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Crucial issue bubbles up in Bruneau-Grand View again

Locally drafted plan
aims to preserve
water aquifers

A process that began 40 years ago is

nearing a milestone as residents and state officials work to stabilize the ground water supply in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

Idaho Department of Water Resources director Gary Spackman was among the people who listened to community

members' concerns about the proposed Grand View-Bruneau Groundwater Management Area plan last week.

Grand View resident Sid Erwin was on hand for the meeting, which was held Dec. 6 at Rimrock High School. He has been a part of the advisory committee

looking at the ground water situation since February 2021.

The advisory committee held nine meetings while hashing out the draft plan, IDWR's Erik Boe said.

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MOTHER NATURE'S CHRISTMAS CARD



Sinker Creek sunrise after the snow flies

The wintry, calm feeling of Christmas arrived last week on Sinker Creek with snowfall and picturesque sunrises. Snow has fallen in places throughout Owyhee County. Homedale received an inch on Friday, and nearly an inch in rainfall has been recorded in the last week. The Mud Flat SNOTEL station reported six inches of snow Sunday to Monday, the Reynolds Creek SNOTEL site gained 19 inches (to 32 inches of depth) since Friday. South Mountain SNOTEL showed 27 inches of snow depth on Monday. Photo by Paul Nettleton

Proposed downtown 4-plex back before Homedale council

Officials tackle
question of
library transfer

With residential and commercial development ongoing all over town, the Homedale City Council will revisit a request from two months ago during tonight's regular meeting.

A developer wants to build two four-plexes in downtown Homedale.

During today's regular meeting, which starts at 6 p.m., the city council will continue deliberations started after an Oct. 12 public hearing on the special permit application. The meeting will be held inside the magistrate courtroom at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The four-plexes would be built on a parcel immediately to the west of the Santa Fe residential subdivision on West Idaho Avenue.

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Longtime Lions club member donates L'Amour collection

Rimrock library
receives 88
western novels

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

Longtime Grand View Lions Club member and former city council member Bill Mead made a generous donation of his complete Louis L'Amour book collection to the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library last week.

Mead said the idea started

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Books donor Bill Mead (left) and Rimrock High School senior Jimena Hurtado look over some of the Louis L'Amour books Mead gave the school's library. Submitted photo



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Owyheeans bring local flavor to Centennial Band’s Christmas

Marsing vocalist
Jeannie Marie
to sing Monday

A handful of people with Owyhee County ties are tuning up for the Caldwell Centennial Band’s Christmas concert. “A Christmas Concert” will be held at 7:30 p.m., on Monday inside Jewett Auditorium on The College of Idaho campus in Caldwell. The doors open at 7 p.m., and an admission fee of \$5 will be taken at the door. Leora Zanks Summers, a 1970 Homedale High School graduate, is a charter member of the Centennial Band. She plays clarinet. The Caldwell Centennial Band was formed 32 years ago when the Idaho Statehood Centennial train made its way across the state in 1990. Well-known Marsing vocalist Jeannie Marie Drennon, who is on percussion for the Centennial Band, has been

involved since 2000. Homedale residents Robin and Kelly Aberasturi also are part of the percussion section. Robin has been a frequent contributor since 2011, and Kelly joined the fray two years later. Homedale High School band director John Zieske has been a clarinetist with the band off and on since 2016. Homedale-area alto saxophonist Bruce Greenhalgh has played with the band for nine years. Wilder resident Tom Adams has played tenor sax for the Centennial Band for two years. Greenhalgh and Drennon have spotlights in Monday’s program. Greenhalgh will solo on the baritone sax in the “Christmas from the ’50s” medley. Jeannie Marie will sing a special holiday song with band accompaniment. Another feature of Monday’s show is tubas “singing,” and a special holiday selection

played by Sylvia Hunt on pipe organ. The pipes will landscape the backdrop for the Jewett stage. The auditorium was built to especially showcase the pipe organ and its sound. Former Treasure Valley news anchor Claudia Weathermon is MC for the event. Funds raised help the community band continue to play free concerts in Caldwell’s Memorial Park as it has done each summer for 32 years. In addition to the Owyhee County contingent, the band is comprised of volunteer musicians from Caldwell, Emmett, Boise, Meridian and Weiser. More details on the band are available on its Facebook page (facebook.com/caldwell-centennialband), and anyone interested in joining the group can contact Summers at lzsummers@aol.com.

Find out
What’s happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

Former city property in focus in Marsing

A piece of property formerly owned by the city is back on the Marsing City Council’s radar for tonight’s final regular meeting of 2022. Council members will consider a pitch from the new owner of 20 1st Ave., to sell a modular building on the property back to the city. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. The council convenes inside the Sandbar Community Room, which doubles as the council chambers. Cory T. Callison bought 20 1st Ave., from the city earlier this year. The property became surplus after the Bureau of Land Management moved the Owyhee Field Office into new digs on Old Bruneau Highway. Now, Callison wants to sell the building back to the city. Callison plans to construct a new building on the site. • City Attorney Stephanie J. Bonney will bring an Amusement License Ordinance before the council for possible action, too. • The council also will learn about the insurance reimbursement for the reader board destroyed earlier this year. According to the preliminary meeting agenda, the city received \$16,890.

Chamber wants to name Lizard Butte reptile

Marsing Chamber of Commerce members want to leverage the lizard. The idea to give the “lizard” on Lizard Butte a name in an attempt to use the landmark to draw attention to local businesses and the community will be discussed at today’s meeting, set for 12:30 p.m., in the Sandbar Community Room adjacent to City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. Lunch is served at noon, and anyone wanting to attend the meeting is asked to RSVP to City Hall at (208) 896-4122 to ensure enough food is prepared. The Chamber secretary position remains vacant, and is among discussion topics.



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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/6	0.7	3	2.2	34	14	26
12/7	0.7	3	2.2	33	9	21
12/8	0.7	3	2.2	35	17	26
12/9	1.0	4	2.5	32	22	27
12/10	1.1	7	2.5	41	28	35
12/11	1.5	6	2.8	35	28	32
12/12	1.8	12	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/6	3.3	11	4.0	29	22	26
12/7	3.3	11	4.0	32	18	24
12/8	3.3	11	4.0	32	22	26
12/9	3.7	13	4.1	28	19	24
12/10	5.5	23	4.1	32	23	27
12/11	6.2	26	4.5	32	26	29
12/12	7.0	32	5.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/6	4.3	18	6.9	31	20	26
12/7	4.3	18	6.9	35	20	25
12/8	4.3	18	6.9	31	22	27
12/9	4.7	20	7.2	30	20	25
12/10	5.0	22	7.6	37	27	33
12/11	5.4	25	8.0	34	25	30
12/12	5.9	27	8.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 11 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 138 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 23 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 80,743 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

More SNOTEL

Fawn Creek, Nev.

As of Monday

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
6.0	31	7.6

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Correction

An article in the Dec. 7 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly listed the next commodity pickup day for the Rimrock Food Pantry as Saturday, Dec. 17. The commodity pickup at Knight Community Church took place Saturday, Dec. 10. The pickup takes place on the Saturday after the second Thursday each month.

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Christmas haul for truckers builds

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Dec. 15: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend vegetables
Dec. 20: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets
Dec. 21: Biscuit with sausage gravy, Malibu blend vegetables, hash brown patty

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

Dec. 14: Herb salmon over rice pilaf, broccoli/cauliflower, whole wheat roll
Dec. 16: Baked ham, yams with Cumberland sauce, peas and carrots, roll, holiday dessert
Dec. 19: Chicken burrito bowl, Cascade vegetables, pears, whole wheat tortillas
Dec. 21: Sherry mushroom chicken over brown rice, peas, green salad, Baci roll, peaches

Rimrock Senior Center
All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
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Dec. 15: Beef enchilada casserole, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad, pears, yogurt
Dec. 20: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas and carrots, green salad, baked apples, cottage cheese, whole wheat roll, dessert
Dec. 22: SERVED AT NOON - Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, stuffing, salad, rolls, pudding

Melba Valley Senior Center
Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
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Dec. 15: Tuna casserole
Dec. 20: Shepherds pie
Dec. 22: Tuna casserole



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Business and community contributions have sweetened Teresa Knott’s effort to brighten truck drivers’ Christmas.

Knott, a Homedale resident who owns Dusty Truck Dispatching LLC, started Cookies & Gifts for Santa’s Helpers this year with those truckers on the road at Christmas in mind.

Last Wednesday, she reported that she has raised \$730 in cash, and that several dozen cookies have been donated.

The Last Chance Saloon has allowed placement of a donation box to gather more funds for her plan to buy Christmas meals for truckers stopped on Christmas

Day in diners and truck stops along the Interstate 84 corridor. She has yet to determine how much money has been donated by the patrons at the bar at 120 W. Idaho Ave.

The effort has stretched beyond Homedale, too.

Knott said Mustard Seed Financial and Insurance is a drop-off location for cookies and donations in Meridian.

She’s taking contributions until noon on Friday, Dec. 22.

“I have offered to meet locals here in Homedale at Albertsons or arrange for pickup if needed,” Knott said.

Constantly in touch with truckers because of her

company, Knott is keenly aware of how over-the-road drivers may be away from family during the holidays.

“I understand it’s a tough economy and many are struggling, so I’m grateful for all who’ve been able to help,” Knott said. “But I’d also love to have more to share.”

She has reached out to a Treasure Valley radio station to expand knowledge of her cause, too.

“Fingers crossed, I raise more funds. If for any reason I don’t spend it all, it’ll be saved for next year as I’m making it a point to do this annually now,” Knott said.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary
Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices daily

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Crispy tornado, sliced pears **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll
Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Roasted turkey, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans, whole grain roll, frosted sugar cookie
Dec. 21-29: No School – Christmas Break

Homedale Middle
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese, vegetable and fruit choices offered daily

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Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll
Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
Dec. 21-29: No School – Christmas Break

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

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Crispy tornado or cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Corn dog, seasoned potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go:** Taco salad
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, French fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy **Lunch:** Roasted turkey, loaded mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll, frosted sugar cookie
Dec. 21-29: No School – Christmas Break

Marsing
Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub 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)

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, banana **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Hot Grab-n-go:** Walking taco, fresh fruit, potato wedges
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, muffin, sliced peaches **Lunch: Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, French fries **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon ranch wrap
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, mixed vegetables, roll, chocolate chunk cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mozzarella breadsticks, tots
Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Biscuit, pork sausage patty, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Roasted turkey, holiday potatoes, green beans, frosted sugar cookie
Dec. 21: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), apple **Lunch:** Ham or turkey and cheese sandwich, Sun Chips, baby carrot sticks with ranch, cauliflower

Bruneau/Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables
Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Cook’s choice **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots
Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Cook’s choice **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick
Dec. 21: **Breakfast:** Cook’s choice **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Lions donation bolsters Rimrock senior’s library project

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Thanks to a generous donation by the Grand View Lions Club and private contributions, the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library will receive a much-needed upgrade in the coming months.
Rimrock student Jimena Hurtado said her senior project began with an idea a few years ago when a senior had the idea to update the school library. The senior was unable to follow through with her project because at the time the library was used as a conference and board room.
With the library now doubling as a board room, Hurtado suggested the idea once again. Middle school English teacher Brandi Lisle also understood the need and jumped on board with Hurtado’s project. Lisle attended the Grand View Lions

Club meeting and asked for a donation to the library.
The club agreed to a \$1,000 donation, which Hurtado says she will combine with \$400 in private donations to get new shelves, books and library furniture.
Hurtado loves to read and wants to share that love with other students.
“Now days a lot of kids don’t read, so I wanted to make the library more inviting so hopefully they will want to read more,” Hurtado said.
A lifelong Grand View resident, Hurtado plans to attend Boise State University in the fall and study accounting.

— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com



Grand View Lions Club members and the Rimrock High School senior responsible for library improvements at a Dec. 6 ceremony. **From left:** Verla Robison, Dixie McDaniel, book collection donor Bill Mead, Rimrock senior Jimena Hurtado, middle school teacher Brandi Lisle, and Bob Swenson. Photo by Doug Thurman

Only a few days left in GV-area food drive

Donations benefit Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana families

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
The annual food drive organized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Grand View is underway.
Donations may be dropped off at locations in Grand View and Bruneau until Monday.
The church will distribute all donations to community members in need this holiday season.
For questions, call Marie Hipwell at (208) 590-1768.
Donation drop-off locations, include:

- Grand View**
- Elementary school

- The Snake River Diner
 - Integrity Factoring
 - The Grand View Store
 - Post office
 - Grand View Gas
 - Simplot Livestock
- Bruneau**
- Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School
 - Elementary school
 - The One Stop
 - Post office
 - The Cowboys Pastime

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Time’s short for community drives

Christmas gift drives launched for various causes throughout Owyhee County are winding down.
• **Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents gift project**—Community members less than a week left to contribute to this long-running project sponsored by The Owyhee Avalanche and helped by an annual Christmas party and auction at Fisher’s Saloon.
The gift drive deadline has been extended to Tuesday.
The wish list is on Page 11 this week. You can drop off presents at the Avalanche office between 8 a.m., and noon and 1 p.m., and 5 p.m., through Friday.
• **Marsing Community Giving Tree**—Jolyn Thompson, one of the coordinators for the annual gift drive and food drive, said fewer families were placed on the list for assistance

than in years past.
Still, there is a need, and community members can help by either donating non-perishable food or plucking a gift tag off Giving Trees located throughout town.
Find trees at the Marsing School District office on 8th Avenue West, City Hall (18 Sandbar Ave.), M&W Market at the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West, and OC Coffee on Main Street.
Gifts must be returned to tree locations by Thursday.
Volunteers will get together to wrap the wishes and construct food boxes at 1 p.m., next Wednesday at The HUB. Twenty-two families will receive holiday cheer.
For more information, call City Hall at (208) 896-4122 or the school district office at (208) 649-5411, ext. 1, ext. 1.
• **Wish Tree/Hands Around**

Homedale—The food drive at three schools ends Thursday.
The Wish Tree gift drive ended Tuesday.
On Thursday, high school students will transfer donated food from the high school and middle school to the elementary school cafeteria for volunteers to sort and pack food.
Families will receive care packages Thursday, too.
Each Wish Tree child will receive an article of warm clothing and a toy.
Volunteers and first-responders will deliver the presents on Saturday.
• **Grand View**—The Giving Tree campaign drive ended Saturday, but the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints food drive is ongoing through Monday.
There are numerous drop-off points in both Grand View and Bruneau.

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✓ Lions: Students’ demand for western books triggers huge donation

when middle school English teacher Brandi Lisle attended a monthly Lions Club meeting. Lisle said her students were asking for more western books, and a light bulb went off in his head.
“I had been wondering for years what I was going to do

with my collection,” Mead said. “And when Brandi Lisle came to the meeting, I said ‘I just might be able to help you out.’”
Mead said his collection consists of 88 books, a full L’Amour collection minus one book that was never published. He said he has been collecting L’Amour books since 1960 and has no idea the value of the collection.
“I purchased most of the

books when they were much cheaper, and many my mother gave me for Christmas,” Mead said.
L’Amour died in 1988 at the age of 80. New novels were published for nearly 40 years.
Mead said he started collecting because he liked to read.
“I spent a lot of time in my younger years cowboying and spending time in remote places where there wasn’t anything

else to do but read, and I got interested in his books,” he said.
Mead, a cowboy and resident of the Grand View area since 1972, has been very active in the community. Although no one can pinpoint the exact date, Lions Club president Verla Robison said she believes Mead has been involved with the club for at least 15 years.
Mead also served eight years on the Grand View City

Council.
“I hope this donation gives the kids a chance to read these books and get something out of them ... the man had a lot of good things to say,” Mead said.
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What’s happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

Santa Claus is coming to ... Homedale library

Christmas-themed stories planned at youth programs

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library staff and visitors are getting into the swing of Christmas.

Santa Claus will visit the Homedale district library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., from 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Saturday. Children can take their photo with the big guy for free.

Boys and girls ages 3-10 are the focus for a Christmas raffle, too. Each patron can receive one free entry each day, and the prizes are child gift baskets.

Winning tickets will be drawn on Tuesday.

- The library’s other raffle — for an adult quilt and a child’s quilt — ends with the ticket drawing Friday.
- Friends of the Homedale Library member Steve Belknap will read the classic “The Night Before Christmas” during the Teens & Tweens program at 5 p.m., on Thursday.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend and make Christmas cards and Christmas gift bags.

- Belknap, a Homedale resident who is a retired Parma Elementary School

teacher, returns at 10:15 a.m., on Monday to read for the preschoolers during the Opal Nash Story Time.

The children will make a Christmas tree craft after Belknap reads “Five Busy Elves” by Patricia Hegarty and “Five More Sleeps ’til Christmas” by comedian and Tonight Show host Jimmy Fallon.

Other notable details for the library’s December:

- **Thursday, Dec. 22** — Teen & Tweens participants will decorate gingerbread and sugar cookies as part of their Christmas cookie party.
- **Saturday, Dec. 24** — Library will close for Christmas.
- **Monday, Dec. 26** — Library reopens, but there will be no Story Time.
- **Thursday, Dec. 29** — Teens & Tweens game night
- **Saturday, Dec. 31** — The library will be open.

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

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

The library is closed on Sunday.

EOCL winter schedule heats up next month

The Friends of the Library Christmas party is the year’s last big bash at the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

But there are big plans for the new year at the public library in Grand View.

The booster club’s party takes place at 2 p.m., on Thursday at the library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

The library will be closed from next Wednesday to the end of the year.

When January rolls around and school resumes on Jan. 9, the library will resume its programs.

And add a new one.

With the new year, the EOCL’s winter book club for adults will start.

There will be a meeting on the second Monday of each month between January and

April.

A half-hour before the meeting begins at 1 p.m., at library, a light luncheon will be served for all participants.

Each month will have a different genre, and participants are asked to pick their favorite book from the category and “sell” it to other folks in the group.

The meetings and the genres for each are:

- **Jan. 9** — Mystery
- **Feb. 13** — Western
- **March 13** — Classic
- **April 10** — History

For more information, call the library at (208) 834-2785 or Kathy Chick at (208) 599-2148.

The after-school time, held from 4 p.m., to 5 p.m., each Tuesday will return on Jan. 10 after Christmas break.

Where to submit calendar items

Drop off: 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale
Mail: P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628
Fax: (208) 337-4867
Email: jon@owyheeavalanche.com

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
Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St., Jordan Valley.
Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
Jordan Valley school board meeting
7 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213
Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.
Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.
Marsing School Board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, The HUB, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Thursday
Fit and Fall Proof exercise class
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Community movie night
7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday
Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday
Marsing High School AcaDeca fundraiser
10 a.m., to 2 p.m., gift wrapping and cookies,

Santa visit, donations welcome, Marsing High School, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing
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.

Tuesday
Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., appointments necessary, foot exams, \$20; ear cleanings, \$30, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
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
Region III assistance assessments
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
Marsing Beautification Project meeting
5:30 p.m., the HUB, rear entrance, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing.
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

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Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Community/alumni basketball fundraiser
4 p.m., free, Adrian High School, inside the new gym, 301 Owyhee St., Adrian. (208) 722-4052 or email 23jmartin@adriansd.org for information or to enter.

Thursday, Dec. 22
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
Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

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How the Fed’s decisions affect saving, borrowing

The Federal Reserve is the United States’ central bank. Its officials are responsible for setting the interest rate at which other banks can borrow from the Reserve. This is known as the “fed fund rate” or “bank rate.” This rate is extremely important for many reasons. Here are just a few:



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- First, it serves as the baseline for the interest rates that banks and other lending institutions charge consumers.
- Second, the bank rate serves as the baseline for the interest rates that banks and other lending institutions charge businesses.
- Third, as fed fund rates increase so does the interest on bonds, certificates of deposits (CD), savings accounts, and other interest-earning instruments.

Today, the fed fund rate sits between 3.75 and 4 percent, which means that banks will borrow at that rate, add on a few points for operating costs and profit margins, resulting in borrowing costs north of 7 percent for consumers.

While consumer goods and housing prices have likely peaked if not declined in recent weeks, they are still historically high. Combining high prices with higher interest rates will make it much harder for consumers to borrow.

Companies use commercial loans to start a business, grow, and remain competitive in their industry. If the cost of borrowing increases, then all those tasks become more difficult. As a result, companies may be forced to increase prices or downsize their staff and/or facilities to survive. Increased prices have a direct impact on consumers, while high unemployment numbers

can make the labor market more competitive and drive down wages.

These investment options will provide lower returns than the stock market on average, but what they lack in returns they make up for in safety as there is virtually no possibility of losing money in a savings account, CD, or treasury bond.

More risk-free money is a good thing for consumers, but there is a catch. As the rates for these interest-earning vehicles increase, they become more alluring to investors. Eventually, they will reallocate a portion of their portfolio from stocks to bonds. As stocks are sold in favor of safer investments, stock prices drop. This event is known as “a flight to quality,” and can be dangerous to consumers who may not have a balanced portfolio.

It is true that the Federal Reserve has made life harder for consumers this past year, but it is also true that rising interest rates are necessary. Yes, they hurt, but controlled pain is always better than uncontrolled pain, and slowing growth is better than a crashing economy.

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Death notice

DAVID WAYNE GILBERTSON, 67, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361. www.allvalleycremation.com

Obituary

Roberta Ann “Sandy” Tavares

Our mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Roberta Ann “Sandy” Tavares, left her earthly home and joined her husband, George Lima Tavares in heaven on Monday, December 5th. A vigil will be held at Dakan’s Funeral Home in Caldwell on Thursday, December 15th from 5-7 p.m., with a Rosary beginning at 6 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 16th. Burial will follow at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell.



was the first woman Assistant Superintendent, as well as the first female Athletic Director in the state of Idaho. Roberta was ahead of her time in many ways. She was a trailblazer, not only for women in education but also for working women in all fields in the state of Idaho and beyond. It is not a surprise then that she leaves a legacy of strong, assertive, and independent children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. As well as former students and colleagues.

Roberta was the second daughter born to Robert Benjamin Addis and Lyyli Maria Parkkila Addis on March 16, 1937, in Oakland, California. She grew up in San Leandro, California, and later in Castro Valley, California. Roberta had fond memories of her time at San Miguel Avenue and her upbringing in California with her five sisters: Dona, Patty, Lynn, Susie, and Debbie, and one brother, Richard. In her early years, Roberta was active in the Girl Scouts and spent summers as a Camp Counselor. It was at camp that she received the nickname, Sandy.

In 1955, after Roberta graduated early from high school, she moved to San Francisco on her own, where she worked as a telephone operator for Pacific Bell in the well-known PacBell Building in downtown San Francisco. Roberta rented an apartment in the now-famous Haight-Ashbury neighborhood.

Roberta received a scholarship to attend The College of Idaho in August of 1956. She boarded a Greyhound bus bound for Idaho in a suit, gloves with a pillbox hat upon her head, carrying a Hi-Fi and TP box for luggage. That Hi-Fi would eventually lead Roberta to meet her future spouse, George Lima Tavares, when he asked to

borrow it for a sock hop. They went to the sock hop together, and that was the beginning of a Lifelong Love. Roberta and George were married on June 29, 1957, and had three children: Leslie Ann, John Robert, and Laurie Marie.

Roberta earned both a Bachelor’s degree in Education and later a Master’s degree in Counseling from The College of Idaho. Her first job was at the Kenwood School in Nampa. She spent many years as a counselor at Jefferson Junior High School in Caldwell before she went into Administration as an Assistant Principal, and later Principal, as well as the Athletic Director at Jefferson Junior High School. Roberta went on to be the principal at Wilson Middle School in Caldwell, and Van Buren Elementary School also in Caldwell, where she was affectionately called “Big Bird”. Her nickname, height, and personality weren’t the only considerable things about her, Roberta loved and believed in every student she encountered. She made it her mission to help others understand that every child learns differently but every student is capable of success. She wholeheartedly believed in the worth and value of every child.

