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Marsing Ambulance's Jim Briggs (left) fist-bumps an elementary school student arriving for breakfast to start his final day of school before Christmas break last Wednesday. Among the other first-responders greeting students were JD Phipps (second from left), Fire Commissioner Jeff Percifield, and Owyhee County Sheriff's school resource officer Lindsay Kipper.

“Kindness Campaign” starts with Marsing schoolchildren

Cindy Floyd got the cops involved last Wednesday.

The Marsing School District nurse recruited personnel from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, the Idaho State Police and Marsing first-responders to brighten the start of the final day of class for schoolchildren before they headed off on Christmas break.

The sheriff's deputies, one state trooper, firefighters and ambulance personnel lined up at the start of school last Wednesday to high-five students at all grade levels as they made their way into the buildings on 8th Avenue West.

“This is to wish our stu-

dents a good morning and a safe holiday break,” Floyd said before the event.

“Merry Christmas” accompanied each high-five from folks like ISP Trooper Jaime Wood, a Marsing High School graduate who once served as the sheriff's office school resource officer.

Current OCSO deputies Travis Leedom, the City of Marsing deputy, and SRO Lindsay Kipper joined the predawn receiving lines as did Fire Chief Jerry Mayer and firefighters Seth Wahl and Garret Briggs, and fire

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Idaho State Trooper Jaime Wood (right, foreground), a Marsing High School graduate, waits to fist-bump a student as he, Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Det. Jeff Wasson and Marsing Ambulance personnel wait for other students to enter the junior-senior high school doors. Photo by Cindy Floyd

“Christmas miracle” brings food to local pantries

Pallets shipped ahead of schedule

Food pantries in Homedale and Marsing received 20 tons of non-perishable products last week.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints shipped 40,000 pounds of a variety of foodstuffs on 20 pallets from

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Project puts HHS musicians in new duds

Marching band uniforms will be ready for fall

Thanks to Bailey Purdom, the Homedale High School marching band will take the field in new uniforms next fall.

A senior who has transitioned from her final year in marching band to her final season in the concert band, Purdom exceeded the goal she set when she launched her senior project earlier this year.

Through a 50/50 raffle at a football game, and donations at her November piano recital, Purdom raised \$16,500.

Originally she set a goal of \$13,000 to buy new uniforms, including jackets, hats and plumes. She wasn't worried

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At left, from left: Freshman Adrian Monreal and juniors Fabian Nolasco and Diego Vega were among the Homedale High School students who moved boxes of food onto El-Ada shelves. Above: The volunteers who helped bring food into The HUB. Submitted photo

✓ Pantries: Marsing, Homedale outlets get 40K pounds of food from SLC

its Bishop’s Storehouse, a 50,000-square-foot welfare center in Salt Lake City.

The food arrived by semi-truck at the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County outpost in Homedale and The HUB in Marsing on the morning of Dec. 20.

Project spokeswomen Kelly Jenkins and Kristie Dorsey called the shipment a “Christmas miracle” given the dwindling supplies at both locations.

Jenkins and Dorsey submitted a request to the Church for the truckload of food after learning in October that food inventories at both locations were low while the community’s need for food soared.

“While the food request was quickly approved, logistics became the next challenge,” Jenkins said. “We were told the delivery wouldn’t happen until early 2023 as all routes and schedules were full through 2022.

“A few weeks ago, we

received word that a truck was scheduled for today’s delivery, and just in time for Christmas meal boxes.”

Volunteers off-loaded the pallets at the back door of the El-Ada office at 15 W. Colorado Ave., as new El-Ada Owyhee County coordinator Alicia Wages looked on. Wages has been on the job for about a month.

“This was a blessing beyond measure. We were running very low on what was left from last year’s delivery. Thankfully, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came to our rescue once again,” Wages said.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors enrolled in David Correa’s Spanish I class at Homedale High School were bussed to the office to help stock the pantry shelves. About two dozen students joined adult volunteers to form a “food brigade” to unseal the pallets and move the food down the back hallway and onto the pantry shelves.



A forklift operator moves one of the nine pallets delivered to the El-Ada Community Partnership’s Owyhee County office in Homedale.

“It was wonderful to see community members from each town volunteering to help get the food off the truck and into each location,” Dorsey said. “Community leaders, neighborhoods, and students linked arms and worked hard together.”

Homedale 2nd Ward Bishop Chris Varuska and his wife brought hot chocolate and donuts to keep the troops fueled during the El-Ada transfer.

“The amount of help from volunteers was amazing also. I really didn’t expect so many people to show up,” Wages said. “All I can say is that I went home yesterday with a very full heart.

“And I think the Owyhee County residents would give their thanks also. Merry Christmas.”

At The HUB, Marsing High School students joined district superintendent Norm Stewart and pantry coordinator Becky Barkell to move the boxes of food.

“I am overwhelmed once again and had tears in my eyes as the semi rolled in,” Barkell said. “Helping my community is so very important to me, and I do not work alone.

“I am forever grateful to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and for every single individual who made this all happen.”

Community members and church members also helped out in both communities, Jenkins said.

Both locations received several boxes each of applesauce, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, maple syrup, macaroni, beans, soups, salsa and chili.

“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints appreciates the Marsing HUB and El-Ada Community Action Partnership and the work they, and other community partners, do to organize and distribute critical supplies to those in greatest need of a lift up,” Jenkins said.

— JPB

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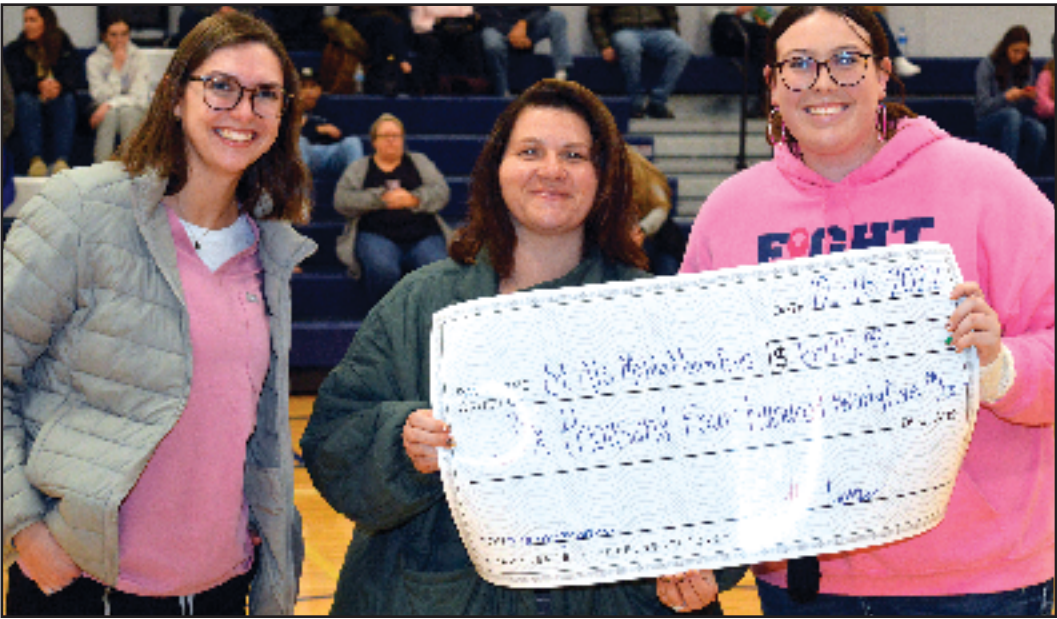
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Marsing senior raises funds for breast cancer awareness

Marsing High School's Llee Loucks (right) presented a check to the Saint Alphonsus breast cancer prevention and treatment program prior to the Dec. 16 boys' basketball game with New Plymouth. Accepting the check are Stefani Bennett (left) and Meagan Goodell. Loucks, whose mother Ginger is a breast cancer survivor, raised \$6,450 for senior project with an auction of six Christmas trees and through donations. Through Llee's efforts, the St. Al's mobile mammography bus was also on hand in the high school parking lot for mammographers like Goodell to provide exams.

