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Holdovers among new library district's trustees

Oaths administered despite meeting postponement

Homedale Library District's inaugural board of trustees was sworn in Tuesday.

The five trustees took the oath of office as administered by Dist. 2 Owyhee County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi.

The swearing-in ceremony took place eight days after county commissioners made appointments during their Nov. 21 meeting in Murphy.

Working from a list of recommen-

dations submitted by the city library board, commissioners appointed:

- Pam Gibbens, who had served as chair of the Homedale city library board
- Doris Hayward-Roland
- Kristie Garrett
- Mil Shanley
- Mandy Rice

Zones were not designated for the trustees in Aberasturi's motion. The Lizard Butte Library District has trustees from specific zones and an at-large representative who can live anywhere in the district.

The five women must seek election

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HOMEDALE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Local business digs up a good time for holiday parade

Rockslide Landscaping entered a float in Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays Night Light Parade, which crossed the intersection of Idaho Avenue and Main Street while making its way to Bette Uda City Park for the city Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Photo by Gavin Parker. See more photos, **Page 8**

Grinch visits as Marsing becomes Whoville

Photos after holiday parade aimed at helping community

The Grinch is coming to Marsing on Friday for the Chamber of Commerce's nightlight holiday parade.

But the guy's heart has grown three sizes and the mission is helping the less fortunate in town.

Michelle Rodriguez Garcia, a woman known for helping out in Boise during the holidays, is bringing her Grinch act to Marsing for Friday's parade, and she'll bring benevolence, too.

"The Night Marsing Became Whoville" parade will be led by grand marshals Paunee and Phil Uberuaga. The couple has lived in Marsing for 15 years and are well-known for volunteering to help the Chamber.

Lineup for the "The Night Marsing Became Whoville" parade will start at 5:15 p.m., at the

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Marsing meeting establishes primary mental health goals

Spring assessment reveals clinical depression in 66% of students

Submitted by Communities for Youth

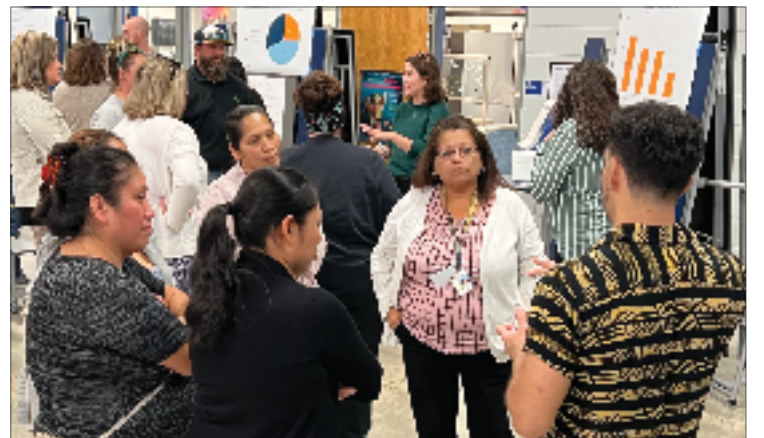
Two major goals to improve Marsing youth's mental health emerged from a recent commu-

nity meeting.

Thirty-five people gathered last month to discuss the mental health needs of the community's youth as part of funding for a full-time school nurse.

Communities for Youth, a group led by two Boise State University faculty members,

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Marsing community members chat during last month's meeting. Submitted photo



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Lootens’ lion has new home in Murphy

The Owyhee County Historical Museum has another exhibit thanks to a donation from the Kevin Lootens family. A preserved mountain lion in a glass case was presented to the museum in Murphy by the late Homedale/Marsing area resident’s wife Jo Lootens (left) and son Trent on Nov. 19, just a day before what would have been Kevin’s 62nd birthday. Kevin Lootens harvested the lion 25 years ago near the Panzeri Ranch in Owyhee County near Jordan Valley. Lootens passed away on March 3. Submitted photo

Plenty of bazaar shopping options slated Saturday in, around Owyhee

Jordan Valley Lions announce annual sale

Santa is going to need a GPS device and daily planner in addition to his shopping list to hit all the Christmas bazaars scheduled Saturday.

At least three holiday bazaars are planned Saturday in and around Owyhee County.

- A wide range of potential gifts is available during the Jordan Valley Lions Club’s Christmas Bazaar slated from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., inside the old high school gymnasium in the Oregon-Idaho border town.

The Jordan Valley Lions bazaar fare includes: Scentsy; baked and canned goods; Pendleton rugs; leather items; wood products, including custom signs; home décor; homemade kitchen items; Western décor; high school Ag and FFA shop projects; birdhouses, crochet, and T-shirts by the Veterans of Foreign Wars; jewelry; pottery; and horseshoe art.

Jordan Valley calendars will be on sale, too.

- The Homedale Friends Community Church annual bazaar takes place from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the church, 17434 Hwy. 95 between Homedale and Wilder north of the Snake River.

The seventh annual Friends church bazaar will feature door prizes every hour, and a donation-based soup lunch will be served.

Some of the items that may be available: wreaths, bags and blankets, jewelry, woodworking, biscotti, metalwork, aprons, furniture, home décor, wool mittens, cards, crochet products, lavender-based products and more.

- The Owyhee County Historical Society’s annual bazaar and Charlie Brown Christmas tree sale will be held from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The OCHS fundraiser bazaar in Murphy will feature more than 50 vendors inside McKeeth Hall and spread throughout the museum’s exhibit rooms.

The vendors, many of whom were in attendance last year according to director Eriks Garsvo, will sell many different items ranging from arts and crafts and homemade food.

The bazaar provides a chance for museum proponents to show off the museum in the wake of extensive repairs and remodels after flood damage.

Christmas trees cut from around Silver City will be sold with prices ranging from \$15 to \$40.

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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk and roll available each day

Nov. 30: Beef stew
Dec. 1: BBQ chicken, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, broccoli
Dec. 6: Salisbury steak with onions and mushrooms, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets
Dec. 7: Ham and beans, spinach, oven roasted potatoes
Dec. 8: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables

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)

Nov. 30: Mac and cheese and ham, beets, cauliflower, 9-grain bread
Dec. 2: Swedish meatballs over buttered pasta, mixed vegetables, beets, whole wheat roll
Dec. 5: White chicken chili, baby carrots, spiced apples, cornbread
Dec. 7: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, Asian vegetables, snap peas, 9-grain bread
Dec. 9: Pork roast with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, Catalina vegetables, fresh fruit, whole wheat roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order

Dec. 1: Hamburger/hot dog, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit, whole grain chips, pudding
Dec. 6: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green salad, cottage cheese, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges
Dec. 8: Corned beef cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, green salad, beets, pears, yogurt, whole wheat roll

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome

Dec. 1: Baked chicken
Dec. 6: Beef tips
Dec. 8: Baked chicken
Dec. 13: Shepherds pie

Homedale Friends Community Church Seventh Annual Christmas Bazaar!!!!

Dec. 3rd, 2022 9:00 a.m. To 3 p.m.
Friends Community Church
17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder, ID

Come enjoy searching for unique gifts that are made with love for your dear ones! Door prizes drawn every hour!
(Donation based Soup lunch served) Vendors wanted. Contact Janine at hfccchristmasbazaar@gmail.com or 208-337-3464

Some items you may find:

Wreaths
Bags and Blankets
Jewelry
Wood Working
Biscotti
Metalwork
Aprons

Furniture
Home Decorations
Recycled Wool Mittens
Cards
Crochet Masterpieces
Unique gifts
And so much more!!!!

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cheese stick, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash brown patty, strawberry cup
Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, sliced pears **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
Dec. 5: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn
Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, jelly, peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

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 offered daily
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cheese stick, mixed fruit **Lunch:** French toast sticks, syrup cup, sausage patty, hash brown patty, strawberry cup
Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, sliced pears **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
Dec. 5: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, applesauce **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn
Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Cereal bowl, applesauce **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, cheese stick, grapes **Lunch:** Crisпитos, potato wedges **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken bacon salad
Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, French fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Buffalo wrap meal
Dec. 5: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes,

syrup cup or bagel and cream cheese **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken bacon salad
Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, whole grain toast **Lunch:** Soft taco, Spanish rice, refried beans **Grab ‘n’ go:** Malibu chicken wrap

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 sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, applesauce **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad, Jello **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pull-a-part mozzarella and potato wedges
Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks, maple syrup, grapes **Lunch:** Chicken fried beef fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, roll **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chef’s salad
Dec. 5: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, roll **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, tots
Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Biscuit, pork sausage patty, country gravy, orange wedges **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Berry salad

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
Dec. 1: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, baby carrots
Dec. 5: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots, whole wheat roll
Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn

Birthday

Melba celebration scheduled to mark Ernie Bahem’s 90th



Ernie Bahem

Friends and family are invited to help Ernie Bahem celebrate his birthday.
Bahem’s 90th birthday party will be held from 2 p.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 at the Melba Senior Center, 115 Baseline Road, in Melba.
The family asks folks to not bring presents: “Your ‘presence’ is the best present of all.”