Roberta went on to work in the Caldwell School District Office as an Assistant Superintendent until the conclusion of her career. She

After retiring, Roberta and George spent many of their later years traveling the world and the U.S. in their trailer. In the last three years of her life, Roberta loved living in the PEO Chapter house in Caldwell, enjoying Kappy’s wonderful meals and her friendships there. The Women of Faith Group at Our Lady of the Valley was also very important to her. Roberta’s greatest joy was her great-grandchildren, and she was often found in the bleachers of their events and games cheering them on. She was known as Nana Bert to many extended family and friends.

Roberta is survived by her three children, Leslie (Mike) Parker, John (Kathy) Tavares, Laurie (Blair) Yost, and seven grandchildren and their spouses, Gavin (Andrea) Parker, Alana (Jeremy) Dawson, Amber (Andrew) Campos, Kassi (Herbert) McDowell, Drew Tavares, Tyson (Lisa) Ruff, Caitlin (Jared) Arnett, and eleven great-grandchildren: Emma, Jacy, Charlotte, Gwen, Alec, Lily, Alivia, Hadley, Wesley, Finn & Sydney.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and husband.

Memorials may be made to The Lee Pesky Learning Center and St. Vincent de Paul. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

AcaDeca fundraiser set Saturday

Marsing High School’s Academic Decathlon team has planned a Christmas-themed fundraiser.

Team members will wrap presents and provide holiday sweets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday.

Santa will visit for photos with the children.

The AcaDeca team members will wrap gifts for a donation as well as provide cookies, cocoa and crafts.

The fundraiser takes place at the high school, 209 8th Ave. W.

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681

Relighting Marsing's fading municipal Christmas décor

Here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane, as the words go to the famous song by Gene Autry. Autry got the song idea after riding his horse in the 1946 Santa Claus Lane Parade (now Hollywood Christmas Parade) in Los Angeles, during which crowds of spectators chanted, "Here comes Santa Claus"! He recorded a song with that phrase and released it a year later. It became a hit.

Not only were people chanting "Here comes Santa Claus," but Hollywood Blvd. during the month of December transformed into a Christmas wonderland. The street was renamed Santa Claus Lane, and above the street were large silver bells and red stars that sparkled in the California sun. The Pacific Electric trolleys dodged décor hung from the overhead wires while giant — and I mean *giant* — metal rotating Christmas trees spun on lampposts. So, the song "Here Comes Santa Claus Right Down Santa Claus Lane" really holds true, and it all started on Hollywood Blvd.

Where am I going with all this? Like Hollywood, many cities throughout the country decorated their Main Streets top to bottom with Christmas décor. Before malls spread out in the suburbs, downtown businesses banded together and contributed to the downtown businesses association, which helped cities purchase large decorations. Everything from large skyline garlands that spanned the street to wreaths, candles and candy canes on lampposts. Cities of the post-World War II era went all-out to decorate as a way to not only lift people's spirits but also put them into that holiday mood. It also attracted shoppers to downtown businesses.

We look back on this time with nostalgia. During each holiday season, we still sing about "city sidewalks dressed in holiday style; in the air there is a feeling of Christmas." But unfortunately most cities have cut budgets and scaled back holiday décor. What remains of the old decorations ends up deteriorating in a city back lot or hauled off to the dump. Many cities have gone through an urban renewal project where most

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of the lamps and poles the large décor hung on were taken down and replaced with new smaller decorative lampposts, and large decorations don't come cheap. The green movement to LED and not attaching to one holiday has left the city streets with simple white snowflakes.

The Christmases of your childhood are slowly being lost, but not all hope is gone. There are people across the country saving what is called Municipal Christmas Decorations. There is even a Facebook page dedicated to municipal Christmas décor.

I grew up in Southern California (yes I know, yikes; moved when I was 7). I was just 20 miles from Hollywood Blvd., and just down the street from my house hung five large scrolled garland skylines across the street. Unfortunately, I have no photos of them but can remember them fondly. I guess that's where the spark was lit. I loved seeing them each year and still in the mid-1990s most cities were still hanging their décor from the 1970s.

Sometime in the 1960s or '70s, the City of Marsing invested in municipal Christmas decorations to line Main Street/Idaho highway 55 and bring Christmas spirit to their small town and all who passed through it. The decorations consisted of two double candles, one single candle, a bell, tree, toy soldier, two wreaths, stocking and candy cane. All of these decorations were lit with C9 light bulbs and wrapped in sparkly garland. Like anything that is outside even for a month or two each year, the decorations started falling apart. As management in the city changed, the decorations were mishandled and bulbs and sockets were broken. The harsh wind that can blow through the Snake River



Left: The Marsing candles municipal decoration was stripped to its metal frame. **Above:** After restoration, it now hangs from a power pole in Murphy.

Canyon ripped apart the shiny garland that once glistened in the sun. During the last years of the decorations' life, the city, in one last attempt to keep the decorations lit at night, wrapped them in multi-color LED lights, the kind you find at Walmart. My good friend Allen took photos of these decorations in Marsing during one of the last years of service, sometime between 2009 and 2011.

With my love of municipal Christmas décor and curiosity, I reached out to Marsing and Homedale. I wanted to know if these communities still had any municipal décor, and if the Owyhee County Historical Museum could have any for display. The plan worked! The new parks department director of Marsing replied with a photo asking if this was what I was asking about in my email. Sure shootin', Marsing still had them and was willing to donate them to the museum. He said we could have them all, and the city no longer used them.

Upon delivery, I found the old decorations weathered and in need of serious TLC. My

first order of business was to take them all home and begin the restoration to bring them back to their former glory. During the cleaning process, the old garland just crumbled to the floor leaving only the wire that held all the once-shiny fray. The decorations are made out of rolled steel and welded into a shape — candle, tree, bell, etc. This created a frame, which was then outlined in C9 light strands and then wrapped with garland. All the decorations had to be redone. Only the bell and toy soldier were in good enough condition to leave the garland on and only replace sockets and bulbs.

In the following weeks after receiving the décor, I cleaned and restored five wire frame municipals with either new lights and sockets, to all the garland and lights.

During Christmas of 2020, the municipal decoration debuted at the museum. I lined the lampposts around the museum and during the museum's tree lighting, and each decoration was plugged in during the countdown for the tree. They all

turned out great, and everyone enjoyed seeing them while riding in the horse-drawn carriage around the museum.

Each year, we hang them around the museum complex for all to enjoy. During the off-season, they are stored inside to protect them from the summer sun. Since acquiring these municipals, my own collection has grown. I personally own a giant 12-foot-tall fiberglass candy cane that came from the City of Fruitland. I have made new friends with a shared passion for municipals, and am currently seeking more local vintage décor.

The holidays may never be like they were in the 1960s, but the history is not all lost thanks to folks all around saving items like these and displaying for all to enjoy. Come down to the museum today to see a piece of Christmas past.

Merry Christmas!

— Eriks Garsvo has been Owyhee County Historical Museum director for four years. He writes monthly about various projects underway in Murphy.



Inspiration to decorate the museum grounds with municipals comes from mid-20th century Hollywood Blvd., which transformed into Santa Claus Lane each Christmas. Submitted photos

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

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- 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 shirt~~
- 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

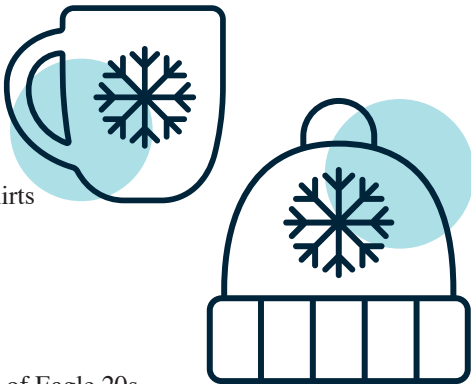
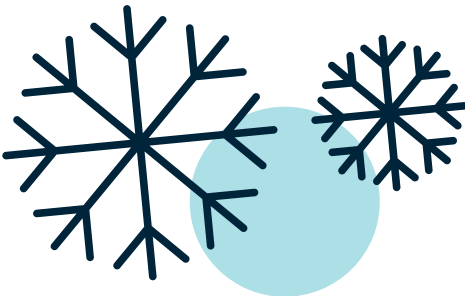
2XL sweat suit
- Male #22

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



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

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✓ Issue: Panel of area residents formulates draft plan for state approval

“The group has a lot of ideas to fix this problem, strategies that could help stabilize the aquifer levels,” Boe said. “There’s still a lot of leg work to be done, and a lot depends on funding.”

Spackman wanted to hear from the public before making his decision on the plan. Boe expects his boss to sign a final plan relatively quickly.

“I can’t imagine it’s going to take months and months,” Boe said. “(Spackman) recognizes it’s a long time coming.”

Water is a hot-button issue for area residents who lived through the Bruneau Hotspring snail Endangered Species Act listing struggle a generation ago.

But both Boe and Erwin said there was little opposing input presented during the public meeting.

“My inclination is there will be very little discussion because most of the folks have been part of it as we’ve went along,” Erwin said.

Erwin has had his finger on the pulse of the cold water and hot water aquifers in the region for far longer than just the past 22 months.

A resident of the area since 1974, he remembers when the state established a critical ground water area in 1982 because of an aquifer that had been declining since the 1950s (according to Boe).

“In the period of time I’ve been here, we lost 22 to 24 feet

of aquifer,” Erwin said.

With the critical ground water area action laying dormant for nearly four decades, Erwin’s phone rang a couple years ago.

It was Nick Miller, the IDWR western regional director.

“We’ve had this since 1982, and I think it’s time we get busy with the advisory committee,” Miller said.

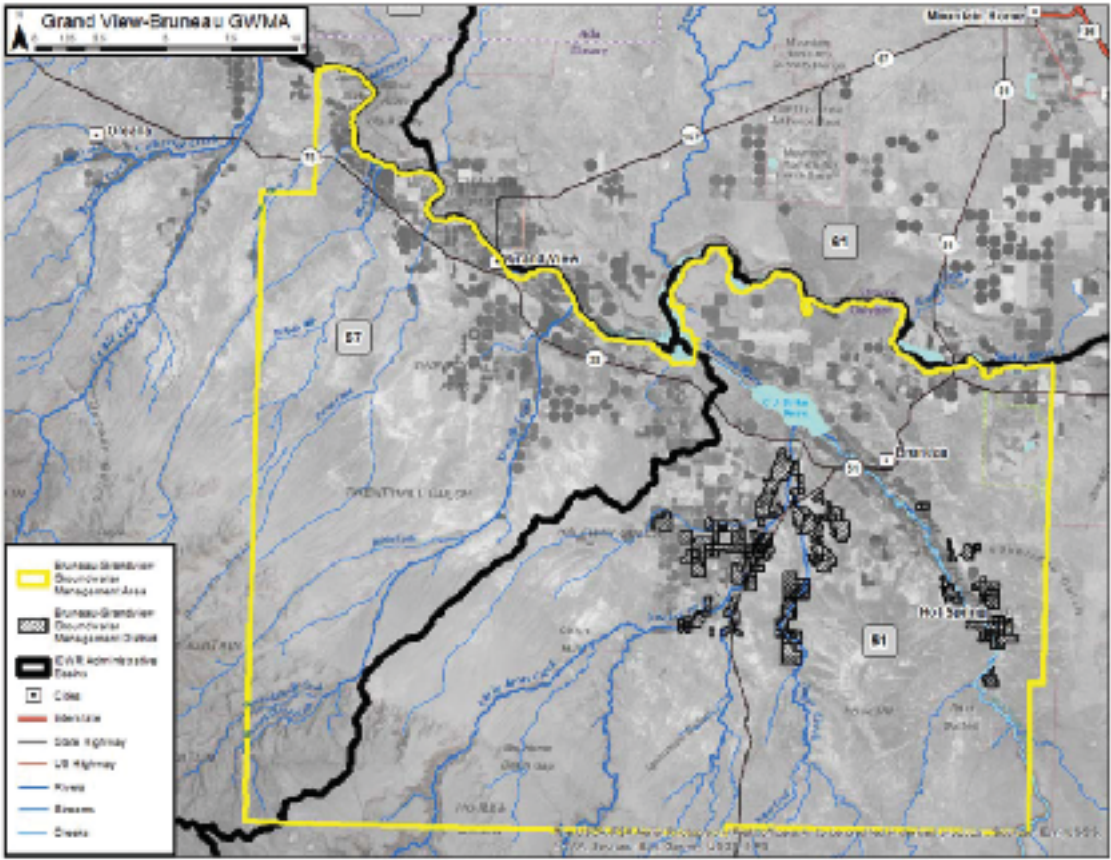
That set in motion the appointment of a group of men and women who have worked on the ground water plan for nearly two years.