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Marsing Ambulance volunteer EMTs Betty Ackerman (left) and Tim Gregory greet students as they enter the high school before dawn on the last day of school before Christmas break. Photo by Norm Stewart

✓ Kindness: School nurse plans outreach led by prominent alum who has returned

commissioner Jeff Percifield. Ambulance personnel Jim Briggs, JD Phipps, and Nicole Cassity were also on hand to greet elementary schoolchildren who went from the parent drop-off line to the cafeteria for breakfast.

Betty Ackerman and Tim Gregory from Marsing Ambulance greeted high school students.

Floyd and a couple other school staffers got in on the act, too.

Last Wednesday marked the last day of school before the Christmas break, and Floyd used it to kick off a Kindness Campaign.

"In light of our recent survey, the data highlighted that only 35 percent of the kids are nice to each other, (so) we are planning on launching a Kindness Campaign event," Floyd said, reflecting on a spring student survey that preceded the dis-

trict's community meeting in October.

Last week's high-fives are just the beginning.

Saying, "kindness starts at home," Floyd wants to put together a parent night.

She has also received confirmation from Marsing High School football coach Shea McClellin, for an Awareness Day. The former Super Bowl champion with the New England Patriots and former first-round NFL draft pick of the Chicago Bears will meet with

the students to talk about being kind to one another and helping each other.

The first-responders' greeting last week and McClellin's planned visit are to reinforce an important message to Marsing's schoolchildren and community as a whole.

"We want the students and Marsing to understand that there are people who care about them, and that people are willing to offer their support when needed," Floyd said.

— JPB

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For the second week in a row, the Board of County Commissioners meeting will be held a day later than usual.

The county commissioners' first meeting of 2023 will begin at 9 a.m., on Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

All offices at the county courthouse and county annexes in Marsing and Grand View will be closed Monday for the New Year's holiday.

First-responders — law enforcement, emergency medical and fire — will be on duty despite the holiday, and the county sheriff's dispatchers will answer non-emergency and 911 calls.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed Monday.

Adrian City Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday and next Wednesday. It's typically open on Mondays, but will be closed next week.

Jordan Valley City Hall is only open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

U.S. Post Offices in Marsing, Homedale, Grand View, Murphy, and Bruneau will be closed Monday.

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday and also will be open Monday.

Marsing's Lizard Butte Library will be closed Monday.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is

closed through Monday.

Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Mondays.

The Homedale Senior Center and Rimrock Senior Center are always closed on Mondays, too.

The congregate meal in The Sandbar Community Room inside Marsing City Hall won't be served Monday.

US Bank in Homedale is closed Monday.

Albertsons in Homedale will close at 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve and at 8 p.m., on New Year's Day.

While Albertsons is open, the Sav-On Pharmacy inside is closed Sunday and Monday. It will be open until 5 p.m., on New Year's Eve (Saturday).

Homedale Drug will close at 2 p.m., on New Year's Eve and remain closed through Monday. The store is always closed on Sundays. The same hours and closures apply to Homedale Drug's state liquor store.

M&W Market in Marsing and the liquor store inside will close at 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve. The store will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., on New Year's Day and open regular hours on Monday.

Matteson's convenience store in Homedale will be open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve and will close all day New Year's Day.

Republic Services residential garbage service in Homedale and Marsing won't be affected by the holiday.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed Monday. All deadlines remain the same except for classified advertising. Classifieds for the Jan. 4 edition will be accepted until 5 p.m., on Friday.

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✓ Project: Piano recital, 50/50 drawing, SILO grant help freshen band’s look

about pants because the band program has purchased those within the past 10 years. The rest of the uniforms haven’t been refreshed in nearly 30 years. The \$13,000 goal would equate to 35 new uniforms, but with the extra funds Purdom plans to buy extra uniforms and new pants, if they’re needed. Purdom said she plans to buy the uniforms by the spring. The fundraising was bolstered by a Southern Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO) grant that matched the cash Purdom had raised. Purdom thanks SILO for the grant and Homedale business- es Mattesons, NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply, Tolmie’s Ace Hardware, SMX, and Top Hat Market for their donations. She also expressed gratitude for individuals who supported her project with donations and attendance at her recital.



Homedale High School senior musician Bailey Purdom shows off the new marching band uniform design. Submitted photo

Today

36°
7°

Cloudy,
snow

Thu

20° 14°

Fri

24° 18°

Sat

29° 20°

Sun

31° 22°

Mon

33° 29°

Tue

39° 24°

Weekly weather recap unavailable

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
12/20	1.9	11	3.4	37	17	24
12/21	2.1	9	3.7	39	11	31
12/22	2.0	11	3.5	19	-6	11
12/23	2.1	11	3.5	36	20	31
12/24	2.5	12	4.0	42	32	36
12/25	2.5	10	4.0	43	31	36
12/26	2.4	10	4.0	45	34	39
Reynolds Creek						
12/20	8.1	28	6.0	32	24	29
12/21	8.0	28	6.0	33	4	22
12/22	7.5	27	6.0	12	2	6
12/23	7.5	26	6.0	35	4	21
12/24	7.9	27	6.3	42	35	38
12/25	8.2	24	6.3	46	36	41
12/26	7.9	21	6.3	48	42	46
South Mountain						
12/20	6.7	27	9.5	33	27	29
12/21	6.8	27	9.6	33	12	28
12/22	7.0	28	10.0	29	12	22
12/23	7.1	28	10.1	38	29	34
12/24	7.3	28	10.4	45	33	39
12/25	7.4	27	10.5	47	39	43
12/26	7.3	25	10.4	48	43	46

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 12 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 147 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 22 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 89,399 acre-feet of water on Tuesday.

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

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As of Tuesday

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
8.4	31	9.0

Homedale Chamber meeting days switch in January

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday after deciding to reschedule what should have been its December meeting. During the business organization’s November gathering, president Gavin Parker suggested moving the meeting planned for Dec. 27 to noon on Tuesday. The Chamber will meet in The Bowling Alley banquet room at noon. The Bowling Alley is located at 18 N. 1st St. W. Parker also said the January meeting, typically scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month, will be held on Jan. 31.

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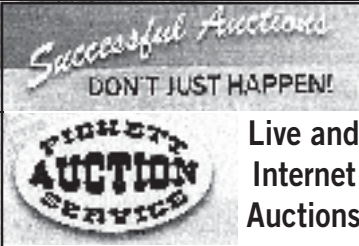
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Extension offers range and ranch seminars in early months of 2023

There are three livestock-related Extension programs coming in early 2023. These include the Southwest Idaho Calving Schools, the Idaho Range Livestock Symposium, and an Artificial Insemination School. Keep reading for details on each program.



Scott Jensen

• The Southwest Idaho Calving Schools will be held Thursday, Jan. 5 in Caldwell at the UI Caldwell Research and Extension Center and Friday, Jan. 6 in Cambridge at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

The purpose of the school is to help cattle producers increase their calving knowledge and hone skills needed in the upcoming calving season. Topics for the calving school will include cow nutrition in late gestation and early lactation, preventing dystocia through selection and management, calving equipment and procedures, and stages of parturition.