GV’s holiday spirit sparkles

Two winning entries were honored after the Grand View Community Club’s Holiday Festival parade.
Floats designed by the Doug Meyers family and Grand View’s Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were announced as award winners on social media.
The event included a parade, tree lighting and a visit from Santa.
The Giving Tree is up at the post office in town, too, according to a post on the Grand View Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.
During a Nov. 22 post, page administrator Cyndi Fullmer invited community members to retrieve tags off the tree to help fulfill needs in the community.

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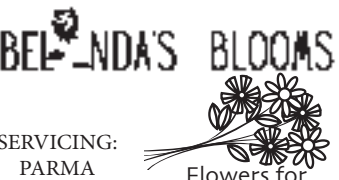
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Stay on top of holiday spending, credit cards

With Thanksgiving right behind us and more holidays to come, it is important to consider how they play a role in our long-term financial goals.

The Federal Trade Commission provides four key recommendations to stay on track with our financial planning. Please note that these are very basic steps structured around holiday shopping and gift-giving; however, the same information applies when considering holiday meals.

• **Make a list and a budget** — Impulse purchases are less tempting when you have created a plan and you are following it. If paying with a credit card, ask yourself how long it would take to pay off that purchase and factor that in your decision. Would you be able to pay it off at the end of the month, would it be delayed and you would be paying for interest on that purchase? Is it something you actually need?

• **Do your research** — Read reviews and recommendations about the product, seller, and even warranties from sources you trust. If shopping online, check for reviews that may help you verify if the vendor is a good option, or the purchase a quality one. Spreading holiday cheer by donating

to a fundraiser or charity could be a new way to show your support on the local level.

• **Review multiple retailers for the best deals** — Check out websites that compare prices for items online and at your local stores. Remember there may be shipping costs for online orders. Look for coupon codes by searching the store’s name with terms like “coupons,” “discounts,” or “free shipping.” To save extra money, keep an eye out for rebates, but if you do this, remember that you need to follow the additional step to receive your rebate money back.

• **Track purchases** — Make sure the scanned price is right and save your receipts. If you shop online, keep copies of your order number, the refund and return policies, and shipping costs. Then have your packages delivered to a secure location or pick them up at a local store. Treat gift cards like cash and keep them in a safe place. Remember to track expenses, as it can be very easy to derail into heavy spending when you are not accurately tracking all purchases in real-time.

If you are interested in more information, contact Suriñe at the Owyhee County Extension Office by email at: owyhee@uidaho.edu or by calling (208) 896-4104.

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator.



Suriñe Greenway

Homedale library wreath class still open

There are still spots available for the wreath-making class at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale.

The class is set for 1 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 9 at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

A maximum of 15 people will be accepted, and registration costs \$10. Registration must be paid before the class.

Participants will learn how to make a wreath and will take

their creation home.

Call or stop by the library to sign up.

• Teens & Tweens will hold a paper airplane challenge at 5 p.m., on Thursday as part of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Night.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 will compete to see who can make the fastest, most aerodynamic paper airplane.

• For the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, library youth activities coordinator Emily Lincoln will read “Is It Christmas Yet?” by Jane Chapman and “Bear Stays Up for Christmas” by Karma Wilson.

The children will use craft sticks to make a Christmas tree ornament.

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

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., for Marsing residents only. 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 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

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

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Reynolds Irrigation District meeting

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

Yoga class

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

Teens and Tweens

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

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

Christmas Bazaar

9 a.m., to 3 p.m., Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. Janine, (208) 337-3464 or hfccchristmasbazaar@gmail.com

Jordan Valley Lions Club Christmas Bazaar

10 a.m., to 3 p.m., inside the old high school gymnasium, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley.

OCHS Christmas bazaar

10 a.m., to 4 p.m., bazaar and Charlie Brown Christmas tree sale, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy.

Public welcome. (208) 495-2319

Free lunch

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

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting

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

Tuesday

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

Grand View Irrigation District meeting

11 a.m., district office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Region III assistance assessments

Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

Yoga class

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

Opaline Irrigation District meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday

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., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Story Time

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

Snake River Irrigation District meeting

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

Christian Life Club

4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511

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Obituaries

Danny Watson Jr.

Danny Watson JR passed away at the age of 53 on November 3, 2022 at St Luke’s Hospital. Danny was born August 24, 1969, to Danny Watson SR and Dorene Weaver. At the age of 10, Danny moved to Homedale to live with his dad and his bonus mom Kathy.

Danny had a wide range of talents, but the one he will be remembered for the most is that he is the fix-it guy. If it was broken and needed repaired, Danny was the one we would all call. Danny loved his family and friends. He could enter a room and within minutes he would have a new friend. Danny was currently living in Twin Falls with his fiancé Amy Wickham. This last year, Danny has had the opportunity to mend some broken relationships and work on new beginnings.

Danny is survived by his children: Madison Watson, Megan (Isaac) Neace, Caleb Watson and grandson Elliot Neace. Dad: Danny Watson SR, Siblings: Sage (Kat) Watson, Teresa (Joe) Troxel, Tami (Shane) Pinney, Erika (Thomas) Butts. Amy’s children and grandchildren: Tobi Smith, Lane Mathews, Tyson Jo, Macie and Sharla. Aunt Darlene Savanko, Uncle Jim Shepard, numerous



extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by both of his mothers Kathy Watson and Dorene Weaver.

As Danny’s family, we want to express our love and appreciation for Amy and her family. During Danny’s two-week illness, Amy, her children, and her mother Rhonda never left Danny’s side. The love you all showed towards Danny was genuine. You all are our angels here on Earth. Danny gained his wings knowing that he is very loved by all of us and will be missed dearly.

Please join us in Celebrating Danny’s life at 1:00 on December 3, 2022 at Mountain View Nazarene 26515 Ustick Rd, Wilder, ID 83676.

Gary William Schwartz

Gary William Schwartz, age 70, of Homedale, ID passed away November 23rd, 2022 at the VA hospital in Boise, ID. After a long battle with multiple health issues, our beloved Husband, Father and Papa, has gone on home to heaven. He certainly set an example of how to fight hard through many adversities and trials, and still maintain an amazing outlook on life. His love, quick wit, humor, and generosity is going to be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Gary was born on December 15, 1951 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the second son born to Gustave and Audrey (Davey) Schwartz. Gus was a semi-pro hockey player, which required a lot of travel. After Gary was born, he decided it was more important to be home with his family, so he retired from hockey, and settled the family in West St. Paul, MN.

At the young age of seven, Gary’s mom passed away, leaving four young children behind. His French-Canadian “Granny,” whom he dearly loved, moved in and was a huge part of his life. Gus remarried Dorothy Keller, and they moved their five children to Inver Grove Heights, MN. Gary was very athletic and excelled in all the sports he participated in, especially football, displaying his strong work ethic and determination.

Gary joined the Navy in 1971 as a Quartermaster Seaman in navigation on the aircraft carrier USS Kennedy; he was thankful for the experience, and the places he was able to see. After his Navy stint, Gary began working at Ryder Truck Rental, where he met Carol Root, the love of his life — they were married in March of 1977. Again, because of his work ethic, he worked his way from the rental counter in Minneapolis to the Branch



Manager in Fargo, ND. It was during his time in Fargo, that some of his health issues started to surface.

Gary’s faith and family were the most important things in life to him, and he tried to attend as many games as possible for his three children and the three sports they all played each year, starting in their third grade through their graduation. He would not only encourage his children, but their friends as well.

Another passion was fishing, and throughout his fishing days, he caught (and released) a great many. His favorite fish were walleye, of which he caught a few “keepers” over the years. He also loved camping and from the time his children were little, weekends were spent on one of the many Minnesota lakes starting with tenting, and ending with a motor home RV.

In 1993, the family moved to Homedale to be closer to Carol’s family and her Mom, whom he adored. Although he missed Minnesota’s lakes and fishing, he loved the

“robin-egg” blue skies, and the weather of Idaho.

In 1995, Gary began managing the Furrow Café in Wilder, and made a lot of food and friends. He especially enjoyed pulling pranks on some of his customers, and loved to make people laugh and smile. In 2000, Gary had to leave the Furrow as his health began to deteriorate, and he spent the next 22 years dealing with a myriad of health issues.