Area residents such as Chris Black, Bill White, Gene Tindall, Roy Mink, Stacey Buckingham, Bill Wolfe, Russell Schiermeier John Morrison, Ken Unruh, and consultant Kent Frisch (representing Simplot Co.) have attended meetings.

Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett), a member of the Idaho House of Representatives from District 23, is an ex-officio member.

During the committee’s public meetings, a ground water plan was formulated as the first step to attract state and federal funding to finance initiatives, including:

- Repair or abandonment of leaky artesian and other wells
- Acquisition and installation of measurement and monitoring devices
- Implementation of aquifer recharging projects
- Collect annual ground water data and file reports with IDWR



The Grand View-Bruneau Groundwater management area is outlined in yellow.

or a proposed local ground water district

- Implementation of programs or studies to help protect ground water rights and resources

Erwin envisions a ground water district to help preserve the aquifer in an area stretching from the Bruneau River to Murphy.

He hopes to have a petition out for signatures by February. Erwin must develop a legal description for the district boundaries and go to the Board of County Commissioners to request an election.

Erwin wants to be proactive

with a community-based effort to avoid a state government mandate.

“If I don’t do it, (the IDWR) will probably come force one on us,” Erwin said. “They have that authority.”

Just as with the ground water plan, the water district will open the door to government funding for well repair, purchase of water rights, exploration for recharge sites and activities, and to incentivize producers to implement better irrigation system efficiencies.

Most importantly, though, the district would have a board

of supervisors comprised of local residents so that decisions will be made locally.

Erwin has water rights dating back 76 years, but most of the water rights in the Bruneau-Grand View area were filed in relatively more recent years. A water district is the best way to preserve those junior rights, Erwin said.

“What happens is, if we don’t come up with some mechanism to stabilize the aquifer, the department will come in and shut off the last rights in order to stabilize the aquifer,” he said.

— JPB

✓ Homedale: Safety-concerned citizens opposed proposal 2 months ago

During the October meeting, contractor Angel Bicandi, who was representing the property owner, said the farmhouse-style development would be three-bedroom, two-bath and two-bedroom two-bath layouts with “plenty of room” for parking and a dog park setting.

The property is currently zoned industrial.

During a public hearing two months ago, elected officials were concerned that the layout of the residences wouldn’t allow proper turnaround space for fire trucks.

A handful of citizens voiced opposition because of a perceived increase in traffic, the safety of schoolchildren both walking and riding school buses, and the lack of shoulder along West Idaho Avenue.

The council decided to table a decision because of possible mitigating factors

with the Idaho Transportation Department with the proposed development bordering Idaho highway 19 (Idaho Avenue).

“I would feel more comfortable to table it for now until you can get more information from ITD,” Councilman Mike Aebischer said during the Oct. 12 meeting.

Bicandi said that ITD officials had asked him to come to the city council before approaching the state agency.

- Now that the Homedale Library District is a reality, the council will take up the question of how to handle transferring city property to the new taxing district.

The discussion on whether to sell or lease the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library to the new district will be held tonight.

There could also be discussion on how to handle the use of the



The sign advertising a public notice stands on the site of the proposed four-plex residential development in the days before the October public hearing.

Homedale Community Center and the historic library, both of which are adjacent to the Jackson library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Other property in question could include the books and other reference and educational

materials housed in the library as well as computers and fixtures, all of which are city property.

- City engineer Andrew Kimmel of Great West Engineering has provided a report that includes discussion

and possible action on the city’s federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The discussion about the pending wastewater system reconstruction project will also continue.

— JPB

Local wrestlers launch season in Nampa quad

Homedale takes duals vs. NC and Marsing

Three local wrestling programs were in action last Wednesday in Nampa, and Homedale High School put up great marks in its season opener.

Homedale knocked off quad meet host Nampa Christian — coached by former HHS assistant Mark Boothby — then took down Marsing.

Neither dual was close.

The Huskies battled Nampa Christian but lost a close one, and Marsing wrestlers lost three matches to Adrian.

Homedale 66, Marsing 12 — Four of the bouts ended with first-round pinfalls, and only an exhibition match went the distance.

Myra Jean Koon got her first victory of the season with an 11-5 decision against the Huskies' Trinity Stimmel at 182 pounds.

The Trojans won three

— See *Duals*, page 17





Top: Homedale's Nathan Marston grapples with Nampa Christian's Kaiser Henne during Marston's 4-2 decision at 132 pounds. Above: With former HHS wrestler Willie White officiating, Homedale's Shawn Lee takes Nampa Christian's Cole Hilty to the mat at 138 pounds. Photos by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Girls medal at Calhoun Classic

Homedale: Koon's silver among 4 medals

Trell McFarlane made his high school wrestling debut as one of four Homedale athletes to collect Calhoun Classic medals.

McFarlane routed Baker/Powder Valley's Joey Duncan with an 11-2 major decision for third place at 106 pounds.

— See *Homedale*, page 15

Marsing: Frazier finishes third

Two of the three Marsing High School wrestlers in the Calhoun Classic girls' tournament picked up wins.

Sophomore Erika Frazier was the only Huskies athlete in either the girls' or boys' tournament to captured a medal, finishing

— See *Marsing*, page 14

Melba wins matchup of top girls' squads

The battle of top girls' basketball programs in the state didn't disappoint Friday.

Kendall Clark posted a double-double as Melba High School remained unbeaten with its closest victory yet.

Clark had 10 points and 11 rebounds in the Mustangs' 43-37 non-conference win over visiting Class 3A Parma.

Owyhee County athlete Brooklyn Dayley led all players with 14 points during the matchup of last year's fourth-place finishers in their respective Real Dairy Shootout state tournaments.

Melba won its ninth consecutive game to start the season.

— See *Melba*, page 17

Mustangs pull away for big win vs. HHS

Melba boys rule the glass to stymie Trojans' shooters

A flat third quarter spelled the difference for Homedale High School in its boys' basketball showdown with Melba.

The Mustangs took Saturday's non-conference matinee, 57-47, after adding to its halftime advantage with a 10-4 run through the third quarter.

Tucker Lowber scored 19 points to lead all scorers and Cutter Beus helped Melba (4-0 overall) dominate the backboards with a double-double.

Homedale (1-4) had one its best shooting halves to start the game, knocking in nine of 25 shots (36 percent), but Melba built a 33-30 lead with a 52 percent field-goal clip (13-for-25). The teams lit things up inside the HHS gym in the first quarter, which ended with Melba out front, 18-16.

Melba's height advantage came through with a 16-4 edge on second-chance points and a 23-5 advantage on the Trojans' glass.

Beus scored 14 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, the bulk on the defensive end.

— See *HHS*, page 16



Homedale's Mason Strong reaches in for an easy basket Saturday. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



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Sports

Trojans boys split surge-filled games vs. larger schools

Basketball is a game of streaks, which provides comeback stories nearly on a nightly basis.

Homedale High School found itself on both ends of comebacks last week in boys' action.

Thursday: Baker, Ore., 48, Homedale 41 — The Bulldogs scored seven points off turnovers inside the HHS gymnasium, building the margin of victory in a non-conference game.

The Trojans (1-4 overall) trailed by six points at halftime despite slightly better field-goal shooting (8-for-25, 32 percent) than Baker (9-for-33, 27 percent).

The Bulldogs (3-1 before playing Tuesday against Fruitland after press time) hit four of five free throws in the first 16 minutes, while Homedale missed both of its chances.

Homedale held a 2-to-1 edge (24-12) on the defensive glass, but could manage only seven rebounds on its own end. The Bulldogs had six second-chance points, while the Trojans only got a bucket.

The Trojans led by seven points at one stretch, but Baker rallied to lead by as many as 10 points.

Jaxon Dines nailed three of his team's four three-point goals and led all scorers with 16 points. He was 3-for-4 from the foul line to account for all HHS successful free throws. The senior guard also had five defensive rebounds.

Mason Strong nailed a trey on the way to seven points, while Trenton Fisher scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Omar Rios led the board work with eight rebounds. He also scored six points.

Isaiah Jones scored 15 points to pace Baker, and all but two Bulldogs collected rebounds with Jaron Long (seven points) leading the way with six rebounds (five on defense).

Dec. 6: Homedale 51, Emmett 43 (OT) — This time, the Trojans pulled off the non-conference win in overtime.

Homedale trailed by seven points in the waning minutes of regulation, but Dines — who has been nursing an ankle injury — hit a key three-point goal to spark the comeback.

Homedale stormed back in the fourth quarter to tie the score, 39-39, at the end of regulation then flew through the four-minute overtime at a 12-4 clip.

After starting the game on a 12-5 run, the Trojans found themselves down by two at halftime (20-18), and Emmett (3-2 at week's end) extended its advantage to 31-26, after 24 minutes.

Only five HHS players found the bottom of the basket, but the team just missed having four double-figure scorers.

Homedale senior Trenton Fisher led all scorers with 16 points. He missed on just one shot all night, going 4-for-5 from two-point range and knocking down his only three-point attempt.

He was 5-for-6 from the foul line and shared the team rebounding lead with Mason Strong.

HHS coach Cam Long said the Trojans' free-throw shooting is much improved this season, which helps turn the tide in the close games.

Strong grabbed five defensive rebounds, while Fisher had three of his five boards on Emmett's glass.

Homedale lost the rebounding battle overall, but limited the Huskies' second chances with a 22-11 edge on Emmett's end.

Strong and Jaxon Dines scored 10 points apiece, while Sigmund Goode was 4-for-4 from the free-throw line with a three-pointer for nine points. Dines he two of Homedale's six treys, and Strong also hit a long-range shot.

Emmett also had three scorers reach double digits — Dakota Perry, 14; Ethan Williams, 11; and Steve Howe, 10. Brandon Weeks grabbed a game-high eight rebounds.

✓ Marsing: Leon rallies from varsity tournament to finish JV runner-up

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third on Saturday.

The tournament began Friday in Nyssa, Ore.

Frazier grabbed a bronze medal with a 59-second pin of Emmett's Samantha Conklin.

She won her first bout of the year, pinning Delia DeRoin from Vale, Ore., in the quarterfinals. Her tournament was extended with a 48-second pin of Boise's Abigail Rehm in the consolation semifinals.

The Marsing boys saw their first action of the season, too, but none of the three wrestlers in the varsity tournament — Tristan Izzard (182), Jonathan Leon (195) and Jarrek Crandall (285) — tasted victory.

Leon took second in the junior varsity tourney, losing to Fruitland's Will Phillips (3:07 pin).

A week after starting her season in the Ardis Elizabeth Nash Memorial in Homedale, Veronica Martinez collected her first victory of the season. Competing at 120 pounds, she pinned Kuna's Grace Pfeifer in 1:51 in a consolation-bracket bout.

Trinity Stimmel (190) also saw her first action.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys' basketball
Mason Strong, sr., G
Averaged 15.5 points, 5.3 rebounds with 7 assists, 4 steals

Girls' basketball
Kierstley Roseborough, fr., F
6 points, 8 rebounds vs. Ambrose

Wrestling
Trell McFarlane, fr., 106 pounds
Finished 3rd in first high school tournament

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 15 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17, home vs. Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Caldwell, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 15 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17, home vs. Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Caldwell, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Dec. 15 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17, home vs. Kimberly, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Caldwell, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Pro Image Sports Owyhee Holiday Classic (Owyhee H.S., Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 15 vs. Aberdeen, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16, opponent and time TBA
Saturday, Dec. 17, opponent and time TBA
Junior varsity
Pro Image Sports Owyhee Holiday Classic (Owyhee H.S., Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 15 vs. Bishop Kelly, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16, opponent and time TBA
Saturday, Dec. 17, opponent and time TBA
Frosh-soph
Pro Image Sports Owyhee Holiday Classic (Rocky Mountain H.S., Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 15 vs. Vallivue, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16, opponent and time TBA
Saturday, Dec. 17, opponent and time TBA

Wrestling Coed
Friday, Dec. 16 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Twin Falls
Saturday, Dec. 17 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Twin Falls

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Sports

Homedale girls' challenging hoops campaign continues

Homedale High School played with consistency on Saturday, but the Ambrose girls' basketball team's consistency was slightly more productive.