After lunch there will be a hands-on demonstration that will include calving difficulty and calving assistance as well as calf care and health.

The final session topics are preventing and treating calf scours and a necropsy demonstration.

Contact the Canyon County Extension Office at (208) 459-6003. The \$10 registration includes lunch.

• The Idaho Range Livestock Symposium (IRLS) will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10 in Homedale, Wednesday, Jan. 11 in Twin Falls (and virtually), and Thursday, Jan. 12 in Idaho Falls.

The IRLS initially began in 1995 as the Intermountain Cow Symposium. This collaborative effort provided a new opportunity to Idaho’s ranchers and range professionals to learn about the latest science and research in range by bringing together the University of Idaho Department of Animal and Veterinary Science, the University of Idaho Extension, the Idaho Cattle Association, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association.

The symposium has grown into an annual, traveling event held in three or four locations across southern and central Idaho.

In January, we are hosting in-person events in Homedale, Twin Falls, and Idaho Falls. The Twin Falls session will be broadcast virtually via Zoom so that it is acces-

sible to folks in distant areas.

The IRLS program is designed to benefit livestock producers and land managers. Speakers at the 2023 symposium will share science-based information on beef cattle nutrition, hay quality, animal health, and some of the challenges of managing with or around green energy projects on rangelands.

Virtual fencing options and applications on rangelands are a new and innovative management tool. The IRLS will feature a panel discussion of current virtual fencing research efforts and how this new management tool might be utilized in a “real-world” application.

The upcoming symposium is made possible through our current collaborators, which include the UI Extension, University of Idaho Rangeland Center, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, College of Natural Resources, Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Idaho Department of Lands, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration is requested as lunch will be provided.

You can register at www.uidaho.edu/rangesymposium.

• The 2023 Artificial Insemination School will be held Tuesday through Friday, March 7-10 at the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale and at a local dairy for palpation practice.

The training will cover bovine reproductive anatomy and physiology, semen handling, insemination technique, heat detection and timing of AI, sire selection, and designing your breeding program.

The class includes three days of palpation practice.

Class participants will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the class. Those that desire will also be able to take the Idaho State AI license exam at the conclusion of the class.

Seating is limited for the AI School and typically fills up well in advance of the class. If you are interested in taking the AI School, I recommend contacting me right away at scottj@uidaho.edu.

— *Marsing resident Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact him at scottj@uidaho.edu.*

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Story Time

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

Thursday

Fit and Fall class

10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

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

ION Heritage Museum board meeting

6 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Free lunch

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

Tuesday

County commissioners meeting

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

Fit and Fall class

10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

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

Homedale Chamber meeting

Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Region III assistance assessments

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

Arock school board meeting

7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday, Jan. 5

Fit and Fall class

10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

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

Friends of Homedale Library meeting

4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Teens and Tweens

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday, Jan. 6

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday, Jan. 7

Free lunch

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

Monday, Jan. 9

County commissioners meeting

9 a.m., county courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Homedale library board meeting

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

Book club

12:30 p.m. lunch, 1:00 p.m. discussion. Adults. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Library, (208) 834-2785 or Kathy Chick (208) 599-2148, leave a message.

Homedale FFA meeting

6 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

GV Community Club meeting

6:30 p.m., Grand View Community Club (formerly St. Henry’s Catholic Church), 501 Idaho St., Grand View.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Idaho Range Livestock Symposium

9 a.m., free registration, Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. Register at <https://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center> under ‘Events’, (208) 885-6536 or (208) 364-3176 or 4range@uidaho.edu

Fit and Fall class

10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Sr. Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

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

Homedale Fire board meeting

Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Region III assistance assessments

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

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Dec. 28-Jan. 2: No School – Christmas Break
Jan. 3: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, cheese stick, applesauce
Lunch: Chicken Crispito, buttered corn
Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, buttered mixed vegetables

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Dec. 28-Jan. 2: No School – Christmas Break
Jan. 3: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, applesauce
Lunch: Crispitos, buttered corn
Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, buttered mixed vegetables

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. 28-Jan. 2: No School – Christmas Break
Jan. 3: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes or bagel and cream cheese **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part **Grab-n-go:** Italian sub meal, Tater tots
Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast bites **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Grab-n-go:** Ham and cheese sub

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Dec. 28-Jan. 3: No School – Christmas Break
Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, maple syrup, mixed fruit, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, roll **Hot Grab-n-go:** Quesadilla (chicken, cheese), potato wedges

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Dec. 28-Jan. 8: No School – Christmas Break

Rangeland group focused on sustaining livestock industry

Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership annual meeting will focus on coping with changes in a growing world. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 17-18, inside the Elk Meeting Rooms at the Idaho Department of Fish & Game Southwest Region Office, 1950 N. Gate Blvd., Nampa. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ircp-2023-annual-meeting-tickets-481966764567> The meeting will run from 1 p.m., to 5 p.m., on Jan. 17 with sessions titled “Virtual Fencing” and “Renewable Energy and Rangelands in Idaho.” The second day goes from 8:30 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Jan. 18 and will include a “Collaborative Stewardship on Idaho Rangelands” discussion. Panelists will bring information pertaining to some of the unique challenges and impacts rangelands and rangeland stakeholders are facing with Idaho’s growing population. After a question-and-answer session, there will be a group breakout session, sharing sessions and further discussion. Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards is IRCP coordinator. For more information on the IRCP, visit <https://idahorcp.org/> or find the organization on Facebook at IdahoRCP.

Obituary

Leslie Lynn Jayo

Leslie Lynn Jayo passed away on the evening of December 8, 2022. Leslie was born on October 9, 1943, in Boise, ID to Lois Burris and Vernon Hayes. Leslie attended school in Parma, ID until her senior year, in 1961, where she graduated from Caldwell High School. She attended University of Idaho, graduating in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in Communications.

Leslie married Gene Jayo of Oreana, ID on May 6, 1966. Over the years, Leslie’s applied her talents to work at a variety of locations and positions, while holding several volunteer positions. She retired from the Bureau of Reclamation in 2007. She worked as a mediator for Ada County Small Claims Court. In 2010, she worked for US Census. Most recently, she was commonly seen at the Nampa Costco where she worked for



CDS and Lennox.

Leslie was a lifelong volunteer. She donated her time as a dispatcher for the Marsing Fire Department, Owyhee County 4-H Leader, 15 years on the Marsing School Board of Trustees, Southwest Idaho RC&D, a Canyon County Pet Haven Foster, and volunteered with the Elderly Opportunity Association until her death.

Leslie is survived by her

daughters: Melissa Jayo of Jordan Valley, OR and Gena Hoagland of Hillsboro, OR; Brothers Jerry Timmons of Caldwell, ID and Roger Timmons of Nampa, ID along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband Gene Jayo, infant daughter, Leisa Jayo, sister Donna Timmons, mother Lois and her stepfather Frank Timmons.

Leslie was an avid lover of animals and young people and will be missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held at the Marsing Community Center in Marsing, ID, at 2:00 pm, on Saturday, January 7, 2023. There will be a private interment at the Mount Calvary Cemetery, Nampa. Services will be conducted by Nampa Funeral Home Yraguen Chapel. An online guest book and full obituary is available at www.nampafuneralhome.com

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day
Dec. 28: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli
Dec. 29: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans

Jan. 3: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, sautéed cabbage
Jan. 4: Tuna salad sandwich, side salad, carrot salad

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. 28: Cheesy cod over rice pilaf, baby

carrots, coleslaw, 9-grain bread
Dec. 30: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, spring blend vegetables, whole wheat roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
Dec. 29: Lasagna, green salad, green beans, garlic bread, yogurt, fruit, dessert
Jan. 3: Pizza, green salad, pineapple, cottage cheese, cookies

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Dec. 29: Tuna casserole
Jan. 3: Spaghetti
Jan. 5: Baked chicken

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECTS: THAT’S A WRAP



Kevin Beebe (left) and Nikki Graham stopped by The Owyhee Avalanche office last week to pick up the gifts community members had generously provided for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents. Staff at the Homedale facility distributed the presents during Friday’s Christmas party.



