enhanced Law Enforcement Services with Idaho Power to be effective from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
-Approved the ITD Bridge Asset Management: Local Agency Communication Verification for the following bridges – N. Fork Boulder Creek, Jordan Creek, Reynolds Creek, and Meadow Creek.
-The Mt. Home AFB Release of Claims was tabled until November 8, 2021 for further information.
-Approved the Sheriff's full-time new hire of David Reed for Jail Lieutenant at the pay rate of \$22.14 per hour to begin on November 2, 2021.
-Approved the Sheriff's part time new hire of Rich Demurjian for the position of Jail Detention Deputy at the pay rate of \$18.07 per hour to begin on November 1, 2021.
-Approved the Sheriff's transfer of Connie Peterson from Jail Detention Deputy at the pay rate of \$19.53 per hour to Jail Commander at the pay rate of \$21.09 per hour to begin on November 1, 2021.
-Approved the Sheriff's transfer of James Vincent from Jail Admin Lieutenant at the pay rate of \$22.58 per hour to Jail Detention Deputy at the pay rate of \$20.08 per hour.
-Gabe Burgess, PE, a Construction Team Leader with David Evans & Associates, INC gave a quick introduction about the company and how they could assist with inspections with the LHTAC North Fork Boulder

Creek Bridge Project.
-At 9:40 a.m. went into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(a) personnel and Idaho Code 74-206(f) to discuss possible litigation. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 10:06 a.m.
-Public Hearing Meeting – County Commissioner Redistricting – Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Director Huff explained that the new map not only splits the population, but also the land mass of Owyhee County, giving each Commissioner as close to equal portions as possible. Resident Sid Erwin asked if the Road & Bridge districts would be changing as well. Commissioner Merrick stated that only the County Commissioner lines would be changing, all other County districts will remain as they are (with the exception of school zones). The BOCC approved the new map and with no further public inquiries or input, P&Z Director Huff will finalize the paperwork for the Commissioners to sign in January 2022.
-Building Dept update with Jim King – Jim is working on getting moved into an office in the Marsing DMV building. This move will be the Building Dept's permanent physical location, while allowing Jim to continue to meet with customers on the south-east end of the County via appointment. Part-time Homedale Court Clerk Aiesha Zenor will be assisting Jim with the administration side of the Building Dept two days a week.

November 8
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the 11-01-2021 minutes.
-Approved the Temporary Deputy Prosecuting Attorney contract with Christopher Topmiller for November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.
-Approved the following Homeowner Tax Cancellations.
1. RP001700010020 - \$1,001.47
2. RP01N03W207200 - \$1,083.44
3. RP01S02W291820 - \$452.93
4. RP03N05W087803 - \$178.59
5. RP06S07E034821 - \$577.11
6. RPA0010002001A - \$1,242.35
7. RPA0120002004A - \$884.50
8. RPA00800020040 - \$1,090.11
9. RPA01300010280 - \$1,945.26
10. RPB05410010080 -

\$1,398.14
-Approved the Sheriff Offices' new hire of Chase Rhodes for the full-time position of Detention Officer at the pay rate of \$15.50 per hour.
-Approved the MOU with Imagine Idaho for a \$2,000 grant with the Chairman's signature for the Board.
-Approved the Release of Claims with Mt. Home Airforce Base for contract number FA489718P0019.
-Approved the Sheriff's Bid for Enhanced Law Enforcement Services with Idaho Power for January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$71,400 to be paid to the County.
-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Jeffrey Garvey for the full-time position of Jail Corporal at the pay rate of \$19.53 per hour to begin on November 8, 2021.
-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Justin Herman for a part time Detention Officer position at the pay rate of \$18.08 per hour to begin on November 15, 2021.
-Approved Sheriff Grant's request to add Billy Wolfe to the Owyhee County Waterways Board.
-Approved the College of Western Idaho Certificate of Residency 21-15.
-Approved the lien on I&C case number 21-17.
-Approved the hospital corrections to I&C case number 18-42.
-Denied I&C case number 21-16 because the patient is not medically indigent.
-At 10:03 a.m. went into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(a) personnel and Idaho Code 74-206(f) to discuss possible litigation. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 10:25 a.m.
-The Jarbidge Dist. BLM Coordination meeting was postponed until further notice.