Gary is survived by his wife Carol, sons Justin (Katie) and Kevin (Jill) and daughter Linnéa Reno (Robbie), eight grandchildren, Audrianna, Zepherin, Grady, Colin, Dayton, Preston, Asa and Wesley. His brother Daniel (Kathy), sisters Carol and Gail, stepbrother Richard (Lisa) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Please join us in celebrating Gary’s life at the Homedale Friends Church, located at 17434 Highway 95, Wilder, Idaho on Friday, December 2nd at 11:00 a.m., followed by internment at the Wilder Cemetery, located at the corner of Stewart Lane and Batt Corner Road in Wilder. Funeral Services are provided by Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

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Death notices

DANIEL COLLETT, 55, of Marsing, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 965-8209

BRYAN RAY GRIFFIN, 60, of Wilder, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 at home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Caldwell.



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HOMEDALE LIGHTS UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Fittingly, Lane Matteson cruises by the family store in his late father Mike Matteson's Ford pickup in the Homedale for the Holidays Night Light Parade on Saturday. Owyhee Motor Sales is marking its 70th anniversary, having started business in 1952. Photos by Gavin Parker



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen stands with the night's honorary switch-flippers, from left, Ryelah Higley, Ainara Ramirez and Brinley Bell, during the Christmas tree lighting at Homedale's Bette Uda City Park. Christoffersen "volunteered" the children for the role by pulling them out of the crowd Saturday night.



The Parker sisters — Hadley, Jacy, Emma and Gwen — ride in the "Rudolph" golf cart decorated and driven by Hadley, a fifth-grader at Homedale Middle School. The Parker sisters' parents are Gavin and Annie Parker.

✓ Library: Longtime literacy and library proponent part of new trustees

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to regular terms of office in the May election. The length of those terms will be staggered.

The Board of County Commissioners issued the order to create the district during its Monday meeting.

Though billed as the "Homedale Public Library District" on the Nov. 8 ballot, the order filed after Monday's BOCC action establishes the "Homedale Library District."

The order included a legal description of the district boundaries and the signatures of all three Owyhee County commissioners.

According to state law, once the district is established, the City of Homedale would no longer have to provide general fund assistance.

Library director Sharla Jensen told The Owyhee Avalanche

on Monday morning that a meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday — which was to include swearing-in — has been postponed to an as-yet undetermined date so she can compile a more comprehensive agenda.

Jensen said she originally posted a meeting notice on two Facebook pages (Homedale Public Library and Homedale Community Awareness) early Sunday afternoon. No notice was posted in a public place. Idaho Code 74-204 states that the meeting notice can be posted on an entity's social media platform or website (if one exists) as well as on the physical location of the meeting, in this case the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

But Monday morning, Jensen said the meeting would be postponed. After conferring with a board member, it was

decided to take more time in light of Jensen just returning from being out of town for two weeks.

Jensen told the Avalanche that a swearing-in ceremony doesn't require a posting. Oaths of office don't have to be administered in an official meeting.

The meeting agenda posted on Facebook included other items:

- Discussing the appointment of a library director
- Establishing dates and times for upcoming board meetings
- Other business required to open the district

"A special meeting does require letting the newspaper know and a physically posted copy 24 hours in advance," she wrote more than 24 hours before the scheduled start of

the Tuesday's later-postponed meeting.

With the postponement, Jensen said the district has plenty of time to advertise the meeting.

Gibbens and Hayward-Roland are the only holdovers from the previous board, which was appointed by the Homedale city council.

Shanley is the granddaughter of Opal Nash, the namesake of the weekly preschool Story Time and children's area inside the Jackson library. The Nash family made a \$20,000 donation during library construction.

Garrett is a retired Homedale Elementary schoolteacher.

Rice and Garrett have Wilder addresses, fulfilling the requirement that a Canyon County resident serve on the trustee board.

The district boundaries mirror the Homedale School District borders, so representation from north of the Snake River is required.

The former city board also included longtime members Nancy Belknap and Janet McCornack.

Before the postponement, Jensen told the Avalanche that emergency meetings can be advertised on Facebook to meet the Idaho Code open meeting requirement.

According to Idaho's open meeting law, board meeting notices and agendas must also be posted in a public place.

Voters in both Owyhee and Canyon counties approved the establishment of the taxing district by more than 75 percent of the vote during the Nov. 8 general election.

— JPB

IDWR sets Bruneau-GV groundwater plan public meeting

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) will host a public meeting on Tuesday in Bruneau to review the proposed ground water management plan for the Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area with local water users and the public.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m., inside the Rimrock High School auditorium, 39678 State Highway 78, in Bruneau. All interested parties and the public are encouraged to attend.

A copy of the proposed ground water management plan can be found on IDWR's website.

IDWR is seeking feedback on the proposed management plan for the Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area. Written comments about the proposed plan should be sent to: erik.boe@idwr.idaho.gov. Public comments will be accepted through Dec. 16.

For more information about the meeting, contact Erik Boe at IDWR, (208) 287-4935, or email erik.boe@idwr.idaho.gov

Moratorium on new Snake water rights in East Owyhee

A moratorium issued earlier this year on new Snake River water rights could have minimal impact on Owyhee County agriculture because most of the land in the affected area is already in production.

The moratorium covers an area that includes Owyhee County east of Swan Falls Dam.

Idaho Department of Water Resources director Gary Spackman signed the expanded moratorium Oct. 21, halting the processing of new water right applications for surface and ground water in the Snake River Basin from the Swan Falls gauge at Murphy — including tributaries — to the Upper Snake region.

The moratorium could affect approximately 700 existing water rights applications for surface and ground water use, officials said. The order highlights that 474 ground water applications are pending in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) region, proposing the diversion of an additional 79 cfs to irrigate 151,000 acres of land.

The previous moratorium covering King Hill to Milner Dam began in 1993.

The expanded area includes the main stem Snake, Henrys Fork, South Fork Snake River, other tributary streams and ground water aquifers in the basin.

The order is designed to protect existing surface water and ground water users in the Snake River Basin, officials said. In essence, the order determines that the Snake River, its tributaries and ground water aquifers are largely fully appropriated, except in limited circumstances.

In addition, minimum stream flows set by and decreed to the Idaho Water Resource Board at the Murphy gauge are declining to levels where flows of 3,900 cubic feet per second from April 1 to Oct. 31, and 5,600 cfs from Nov. 1 to March 31 are extremely close to being violated, officials said.

Idaho Power Company also has decreed water rights for the same flow amounts at the Murphy gauge. The IDWR board's water rights at the Murphy gauge and Idaho Power's water rights at the Murphy gauge were decreed under the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

The order notes that in March 2015, the average daily flow at the Murphy gauge fell below the 5,600 cfs minimum for two days.

The order determines that continued growth and increased demand for Snake River surface water and ground water are diminishing existing water supplies to the point where further development would injure existing water users, including ag users, cities, businesses, processing plants and more.

There are limited exceptions if applicants can show new applications for water rights would not affect or injure existing water rights.

Spackman cited a litany of water issues leading to the order, including a steady string of water calls from Snake River senior surface water users to curtail junior surface water and ground water users, the creation of many Ground Water Districts, Ground Water Management Areas and Critical Ground Water Areas underlying the Snake River Plain and its tributaries.

According to the order: "A variety of administrative activities and judicial decisions have resulted in: (a) expanded administration of existing ground water and surface water rights; (b) the enjoinder of new water appropriations for a period of time; and (c) greater scrutiny of new water right applications resulting in near-cessation of new appropriations. The need to protect existing water rights justifies the re-establishment of a moratorium upstream from Milner Dam."

For more information about the moratorium order, contact Mat Weaver, IDWR Deputy Director, at (208) 487-4800.



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Trojans make their last stand in Shrine game
Above: Sigmund Goode gets in on a tackle during the 25th annual El Korah District III Senior All-Star Shrine Game on Friday at Middleton High School. Right: Mason Strong gets position to deflect a pass intended for a West receiver. Goode, Strong and Omar Rios (who recovered a turnover) represented Homedale High School. Jaxon Dines and Trenton Fisher were selected, but had prior commitments. Marsing's Jordan Blas was a West all-star. Photos by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Multiple Martin mentions among Adrian all-district picks

Jace Martin closed his Adrian High School football career as the 1A District 2 player of the year.

The coaches' voting was reported by EasternOregon Sports.com on Nov. 21.

Martin earned four first-team slots — running back, linebacker, kick returner and punter. He was the all-district second-team kicker.

Other players from coach Bill Wortman's squad who landed on the all-district list:

First team

- Chase Andrade, sr., offensive guard, defensive line
- Brock Bertalotto, sr., offensive guard
- Octavio Bautista, jr., defensive end
- Rance Jordan, so., linebacker

Second team

- Robert Garza, sr., tight end
- Edgar Amaral, jr., defensive end
- Colten Bayes, so., defensive back

Honorable mention

- Jace Bateman, jr., quarterback
- Ashton Jephson, sr., defensive line

Boys' basketball season previews

Loaded Trojans ready to cook after another year of seasoning

Most players already have championship pedigree

Cam Long has been itching to get his full team on the court. That's what happens when your basketball players are also championship-caliber football athletes. But — at long last — Homedale High School's full complement of boys' basketball players are at practice. Now those football players need to get 10 workouts in before they can compete in a game. The season started Tuesday at home against Class 4A Emmett for a non-conference contest. Long has maintained his contact with the gridders who are hoopsters because he's also an assistant coach for the football team.