Above: Steve Davison (left) and Chantyrose Davison, a member of the Marsing Beautification Project, wrapped presents during last Wednesday’s Giving Tree finale at The HUB in Marsing. Steve’s son, Jordan, also helped. Below: Marsing schoolteacher Shoni Jarvis (left) and schools superintendent Norm Stewart also helped. Photos by Julie Franklin



Courthouse report

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

- Dec. 20**
Rena M. Simpson, Bruneau — Misdemeanor reckless driving (amended from misdemeanor driving under the influence): 30-day driver’s license suspension, 1 year unsupervised probation, \$545 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged after successful completion of sentence
- Dec. 13**
William Thomas Gray, Murphy — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal): \$142.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs.
- Dec. 9**
Hailey D. Mangum, Homedale — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 4 years in state prison (5 days served, balance suspended), 4 years felony probation, \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony destruction, alteration or concealment of evidence; felony possess or attempt to possess major contraband within correctional facility; misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
James Edward McPeak, Caldwell — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 4 years in state prison (6 days served, balance suspended), 5 years felony probation, \$435.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession, misdemeanor destruction, alteration or concealment of evidence
Dalton Roy Strack, Homedale — Felony fraudulently obtained goods or services possessed, concealed or disposed of, value over \$300 2x (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in state prison (19 days served, balance suspended), 5 years felony probation. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony grand theft, felony fraudulently obtained goods or services possessed, concealed or disposed of, value over \$300 6x; felony fraud by criminal possession of a financial transaction card or number to purchase goods or services 7x; felony fraudulent possession of FTC or number-procure, obtain or produce to another with intent to defraud; felony fraudulent use of a financial transaction card 3x; felony burglary 5x; felony controlled substance possession; misdemeanor controlled substance possession; misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
- Dec. 7**
Craig Pinz, Parma — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 3 days in jail, 1 year unsupervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$226.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driver consume or possess open alcoholic beverage container
Fredrick Joshua Engum, Caldwell — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$600 in fines, \$395 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance (2nd or subsequent offense)
- Edgar Melendrez, Marsing** — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal; amended from misdemeanor battery): 3 months unsupervised probation, \$250 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
Sara L. Mullins, Parma — Misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers (plea deal): \$100 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
Noel A. Obregon, Homedale — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$210 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance (2nd or subsequent offense)
Rita Tumika Ramirez, Homedale — Misdemeanor petit theft, misdemeanor no-contact order violation (plea deal): 79 days in jail (served), \$300 in fines, \$495 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driving without privileges, misdemeanor fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance (2nd or subsequent offense), misdemeanor driver consume or possess open alcoholic beverage container
Ashley N. Rodriguez, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession 2x (one count amended from felony controlled substance possession), misdemeanor assault and battery upon certain personnel, misdemeanor fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance (2nd or subsequent offense) (plea deal): 190 days in jail (22 days served; 168 days suspended), 24 months supervised probation, \$510 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony introduce or attempt to introduce contraband into a correctional facility, misdemeanor assault, misdemeanor DWP, misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers, misdemeanor adult transports minor in vehicle while under the influence, misdemeanor fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance (2nd or subsequent offense), misdemeanor driver consume or possess open alcoholic beverage container
- Christopher John Soshea, Homedale** — Misdemeanor DUI (amended from misdemeanor excessive DUI; plea deal): 180 days in jail (1 day served, 14 days to serve, 165 days suspended), 24 months supervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$352.50 in court costs
Paramjeet Singh, Elk Grove, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, operating a vehicle without a trip permit: \$122.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Dec. 6**
Adam Franklin Jesus, Visalia, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs.

Avalanche Sports

Huskies halt 4-game skid in OT

Marsing High School evened its boys' basketball record with a little extra work Thursday.

Dusty Engle scored eight points, including free throws in the overtime, to help fuel the Huskies' 39-32 non-conference win over host Payette.

Braden Ankeny hauled in 11 rebounds during the game.

"In OT, Nacho (Margarito) and Dusty hit some crucial free throws," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

"The whole game, Braden controlled the boards, and role players like Gene Showalter and Clayton Shofner stepped up defensively as well and gave us a huge spark."

Teagan Kinney tipped in a missed layup with less than two seconds left in regulation to take the game into overtime.

"We held them to three points in the third quarter, with probably our best defensive game this season overall," Little said.

Nine of Ankeny's rebounds were on the defensive end, and Engle swept six of his seven off the Pirates' glass.

Jace Chadez, who added seven points, and Shofner took offensive charges as the Huskies (4-4 overall) snapped



Teagan Kinney, shown dealing with a Payette double team from earlier in the season, pushed last week's game into overtime for Marsing.

a four-game losing streak.

Chadez, Engle, Margarito and Braden Ankeny collected steals.

Payette (5-2) saw a three-game winning streak end despite Jaydin Morin-Bishop's game-high 18 points.

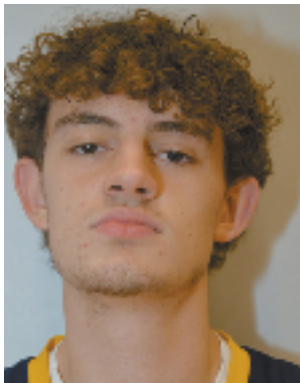


Cool award on the chilly Blue
Homedale Youth Sports coach Kenny Thomas shows off the plaque he accepted during the Idaho Youth Sports Commission's Game Changer award presentation at the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on Dec. 20 in Boise.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week's schedule



Boys' basketball
Dusty Engle, jr., G/F
8 points in OT win over
Payette



Girls' basketball
Raylynn Vanosdall, so., G
2nd year on varsity
roster



Wrestling
Tristan Izzard, fr., 195
Finished 9th in Dec. 17
Juston Wolfe Invitational

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. North Star Charter, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 3, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Jan. 3, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Jan. 3, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 4, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference tri-meet
vs. Nampa Christian and New Plymouth, old gym

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Sports

Melba pounds out win versus Weiser

The full package landed squarely on Melba High School's opponents last Wednesday.

Tucker Lowber poured in 23 points to join three other teammates in double figures during the Mustangs' blowout non-conference victory over Weiser.

Cache Beus notched a double-double as Melba used a powerful offense and devastating defense to beat the Wolverines, 81-54, in boys' basketball inside Potter Gymnasium.

The game was the last of 2022 for coach Spencer Trappett's squad, while Weiser starts play in the two-day Parma Holiday Tournament today.

Beus led Melba (8-0) with 13 rebounds while putting in 11 points.

Cutter Beus scored 14 points to go with six boards, and Braden Volkers added 12 points and three assists.

Lowber also collected five rebounds.

Weiser (2-5) received nine points from Malakye Scott, while Jack Shirts and Tommy Johnson scored eight points apiece.

This time, it's the Mustangs in OT vs. HHS

Five OT periods in three seasons for non-league foes

The Melba-Homedale high school boys' basketball rivalry continues as close as possible.

And why not an overtime game in this season of "extra time," thanks to the World Cup.