The Archers built a five-point lead in the first quarter Saturday and held on for a 42-34 non-conference victory in Meridian.

The Trojans (3-5 overall before Tuesday's 3A Snake River Valley conference opener against McCall Donnelly, which was played after press time) tried to battle back from a 10-point deficit heading into the fourth quarter but lost for the fourth consecutive outing.

First-year coach Benji Sorenson's team fell to 4A Oregon powerhouse Baker, Ore., 42-8, on the road on Dec. 7. The Bulldogs finished third in the Oregon state tournament last season.

On Saturday, Ambrose's players piled up nine three-point goals for the bulk of their scoring. The Archers were 6-for-20 inside the three-point line and took 28 shots from

long range.

The team was 3-for-4 from the free-throw line, while Homedale never visited the charity stripe.

Jacy Parker took half of her 24 shots from three-point land, knocking down a pair of goals. She was 9-for-24 from inside the line and led the Trojans with 20 points.

Forward Kierstley Roseborough was 3-for-5 from the floor for six points.

The freshman also collected seven of her team-high eight rebounds on the defensive glass.

Parker was a force on defense with five rebounds, five pass deflections, and four steals.

Ellie Thome went 5-for-15 from beyond the three-point line for the majority of her 20 points for Ambrose (6-3), which collected its third consecutive victory.

Inara Riese hit a pair of treys and compiled eight points, five rebounds (four on defense), four assists and two blocked shots.

✓ Homedale: Michael Rose captures third

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In the girls' tournament, Myra Jean Koon accepted a silver medal after Emmett's Gracin Dennis pinned her in 3 minutes, 33 seconds of the 170-pound championship bout.

Michael Rose started another season with the Trojans by taking third place at 285 pounds.

The junior pinned McCall-Donnelly senior Jake Carr in 53 seconds in the bronze medal match. The two wrestlers could see each other again during the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.

Another junior, Noah Bowen, was fourth at 195 after Middleton's Will Wise pulled off a pin in 3:24 during their third-place match.

McFarlane's tournament began with a narrow 3-2 loss to Fruitland's Braden Griffith in the semifinals.

Bowen started his season with a 7-5 sudden victory (overtime) against McCall's Van Critchfield. After losing his semifinal match, Bowen rallied into the third-place bout with a 9-4 win over Ontario, Ore.'s Tommy Ishida in the consolation bracket.

Rose (6-1) had a busy tournament, but every one of his matches were stopped before the regulation six minutes.

His season-opening bout against with New Plymouth Nathan Willoughby injured.

Rose worked into the third-place match with three pins (nine seconds vs. Vallivue's Keagan Bittick; Parma's Austin Green in 49 seconds; Kuna's Any Kimbler in 2:01; and Fruitland's Joel Zamora in 2:10).

The win over Zamora avenged Rose's second-round loss by pin (1:43).

Koon's march to a girls' medal began in the quarterfinals when she pinned Boise's Medi Coffield in 1:50. She beat Payette's Sydney Scott in 4:26 to move out of the semifinals.

Other HHS victories included:

Trey McFarlane, 126 — Championship-bracket pin vs. Payette's Brayden Pirrie (4:18) and 7-0 decision in consolation bracket against Tri-Valley's Eli Noah

Wyatt Stewart, 132 — Championship-bracket pin vs. Parma's Irving Hernandez (2:21)

Kade Hall, 170 — Championship-bracket pin vs. Parma's Chandler Dale (2:33)

Mariah Kiser, girls' 155 — Quarterfinal pin vs. Nyssa, Ore.'s Thalia Ramirez (1:09)

Adrian plans alumni, community hoops

Adrian High School alumni and Adrian community members are sought for a series of all-star basketball games.

The games will start at 4 p.m., next Wednesday inside the school district's new gym, 301 Owyhee St.

Spectator admission is free. It costs \$40 to enter a team and there is no limit on roster size. Entries close on Thursday.

There will be raffle prizes and dinner and concessions will be sold, too.

A donation box will be set up during the event.

Proceeds benefiting the senior class. Members of the Class of 2023 will officiate the games, too.

For more information or to enter, call (208) 722-4052 or email 23jmartin@adriansd.org.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Boys' basketball
Nacho Margarito, jr., F
Averaged 9 points over 3 games



Girls' basketball
Ashlyn Porter, so., G
1st year with Huskies program



Wrestling
Erika Frazier, so., 110
Third-place medal in Calhoun Classic

This week's schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 15 at Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 15 at Compass Charter, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday Dec. 16, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday Dec. 16, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday Dec. 16, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Saturday, Dec. 17 at Justin Wolfe Invite, Glenss Ferry, 10 a.m.



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Sports

Huskies boys can't complete their winning formula

Defense delivers, offense struggles

Marsing High School hit its defensive goal Saturday but struggled at the foul line during its turn at the Small School Showcase boys' basketball event.

Eli Ankeny led all scorers with 16 points in the Huskies' narrow 39-37 loss to Lighthouse Christian from Twin Falls.

The game was played at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

The Huskies converted just one of eight free-throw chances, including missing the front end of a one-and-one chance and Nacho Margarito missing the foul shot on a potential three-point play with 50 seconds left in the contest.

Margarito scored 12 points for Marsing.

But there was more to the loss than the charity stripe, Marsing coach Tim Little said.

"(Missed free throws) may be the only things people see when looking for reasons why we couldn't pull this game out; however, there were many missed opportunities for us throughout the whole game," the veteran coach said.

"Tight games like these, as time gets closer to the end of the game, tend to tighten up young teams. We definitely felt that a little the last two or three minutes."

The Huskies (3-2 overall) lost a second consecutive game despite holding Lighthouse Christian under 40 points, a limit for which Marsing coach



Marsing's Nacho Margarito pushes into the lane on a drive as Payette defender Colin Wolf backpacks.

Tim Little wants his players to strive each night.

Little called the game the Huskies' best defensive effort of the season. The team improved its performance on the Lighthouse Christian backboard throughout the game. The Lions got nine offensive rebounds in the first eight minutes but managed just four over the rest of the contest.

Margarito snagged six of his eight rebounds on the defensive end, and Braden Ankeny swept all seven of his rebounds off the Lions' glass.

"We made three crucial stops when we needed in the last 60 seconds to get the ball back," Little said.

Eli Ankeny nailed three three-point goals, and Dusty Engle added trey on the way to nine points.

Jace Chadez led the Huskies with five assists, while Ankeny came up with two steals.

The Class 1A, Div. I Lions (5-1) won for the fourth straight game. Hayato Yamada scored 13 points, and Jack deJong added 10.

Thursday: Payette 49, Marsing 41 — The Huskies lost an early lead and couldn't capitalize on opportunities in a tightly contested non-conference home game.

The setback ended Marsing's season-opening three-game winning streak.

Marsing was in the bonus for the final 5 minutes, 21 seconds of the first half, but no Husky found his way to the free-throw line.

Meanwhile, Payette — powered by a roster of nothing but seniors — dodged bullet after bullet because Marsing's

transition offense faltered behind poor passing.

The Huskies committed eight turnovers in the second quarter and watched a slim 11-9 lead melt away into a 28-17 halftime deficit in the span of eight minutes.

Payette tied the score, 11-11, 22 seconds into the second quarter when Martin Ceballos swept in with a steal for a layup.

The Huskies tied the game, 14-14, when Nacho Margarito took a pass from fellow junior Dustin Engle, cut into the lane and hit a jump shot and sophomore Teagan Kinney knocked down what turned out to be the Huskies' final free throw of the first half with 5:21 before intermission.

Colin Wolfe, who scored 12 points, fired in a three-pointer with 1:42 remaining in the half to cap the Pirates' 11-0 run to a 25-14 lead.

Margarito hit a trey for Marsing's final points of the half. The long-range shot was part of his co-game-high 13 points (shared with Payette's Abraham Rodriguez).

Juan Ponce emerged as an offensive leader again, scoring 11 points for Marsing.

Dec. 6: Marsing 40 Liberty Charter 33 — The process took another step during the Huskies' non-conference victory over the Class 1A, Div. I Patriots.

Marsing withstood a 12-2 third-quarter run by its visitor and kicked in the defense down the stretch for a comeback victory.

"We had to battle through some time and score situations,

understand what we needed and, thanks to our intensity, good things happened," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

Teagan Kinney came up with four steals, and four of his seven rebounds were on the defensive end of the floor.

"(This was a) good defensive game for us, and some little things we are emphasizing on that end are gradually improving," Little said.

The plan came together in the fourth quarter.

"(In) the fourth quarter, the group we had on the floor worked for stops and got great looks on the offensive end," Little said.

The Huskies helped themselves with a 5-for-6 showing at the free-throw line in the final period, and Marsing held Liberty Charter to five points in the final eight minutes. That mirrored a four-point defensive performance in the opening quarter.

Juan Ponce connected on six of eight foul shots and led the team with 10 points, and Braden Ankeny added nine. Kinney chipped in eight points.

"Offensively, we still are in preseason mode, having issues executing and just need more time in the gym," Little said.

"Liberty gave us great ball pressure and executed well offensively."

Five of Ankeny's rebounds came off Liberty Charter's glass

Patriots 6-foot, 3-inch junior Luke Starnier led all scorers with 12 points, 5-10 junior Luke Thomas added 11.



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✓ HHS: 2A champ balanced



Melba's Cutter Beus launches a shot over Omar Rios. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

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Lowber had most of his seven rebounds on Homedale's end of the court, too.

Jaxon Dines drained half of HHS' four three-point goals and scored a team-high 16 points. He also connected on six of eight free-throw attempts.

Fellow senior Mason Strong was 5-for-7 from the field with 14 points before fouling out.

Sigmund Goode was the Trojans' leading rebounder with five boards, all on Melba's glass. Strong got three of his four boards on defense.

Melba spread out its scoring. Braden Volkens and Noah West scored nine points each, and West came down with seven rebounds.

Sports

✓Duals: Marsing, HHS battle Adrian, too

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matches to take control:

- **113** — Trell McFarlane p. Erika Frazier, 42 seconds
- **120** — Ty Roland p. Veronica Martinez, :47
- **145** — Timmothy Whitfield p. Tyson Holloway, 3 minutes, 18 seconds

Marsing’s only victory on the mat came when 182-pounder Tristan Izzard pinned Homedale’s Cruz Bullard in 49 seconds.

Homedale had three straight wins in the upper weights:

- **195** — Noah Bowen p. Jonathan Leon, 3:15
- **220** — Caden Layne p. Ryan Baxter, 1:03
- **285** — Michael Rose p. Jarrek Crandall, 2:23

Homedale also picked up 30 points with forfeits, while the Huskies earned six points at 152 with a forfeit.

Homedale 60, Nampa Christian 24 — Homedale received five forfeits in the non-conference dual highlighted by Bowen’s technical fall at 195 and Rose’s major decision at heavyweight.

Bowen piled up points before ending things with 53 seconds left in his bout with Sean Barton. Bowen prevailed, 18-3.

Rose beat up Peyton Riggs, 12-1.

The bout of the dual came at 132 when Homedale’s Nathan Marston edged Kaiser Henne, 4-2.

The rest of Homedale’s victories came by pin:

- **113** — Trell McFarlane p. Finnley Olsen, 1:36
- **138** — Shawn Lee p. Cole Hilty, 2:37
- **170** — Hall p. Ethan Pearson, 3:56

Homedale won three of the five extra matches:

- **120** — Roland p. Olson, 1:42
- **138** — Lee p. Cameron Rowan, 1:36
- **145** — Whitfield p. Jacob Magnuson, :56

Nampa Christian 45, Marsing 36 — Izzard picked



Marsing’s Erika Frazier tried to get Adrian’s Virginia Tolman off her feet during their bout last Wednesday at Nampa Christian. Tolman got second-round pinfall. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

up six points for the Huskies with a first-round pin against Barton, winning the 182-pound match in 1:41.