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Young Huskies may catch coaches unaware

Little: Recent results could cloak Marsing boys' potential

Tim Little has been a teacher on high school basketball courts for nearly a quarter-century. The heart of a teacher comes in handy in seasons like the impending 2022-23 campaign for the Marsing boys. There were no seniors among the returning players Little welcomed into the Huskies gymnasium for practice earlier this month. In fact, only two athletes — varsity newcomers **Gene Showalter** and **Clayton Shofner** — are seniors. A 6-foot, 3-inch post, Showalter brings an understanding of the Marsing

— See *Huskies*, page 11

Melba: Explosive offense, overpowering defense

Guarded optimism for exciting season

Ten months after putting it all together for a state championship, Melba High School faces a different boys' basketball landscape.

As he enters his fifth season as coach, Spencer Trappett acknowledges that it could take some work to create more of the Mustangs magic that resulted in the triple crown of a 2A Western Idaho Conference championship, a District III tournament title and winning

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system after years on the subvarsity rosters.

“He has dedicated a ton of time in the off season to improve. He’s fundamentally sound and rebounds well,” Little said.

“He understands the system ins and outs and knows what to do and when to do it.”

Little says Shofner (6-0, wing) brings positive energy and the threat of an outside shooter.

Marsing’s outside threats diminished with the graduation of guards Noel Quebrado (9.2 points per game) and Dominick Enrico (6.0 ppg) in the spring.

“Although we had some close games and competed every contest, we took some lumps last year, when looking solely at the record,” Little said. “We understood that our youth and inexperience would be evident at times during last season, but the players gained a ton of experience.”

Plenty of other athletes from last season’s 6-19 squad that lost in the consolation round of the 2A District III Tournament

will return to the fold.

- **Dusty Engle** (6-2, jr., wing) will try to replace some of the lost scoring both directly and indirectly.

“He shoots the ball well, can handle the ball when needed and has great court vision,” Little said.

- **Jace Chadez** (5-7, so., point guard) split time last season between junior varsity and the big club, seeing action in 16 games.

“He has put a lot of time in the offseason to improve,” Little said. “He handles the ball well and is a scoring threat.”

Nacho Margarito (5-9, jr., wing) is a returning starter and can provide grit. “He sees the floor well and brings intensity and desire to win in whatever we are doing. He does a lot of the dirty work and leads with his actions.”

Leading rebounder **Braden Ankeny** (6-4, jr., post) is back after starting most games last season.

“He has spent a lot of time to develop a mid-range jumper, improve finishing down low and his post defense in the offseason,” Little said.

Braden’s cousin, **Eli** (6-1,

jr., wing), transferred from Middleton. He’s the nephew of Huskies subvarsity and assistant coach Luke Ankeny, who is Braden’s father.

“(Eli has a) high basketball IQ,” Little said. “He’s offensively skilled in multiple areas and can play multiple positions.”

The rest of the Huskies’ coaching staff includes Johan Jimenez and Daryl Lemos.

The balance of the Marsing newcomers include:

- **Juan Diego Ponce** (5-11, fr., guard) — “When he gets on a hot streak, he shoots well and can finish at the rim,” Little said.
- **Teagan Kinney** (6-2, so., wing) — Another player who saw extensive varsity playing time (15 games) last season, Kinney is energetic and enthusiastic, Little said. He has what the coach calls “a strong defensive mindset” and led the Huskies’ program in drawing charges last season.

Little has a group that can pull off his philosophy of team ball this season.

“Any given night, I think we will see different standouts. We have a great group of players

that feel positive after this summer and fall,” the coach said.

“Once we are able to define roles and players buy into those roles, we hopefully will be in the hunt for a successful district tourney finish.”

The “any given night” outlook extends to the Huskies’ offensive options, Little said: “We have many options offensively this year, which will be a change for us.”

Any of the team’s top eight offensive players could score in double figures this season, Little said.

The Huskies have more depth and overall talent than in the past few years.

But, even with the younger makeup, the game time gained last season and the players’ dedication and commitment bolster Little’s optimism for the upcoming campaign.

“We are still young this year, but the ability of the boys to stay positive throughout last year, see the big picture and continue to work to improve during the offseason will pay dividends this season and next,” the coach said.

Turnover in other 2A WIC programs could further illustrate

Little’s “any given night” idea. He sees his charges sneaking into the upper echelon of the conference behind stalwarts Melba (the reigning 2A WIC, District III and state champion) and Cole Valley Christian.

“With all the new coaches in our league the last two years, I feel we will be overlooked and not respected by other programs — due to our record the past two seasons,” he said.

“This will provide great opportunities for us to surprise teams in our league. The competitive nature of all the players will drive us to being the best team we can be once districts rolls around.”

Little’s old saw of defensive energy and discipline probably won’t catch anyone off-guard, but the goal of holding teams to 48 points per night remains nevertheless.

“Offensively we will develop solid game management as the season goes on and a team-first mindset,” Little said. “As always, fans can expect close games in which our players compete until the final buzzer.”

— JPB

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Girls' basketball
Mikaila Gonzalez, sr., G
Helped lead Huskies past Payette



This week's schedule

Girls' basketball Varsity	Boys' basketball Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 1, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 6, home vs. Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 2:30 p.m.	Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 6, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity	Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 1, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 6, home vs. Liberty Charter, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 1 p.m.	
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.	
Wrestling	
Girls	
Friday, Dec. 2, home for Ardis Nash Tournament, 3 p.m.	
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✓Trojans: All-conference duo leads veteran group onto floor each night

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But his element is the hardwood, and he brings three other football assistants — Matt Strong and Casey Grove as varsity assistants and Angel Cardenas as the frosh-soph coach — with him. The fourth-year Trojans coach is ecstatic to add Clint Thomas as the program’s junior varsity coach, too.

“I’m looking forward to the season. This is Year 4 as a staff with these kids,” Long said. “It has been a great experience watching these seniors for the last four years grow into what they are today.

“It is a special group. I’m just excited to be part of it.”

To be sure, Long, who has coached basketball for 21 years at various levels including elite club work, is champing at the bit to see his talented core finally step off the football field and onto the new floor inside the HHS gymnasium.

“We have a veteran, talented group ready to make a deep

run at the state tournament,” Long said.

The nucleus helped the Trojans to a 16-10 record and a runner-up showing in the 3A District III Tournament to lock up the program’s second trip to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament in three seasons under Long’s guidance.

The Trojans earned the consolation trophy at the state tournament last season.

The nucleus includes seniors **Jaxon Dines** (5-foot, 11-inch wing) and **Mason Strong** (5-11 point guard), both of whom have started on varsity every year they’ve played prep basketball.

• A three-time All-3A Snake River Valley conference first-teamer, Dines averaged 17 points and 2.6 steals as a junior to earn a first-team All-State designation.

• Strong is a two-time all-conference first-team selection who landed on the All-State second team last season after

averaging 11.5 points, 2.1 assists and 1.6 steals each game.

But wait, there’s more.

Long rides into the season with a ton of optimism as he works out several other seniors who also happened to be big contributors to the football team’s run to the state championship game, including:

• **Trenton Fisher** — The 6-1 post averaged 4.6 points, 3.1 rebounds and a steal in 2021-22.

• **Sigmund Goode** — The 5-11 wing averaged 4.3 points, 2.6 rebounds and 2 steals.

• **Omar Rios** — 6-3 post

• **Elijah Renteria** — 5-10 wing

Senior **Alijah Joyner**, a 6-3 post, is back, too, after scoring 4.3 points and grabbing 3.7 rebounds per game last season.

“We are very athletic and return six guys with a ton of varsity experience. The newcomers saw some varsity

time as well,” Long said. “They know what it takes to compete at the highest level.”

Two more football players are joining the varsity basketball team this season:

• **Danny Lomeli, jr., 5-6 point guard** — “Danny will bring much-needed depth at the point guard spot for us,” Long said.

• **Luke Henry, so., 5-8 wing** — “Luke is incredibly athletic and will add to our three-point shooting,” Long said.

Sophomore **Breken Frank**, a 5-11 wing, will also help the long-range offense, and Long says he’s a “very good distributor from the high post.”

The newcomers will help reload the lineup after the graduation of the team’s leading rebounder from last season, wing/post Hayden Kincheloe, who averaged 7.9 points and 6.8 board per game, as well as Eli Heck and Josh Brown.

“I would say defensive

rebounding is an early concern for me with Hayden graduated,” Long said. “Everyone will need to step up in that department.”

The athleticism will allow Long to employ his favorite fast-paced and exciting brand of basketball.