November 15
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: Current Expenses-\$46,994; R&B-\$122,554; Dist. Court-\$108; Fair, Grounds & Builds-\$190; Probation-\$236; Health Dist.-\$4,447; Hist. Soc&Museum-\$221;I&C-\$8,238; Revaluation-\$713; Solid Waste-\$11,239; 911-\$2,532; Waterways-\$576; OffHwyVehicles-\$1,331; Elections Tax. Dist.-\$2,475.
-Approved the 11-08-2021 minutes.
-Approved the EMPG ARPA 2021 Subrecipient Agreement in the amount of \$7,923.60 with the

Chair's signature for the Board.
-Approved Change Order #1 for the County RV Park regarding a change in the water pipe diameter size and trench backfill with the increased cost of \$7,122.75 and the Chair's signature for the Board.
-Approved the Lease Agreement with IDOC for 8N 2 St W, Homedale, ID with a monthly installment of \$150.00.
-Approved the FY2020-21 Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report with the Chairs signature for the Board.
-The Opioid Settlement was tabled until further notice.
-Approved the Owyhee County Sheriff's 2nd Amendment to Addendum D and the Owyhee County Assessor's 4th Amendment to Addendum B to the Service Level Agreement for Electronic Transactions and Access for PayPort Electronic payments with a transaction fee of 2.49% to go the County.
-Approved the Sheriff's full-time new hire of William Keller for Jail Detention Deputy at the pay rate of \$19.08 per hour to begin on November 15, 2021.
-Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement between the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Jay Young for the purpose of updating GIS for implementation into a new software program.
-Approved the SWDH Annual Food License for the Owyhee County Jail with an increased fee from \$160 to \$200.
-Approved the following Homeowner Tax Cancellations.
1) RPA0010050017A - \$2,378.66
2) RPA0010070080 - \$241.77
3) RPA0010016016A - \$278.84
4) MHA0010016016A - \$82.05
5) RP00600010060 - \$953.22
6) RPA0010007004A - \$680.33
7) RPA0010078010A - \$503.24
-At 9:34 a.m. went into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(a) personnel and Idaho Code 74-206(f) to discuss possible litigation. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 10:11 a.m.
-The Owyhee County Transportation Advisory Committee met and was led by Harry Nelson from Paragon Consulting. Discussion was held regarding asset management, inventories and annual reports. Also discussed were current road projects and grant funding opportunities. No action was taken by the Board.

November 22
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the 11-15-2021 minutes.
-Approved the Dist. 3 CAT Board Member Vote for Mark Rewok.
-Approved the Assessor's request for the private road name Yarbrough Lane.
-Approved the Assessor's request for the private road name Argo Bar Lane.
-Approved the Gem Plan Dist. 3 Board of Trustees Nomination of Marc Shigeta.
-Approved the following Homeowner Tax Cancellations.
1) RP03N04W331000 - \$1,001.47
2) RP04S03E313600 -

\$1,083.62
3) RPA01300010240 - \$1,483.53
4) RPA01300010280 – Corrected from \$1,945.26 to \$1,531.02
-Approved a letter to the Boise BLM regarding Wilson Creek.
-Approved the phone system upgrade for the County Museum, also used as the County Emergency OPS Center for \$4,205.
-Approved the following OCTAC letters of support.
1) Owyhee County R&B for construction on the Upper Reynolds Creek Rd Rehabilitation Project
2) City of Grand View for assistance with the City's Transportation Plan
3) Homedale Hwy Dist. for construction on Cemetery Road
4) City of Marsing for construction on 1st Ave West
-Approved the Owyhee Count R&B LRHIP grant application for \$100,000 to assist with paving on the Upper Reynolds Creek Rd Rehabilitation Project.
-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Jennifer Maund for a full-time Jail Detention Deputy position to begin November 22, 2021 at the pay rate of \$17.58 per hour.
-Approved the Sheriff's re-hire of Shane Troutman for full-time seasonal work with ID Power, Waterways, Jail, and Bailiff duties to begin on November 29, 2021 at the pay rate of \$16.12 per hour.
-Approved the Treasure Valley Partnership membership renewal for \$649.
-Approved Certificates of Residency for College of Southern Idaho students 21- 03 and 21-04.
-Approved the Certificate of Residency for College of Western Idaho 21-16.
-At 9:44 a.m. -went into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(a) personnel and Idaho Code 74-206(f) to discuss possible litigation. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 10:00 a.m.
-Showalter Construction requested permission to do gravel testing on County owned ground located near VanEs Dairy and Elephant Butte. The Commissioners set up a meeting time for November 29, 2021 to meet with Caleb Showalter on site for specific visuals before they make a decision.
-At 10:22 a.m. -went into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(a) personnel. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 10:30 a.m.
-Participated in the monthly Boise Dist. BLM Coordination meeting.
November 29
-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Yaleena Garcia for a full-time dispatch position to begin on November 29, 2021 at the pay rate of \$15.50 per hour.
-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Tearsy Freeman for a full-time dispatch position to begin on November 29, 2021 at the pay rate of \$15.50 per hour.
12/15/2021

Public notices

ORDINANCE NO. A - 223
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 6-1-7 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICES FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Marsing has determined to revise the procedure for termination of water services for delinquent accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: That Title 6, Chapter 1, Section 7(A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The billing cycle for water use shall be on a monthly basis. Meters shall be read on a monthly basis except as allowed to the contrary by the city council. On the tenth of the month immediately following the meter reading, the billing shall become due and payable, and if the billing is not paid by the twenty fifth of the month, the water user bill shall be delinquent. If the delinquency is not made current within ten (10) days of the twenty fifth day of the month in which the water billing is due, then the services of the user may be terminated immediately.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 8th day of December, 2021.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
/s/:Chad Sevy, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/:Jolyn E. Thompson, City Clerk
12/15/2021