Marsing’s other points came by either forfeit or — in the case of 138-pounder Braeden Davis against the Trojans’ Hilty — injury default.

The Huskies’ Jantzen Davis won an extra match at 152 pounds with a third-round pin of Gabe Neumann. Davis finally ended the match at 5:17.

The difference in the match came down to forfeits — Nampa Christian was awarded five, and Marsing got four — and the heavyweight match where the Trojans’ Peyton Riggs scored three team points with a tight 5-2 decision against Crandall.

Marsing vs. Adrian — The small-staffed Antelopes won all three contested bouts and

an extra match against the Huskies.

Virginia Tolman picked up her second victory in less than a week with a pin of Marsing’s Erika Frazier at 106. Tolman prevailed in 3:29.

The Antelopes’ Derek Faulconer won the 182-pound bout with a 55-second pin of Stimmel.

Adrian’s other victory came at 182 as well when Chase Andrade dispatched Izzard in just 19 seconds.

Marsing’s Martinez picked up a big victory in a 120-pound exhibition bout, pinning Tolman at the very end of the opening round.

Homedale vs. Adrian — The teams split two matches with Trojans’ 170-pounder Kade Hall pinning Faulconer in 1:48, and Adrian’s Andrade taking down Bullard in 48 seconds at 182 pounds.

College catch-up

FOOTBALL

Scott Matlock, sr., DT
Boise State University

What’s next — Matlock closes his career with the Broncos (9-4) in the Frisco Bowl at 7:15 p.m. MST, on Saturday in Frisco, Texas. The game will be televised on ESPN.

This season — In 12 games, Matlock has 25 solo tackles and 21 assists. Of his six tackles for loss, 2.5 are quarterback sacks. He has three QB hurries and a forced fumble. He also caught the second touchdown pass of his career against Utah State.

Career — The Outland and Bednarik trophy watch-lister has been invited to end his college career in January’s NFLPA Collegiate Bowl. In 45 career games, Matlock has 63 solo tackles and 49 assists. He has recorded 19.5 TFL, including 11.5 QB sacks. He has blocked three kicks and recovered two fumbles.

BASKETBALL

Jacob Ankeny, RS fr., C
Montana Western University

Dec. 6: Idaho State 61, Montana Western 53 — Ankeny scored 4 points on 2-for-3 field-goal shooting in 9 minutes in Pocatello, marking a return to his home state.

Dec. 3: Montana Western 67, No. 12 Montana Tech 64 — 2 points, 5 rebounds (4 on defense) in the Bulldogs’ Frontier Conference upset of visiting Montana Tech.

Dec. 2: No. 23 Carroll 76, Montana Western 65 — 2 points, 4 offensive rebounds on 1-1 field goals and 0-2 free throws in 20 minutes of a conference game in Helena.

What’s next: Cactus Classic, Gilbert, Ariz. — The Bulldogs (6-6 overall, 1-1 in conference) take on No. 3 Arizona Christian on Friday; RV Hope International (Calif.) on Sunday; and The Master’s University (Calif.) on Monday.

This season — Ankeny has played in 11 games, starting three of them. He’s shooting 69.6 percent from the floor (16-for-23) while averaging 14.6 minutes per game. He’s scoring 3.2 points per game and has collected 31 of his 41 rebounds on the defensive glass (2.8 per game total). He’s second on the team with seven blocked shots.

WRESTLING

Kaydince Turner, so., 143 pounds
Hastings College (Neb.)

This season — The HHS grad is 7-3 with three pins.

- **Nov. 18-19: Missouri Valley Open, Marshall, Mo.** — 3-2 with pin and 2 tech falls
- **Nov. 10: Hastings 32, Friends 17, Wichita, Kan.** — pinned Gianna Moreno, 4:34
- **Nov. 5: Falcon Invite, Park City, Kan.** — 3-1 with a pin and runner-up finish

Last season — March 11-12: Reached NAIA Invitational’s Round of 16 (No. 10 seed at 143 pounds). ... Feb. 26: Pinned Kai Morrison of Avila in 3:41 to win the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference 143-pound championship. ... Jan. 9: Beat her sister, fellow HHS grad and Hastings teammate Savannah Turner by tech fall in Hastings Open

Academics — Kaydince Turner made the Hastings College Dean’s List for the 2021 fall semester and the 2022 spring semester.

✓Melba: Defense highlights another perfect week for Mustangs girls

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Coach Dave Lenz’s team has 13 consecutive regular-season victories dating to 2021-22.

Parma (6-2) lost for the second time in three games. The Panthers fell to another 2A Western Idaho Conference team, Cole Valley Christian, 50-46, in overtime in the Ririe Bulldog Shootout on Dec. 3.

Melba and Parma played for their respective District III championships last season: Melba beat Cole Valley for the 2A title, and Parma fell to Fruitland in the 3A tournament final.

Last week, Melba got key stops to hold back Parma in the close contest.

Dayley led the defense with

five steals, and Clark added four thefts.

Dayley also had four assists, while Hallie Arnold set up four scores and scored seven points with three rebounds.

Rylie Caulkins scored 12 points for the Panthers, and teammate Taylor Kaiser contributed 10.

Dec. 6: Melba 52, Nampa

Christian 11 — Clark matched the host Trojans’ team scoring total and then some in a 2A WIC contest.

Clark scored 18 points and had six steals to lead the Mustangs (3-0 in conference). She also had two assists.

The flow of the game gave Lenz a chance to look at some younger players. Freshman

Darby Lowber scored seven points in her first significant minutes of the season.

Dayley had her usually all-around game with six points, eight assists, five steals and four rebounds.

Senior guard Halle Burch, a former Jordan Valley athlete, scored five points for Nampa Christian (3-5, 2-2).

Commentary

Americans for Limited Government
Electoral reform bill unnecessary, at odds with Constitution

Legislation offered by Sens. Joe Manchin (D-W. Va.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) would repeal Sections 1 and 2 of the 1887 Electoral Count Act, and replace the appointment of electors by state legislatures in the event a state fails to make a choice in that election under current federal law with “the executive of each State.”



Robert Romano

3 U.S.C. Section 2 currently states, “Whenever any State has held an election for the purpose of choosing electors, and has failed to make a choice on the day prescribed by law, the electors may be appointed on a subsequent day in such a manner as the legislature of such State may direct.”

But under the Manchin-Collins bill, that section of federal law — which asserts the state legislature’s primacy in selecting the President and mirrors Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution’s second clause “Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors” —would be gone.

Replacing that would be a procedure that completely removes the electoral power from state legislatures and instead recognizes the power of state executives: “the executive of each State shall issue a certificate of ascertainment of appointment of electors”.

In the constitutional scheme, under Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Manchin-Collins bill is at odds with the text of the Constitution.

The Constitution says states appoint electors “in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct” and the Manchin-Collins bill says it is when “the executive of each state” issues the certificate appointing the electors.

It’s a blatant contradiction.

And that’s the point. The intent of the law is to avert challenges based on the so-called “independent state legislature” theory.

Moreover, it is at odds with history and precedent for what these provisions meant under federal law prior to the popular election of presidents when state legislatures indeed would vote for the electors to the Electoral College.

For example, in the first presidential election of 1788, four states — Connecticut, Georgia, New Jersey and South Carolina — chose the electors by their state legislatures, and six states — Delaware, Maryland, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Virginia — did it by popular votes. There is no question every state did so in accordance with its own laws.

As an aside, New York, North Carolina and Rhode Island had not yet adopted the Constitution.

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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.

Foreign relations
Change in US-Japan relationship since World War II is a remarkable story

Dec. 7 each year is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, commemorating Japan’s surprise attack in 1941 on a U.S. naval base in Hawaii. It’s also a time to step back and appreciate the remarkable transformation of the U.S.-Japan relationship: How we went from being sworn enemies to vital allies over a few decades.

For those who remember, Pearl Harbor was a signal event. As with John F. Kennedy’s assassination and the 9/11 attack for later generations, we can say where we were and how it felt.

I was a young boy, sitting with my parents on the front porch of our home in Evansville, Ind., when we heard the news on a Sunday afternoon. I was too young to know what it meant, but I realized from my parents’ response that it was serious. They knew the U.S. was moving into a dangerous period, that it was likely we would enter a world war. I sensed their feelings, and I was worried because they were.

The attack followed a time of isolationist sentiment. The Great Depression and the memory of World War I left many Americans leery of getting dragged into the conflicts in Europe and Asia. Pearl Harbor changed that. In a 90-minute attack, Japanese fighters killed 2,403 Americans and wounded 1,143. Eighteen U.S. ships were sunk or run aground, including five battleships.

The next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the famous speech in which he called Dec. 7 “a date which will live in infamy.” He called on Congress to declare war on Japan, and it did so. Within days, Germany and Italy joined Japan in declaring war on the United States. Over the next four years, nearly

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300,000 Americans would die in World War II, along with tens of millions of people worldwide.

We rightly celebrate America’s patriotic response to the war effort, but not all our actions were exemplary. More than 100,000 Japanese Americans, many of them citizens, were forcibly relocated to internment camps. It’s disturbing to look back at the racist stereotypes used in wartime anti-Japanese propaganda. War can bring out the worst as well as the best in people.

Eventually, the war in the Pacific ended with Japan’s surrender after the U.S. dropped atomic bombs

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Commentary

Financial management

Daughter not beholden to manipulative, cash-strapped dad

Dear Dave,
My dad and his wife asked my husband and I for \$55,000. They want the money so they can pay off their debt. We're debt-free and have a net worth of between \$2 million to \$3 million, but we're also retired. We don't keep that much in the bank, so we'd have to draw from our retirement accounts — which is something we don't want to do. They've already approached other family members about this, too. His wife is owed money at some point from a family settlement, but they don't want to wait that long.

My dad said we should do this if we want them to get ahead and have anything left in their later years. My dad is 80, and his wife is in her late 70s.

My husband and I are both in our 50s. Please tell me how to handle this.

— Karla

Dear Karla,
In their later years? I'm not trying to be mean, but they're already in their later years.

I'm really sorry you're in this situation. Even though you're in your 50s, he's still your dad, and I know this hurts your heart. It's probably even tougher to accept the fact that he's being manipulative. I mean, seriously. What dad calls up his daughter with the idea he's entitled to \$55,000 of her money and starts acting like a travel agent for guilt trips in the process? That's just wrong.

Look, if the relationship and



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the situation were different, we might have something to talk about. With your net worth, you're not going to miss \$55,000 out of \$2 million to \$3 million. In a good relationship, I'd help my mom or dad like that in a heartbeat — just to

help them out because they're older.

But this situation already is what it is. Something tells me this isn't the first time he's behaved in a manipulative way. And if you say yes to this, then I've got a feeling it isn't the first time you've caved into him. I'm worried you won't be able to live with yourself if you do this, and that it may cause a big rift between you and your husband.

It's wrong of your dad to treat you this way and put you in this situation. If you want to tell him your money's tied up, which it is, or you just don't like the way it feels, that's fine. But my advice is to try to step back from the emotions and come to the realization in your own head that no is a complete answer.

You don't have an ethical or moral obligation to give manipulative people money just because they're related to you.

— 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.

✓ Electoral: Legislation attempts to undo Founding Fathers' safeguard

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What the state legislatures didn't do was pass a law naming their electors and submit it to their governors to sign or for approval. They just chose the electors. That was it.

Meaning under the default situation under the Constitution, absent adoption of any other laws — for example providing for popular votes to some degree at the state level — it was the state legislatures that chose the electors for president. The state's governor or secretary of state had zero role. Zero.

And all you need to know that is to simply read the Constitution, which never anticipated that "the executive of each State" would be appointing the electors to the Electoral College.

The Constitution would have never been adopted had that been the case. It would have never been

agreed to at the Constitutional Convention. It was a union of states that believed in democratic rule, not consolidating the most important decision — choosing the president — to one person.

And yet, that's the new scheme Congress would agree to. Whoever the "the executive of each State" says are the electors are the electors, apparently even if the state legislature disagrees.