“We will be fast defensively and will be a better three-point shooting team this year, and I feel pretty deep at all positions with talented guys,” Long said.

Long expects the 3A Snake River Valley conference to be a three-horse race again this season with the Trojans dueling with McCall-Donnelly and Fruitland. The three teams have been trading district titles of late, but that doesn’t mean the rest of the conference schedule won’t be a dogfight.

“Weiser and Parma, I feel, are improved from last year,” Long said. “Payette may take a step back losing some very talented seniors from last year.”

— JPB

Homedale Trojans

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 1, home vs. Baker, Ore., 4:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 1, home vs. Baker, Ore., 3:45 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Saturday, Dec. 3 vs. McCall-Donnelly, Marsing H.S., 11:30 a.m.

Wrestling
Girls
Friday, Dec. 2, home for Ardis Nash Tournament, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3, home for Ardis Nash Tournament, 9 a.m.
Coed
Wednesday, Dec. 7 vs. Nampa Christian and Marsing, Nampa Christian H.S., 5:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Dec. 3 at Kimberly, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Emmett, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Dec. 3 at Kimberly, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Emmett, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Saturday, Dec. 3 at Kimberly, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Emmett, 4:30 p.m.



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Sports



Homedale senior Sydney Davis puts up a short jumper against tough New Plymouth defense. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Trojans spoil Pilgrims' Thanksgiving mood

HHS girls win with defense

Homedale High School went on a second-half run despite poor shooting to pull out a girls' basketball victory.

The Trojans forced 28 turnovers in a 41-32 non-conference win over New Plymouth on Nov. 22 inside the HHS gymnasium.

"We managed to win despite poor shooting thanks to defense and offensive rebounding," first-year Trojans coach Benji Sorenson said.

Homedale (3-1 before Tuesday's non-conference game in Kimberly) converted just 20 percent of its shots, but the Trojans' defense rose up, and rebounders out-boarded the Pilgrims, 22-9, on the offensive glass.

The game was tied, 20-20, at the break before Homedale took a one-point lead after a low-

scoring third quarter. The Trojans clinched the win with a 16-8 run over the final eight minutes.

Every player who stepped on the floor but one scored for Homedale.

Jacy Parker was the leading scorer again with 13 points. She knocked down a pair of three-pointers, but was 5-for-20 from the floor. She logged four rebounds, five steals and two deflected passes.

Arlett Quezada knocked away five passes and snagged four rebounds to go with six points before fouling out.

Sydney Davis scored eight points with eight rebounds, while Sloan McFarlane collected seven points and six rebounds.

The Pilgrims edged Homedale, 37-36, in Payette County on Nov. 15.

Intangibles take Marsing girls to triumph vs. Payette

This time, Marsing High School came out on the winning end of a non-conference game against Payette.

The Huskies ended a season-opening four-game losing streak with a 26-22 win over the visiting Pirates on Nov. 22.

"We were able to grind out a win over Payette," Marsing coach Michael Swanson said. "Having a team come together and just fight for 32 minutes was a great thing to experience."

Payette had downed Marsing, 34-24, on the Pirates' floor seven days earlier.

The Huskies (1-4 overall, 0-1 in 2A Western Idaho Conference before taking on Class 1A, Div. I Notus on Tuesday after deadline) received seven

points and eight rebounds from Anna Gluch.

Four of Gluch's rebounds gave Marsing second chances on the offensive end.

"Llee Loucks did a great job of establishing dominance in the middle for most of the game, but ultimately it was our senior leadership from guards Mikaila Gonzalez and Emily Vanosdall that sealed the game for us, using their experience and poise when the game got tight," Swanson said.

The coach added: "I cannot praise the entire team enough from the players all the way down to our coaching staff, and the student section. Truly a collective win."

✓ Melba: Coach says Mustangs must build chemistry to return to glory

From Page 10

the Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

He pointed out a weakness of a lack of team play and selfishness that would affect the overall team chemistry.

But, when it works, it could work spectacularly.

"(The Mustangs' game will be) very similar to last year," he said. "Fast-paced, high-scoring offense and a lock-down defense."

Trappett sees scoring coming from multiple players each night — similar to last season's 24-2 campaign. He also says the Mustangs have the potential to completely dominate opponents defensively.

Although two-time conference player of the year Joe Reiber graduated after averaging 19.9 points and 6 rebounds per game from the guard spot, Melba brings back several players from last season's title run.

Post player Dillon Stosich, who helped control the boards with a 3.4 rebounds-per-game average and scored nearly seven points a night, also graduated.

Players with the ability to get the tough rebound or tough bucket are back:

- **Braden Volkens, 6-foot, sr., guard** — "He brings leadership, high basketball IQ, and the ability to handle and shoot the ball," Trappett said.
- **Cache Beus, 6-4, jr., guard/post** — "He brings leadership, the ability to rebound, score and handle the ball if needed," the coach said.
- **Tucker Lowber, 6-1, jr., guard** — "(He) has the ability to get to the bucket and finish (and) has a great mid-range shot," Trappett said.
- The coach expects Beus and Volkens to be the team's big scorers and playmakers.
- The Mustangs' newcomers also bring some size and defensive potential to the mix.
- **Owyhee County senior Kaden Dayley is a 6-1 guard** — "He is a lock-down defender that will cause problems for other teams' best scorers," Trappett said.
- **Cutter Beus, 6-6, jr., guard/post** — Trappett said Beus has potential from the three-point line as well as finishing underneath or getting a rebound when needed. "He's a great overall player that will be a hard matchup on

both the offense and defense," the coach said.

- **Noah West, 6-4, jr., post** — The coach says West has the athleticism needed to block shots and grab rebounds. "He has the ability to 'clean up around the rim,'" Trappett said.

Former Homedale teacher and coach Kevin Cornwall returns along with Terry Logan and Fabian Blanco on the Mustangs' coaching staff.

Trappett anticipates the conference season won't be as much of a dogfight as last year when the Mustangs squeaked out the top seed with a 13-1 record. The championship difference was a 60-49 win over The Ambrose School, which finished second at

12-2.

"Overall, I think our league will be down from last year. The teams will be more spread out from top to bottom in talent and fundamentals," Trappett said.

"We also have teams that will surprise better teams on any given night."

— JPB



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Sports

College catch-up: Matlock scores TD again

FOOTBALL
Scott Matlock, sr., DT
Boise State University

Friday — The Broncos beat Utah State, 42-23, at Albertsons Stadium on Senior Day. The Aggies and the occasion aligned to allow the Homedale grad to catch the second touchdown pass of his career.

Playing his final regular-season game on the blue turf, Matlock caught a 1-yard scoring pass from quarterback Taylen Green to give the Broncos a 28-10 lead in the third quarter.

Former Boise State defensive star, Super Bowl champion and Marsing High School coach Shea McClellin raised the “Blue Chaos” flag prior to the game.

Matlock also made three solo tackles, including a quarterback sack. He also had a quarterback hurry.

Playing in 11 of his squad’s dozen games, the fifth-year senior has 21 solo stops and 20 assists on the season. He has logged six TFL and 2.5 sacks. The Outland and Bednarik trophies hopeful also has five quarterback hurries.

In 44 games since 2018, Matlock has 59 solo tackles, 48 assists, 11.5 sacks, 19.5 TFL, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble and pass break-up.

Matlock’s first TD reception came last year in a win over Utah State. That one was a three-yard pass from Hank Bachmeier.

Saturday — The Broncos (9-3 overall, 8-0 in conference), the Mountain Division champions, play host to West Division champion Fresno State (8-4, 7-1) in the Mountain West Conference championship game at 2 p.m., at Albertsons Stadium. TV: Fox, Ch. 9, in Treasure Valley.

Mason Kincheloe, sr., LB
Linfield University

Saturday — The HHS graduate’s career ended on his home field with a 30-13 loss to No. 13 Bethel in the second round of the NCAA Div. III playoffs.

Kincheloe got in the game as the fifth-ranked Wildcats ended the season 10-1.

13th-ranked Bethel held a 17-13 halftime lead then turned on the scoring.

Spencer Fisher, RS fr., LB
Hayden Kincheloe, fr., RB
University of Idaho

Saturday — The Vandals (7-5) saw their season end in a 45-42 shootout loss to Southeastern Louisiana in the opening round of the NCAA FCS playoffs.

The Vandals led, 21-10, in the second quarter and clawed back for a 35-31 lead in the fourth quarter. But Southeastern Louisiana regained the lead, 38-35, with 3 minutes, 15 seconds remaining.

Fisher got on the field in the season finale.
Kincheloe didn’t see action.

BASKETBALL
Jacob Ankeny, RS fr., C
Montana Western University

Saturday — The Marsing High School graduate played a season-high 23 minutes on Saturday when the Bulldogs lost, 82-68, to Dakota State to close the Milanovich Classic.