The Mustangs dominated the four extra minutes to sweep the non-conference season series Dec. 20.

Melba outscored visiting Homedale, 9-2, in OT, grabbing a 59-52 victory.

Braden Volkers and Cache Beus each posted double-doubles as Melba started another week in its early perfect season.

The Mustangs crushed Weiser, 81-54, last Wednesday for their eighth consecutive 2022-23 victory.

Melba beat Homedale, 57-47, in an earlier outing on Dec. 10 inside the HHS gymnasium.

Homedale (3-6) has lost three straight games to the Mustangs since beating Melba, 50-46, in a triple-overtime thriller on Dec. 11, 2021 in Potter Gymnasium.

In fact, both of Homedale's victories in the past six games of the series came in extra time. The Trojans prevailed, 42-40, in OT on Dec. 5, 2020 in Melba.

In the latest meeting, the Trojans jumped out to a 19-10 lead after eight minutes.

Jaxon Dines had another team-



Jaxon Dines

leading scoring performance with 18 points.

Melba began to chip away at Homedale's lead, though, and trailed by five points (27-22) at the intermission.

Coach Spencer Trappett's club finished the comeback with a 14-9 fourth-quarter run that sent the game into OT tied, 50-50.

Volkers had 12 points and 12 rebounds to pace the Mustangs' four double-digit scorers. He also had four assists.

Beus had 10 and 10. His younger brother, Cutter, just missed a double-double with 12 points and nine rebounds to go with six steals.

Tucker Lowber put up 12 points and pulled down five rebounds.

Dines' senior teammates — Sigmund Goode, 14 points, and Mason Strong, 11 — also reached double figures.

HMS wrestlers reach bronze medal bouts at State meet

Marsing: Izzard to quarters; Adrian's Jordan takes sixth

Three Homedale Middle School wrestlers now own state tournament medals.

Micah Higley, Porter Swan and Mateo Black were part of a local contingent of 12 wrestlers who competed at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa on Dec. 17.

Competing in the 95-pound division, Black took 31 seconds to pin New Plymouth's Blaine Ethington for third place.

Higley (70 pounds) and Swan (90 accepted fourth-place medals after losing their bronze-medal matches.

Other Trojans in the field included Gibson Rice (100), Dally Allen (124), Hunter Bell (138), and Shayde Volk, who collected back-to-back wins in the consolation bracket at 147.

Marsing 75-pounder Taylor Izzard reached the quarterfinals, and Huskies

teammate Damien Leon (90) won back-to-back consolation bouts.

German Martinez also competed at 115 pounds.

Adrian brought two athletes led by Braysen Jordan's sixth-place finish after reaching the quarterfinals at 165.

Mannie Mulrony made a three-victory run in the 105 consolation bracket.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys' basketball
Luke Henry, so., W
Helping out with long-range shooting and scoring spurts

Girls' basketball
Sierra Telford, jr., F-G
Key rebounding, scoring in 3A SRV start

Wrestling
Nate Mitchell, so., 126
2nd-year Trojan from Notus H.S.

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Kimberly, 4 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Kimberly, 2:30 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Kimberly, 1 p.m.

Wrestling
Boys
Friday, Jan. 6 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.

Girls
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Middleton Invitational, 9 a.m.

Go Trojans!

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 31, 1997



Funds for rural addressing...

Owyhee County commissioners Dick Bass (left), Chet Sellman (second from left) and Hal Tolmie (right) accept a check for \$5,000 from Allen Pruitt (third from left), district manager of Citizens Communications in Homedale, to help finance rural addressing.

Judge proposes relocating juvenile probation office to Homedale city site

Owyhee County Magistrate Judge Thomas Ryan told the board of county commissioners he believes the county would be better served by relocating the juvenile probation officer to the city of Homedale.

Since a majority of youths in the juvenile probation system live in the cities of Homedale and Marsing, Ryan said, it makes good sense to make the move.

The modular building currently housing the JPO in Murphy could be moved to Homedale, and the county would save money — the JPO would work three days a week in Homedale, and travel to Murphy only one day a week. The savings in travel costs alone would pay for relocating the physical plant to Homedale.

Commissioners Dick Bass and Hal Tolmie said they thought the idea would benefit the county, and Tolmie said he'd speak to Homedale Mayor Paul Fink about it.

Feds give county Marsing Job Corps surplus

Owyhee County may not get the old Job Corps site in Marsing for use as a juvenile jail.

But it made quite a haul recently when the U.S. Department of Reclamation told Sheriff Gary Aman the county would have whatever surplus items the Job Corps left behind when it relocated to its new center in Nampa.

The list includes many kitchen utensils, two fax machines, numerous desks and chairs, computer desks, filing cabinets, typewriters, a nearly new satellite system with all the components including an eight-foot satellite dish, a commercial-sized carpet cleaner, a vacuum cleaner, shovels and rakes.

Aman added that some of the materials, such as desks and chairs, can be used in Grand View's new city hall building. The sheriff's office and the assessor's office recently moved satellite offices into the quarters, where they will provide driver's license tests and issue license plates.

Wish Tree sponsors report successful year

The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Wish Tree Committee delivered gifts to 150 children in the Homedale area on Saturday, December 20.

The Homedale Police Department, Homedale High School students, and members of the sorority distributed the gifts around the community.

50 years ago

December 28, 1972



MEASURING THE FIRST YARD of pennies in "A mile of Pennies" fund-raising project of the Homedale High School band are, from left, Gregg Garrett, band club secretary; Lori Matteson, vice president, and Patsy Kora, president. The penny collection is one of a series of projects currently being conducted by band members and the band boosters club towards raising over \$4,000 for a week's trip for 80 members of the marching band to Calgary, Canada to the Stampede. In dollars and cents, a mile of pennies equals \$844.80. Photo by Bette Uda.

Trojans fell Lumberjacks for third straight win

Homedale wound up its pre-holiday basketball schedule Friday night by axing the Council Lumberjacks 62-54. The Trojans rolled up 41 points in the second half after a tight defensive game in the first half. It was their third straight victory and brought their record to 6-4.

Mike Hyer countered 16 points and Rick DeGroat 14 to pace Coach Garry Matlock's Red Terrors on the Snake.

Terry Horn turned in one of his top performances in an eight-point outing, and Doug Takasugi and Gary Godlevsky each chipped in a half-dozen points as eight Trojans tallied.

For the invading Lumberjacks, Jess Nelson and Bruce Whitaker mustered 14 counters, while Dave (Woody) Wilson hit 12 and Tim Ritter 10.

Friday night Homedale hit 26-72 for 36 per cent to Council's 24-60 for 40 per cent. But Homedale's two more fielders on a dozen more tries proved to be a decisive factor along with the Trojans' 51-36 dominance of rebounding.

After nursing a 10-9 lead in the first quarter, Homedale boomed ahead 21-16 by halftime and by 41-33 after three sessions. It was 21-all coming down to the stretch, but with the lead, the Red and White managed to hold off the northerners.

P.O. closed

The Homedale post office will be closed today (Thursday) in observance of funeral rites for former president Harry S. Truman, Postmaster Vic Uria said Wednesday.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:
"After that cold weather, got to wonderin' if the tiny tinglin' in my cheeks was love — but it turned out to be frostbite. Happy New Year!"