That is, what if the governor or secretary of state certifies one winner, and the state legislature chooses another? What then?

In the event a popular election were ever overturned at the state level by a court, it would invariably — under the Constitution and current law — still fall to the state legislature to choose the electors instead as a failsafe.

Both the Constitution and federal law grant the tie

to the runner, which in this case would be the state legislatures. Why get rid of that?

And that's the system we have today. And it works just fine. As it turns out, states including their legislatures have already adopted laws and provisions for Secretaries of State to certify the results of elections, including the presidential election, which are done by popular votes in all 50 states, with 48 winner-take-all contests and two with winner-take-all Congressional Districts in Maine and Nebraska.

If state legislatures don't like the state law that governs the choosing of their electors, they can change their states' laws. Congress doesn't need to do anything. If it isn't broke, don't fix it.

— Robert Romano is the vice president of public policy at Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Relationship: U.S.-Japan bond rebuilt, strengthened over the decades

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on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There followed a U.S.-led Allied occupation of Japan, which enacted military, political and economic reforms. Japan's postwar constitution did away with its right to wage war.

Japan's subsequent social and economic recovery was remarkable. With help from the U.S. and other allies, Japan built itself into an international powerhouse. Its manufacturing and commercial growth were termed the "Japanese miracle." Although its growth slowed in recent years, Japan remains one of the world's largest economies, ranking third or

fourth by GDP.

Equally remarkable was Japan's transition from an aggressive imperial power to a peaceful democratic nation. Arguably, the United States has no stronger or more reliable partner in the Asia Pacific region. We cooperate on development assistance, health, environmental protection, human rights, education, science, and technology. Japan supports the rules-based world order through the G7, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the World Trade Organization.

The U.S.-Japan relationship is complex, and not everything has been smooth. We have competed in

trade and manufacturing, and there have been protests over the 50,000 American troops that remain in Japan. But overall, as President Joe Biden said last month in a meeting with Japan's prime minister, we have been united in addressing "real challenges," such as China's aggression and provocations by North Korea.

With so much conflict in the world, it's heartwarming to consider what Japan has accomplished. It shows that it is possible, with encouragement and support, for a nation to transform itself into a modern, prosperous democracy and a contributing member of the world community.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 17, 1997



Homedale for the Holidays parade...

Sunny skies but cold temperatures greeted the crowd that turned out Saturday morning to watch the seventh annual “Homedale for the Holidays” Christmas parade. The Homedale Chamber of Commerce sponsored the day’s events, which included a visit from Santa Claus and a drawing for turkeys, gift certificates and a color TV. Float award winners were not available at press time.

Sibert completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Sam Sibert of Homedale recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. Sibert is the son of Bruce and Marlene Sibert of Homedale, and is a 1997 graduate of Homedale High School.

Marsing tops Adrian in tourney

Jordan Valley played host to Marsing and Adrian, Oregon at a tournament held last weekend. Jordan Valley defeated Marsing in the first night of the tournament, 66-51. MHS played Adrian the second night to earn a 72-71 overtime win. Drew Martinez led the scoring for the Huskies both nights. On Friday, he led with 14 points and on Saturday, 26. Adam Ineck and Josh Robinson added 10 each on Friday, with Robinson and Derek Parkins each contributing 12 points on the second night of the tournament.

County deputies, Homedale officers participate in “Shop with a Cop” program

Three Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies and two Homedale Police officers participated in the annual “Shop with a Cop” program Dec. 6, for at-risk and needy children. Chief deputy Richard Freund, and deputies Mike Nance and Jamie Austin, and Homedale Police Chief Kevin McKinney and Sgt. Jeff Eidemiller were among thirty officers from Nampa, Caldwell, Canyon County, Owyhee County and Homedale who took kids shopping at Kmart in Nampa. The program is a joint effort by Health and Welfare and Kmart.

Trojans defeat VHS and WHS

The Homedale boys basketball team made it through a disastrous first half to beat Vallivue, 67-51, in the December 9 match-up. Darren Uranga and Kenny Thomas were key to Homedale’s second half comeback. Uranga scored 18 of his 21 total points in the second half, Thomas finished with 15 points, nine rebounds, and Gavin Parker added 10, followed by Nick Shanley who scored nine points. Homedale had another win on December 12, against Wilder. Dusty Bauer and Gavin Parker each added 21 points, on the way to the 85-76 win. Uranga added 20 points and six rebounds.

50 years ago

December 14, 1972



“TROJANETTE” drill team officers at Homedale High School are, from left, Denise Moulton, president; Patti Tuttle, vice president; Sharon Wood, secretary-treasurer; and JoAnn Peterson, student council representative. The officers provided a color guard during the flag ceremony at the basketball game with Marsing Friday night and the drill team performed at halftime. They plan to perform at other home games. Mrs. Pam Matlock is adviser. Photo by Bette Uda

Homedale receives \$8,944 federal revenue sharing

The City of Homedale received an \$8,944 check Monday as first installment in a federal revenue sharing plan that is slated to last five years. The check represented the city’s share in revenue sharing for the period Jan. 1 through June 30, 1972. An additional check for the same amount is expected in January for the period July 1 to Dec. 31, 1972. Owyhee County received \$76,847 in federal revenue sharing funds and Marsing got \$1,818.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“I wouldn’t blame Santa Claus much if he stayed up at the North Pole this Christmas — where he kin keep warm!”

Gem Irrigation election names three to board

Frank Tanikuni received 125 votes at the Gem Irrigation election Tuesday to win a one-year term from division 5 on the Gem Irrigation District board. He will fill out the term made vacant by the death of long-time Gem board member Edd Parr. Forney Malmberg received 106 votes in division 1 and George Dines 113 votes in division 2 for three-year terms on the board. They are present members. P.T. Rathbone received 34 votes in division 1 and J.D. Mankin 15 votes as a write-in in division 2. Other write-ins were Cy Lootens 1, Everett Paine 1 and Glenn Salmeier 1.

Homedale saves close one vs. Marsing cagers

Trailing throughout three quarters of Friday night’s game with the Marsing Huskies, Homedale pulled even in the final period and took a 51-49 victory on the basis of two charity tosses by Mike Hyer with only 17 seconds remaining. The shooting of Rick DeGroat kept the Trojans in the game in the second half as he made eight straight field goals, and topped the scoring with 30 big points. Gregg Garrett managed the double-figure column with 10.

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March 1, ’67

COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—Thos H. Smith has started a Commercial College in the Oro Fino Hall. He teaches penmanship, book-keeping, commercial rules, forms, and calculations with arithmetic, geography, grammar, &c., and gives lessons in drawing in pencil, crayon and water-colors. Mr. Smith is an able teacher and a very clever gentleman. A rare opportunity is thus offered ladies for embellishing their education with the beautiful and useful art of drawing and painting, and for young men to improve their business capacity. For particulars, see handbills.

MASONIC JOLIFICATION.—The Masonic Fraternity of Owyhee are making extensive preparations for a good time generally, at the Court House Hall, on the 27th, St. John’s Day. They will have orations, &c, during the day, and at night will have a Social Ball and splendid supper, to which, we understand, the Odd Fellows are invited.

SOCIAL BALL.—We had the pleasure of attending a Social Ball, given at the Mechanics Hall on Tuesday evening last. A general invitation was extended and a large number were present, who appeared to enjoy themselves hugely. There was good music, and the new Hall is certainly a splendid place in which to “twist your heel around.” One of the best features of the arrangement was the magnificent supper prepared and eaten at the Idaho Hotel, the proprietors of which can’t be excelled in their line of business We return thanks for complimentary tickets.

QUARTZ DISCOVERY.—We learn from the *Democrat* that an excitement was created in Boise City on Saturday last by the discovery of two gold and silver bearing quartz ledges. They are situated in the vicinity of Willow Creek about three miles from the road, and are named the “Golden Age” and the “Enterprise.” The former is reported over 40 feet wide, and fine gold could be seen in several pieces that were brought into town. There are some parties at work mining in the creek between the ledges: they say it pays eight dollars per day.

Public notices

BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 2022 Synopsis
November 3
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the catering permit for Hop House for a Dinner & Auction Benefit, on November 5, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
-Approved Commissionser Aberasturi’s signature for the Board on the above-mentioned catering permit.

November 7
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the minutes from the October 27, 2022 meeting.
-Approved the minutes from the November 3, 2022 meeting.
-Approved the claims as presented; Current Expenses-\$82,022; R&B-\$513,113; Dist. Court-\$3,210; Fair Grounds-\$292; Probation-\$828; Health Dist.-\$9,243; Historical Society-\$409; I&C-\$21,007; Junior College-\$300; Revaluation-\$858; Solid Waste-\$17,997; 911-\$1,813; County Vessel Fund-\$1,908; Waterways Fund-\$1,802; Off Highway Vehicles-\$1,260; Capital Project Fund-\$153,031.
-Approved the 2022 Subrecipient Agreement for the State Homeland Security Grant Program.
-Approved a Liquor Catering Permit for Cedar Draw Cider for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas event.
-Approved the Federal Surplus Property Program Eligibility Application.
-Approved ITD Bridge Asset Management Local Agency Communication Verification.
-Approved the Architectural Fee Proposal and Design Service with JGT Architecture for the courthouse entry and jail sally port.
-Approved the bid of \$88,555.00 from Riverside Inc. for the drilling of a well at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.
-Approved the hiring of Allison Wilson for the Court Clerk Scanner part time position at the rate of \$17.74.
-Approved a pay increase for Travis Leedom to \$22.99 to coincide with his promotion to the rank of Corporal.
-Approved the property re-zone from agricultural to multi-use for application number Z22-29 submitted by Kirby Cook.

-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2022-26 Adopting the Owyhee County Kinds and Levels Salary Structure for FY2023.
-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2022-27 Ratifying a correction of the appeal date for the written decision on P&Z matter Z22-17A.
-At 9:41 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (c) to acquire and interest in real property not owned by a public agency. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:05 a.m.
-At 11:55 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 12:15 p.m.

November 14
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to rescind setting the agenda motion. Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to amend the agenda to include the claims report. Commissioner Aberasturi

motioned to set the amended agenda.
-Approved the minutes from the November 7, 2022 meeting.
-Approved the claims report, excepting the Public Defender payments who have not met necessary requirements; Current Expenses-\$15,632; Road and Bridge-\$328,462; Dist. Court-\$532; Probation-\$246; Historical Society-\$229; I&C-\$8,622; Revaluation-\$25; Solid Waste-\$1,776; 911-\$3,463; Waterways Fund-\$182; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$91; Capital Project Fund-\$3,645.
-Approved the County Annual Juvenile Justice Report to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.
-Approved the Revised Murphy Water System Planning Scope.
-Approved Resolution 2022-28 – Closing Silver City Road for Automobile Travel.
-Approved the Pay Request #2 to Robison Logging for the 2022 Aggregate Crushing Project for Chip Seals in the amount of \$86,771.89.
-Approved the following Homeowner Exemption Cancellations: MHAM003009011B-\$55.09; RP003500010110-\$823.50; RPA01300010130-\$1,209.36; RPA0010027003A- 561.33; RP03N05W150785-823.50; RP008200030020-565.68; MG03N05W246100-\$115.68; RP03N05W246100-\$206.07; RPA01300010340-\$1,310.68.
-Approved the Certificates of Residency 22-35 and 22-36 for the College of Western Idaho.
-At 9:50 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) regarding personnel. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:06 a.m.
-At 10:07 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (j) to consider labor contract matters. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:15 a.m.
-At 10:15 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 11:00 a.m.