Ankeny connected on two of four field-goal attempts (2-for-3 from two-point range). He also dropped in three of four free-throw attempts to finish with seven points.

He grabbed four rebounds and two assists despite committing four fouls.

Friday — Ankeny got two rebounds and scored two points in 10 minutes as Montana Western lost to Dickinson State, 81-71, on the tournament’s first night.

What’s next — Montana Western (5-5) travels in-state to challenge a couple of ranked teams. No. 16 Carroll College entertains the Bulldogs on Thursday in Helena, Mont. The Bulldogs visit Dillon, Mont., on Saturday to play No. 18 Montana Tech.

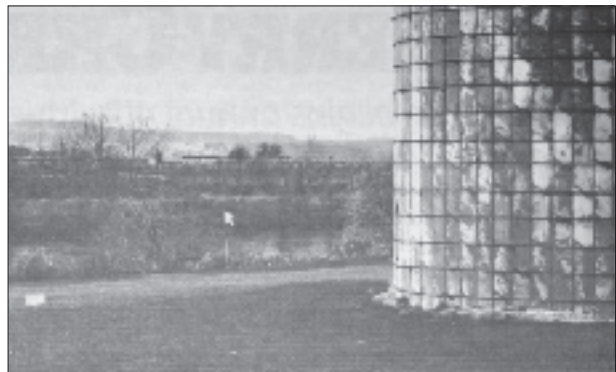
The team travels to Pocatello on Tuesday to challenge Idaho State University in an exhibition game.

Looking back...

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

25 years ago

December 3, 1997



Unique Obstacle...
The River Bend golf course offers a unique landmark at the course: a silo on the No. 4 hole.

River Bend opens another nine holes

The River Bend Golf Course has recently added nine new holes to the course. The weather was one cause for opening the additional nine holes in the last week of October, and the Over the Hill Gang was another factor in the opening. The group of senior golfers kept asking Joe Bideganeta to get the holes open this past fall and the unusually warm weather in the last part of October, and beginning of November, enabled Bideganeta, owner and operator of the course, to open the holes and keep them open. The Over the Hill Gang were the first to play on the new holes once they opened.

The new nine holes offer diversity, a lot of water, and gives the course a whole new layout. The old No. 6 hole is now the No. 1, with new holes running from No. 3 through No. 7, No. 10 is the old No. 1, the No. 12 was the former No. 3, with the No. 2 being No. 11 now. Holes 13-16 are across the canal. Adding something quite unique to the course is a silo located on No. 4, at the far right-hand corner of the course.

Commissioner asks why county taxes are so high

Benjamin Franklin said the only things certain in life are death and taxes.

Were he alive today, Franklin might be grateful he doesn't live in Owyhee County, where taxes, expected to decrease over last year, have for some residents actually increased by more than 14 percent.

One resident who noticed an unexpected tax increase is District 3 county commissioner Chet Sellman, who wants to know why, if the tax levy is down from last year, his county taxes, excluding school and library districts, have gone up.

"If my county taxes went up 14 percent, then everybody's did," Sellman said at last week's meeting of the board of Owyhee County Commissioners. "How did that happen? If levies are down, why are taxes up?"

OCSO seeks permanent law contract with BLM

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman told the Board of County Commissioners last week he's looking for a more permanent law enforcement contract with the Bureau of Land Management.

The sheriff's office and the BLM entered into a cooperative agreement this past summer in which deputies patrolled certain federal lands within the county. Under the terms of the contract, the sheriff's office patrolled Jump Creek and Davis Hot Ponds, where the most problems on federal lands are occurring.

The BLM paid the county \$3,000, which was used for equipment and salaries. Aman said he thinks his department could get a better deal, with more money, this time around.

50 years ago

November 30, 1972

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS of Homedale High School pose with the spirit stick which they won at a National Cheerleaders Association clinic in Portland last summer. Kneeling is Karen Kent, a junior; standing, from left, LiNae Johnstone, a senior; Karla Johnson, a junior, and Tami Uda, a sophomore. Photo by Bette Uda



Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"It ain't bad to be a loser if you're tryin' to lick a weight problem, or to be a quitter if you're knockin' the cigarette habit."



SUSAN CHADEZ, right, a U. of I. senior psychology-education major from Homedale, leafs through the newly published manual by Dr. Lewis B. Smith, professor of education. The manual "Questioneze" seeks to promote better questioning techniques to help students develop thinking abilities.

Trustees OK band trip to Calgary Stampede

All school board members were present at the regular meeting held Nov. 13, including Tom Arima, chairman; Frank Haylett, Roy Kubosumi, Charles Yost and Paul Zatica; Jim Duncan clerk, and Deward Bell, superintendent of schools.

Visitors were Duane Root, high school principal; Herb Fritzley, grade school principal; and Duane Ash.

Supt. Bell was authorized to attend the Northwest Association of Higher Schools meeting in Portland Dec. 3-6.

Kubosumi and Supt. Bell reported on the COSSA meeting.

In other action, the board:

— Granted permission for the High School Marching Band to perform at the Calgary Stampede, July 5-14.

— Offered a contract to Ruth Stoker as elementary teacher for the balance of the 1972-73 school year.

— Paid bills for October of \$16,840.67.

155 years ago

November 30, 1867

BIRTH-DAYS.—An exchange has the following on keeping birth-days. It will be interesting to children, and remind many older persons of childhood and its happy associations.

Keep the birth-days religiously; they belong exclusively to, and are treasured among the sweetest memories of home. Do not let anything prevent some token, be it ever so small, that it be remembered. Birth-days are great to children. For one day they are heroes. The special puddings or cakes are made for them; a new jacket or trowsers, with pockets, or the first pair of boots are donned; and big brothers or sisters sink into insignificance beside little Charlie who is 'six to-day,' and is going to be a man. Mothers who have half a dozen little ones to care for, are apt to neglect birth-days; they come too often — some times when they are 'nervous' — but if they only knew how much such souvenirs are cherished by their pet Katy or Harry, years afterwards, when away from the hearthstone and they have none to remind them that have added one more year to the perhaps weary round of life, or to wish them, in old fashioned phrase, many happy returns to their 'birth-day,' they would never permit any cause to step between them and a mother's privilege.

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NEW CONCENTRATION.—Mr. Richards, of the Knickerbocker Co., has invented and is experimenting with a machine for the concentration and saving of sulphurets from tailings. We have not seen it in operation, but from trials already made, Mr. Richards is confident that he has struck the "right thing" at last. He is making some slight alterations, and when he gets it to running again we will give a full description.

TREASURE SHIPMENT FOR NOVEMBER.—Wells Fargo & Co. have shipped below by the Railroad stage, from this place, during the month of November, \$70,000 in gold and silver bullion. This is quite a nice little sum, and is exclusive of large amounts carried away by private parties.

Commentary



The author (left) with 2022 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stephen Heidt (right) and Heidt's father, longtime Owyhee County resident Ray. Submitted photo

Byron Lee Sanchez,
Heidt for Governor campaign



Election 2022

What Idaho lost: *Noblesse Oblige*

Noblesse Oblige is the noble obligation of rulers to do good.

Idaho is the product of the Wild West and prides itself in ignoring old world trivialities such as *noblesse oblige*. This British expression comes from a time when Normans and French forces defeated the Saxon King and French became the *lingua franca* of nobility. *Noblesse oblige* suggests that nobility extends beyond mere entitlement. British royalty took this responsibility of noble obligation very seriously as did Stephen Heidt. To claim nobility one must be noble.

I worked alongside Stephen Heidt every day for many years. His life has been devoted to service and personal sacrifice, as a missionary, in the armed forces, and as an underpaid Idaho educator in our overflowing prisons. I was an inmate and Teacher's Aide in his class. He was my supervisor. I was treated with dignity and respect, not because he was obligated to be kind to prisoners, but because he is a man of the highest moral character.

I was partially responsible for convincing him to run for Governor. We needed a man willing to fight the good fight for noble reasons rather than to obtain something. We needed someone outraged by the victimization of the defenseless in this state. We needed someone who had not been pimped out by party politics. Stephen Heidt is a man who understands the noble obligation to do good.

With nothing personal to gain and everything to lose Stephen Heidt ran for Governor simply because it was the right thing to do. He retired early from his job in prison education taking a 60% pay cut because his conscience was pricked by the injustices he saw. He believed it was his personal obligation to bring humble nobility of character, integrity, and justice to the highest office of the potato State. He wanted to win so common Idahoans could prosper and win.

Noble, compassionate acts, are strengths that should be rewarded, rather than seen as a weakness for the powerful to exploit. Stephen Heidt is a moderate. He believes life is the right choice, whenever possible, but

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JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August 2021. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon. McWilliams' cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

From Washington Recognizing those who embody Idaho's enduring Spirit of Freedom

I have had the great opportunity this month to recognize 21 Idahoans with the 2022 Spirit of Freedom: Idaho Veterans Service Award. I created the award in 2002 to honor Idaho veterans and volunteers for their outstanding service to our country and its veterans.