155 years ago

December 28, 1867

Editors.—An exchange draws the following vivid picture of an editor :—

An editor's qualifications are various. It is to work harder, more hours in the day, with less recreations, on less sleep and poorer pay than any of our fellow mortals. It is to be busy when your neighbors are idle, busier when they sleep, and busiest when they are enjoying a good time. It is to be always in a hurry, always under a press of business, always "setting up" when others are lying down, and always charitably distributing the results of our daily labor. It is to have your opinions always put to "proof," and seldom into practice. It is to advertise other people's wants, wishes and wares; to announce facilities for pleasure; to herald the approach of diseases and the invention of cures for them; to make known who has been robbed, how much, where, who is the robber, his personal history, his trial, sentence, and its execution. It is to receive nice fruit and notice it, to be shown natural curiosities and describe them, to be everywhere at all times, and to be able to answer all questions on all subjects. It is to publish too much sentiment for one, too much politics for another, and too little news for all. It is to make a dozen enemies to one friend, and to be pitched into by anybody who chooses to consider himself aggrieved. It is to take complimentary tickets to everything and pay for them in complimentary notices. It is to be bored by friends suggesting how you should carry on your business, and bullied by those whom you have hit in vulnerable spots. It is a life of mingled good and ill, trial and triumph, never-ending toil and never-beginning felicity, wherein you work out your allotted time with the "devil" always at your elbow, calling for sole end in this life — a little more copy.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.—Next Wednesday is the beginning of 1868. The past has been an eventful year in the history of Owyhee. One year ago the prospect was dark and gloomy, work was suspended on nearly all of the mines and not a mill was running; now a large number of mines are being worked and nine mills are in operation nearly all the time. Large amounts of bullion are being shipped to the Mints. There is no excitement, business is lively, people are cheerful, and labor is in good demand. In taking an impartial view of matters and things during the past, we are led to the conclusion that the dark days of Owyhee are over; its progress for the better during the last six months being almost unrivaled in the history of mining camps. One of the most noticeable and commendable features of which is most of the mines now worked are paying all expenditures besides affording handsome profits to their owners. If improvement be as great in '68 as it has been in '67 our mines will be unrivaled by any in the world.

TREASURE SHIPMENT.—Wells, Fargo & Co. a shipment of bullion from this place to San Francisco during the present month, December, amounts to \$105,000, all the product of Owyhee, being an increase of \$25,000 over that of last month, and nearly twelve times as much as was shipped from here in December, '66, which was only \$9,386. These figures speak for themselves. Next month the shipment will probably foot up \$120,000, and keep increasing, till a year hence, when we are confident our mines will produce a million dollars per month.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
Owyhee
Open hearts,
full disclosure

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 1967, a baby boy was brought into the world. His story would be exactly the type of tale that Sen. Mike Crapo illuminates in his commentary this week.

But the tale also has a factor on which the senator doesn't shed light.

The boy was born with medical issues to a mother who apparently wasn't in a position to take care of the baby. There were other societal and marital issues to be considered as well.

The boy became a ward of the State of California. With the severity of his medical problems, he wasn't expected to live past six months without surgical intervention.

A man, who as an ambulance driver along a bloody corridor of California highway had seen his share of carnage and family-shattering loss, was desperately searching for an answer to the emptiness he and his wife felt after losing two infants at birth in back-to-back Mays.

The first step for the young couple was foster care. They stepped into that role and provided a safe, warm home for two teenage boys.

But the couple wanted to raise a child of their own.

For the man, the quest began after one particularly horrific crash scene at which he found badly burned children whose parents had perished in the automobile accident.

The nurse at the hospital was adamant in talking the man out of trying to take the children home.

Astronomical medical bills, she warned. A life of pain and suffering, she foretold.

Reluctantly but prudently, the man relinquished. The nurse would keep him apprised of any future situations in which the young couple could help an infant whose life was beginning on the wrong foot.

A short time after the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 1967, the couple's home phone rang.

The infant boy with the severe medical problems was brought into the couple's home soon after: A ward of the state, yes, but a foster child. The new guardians' plan was to care for the boy and together, with child welfare authorities, determine if a more permanent situation would be ideal for both parents and child.

Less than five years later, with the two foster teens

— See *Hearts*, Page 13

Letters to the editor

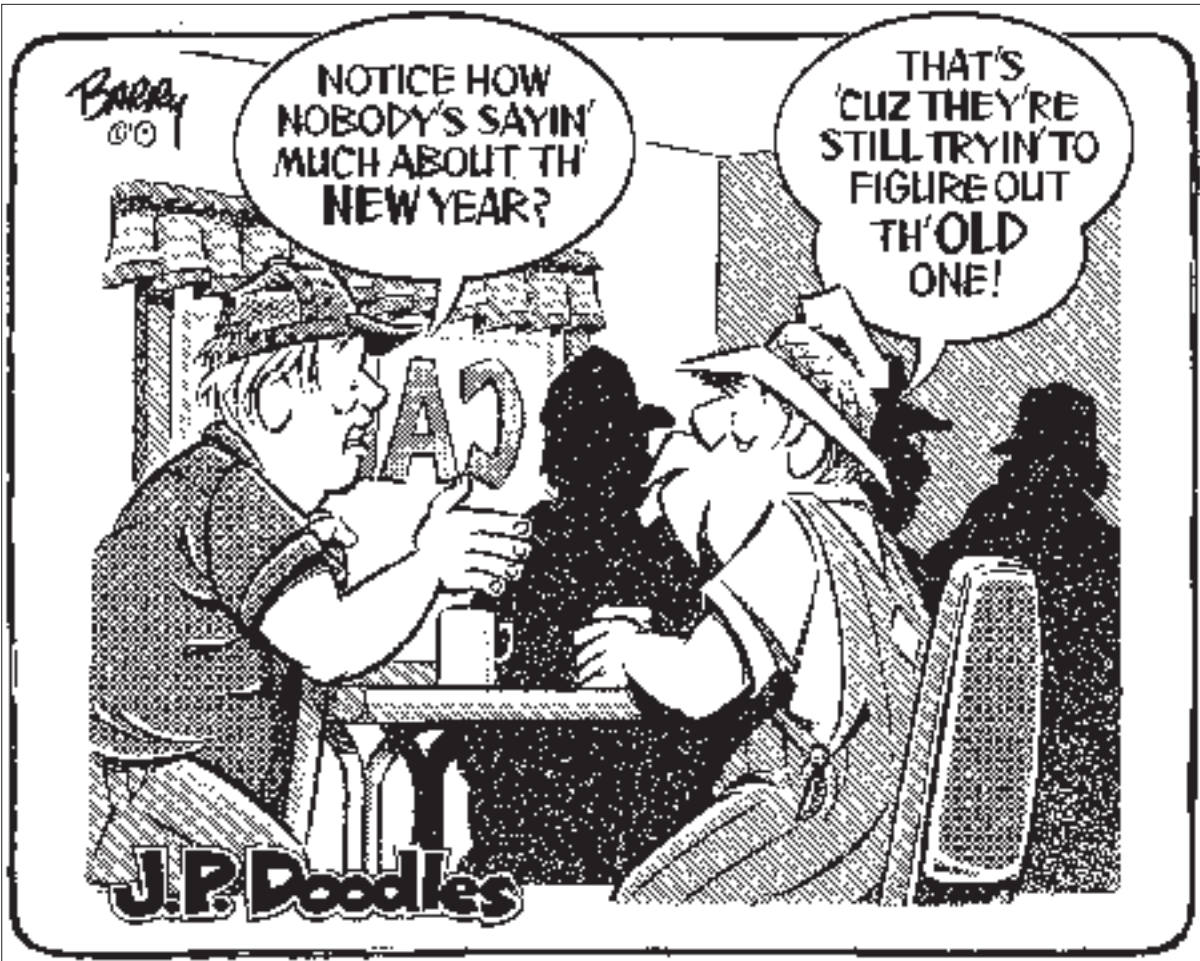
All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

JP Doodles



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

From Washington
Celebrating adoption in Idaho

Adoption provides opportunities to turn heartbreak into love and growth for Idaho children in need of a loving home and the families who are blessed with their additions. According to the Children's Bureau, an office within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 353 children were adopted from foster care in Idaho in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. Idaho children awaiting adoption, including those who have been abandoned and abused, have often overcome difficult experiences. Their resilience is admirable, along with the compassion and giving spirits of Idaho's adoptive families.