November 21
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the claims report as presented; Current Expenses-\$37,846; R&B-\$45,469; Dist. Court-\$239; Probation-\$263; Health Dist.-\$9,243; Historical Society-\$880; I&C-\$3,290; Junior College-\$150; Revaluation-\$75; Solid Waste-\$99; Weeds-\$150; 911-\$749; Waterways Fund-\$48.
-Approved the minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting.
-Approved the following individuals to the Homedale Library District Board as interim members until the next library election cycle on May 16, 2022; Mandy Rice, Doris Hayward-Roland, Mil Shanley, Kristie Garrett, Pam Gibbens.
-Approved the catering permit for Slick’s Bar for December 3, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Withered Barn.
-Commissioner Merrick motioned to declare the contract termination letter to Colleen Foster was discussed in executive session during the November 14, 2022 BOCC meeting, but no action was taken until today’s action item.
-Approved the contract termination letter to Colleen

Foster, with the contract ending 30 days from today.
-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2022-29 – Transfer of General Reserve Funds; moving from the FY2022 budget – \$4,500 for dispatch salaries and \$2,900 for solid waste salaries.
-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2022-30 – Adoption of Bonuses and a Bonus Structure for Owyhee County Employees; giving employees a one-time bonus from ARPA funds.
-Approved the appointment of Bill Reece to the Owyhee County Waterways Board to replace Ron Johnson.
-Approved the following property tax and solid waste cancellations: MH03N05W087803- tax: \$767.24 & solid waste: \$63; RP05S03E361052-solid waste: \$122; RPD0040006011B-solid waste: \$63; RPA0010050019A-tax: \$119.82.
-Approved Certificates of Residency 22-37 & 22-38 to the College of Western Idaho.
-Upheld Planning and Zoning decision to deny application Z22-11, Maple Estates LLC, 19-lot Residential Subdivision.
-At 10:44 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 11:30 a.m.
-At 11:32 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 12:12 p.m.

November 28
-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the claims report as presented; Current Expenses-\$26,823; R&B\$488; Dist. Court-\$200; Fair-\$7,950; Probation-\$67; I&C-\$3,982; Revaluation-\$403; 911-\$2,464; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$60; Elections-\$18.
-Approved the minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting.
-Approved the appreciation letter to Ron Johnson for his time as a member of the Owyhee County Waterways Committee.
-Approved the casualty loss exemption for parcel RP01S02W291200.
-Approved the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report.
-Approved the Order for the creation of the Homedale Library District.
-Approved the Assessor’s new hire of Jody Moos for the Marsing DMV at \$15.97 per hour, effective November 28, 2022.
-Approved the Assessor’s transfer for Kasey Frelove from the Marsing DMV to the County Assessor’s office as a Deed Processor and Cartographer, with a pay raise from \$16.87 to \$18.00 per hour, effective December 5, 2022.
-Approved the following property tax cancellations: RP01N03W200602-\$494.48; RP09S02W340020-\$16.51; RPB03200000120-\$268.84; RPA01S02W291200-\$564.32; RP09S02W340002-\$13.99.
-Approved Certificates of Residency 22-39, 22-40, and 22-41 to the College of Western Idaho.
-At 9:35 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74- 206 (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 9:39 a.m.

-Approved the draft Recreational Vehicle Ordinance to

be considered at public meetings that will be scheduled at a later date.
-At 9:41 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74- 206 (c) acquisition of an interest in real property. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 9:45 a.m.
-At 9:46 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74- 206 (a) personnel. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:03 a.m.
12/14/2022

OWYHEE COUNTY 2023 WILSON CREEK AREA RABS & PAVING PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County 2023 WILSON CREEK AREA RABS & PAVING PROJECT will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until **2:00 p.m. local time on JANUARY 11TH, 2023**, and then publicly opened and read aloud.
This Bid consists of two adjacent projects identified as 1) **BASE BID - Wilson Creek Road Rehabilitation Project**, and 2) **BID ALTERNATE - Wilson Cemetery Road Project**. Both projects are anticipated to be completed in summer of 2023.
BASE BID: Wilson Creek Road Rehabilitation Project: This work consists of constructing approximately 2.6 miles of a 3.0-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical pavement width of 22-feet plus 2-foot gravel shoulders and the following:
• 2.6 miles of RABS processing with accompanied roadway grading
• Approximately 5,600 tons of plant mix pavement
• ± 350 feet of full roadway section construction (150’ @ westerly termini; 200’ @ easterly termini)

BID ALTERNATE: Wilson Cemetery Road Project: This work consists of paving approximately 730-feet of a 3.0-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical pavement width of 24-feet plus 2-foot gravel shoulders and the following:
• 730-feet of tight blading/ finished grading and compaction of roadway base, placed by Owyhee County, prior to paving
• Approximately 360 tons of plant mix pavement
The Contractor shall achieve substantial completion of the **BASE BID** within **60** calendar days of the BASE BID Notice To Proceed and shall achieve substantial completion of the **BID ALTERNATE** within 7 calendar days of the BID ALTERNATE Notice To Proceed.

It is the intent of these Contract Documents and Drawings to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.
A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Owyhee County Road & Bridge Shop located at 17129 County Shop Rd, Murphy, ID 83650 on **DECEMBER 22, 2022** at 10:00 A.M. local time.
There are no Federal funds utilized in this project.
The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the

following locations:
1) Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650
2) PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)
Emailed pdf’s will be available without charge by request. Interested bidders may email their request to Paragon Consulting, Inc. at cguthrie@paragonfbk.com.
In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.
All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.
Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.
Owyhee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.
12/14,21/2022

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2022 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o’clock p.m. on the twentieth day of December 2022, Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier’s check. Payment may be made in person or at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.
Dixie McDaniel
PO Box 9
Grand View, Idaho 83624
12/07,14/2022

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Fire destroys Marsing hangar-turned-shop

A spectacular fire Saturday morning consumed a shop that once was actually a hangar for a crop-dusting airport in Marsing. The shop on Van Road was part of the airfield for nearly 40 years.

Two engines and two water tenders backed up 19 volunteer firefighters who were on scene for nearly 2½ hours.

Marsing Rural Fire District Chief Jerry Mayer said the cause of the fire is probably electrical.

Photo by Debbie Carter

Avalanche Sports: Other scores

Girls’ basketball
Marsing
Coach: Michael Swanson
(2-8 overall, 0-4 2A Western Idaho Conference)
Last week
Friday — Cole Valley Christian 64, Marsing 10
Dec. 6 — New Plymouth 53, Marsing 32
This week
Thursday — at Compass Charter (could by a JV game), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday — at The Ambrose School, 7:30 p.m.

Rimrock
Coach: Kyla Jewett
(3-2 overall)
Last week
Saturday — Rockland 50, Rimock 24 (Small School Showcase at Timberline, Boise)
Last Wednesday — Richfield 48, Rimrock 39
This week
Monday — at Victory Charter (n)
Tuesday, Dec. 20 — vs. Tri-Valley in Bruneau, 7:30 p.m.

Jordan Valley
Coach: Kelsi Skinner
(5-0 overall)
Last week
Non-conference
Calvin Hiatt Memorial, N. Powder, Ore.
Thursday — Jordan Valley 71, Pine

Eagle 14
Friday — Jordan Valley 54, Enterprise 30
Saturday — Jordan Valley 49, Joseph 10
Next Wednesday — at Nyssa, 5:30 p.m.

This week
All times MST
Tuesday — home vs. McDermitt, Nev., (n)
Friday — at Trinity Lutheran, Bend, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Monday — at Midvale, 6 p.m.
Next Wednesday — home vs. Echo, 2 p.m.

Adrian
Coach: Anthony Hansen
(2-3 overall)
Last week
Calvin Hiatt Memorial, N. Powder, Ore.
Saturday —Trinity Lutheran 57, Adrian 45
Friday —Adrian 51, Pine Eagle 26
Thursday — Adrian 48, Joseph 26

This week
All times MST
13 Mile Shootout (In Prairie City, Ore.)
Friday — at Prairie City/Burnt River, Prairie City, 7 p.m.
Saturday — at Grant Union, John Day, Ore., 5 p.m.
Nyssa (Ore.) Christmas Tournament
Monday — vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4 p.m.
Tuesday — vs. Payette, 5:30 p.m.

Boys’ basketball
Rimrock
Coach: Arron Hall
(2-2 overall)
Last week
Last Wednesday — Murtaugh 43, Rimrock 23 (in Bruneau)
This week
Today — at Valley, Hazelton, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday — at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Next Wednesday — vs. Oakley, 7:30 p.m.

Jordan Valley
Coach: Alek Quintero
(1-4 overall)
Last week
Calvin Hiatt Memorial (At Powder Valley H.S., N. Powder, Ore.)
Thursday — Pine Eagle 37, Jordan Valley 33
Friday — Jordan Valley 39, Enterprise 36
Saturday — Joseph 51, Jordan Valley 36
This week
Tuesday — home vs. McDermitt, Nev., (n)
Friday — at Trinity Lutheran, Bend, Ore., 7 p.m. MST
Next Wednesday — home vs. Echo, 3:30 p.m.

Adrian
Coach: Nathan Bayes
(4-1 overall)
Last week
Calvin Hiatt Memorial, N. Powder, Ore.
Saturday — Adrian 66, Trinity Lutheran 64
Friday —Adrian 73, Pine Eagle 45
Thursday — Adrian 66, Joseph 60
This week
13 Mile Shootout (At Grant Union H.S. John Day, Ore., and in Prairie City, Ore.)
All times MST
Friday — at Prairie City, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday — at Grant Union, John Day, Ore., 6:30 p.m.

Note — HHS graduate Zac Lowder is listed as an assistant coach (along with Adrian grad George Ellsworth) on the Antelopes’ OSAA.org page.

— *The Owyhee Avalanche’s Other Scores feature attempts to keep our readers up-to-date on how the high school teams for which coaches don’t report results are faring throughout the season. Coaches can email results and comments to jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information on how to report their scores. Fans are also encouraged to provide context and information so that the Avalanche can give as complete coverage as possible for all high school athletes in our readership area.*

Public notices

SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON
Case No. CV14-22-05361
To: Serafin Seratti
You have been sued by Rosa I. Garcia Cervantes, the Petitioner, in the District Court in and for Canyon County, Idaho, Case No.CV14-22-05361
The nature of the claim against you if for Child Custody.
Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless

prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605; phone no.: (208) 454-7572 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: 411 E. Chicago St., Caldwell, ID 83605, (208) 412-7569.
A copy of the Summons and Petition/Motion can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
Date: 11/4/2022, 4:20:13 PM

/s/:Sharon Carter, Deputy Clerk
Canyon County District Court
12/14,21,28/2022;01/04/2023
PUBLIC NOTICE
The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
2-10646
JOHN CLAPIER II
CHRISTEL CLAPIER
6642 OLD BRUNEAU HWY
MARSING, ID 83639-8217
Point of Diversion NWSE S13 T03N R05W OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary COLUMBIA RIVER Use: DOMESTIC

01/01 to 12/31
0.04 CFS
Use: IRRIGATION
03/01 to 11/15
0.11 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.15 CFS
Date Filed: 11-04-2022
Place Of Use: DOMESTIC, IRRIGATION
T03N R05W S13 L6 (NWSE)
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION
T03N R05W S13 NWSE, L6 (SWSE)
Total Acres: 3.5
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208)334-

2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 12/27/2022. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
12/07,14/2022

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VEHICLES

Accepting sealed bids on seven (7) used vehicles until 3:00 p.m. December 20, 2022: 2014 Ford Fusion SE, 95,761 miles, good condition, minimum bid \$3,500; 2013 Ford Fusion SE, 107,959 miles, good condition, minimum bid \$3,000; 2013 Ford Fusion SE, 101,531 miles, good condition, minimum bid \$3,000; 2011 Ford Fusion SE, 88,456 miles, good condition, minimum bid \$2,000; 2009 Dodge Avenger, 94,955 miles, good condition, minimum bid \$1,250; 2006 Dodge Caravan, 91,193 miles, non-operable, minimum bid \$600; 1997 Dodge Caravan, 125,105 miles, non-operable, minimum bid \$350; Purchase must be made with cash, cashier's check or credit card. Vehicles and maintenance records may be inspected at Southwest District Health, 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell, Idaho, Monday through Friday. Call 208-455-5302 for appointment to view. Photos can be accessed at <https://swdh.id.gov/contract-opportunities/>

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A rustic wooden cabinet with multiple drawers and two glass-fronted doors, showing signs of wear and age. The cabinet is made of dark wood and has a weathered appearance. It features several drawers on the left side and two glass-fronted doors on the right side. The wood is dark and has a rough, aged texture. The cabinet is standing on a light-colored floor.