Veterans organizations across Idaho nominate the awardees. The Spirit of Freedom Award is presented in two categories: veterans and volunteers who assist veterans. Often times, the award categories overlap, as Idaho veterans who have served our country return home and continue to give generously of their time and resources to helping fellow veterans, military families and many others. The 371 awardees to date represent the many deserving Idahoans who lift up others with their gifts of service and thoughtful care.

For example, this year, the Twin Falls Veterans Council nominated Greg Bryant, who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and helps ensure his fellow veterans receive the honor they so deserve. He serves as commander of the Magic Valley Honor Guard. This is a remarkable commitment, as the Magic Valley Honor Guard provides honors for approximately 85 funerals a year throughout the Magic Valley.

The Donor Outreach for Veterans (DOVE) nominated Hayley Slaughter of Mountain Home, who donated her kidney earlier this year to Candice Martin, an active member of the U.S. Army. Candice is now back to full duty status, as Hayley continues to volunteer with DOVE to save more lives. Sharyn Kreitzer, executive director of DOVE, wrote, "Hayley has boundless energy and a warm, embracing personality that makes all in the DOVE community feel good. How Hayley can do all of this and balance being a mom to three

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young and active children is remarkable!"

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Idaho State Council, nominated Honoré Storms, a teacher in Idaho Falls, who invited veterans to her classes to help students better understand their service. She also facilitated students in her U.S. History class completing seven interviews with Vietnam veterans for the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project.

In addition to these great Idahoans, a complete list of the 21 recipients of the 2022 Spirit of Freedom Award is provided below. Summaries of their service along with summaries of the service of past Spirit of Freedom Award recipients are posted on my official website, www.crapo.senate.gov.

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Commentary

Financial management

Help your mom with debt only if she helps herself

Dear Dave,

My mom took out a Parent PLUS Loan in 2009 to help pay for my college education. I also took out \$70,000 in student loans myself. My mom never made a payment on the loan she took out for me, and now the amount due on the Parent PLUS Loan has ballooned to \$100,000.

She recently told me in her mind it was my loan in her name, and I should be the one to make the payments after I became financially stable. Thankfully I just got a new job making \$140,000 a year. With this, I can finally make a dent in my own loans, but she asks me every week if I'm going to pay the Parent PLUS Loan.

My mom is a nurse practitioner, so she makes good money, but she recently

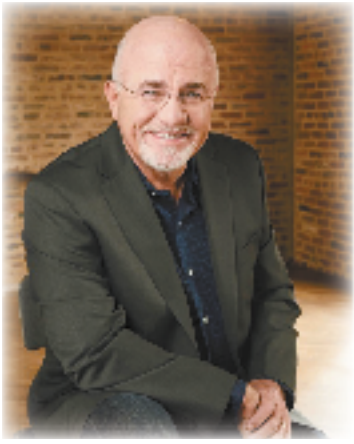
financed two new luxury cars within 24 hours of each other — one for work and one for church. She also has loans out from borrowing on her 401(k) and credit card debt. Should I take over the Parent PLUS loan under my name?

— Tommy

Dear Tommy,

Wait, are you serious? Your mom has a church car? I've never heard of such a thing. But hey, I'm going to talk to my wife about this. I knew I needed another car, I just didn't know I needed a church car. Oh, my goodness!

OK, here's the deal. If you had an agreement with your mom, or promised at any time to pay back the Parent PLUS Loan when you were able, you should cover it. But that's not



what you told me. It sounds like your mom has a good heart and was just trying to help, but she did it in a dumb way. From what you told me, she's done a lot of dumb things with money.

Under no circumstances do you take the loan back under

your name. In fact, I'm not certain you can even do that with a Parent PLUS Loan. You need to get your debt cleaned up first before trying to help her. If you choose to be a bigger help after that, you need to start things by having a serious conversation with your mom. She needs to hear that she's being absolutely silly with her money. Let her know you're willing to help because the loan was for your benefit. But make sure she understands you won't pay it all, and you won't do it while she's making two luxury car payments — including one on a church car. That's ridiculous.

Offer to be her biggest cheerleader, and help her find a good financial coach — someone with the heart of a teacher. You might want to

let her know you'll match whatever she pays toward the loan, so it'll feel like a team effort. But also make sure she understands if she pays nothing in any given month, you'll match that, too.

Good luck, Tommy!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Spirit: Volunteers, veterans continue to serve

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Veterans:

- Greg Bryant, Twin Falls;
- Jinny (Virginia) Cash, Grangeville;
- Miguel Dominic, Pocatello;
- Alison Garrow, Boise;
- Walter "Walt" O. Lindsey, White Bird;
- Jay Dovet Romlein, Boise;
- Robert L. Skinner, Idaho Falls;
- Gordon Souza, Caldwell;
- Ivan R. Ulmer, Lewiston; and
- Delores Walk, Lewiston.

Volunteers:

- Eugene D. Brown, Hazelton;
- Monique Chadwick, Kuna;
- Susan Elle, Meridian;
- Jan Gilbert, Twin Falls;
- Kay Jones, Twin Falls;
- Richard Nota, Boise;
- Jack S. Paulsen, Grangeville;
- Molly Severe, Cottonwood;
- Hayley Slaughter, Mountain Home;

- Honoré Storms, Idaho Falls; and
- Fred T. Wyneken, Meridian.

Thank you to the veterans organizations that submitted award nominations this year: American Legion Posts 47 and 152; Bannock County Veterans Services; DOVE; Idaho State Veterans Homes in Boise and Lewiston; Idaho Veterans Assistance League, Inc.; Marine Corps League Detachment 1030; Mission43; Southeast Idaho Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America; Twin Falls Veterans Council; VFW Posts 3520 and 7019; VVA Chapter 1025; and VVA, Idaho State Council. And, thank you to this year's award recipients, and the many other Idahoans like them who may not be recognized yet, for your thoughtful and unwavering efforts to help others in our communities.

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

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✓ Idaho: Marsing's Stephen Heidt offered moderate voice among radicals

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freedom to choose is more important. He believes that progressives and conservatives have common ground we can all agree upon and everyone deserves to be protected from the tyranny of the majority. He was the moderate voice of reason in a race of radicals.

Stephen Heidt was not bought, or bribed, and that was the problem. Without political status or connections within his own party, he was rejected, encouraged to drop out, and his efforts to raise campaign funds were blocked. The largest contributor to his campaign was him.

With one of the best opportunities in decades for the Democratic Party to win the executive office, due to the 3-way split in the vote, the Democrats can justifiably be accused of having done more good for the re-election of the Republican Governor than

anything Brad Little or Ammon Bundy did. There is a special place reserved for betrayers like Judas and the Idaho Democratic Political Action Committee.

The self-serving politically expedient actions of Idaho's current choice of Governor disqualify him from fulfilling the noble obligations of leadership. In spite of his gubernatorial entitlement, the governor simply has no noblesse oblige.

What does it say about Idaho that we would prefer to elect a Governor who acknowledged the legislation he signed into law was probably unconstitutional, reduces freedom, and threatens the health of women. Idaho chose a shrewd politician who managed an end-run around a citizen's Education initiative with a constitutionally questionable emergency session just to reduce corporate taxes. The people of Idaho may have just gotten the Government they deserve...

extremist theocratic nationalism, only softened by pandering sell-outs who can be bought with money and political favor.

Meanwhile, they rejected Stephen Heidt, a lifelong servant of the people and educator whose only desire was to make the state safe for everyone. Stephen Heidt understood the Noble Obligations of governance. There are few in Idaho who have noblesse oblige. It does not come from birth right or political entitlement but out of natural character and integrity developed over a lifetime of service. That is what Idaho lost.

May God have mercy on us all.

— Byron Lee Sanchez, a Homedale native and a New Plymouth resident served as the communications director for the Heidt for Governor campaign.