This holiday season is a reminder of the Idaho families and families across our country who open their homes and hearts to children in need of loving parents. For more than 20 years, the Saturday before Thanksgiving has been recognized as National Adoption Day. I, along with fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch, once again co-sponsored a resolution supporting National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month. On Dec. 5, the Senate unanimously passed this resolution that promotes national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrates children and families involved in adoption and encourages the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency and well-being for all children.

The acknowledgements in the resolution include: "for many foster children, the wait for a loving family, in which the children are nurtured, comforted, and protected, seems endless; ... every day, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded where committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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adoption." Child Trends, an organization that compiles data on our nation's children and youth, reported:

- The average length of stay in care before adoptions were finalized in FY 2020 was 28.8 months, less than the national average of 32.2 months;
- 6.3 years old was the average age of adopted children in Idaho that year;
- Similarly, the average length of stay for children waiting to be adopted was 27.4 months; and
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted was 8.2 years.

It is also important to note that many families also await being placed with a child, and birth parents who do not believe they are in a position to parent

— See *Adoption*, Page 13

Commentary

Financial management

Parents’ loan offer is generous, but a gift avoids pitfalls

Dear Dave,
I’m 32 and a teacher. My house is my only debt, and there’s \$55,000 left on my mortgage. My parents always taught my brother and I about saving and being smart with money. The other day, Mom and Dad offered to pay off the rest of my mortgage by loaning me the money with a very small interest rate. I know you don’t like the idea of mixing money and family, but considering I have a great relationship with my parents, what do you think about this offer?

— **Lacy**

Dear Lacy,
I’m going to make a suggestion before saying, “Don’t do

this.” See what I did there?
But seriously, I’d recommend they just make the money a gift and reduce your portion of any later inheritance by that amount. By doing this, you could help reduce the possibility of your brother feeling slighted in any way.
I would never loan my kids money. And here’s why: One hundred percent of the time, the Bible says the borrower is slave to the lender. That doesn’t exempt parents and their kids. No matter how nice your masters are, you’re still a slave in this kind of situation — and you’ll feel it. Family dinners and get-togethers are different when you’re sitting down to eat with your masters



— your creditors — instead of just good ol’ Mom and Dad.
Don’t get me wrong. I’m not suggesting you should act ungrateful that they offered

a loan instead of a gift. It’s a generous thing either way. But if they don’t want to go the gift route, that’s fine. You have a good job, a nice home, and you’ll be OK. The thing is, I just wouldn’t want to take a chance on straining a great relationship — or even ruining it — because of money.
Lacy, you’re 32, a teacher and a homeowner. In my mind that says a lot about you, your maturity and your work ethic. That being the case, I get how this could be a weird thing for you to do. So, I’m going to give you an out: Blame me. Just tell them you talked to me, and I said don’t do the loan idea. Tell them I gave you the make-it-a-gift-tied-to-the-inheritance idea.
If your mom or dad wants to talk to me about things, that’s fine. I’ll be kind to them. But I’ll tell the truth like I always do.

— **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.*

✓ Hearts: Adoption is priceless, not revealing medical history could cost

From Page 12
now back with their families, the guardians became parents with the stroke of a judge’s pen.
The Superior Court judge signed off on the adoption of the boy, now 4 years old, after meeting in his chambers with the prospective parents and the precocious child. The boy wondered aloud if the guy was really a judge. He wasn’t wearing his black robe.
The skepticism was a sign of things to come.
The couple treated the boy as their own, spoiling him at every turn. The third time was a charm for the young couple, and they weren’t going to let their new son go without knowing how loved he was.
The story is a testament to persistence and universal love. It’s proof that benevolence isn’t something that should only be doled out each Dec. 25.
In the years that passed, the boy grew up as an only child, living in the same ranch-style home with a huge front yard for every day of his upbringing.
As the years went on, the boy forgot about that day in the judge’s chambers. The love his parents showed pushed any memory of being anything other than their son from Day 1 out of his consciousness.
He graduated high school, finished college, got a job in a profession he had dreamt about since fourth grade, and eventually moved out of his parents’ house then out of the state of California entirely.
But, every now and then, an odd recollection crept in: He was maybe 10, maybe younger, riding in his father’s red 1968 Chevrolet step-side pickup. As the vehicle rounded a turn near the boy’s elementary school — fittingly onto a street named for a butterfly — he turned to the man behind the steering wheel and didn’t recognize him as his father.

An irrational thought ran through the boy’s mind: Had he been kidnapped long ago? Was this man really his father?
The boy shook off the odd feeling and eventually his life returned to its idyllic serenity.
Until February 2011.
The man walked out of his parents’ bedroom with a document in his hand. The person he had called Dad for years had died only three days earlier. There was a puzzled look on the man’s 44-year-old face as his mother caught his entrance into the dining room.
“Mom? I’m adopted?” he asked.
The woman, who had raised this man as her own flesh and blood, cried.
“I thought you knew,” she said. “You were there with us in the judge’s chambers.”
The man obviously didn’t know. Shock was tempered by the light bulb of realization about that day in the Chevy years earlier.
The mother was a wreck. The man was calm.
He never knew anything but acceptance and love from the man and woman he had always known were his biological parents. Until today. Still, he was calm and accepting of the new reality.
He explained that to his mother, allaying her trepidation that he would be permanently disappointed.
But with the reality came a mystery, which could have been easily avoided had the boy’s father not insisted on no one telling the boy that he was adopted.
They all knew. His closest aunt, his grandparents, his dad’s best friend. But they respectfully refrained, even if it created a disadvantage for a boy who had

started life already behind the medical 8-ball.
Now, the man has been on a quest to find his biological parents — or at least family members of them — so he can piece together any genetic predispositions he needs to look out for.
The journey has been interesting. By piecing together family trees after taking a DNA test, the man has found cousins, learned about aunts and uncles (he even talked by phone to an uncle on that man’s 87th birthday in a conversation that ruled out paternity). He found out his biological father died in 2018, just a couple years before the search got serious.
But the maternal side of the picture remains blurry if not wholly undeveloped. The man has found maternal cousins, but — much like his half-siblings contacted by paternal cousins — no one’s talking or even returning inquiries.
The frustration boils down to one moral, and a piece of advice to anyone who has the Christian selflessness to take a complete stranger into their home as their own.
Don’t hide the truth. Don’t let pride obscure a child’s chances of finding out important details about the parents who relinquished their rights.
Every situation is different, of course. And not every child who is adopted necessarily should have contact with their biological parents.
But, in the end, the adoption should be open to at least ensure peace of mind that details are complete and known whenever those family history questions are asked at a wellness appointment.
Adoption is a wonderful, loving act of blind commitment.
But when you open your heart, open the record.