Sports



Homedale Middle School teammates Tuff Neider and Kira Manley battle for a spot in the bronze-medal match at 131 pounds. Neider advanced, but settled for fourth place. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Homedale's Porter Swan controls an opponent during his march through the 89-pound bracket. Swan brought home a bronze medal after winning the third-place match at Payette Lakes Middle School in McCall on Saturday. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

✓Wrestlers: Trojans nab multiple medals

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championship bouts but settled for runner-up status:

- **Micah Higley** — 75 pounds
- **Nathan Marston** — 110 pounds

Other medalists from coach Ryan Nash's stable included:

- **Wade Ingram** — Third at 75 pounds
- **Porter Swan** — Third at 89 pounds
- **Trell McFarlane** — Fourth at 82 pounds
- **Tuff Neider** —Fourth at 131 pounds

— Information and photos provided by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Melba sophomore post Cache Beus had eight points and 21 rebounds against Weiser.

Melba mutes Weiser

If the first few games are any indication, breakout statistical performances may be commonplace this season for the Melba High School boys' basketball team.

Joe Reiber poured in 27 points, and Cache Beus ripped down 21 rebounds Thursday as the Mustangs defeated Weiser, 61-48.

Beus, Braden Volkers, and Dillon Stosich scored eight points each for the Mustangs (4-1 overall) during the non-conference home game.

Reiber contributed five rebounds and came away with five steals.

Senior Brett Spencer scored 15 points for the Wolverines, and Malakye Scott added 12.



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Technical Computer LLC, Repairs, Tune-ups, Backups, Upgrades, Networking & more. Call Tom at 208-896-4676 or 208-899-9419.

HELP WANTED

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

PART-TIME CDL-LICENSED TRUCK DRIVER. Familiar with farm equipment, knowledge of the area helpful. Leave message at 208-867-2785.

OWYHEE CONSERVATION DISTRICT has a part time job opening for an Administrative Assistant. Approximately 16 hours per week; starting pay \$10-\$14 per hour, DOE. No benefits. Must be experienced in Microsoft Word, Excel & bookkeeping/payroll (Quickbooks preferred). For a full description of the position, email susan.thayer@id.nacdn.net.

Class A CDL driver. Clean DLR. At least 2 years experience. 10 western states. Usually home several times a week. Most restarts at home. Competitive wages with and without benefits, quarterly safety bonus, clean inspection bonus, phone allowance, \$2000 signing bonus. Call Bonnie 208-697-9923.

HELP WANTED FOR small cow/calf operation. Load feed trucks & help feed cattle. General ranch work. Possible housing. Call 208-741-0452.

LOOKING FOR person to train for occupation in the printing industry. We have an opening for the right person to learn to operate our web press and sheet-fed presses. Great opportunity to learn a career. Salary is dependent on the person's work ethic, mechanical abilities, etc. Applications available at the Avalanche office, Homedale.

HARPER VALLEY RANCH LIQUIDATION AUCTION

Begins to Close ONLINE December 29th
NEW CLOSING TIME 5PM, MST

Official Preview Days: December 27th, 28th – 9am to 5pm & 29th - 9am to 3pm

HARPER VALLEY RANCH HAS BEEN SOLD. MACHINERY BEING LIQUIDATED

Partial listing: *81 JD 4440 HFWA Tractor *JD 710 B Backhoe *05 Ford Lariat F-350 Crew Cab Pickup *JD 835 Mower – Conditioner * Hay Buster Rock Picker *JD 335 Round Baler *NH 320 Baler *Kuhn SR 112 GII Speed Rake *JD 310 Tandem Offset Disc *Melro 201 Grain Drill *Rhino TW120 Rotary Mower 14'

Load Out Days: December 30th & 31st – 9am to 5pm

All items need to be removed by Dec 31 at 5pm. There are no exceptions. Please understand this term of the auction. If you cannot adhere to this term, please do not bid.

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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

Female #12

Female #13

Male #4

Male #5

Male #6

Female #14

Female #15

Female #16

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Male #7

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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

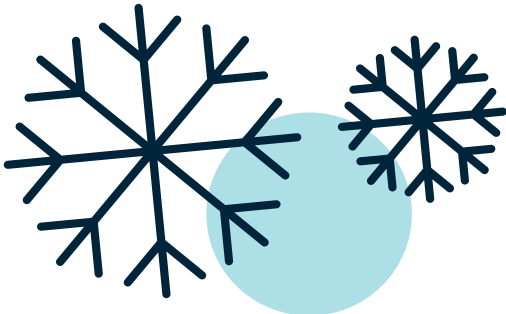
Bowling Alley Gift card, Sport shorts with elastic waist 2X, Short sleeve T-shirts 3X,

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, Calendars, Bowling Alley Gift Cards

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