Public notices

CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2024 71-passenger school bus (complete - body and chassis).
Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday until day of bid opening.
Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2023 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
/s/:Faith K. Olsen, Finance Specialist/Board Clerk
11/23,30/2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BRUNEAU WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
BRUNEAU, IDAHO
2022 WASTEWATER FACILITIES UPGRADE
General Notice
Bruneau Water and Sewer District is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
2022 Wastewater Facilities Upgrades
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the **Bruneau Water and Sewer District** at the office of J-U-B Engineers, Inc., located at **2114 Village Park Avenue, Suite 100, Twin Falls, ID, 83301**, until **Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work:
Upgrades to the existing lift station; reconstruction and HDPE lining of the north lagoon; followed by reconstruction and HDPE lining of the south lagoon the following year; disinfection system, reuse pump station; and site improvements including a structural canopy, fencing, grading, and biosolids removal.
Bids are requested for the following Contract: **2022 Wastewater Facilities Upgrade.**
Owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000. The Project has an

expected duration of **550** days with specific Milestones noted in the Bidding Documents.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
www.questcdn.com Project Quest # 8341826
Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.
Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the project site in Bruneau, ID.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.
Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
Davis Bacon Wages
This project will require the prevailing Davis-Bacon wage rates to be paid to all workmen, laborers, or mechanics employed in the performance of any part of this contract.
American Iron and Steel Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.
The following waivers apply to this Contract:

De Minimis,
Minor Components
This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **Bruneau Water and Sewer District**
By: **Justin Howard**
Title: **President**
Date: **Thursday, November 17, 2022**
11/23,30/2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received by the Owyhee County Clerk, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650 or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650 until 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on December 15, 2022 for DFG Project No. 2022-108, Black Sands Boat Ramp Improvements. Sealed proposals should be addressed to Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. Bid results will be emailed to those who submit a bid.
The project consists of dredging sediment that has accumulated in the Black Sands inlet, extending the existing concrete boat ramp, and excavating/backfilling material for a new vault toilet. The project is located on CJ Strike Reservoir near Black Sands Resort, in Owyhee County, Idaho.
A pre-bid tour of the project (highly recommended) will be held on December 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time. Contact Owyhee County Clerk, Angela Barkell, 208-495-2421 by December 6, 2022 to make arrangements to attend this tour.
Specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

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Associated General Contractors
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Dodge / Blue Book Construction
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dodge.docs@construction.com

Construct Connect
877-889-5404
content@constructconnect.com

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid is required if total bid is equal to or greater than \$50,000.
Documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the County of Owyhee, 20381 Hwy

78, Murphy, Idaho, Attn: Angela Barkell, (208) 495-2421. No deposit is required.
A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required of the successful bidder at the time of bid opening if total bid is equal to or greater than \$50,000. Include names and Public Works License number on Sub-Contractor List as part of bid. Include names and Public Works License number on Sub-Contractor List as part of bid if total project value is greater than \$50,000.
ANGELA BARKELL
OWYHEE COUNTY CLERK
OWYHEE COUNTY OF IDAHO
11/30;12/07/2022

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE (I.C. 15-1-401, 15-5-309, and 15-5-405)
Case No. CV37-22-00369 IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: MADYSON BRIANA BAILEY, A Minor.
1. Notice is hereby given that on March 7, 2022, Sandy Aujero filed a petition for appointment of guardian of a minor.
2. A copy of the petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court and may be reviewed upon request.
3. The petition has been set for hearing in this Court at Owyhee, Idaho, on December 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The hearing shall take place via Zoom Videoconference.
Zoom.com
Meeting ID: 990 5549 4585
Password: 575186

Dated: November 8, 2022.
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11/16,23,30/2022

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 7 and 8, Block 13,

Revised Townsite of Butte now the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 216 W. 1st St. N., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MARIA MEJIA, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded March 23, 2018, as Instrument No. 295496, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on September 28, 2022, as Instrument 313590, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated March 21, 2018, in the amount of \$689.00 each, for the months of July, 2021 through October, 2022, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 4.05% per annum from June 1, 2021, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$91,558.83, plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.05% per annum from June 1, 2021.
DATED This 7th day of November, 2022.
/s/:RYAN M. FAWCETT,
a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
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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 16

- Male #1

L Sweat pants, XL long sleeve shirts
- Male #2

S Sweat pants, M long sleeve shirts, men’s watch
- Female #1

Ugg slippers (L 7), S lounge pants, S blouse
- Female #2

L red sweater, XL Ugg slippers, sock, L elastic waist pants
- Female #3

Pretty stuffed bear, hair accessories, word search puzzles, S/M blouses and slacks, S/M dresses
- Female #4

Spill proof cup, puffer ball, L blouses, M elastic-waist pants
- Female #5

S/M jogging pants (black), M long sleeve blouse
- Female #6

Cuddly stuffed animal
- Female #7

Nude colored PEDs nylon socks, Lindor truffles, reading glasses
- Female #8

Thick warm non-skid socks (8), candy
- Male #3

Mens adult coloring books/colored pencils, L sport shirts, XL long sleeve shirts
- Male #4

BSU blanket, Large spill-proof coffee mug, L flannel shirts
- Male #5

Fingerless gloves (L)
- Female #9

Pretty baby doll to snuggle with, 2X blouses, 2X bottoms, long mumus
- Female #11

L blouses, L sweat pants, Bath & Body Works, hair accessories
- Female #16

Life-like doll, L socks, large print word search puzzles
- Male #9

Dallas Cowboys cap, wireless headphones
- Male #10

Drawing pad, pencils, new men’s beret/skullies hat
- Female #17

Jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzle books, Christmas angel ornament, 1X blouses, L camisole with built-in bra
- Female #18

3X womens t-shirts, adult coloring books, Pepsi
- Female #19

L pants, XL tops
- Female #20

1X dress pants, 2X blouses, Rice Krispie treats, yarn
- Female #21

BSU gear, bath and body lotion
- Female #22

2X Long warm robe, XL W Ugg slippers
- Female #23

M button-down blouses, M elastic-waist slacks, Bath & Body Works
- Female #24

XL blouses, L slacks, bandanas, sweater, Bath & Body Works
- Female #25

L Fleece-lined jacket
- Female #26

1X long sleeve blouses, XL pants
- Male #11

Headphones with country western music (portable), L sweats, L long sleeve shirts
- Male #12

Mens (4X) BSU gear, Bowling Alley gift card
- Female #12

S camisoles, S blouses, watch, chocolates, spill-proof coffee/cocoa mug
- Male #6

History books, XL polo shirts, 11 Mens slippers, therapy hand grip exerciser
- Male #7

Norelco electric shaver, L polo shirts
- Male #8

Painting canvas, sketch paper, acrylic paint set
- Female #13

XL Raiders sweatshirt, XL long sleeve blouses, waterproof boots (8W), carton of Eagle 20s
- Female #14

Soft warm heavy slipper socks, make-up mirror, carton of red Pall Malls, M blouse, M capri sweat pants
- Female #15

Make-up kit, 1X blouses and pants, adult coloring books, carton of blue Pall Malls
- Male #13

Digital camera, photo paper, XL long sleeve shirts, Green Bay Packers gear
- Male #14

Mens Velcro tennis shoes (10), candy bars, large can of hot cocoa
- Female #27

2X womens blouse, L pants
- Female #28

XL pants, XL shirts (soft pants, cardigan)
- Female #29

12-14 womens sweat suit, womens beanie, gloves and blanket
- Female #30

L pants and blouse, soft blanket
- Female #31

XL sweat pants (16-18), XL blouses, sweater
- Male #15

XL long sleeve shirts, XL sweat pants, non-skid socks
- Male #16

L sweat suit, long heavy boot socks
- Male #17

M sweat pants, M western-style shirts
- Male #18

2XL sweat pants, 2XL long sleeve shirts, mens XL slippers
- Female #32

2X dresses, 2X slacks and blouses
- Female #33

XL mumu, XL sweat suit, warm gloves
- Male #19

XL sweat suit, men’s XL long sleeve shirts
- Male #20

4XL sweat suit
- Male #21

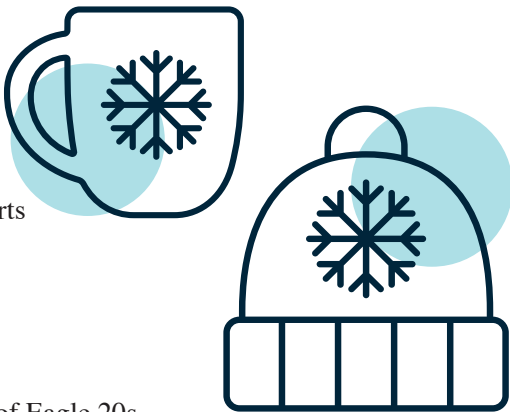
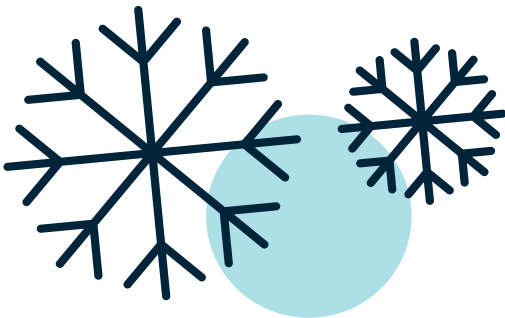
2XL sweat suit
- Male #22

XL sweat suit, men’s sweater
- Male #23

4XL “scrub” pants, 4XL long sleeve T-shirts
- Female #34

XS pajamas, flannel nightgown/mumu, soft stuffed animal

Miscellaneous: Bath & Body Works, adult coloring books, electric razors, cologne/perfume, wireless headphones for television



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