✓ Adoption: Congress has set policies to bring kids into loving homes

From Page 12
their child should know how many loving couples there are out there very eager and able to adopt. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare provides information and resources for those looking to find out more about adoption in Idaho, at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/>.
Congress must continually assess whether and what changes are needed to provide policies that

assist in rearing healthy, educated children who will contribute to the fabric of our society. For example, while streamlining the federal tax code in the 2017 tax reform law, Congress recognized the importance of retaining a strong Adoption Tax Credit. This credit is meant to help offset the costs of adopting a child. This is one step to try to help ease the path for permanent placement of children in loving and safe homes.
I look forward to continuing to support measures to

help ensure the health and welfare of Idaho’s children and the strength of families who open their hearts and homes to Idaho’s children in need of families.

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

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

**NOTICE
OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on April 27, 2023, 09:00 AM at the In the Lobby, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”): In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho.

Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, T1S, R2W, B.M., lying South and West of the High Line Canal

Excepting therefrom, any portion thereof which many lie within the East 330 feet of said Lot 3

Together with a Manufactured Home affixed to and made a permanent part of the subject real property described as follows:

Year: 1992
Make: KITM
VIN: X9474B22SN14088AB
Body: HS
Model: TL

System Ident. Number: Q31032812 Commonly known as: HC 79 Box 420, Melba, ID 83641-4302 Angela M. Fritzler and Eric J. Fritzler, as Trustors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated December 29, 1998, in favor of North American Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, in which Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc. was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119, and modified pursuant to the Modifications recorded as follows: on December 9, 2021, as Instrument No. 310523; on December 7, 2012 as Instrument No. 279354; on April 14, 2009 as Instrument No. 267932;

and on September 26, 2006 as Instrument No. 258249, all of Official Records

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association Assignment Dated: June 4, 2008 Assignment Recorded: June 19, 2008 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 265399 Shelly M. Casares is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on December 1, 2022 at Instrument No. 314027, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Trustor’s failure to make monthly payments beginning December 1, 2021, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$144,310.84, interest in the sum of \$4,642.39, escrow advances of \$1,184.06, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$16,495.48, for a total amount owing of \$166,632.77, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Trustors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding by certified funds (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Trustors, successor in interest to the Trustors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than

such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Trustors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 16th day of December, 2022. Shelly M. Casares

Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. ID10624

12/28/2022;01/04,11,18/2023

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
CHANGE OF WATER
RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 85598**

HEART K TRUST, C/O GILBERT GENE KING, 19100 LING LN, OREANA, ID 83650-5084 has filed Application No. 85598 for changes to the following water rights within Owyhee County(s): Right No(s). 57-2246, 57-2253, 57-7266; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

to add a point of diversion and change the place of use to an updated permissible place of use for the rights involved. The new point of diversion is located in NENE Section 34, Township 04S, Range 01E. The new point of diversion and the updated place of use are approximately twelve miles northwest of Grand View, just south of the intersection of Murphy Grand View Road and Wees Road.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/9/2023. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
12/21,28/2022

Marsing Academic Decathletes deliver in first meet of year

Marsing High School’s Academic Decathlon team opened the season with a third-place showing.

The season’s first meet took place Nov. 30, at Meridian’s Renaissance High School, and Marsing finished about 4,300 points behind the home squad, which won the event.

Marsing’s team scored 14,346 points, which was about 2,700 points behind runner-up Eagle.

Other teams included Owyhee of Meridian, Notus and Centennial from Boise.

Marsing advisor Lennie Freeman’s team picked several individual placements in the Honors, Scholastic and Varsity divisions.

In the Small School competition against Notus, Marsing earned 59 medals.

“We will be competing at the Small School level for Regionals in January, so this suggests great things to come,” Freeman said.

Marsing’s overall results from the Nov. 30 meet:

Ben Edwards, Honors — Bronze in Literature

Jared Bowers, Scholastic — Bronzes in Math and Science

Tessa German, Varsity — Silvers in Art and Literature

Nathan Madrid, Varsity — Bronze in Art

Hailey Andrus, Varsity — Bronze in Literature

James Christiansen, Varsity — Bronze in Music

Marsing also competed against Notus at the Small School level on Nov. 30:

Ben Edwards, Honors — Gold overall; gold in Social Science, gold in Economics, gold in Science, gold in Literature, silver in Art, silver in Math, bronze in Music

Emily Whitted, Honors — Silver overall; gold in Music, gold in Art, silver in Social Science, silver in Math, bronze in Science, bronze in

Literature

Amelia Green, Honors — Bronze overall; gold in Math, silver in Art, silver in Literature, bronze in Social Science

Yesenia Cuevas, Honors — Silver in Art; silver in Economics

Alex Christiansen, Honors — Gold in Math, silver in Music, silver in Art, silver in Science

Sophia Floyd, Honors — Bronze in Art

Lee Loucks, Scholastic — Silver in Science, silver in Music, bronze in Art, bronze in Economics, bronze in Literature

Jared Bowers, Scholastic — Gold overall; gold in Social Science, gold in Music, gold in Math, gold in Art, gold in Science, gold in Literature, silver in Economics

Amanda Tuttle, Scholastic — Silver overall; gold in Social Science, gold in Music, gold in Art, bronze in Science, bronze in Literature

Nathan Madrid, Varsity — Gold overall; silver in Art, bronze in Literature, bronze in Social Science

Tessa German, Varsity — Silver overall; gold in Art, gold in Literature, bronze in Social Science

Hailey Andrus, Varsity — Bronze overall; gold in Social Science, silver in Literature, bronze in Science

James Christiansen, Varsity — Gold in Music, bronze in Math

Audrie Miller, Varsity — Bronze in Math

Anna Gluch, Varsity — Silver in Social Science

Freeman said Essay Awards are yet to be announced.

Regional Speech, Interview, and SuperQuiz will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at Renaissance. Regional testing will occur in school in the week prior to the Jan. 28 meet at Renaissance.

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Story Time back at Jackson library

Youth programs return swiftly in the new year at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The Homedale district library will play host to another installment of the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.

Library youth programs coordinator Emily Lincoln will read, and the children will make paper snowflakes.

The featured stories are “Share Some Kindness, Bring Some Light” by Apryl Stott and “Snow Sisters!” by Kerri Kokias.

Story Time is held inside the library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

A game night is planned for Teens & Tweens at 5 p.m., on Thursday inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

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

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.

The library will be open
New Year's Eve.



Quilt winners Peggy Davison (above) with the adult quilt and former library board member Nancy Belknap with the children's quilt after the Dec. 16 drawing. Submitted photos



New year, new Homedale Senior Center coordinator

The Homedale Senior Center starts a new year with a new coordinator finding new ways to open the center's offerings to the general public.

Homedale resident Melissa Sorlien was hired to succeed Sandra Ledford as center coordinator in November.

Even with new leadership, the center's regular offerings continue.

And there is one service that Sorlien is surprised more people don't know about.

The senior center serves as a food bank for anyone in the community (not just senior citizens) who may need assistance from time to time.

Call the center at (208) 337-3020 for more information. The center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A congregated lunch is served each day of operation, and the thrift store is open from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. Sorlien said curbside pickup isn't utilized as much as it was during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the service can

be arranged by calling as early as possible each day.

Sorlien said she is working on a special indoor sale to thin out the thrift store's inventory. Drastic markdowns are planned during the second week of January with items set up on tables in the dining hall. What doesn't sell will be donated, Sorlien said.

The senior center's board of directors, which hired Sorlien after interviews in November, meets at 1:30 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is set for Jan. 10.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the senior center plays host to a Fit and Fall Class from 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., prior to lunch.

The Ladies Coffee Group meets at 9 a.m., each Wednesday.

A monthly foot clinic is held on the third Tuesday of each month. Appointments are necessary and bookings start at 8:30 a.m. Call the center to arrange a time. The clinic includes foot exams for \$20 and ear cleanings for \$30.

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