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Givens cave-in dazes patrons

Seven taken to hospitals after Saturday accident

High winds and deteriorating wood trusses led to the Givens Hot Springs roof collapse that sent seven people to Nampa hospitals Saturday.

Resort co-owner Nadine Givens said there were 15 to 20 people in the geothermal pool at the time of the accident.

She said things could have been much worse because several people had just exited the pool inside the 60-year-old building 11 miles south of Marsing on Idaho highway 78.

"We had a birthday party at the back (whose members) hadn't climbed back in, so there were not as many in the pool as could have been thankfully," Givens said.

Givens and her husband Steve have been involved with the resort since 1991.

Saturday's collapse involved a wooden frame that held up a double layer of Visqueen, a plastic-like covering installed when part of the redwood roof believed to be original to the 1952 building blew off 15 or 20

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Above: Patrons huddle in towels with shards of the roof floating in the pool. **Below:** A view of the damage from the front entrance. Submitted photos



Marsing may fill mayoral vacancy

Marsing could get a new mayor tonight.

Only one person has come before the city council to express interest in succeeding Chad Sevy as the chief executive.

Hazen Corder, a Morning Dove subdivision resident who served a year on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, visited with the council during its Dec. 14 meeting.

At that time, council president Chris Even, who

recruited Corder, gave his council colleagues until tonight's meeting to round up other prospective candidates.

If anyone else throws a hat into the ring, it'll come tonight. The meeting starts at 7 inside the council chambers at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

"I've had several people approach me about it," Even said last month about the mayoral post. "As I stated last time, I've got a tough time with

— See *Marsing*, page 3

Sr. center's new chief to brief city council

New coordinator Melissa Sorlien will give the city council an update on the Homedale Senior Center today.

Sorlien already has reached out to City Hall to complete protocol on holding an indoor yard sale at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., this week to pare down the thrift store inventory.

Now, she'll attend the 6 p.m., council meeting inside

the magistrate courtroom to let elected officials know what she's been doing since taking the job a few months ago.

The courtroom is across the lobby from the city offices inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The rest of the council meeting will be routine with reports from the police, public

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New senior center boss focuses on growth

Sorlien wants to bring younger community in to support seniors

The woman now running the show has a vast background that could help the Homedale Senior Center grow into the future.

Melissa Sorlien has been on the job only a couple months, and while she has no experience specific to serving as a senior center coordinator, the Homedale resident says she has developed tools in her career that will come in quite handy during her tenure.



— See *Center*, page 2 Melissa Sorlien



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U and I Together class back at Homedale library

Teens can win prizes for winter reading

After months of youth-focused activities, a U and I Together class is returning to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The free class will teach participants how to make butter at home.

The class will be held at 1 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 20 at the Homedale district library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

For more information, visit uidaho.edu/together.

Teen readers can win prizes

A teen winter reading program is

ongoing at the library through March 1.

During the program, which began Jan. 2, boys and girls ages 12 to 18 can earn raffle tickets for reading books.

A report on each book read earns a full-size candy bar and a raffle ticket.

The library received a Walmart Community Grant to provide the following raffle prizes and more:

- Mountain bike
- X-51 Atlas drone
- \$100 Amazon gift card
- \$30 Ulta Beauty gift card
- \$25 Roblox gift card

This week’s youth programs

In another activity backed by corporate support, the Teens and

Tweens participants will build fish tank shadow boxes beginning at 5 p.m., on Thursday inside the Homedale Community Center.

Home Depot donated the kits, and boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend to assemble and paint the shadow boxes.

Retired schoolteacher Steve Belknap, a Homedale resident who is heavily involved at the library, will be the guest reader for Opal Nash Story Time.

The Friends of the Library member will read “Winter Days In The Big Woods” by Laura Ingalls Wilder (of “Little House on the Prairie” fame) and “Winter Is Here” by Kevin Henkes.

The activity for preschoolers usually includes a fun craft.

Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the library.

Saturday hours expand

With the start of the new year, the library has added hours to its Saturday schedule.

The library is open from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday.

The balance of the hours of operation remain the same: noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday; 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday and closed on Sunday.

For more information on the library’s programs, call (208) 337-4228.

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✓ Center: New coordinator dives into art of building membership, funds

“All of the positions I have held are going to help me in all aspects of my position,” she said. “Great customer service, problem solver, peacemaker.”

The best tool in her belt, though, is empathy and compassion.

“I wouldn’t say anything in particular in my background other than I love old people,” she said. “My motto is ‘If you don’t have grandparents or they don’t live close, adopt some.’”

Sorlien has worked government jobs with the State of Nevada and the City of Middleton, and though her focus was customer service, those previous employment stops will help as she navigates ways

to enhance the senior center.

“That experience helps me effectively communicate with the agencies and build a great working relationship,” she said, adding that she already has had a conversation with Owyhee County Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, who is involved with the Area Agency on Aging.

The Area Agency on Aging is important in bringing funding to the senior center.

But Sorlien’s vision for the senior center goes beyond helping the 60-and-older set.

“My goals are to meld the youth with the aging,” she said. “Whether that be at the elementary level of reading to the kids to getting the high

school kids involved.”

Sorlien had the elderly at heart even before moving to Homedale and hearing about the job opening.

While working in Nevada, she took advantage of helping older folks through “senior trees,” which were giving trees similar to the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Christmas gift tree The Owyhee Avalanche plays host to every winter. Sorlien said she went in search of such a tree in Christmas 2021 after arriving in Homedale.

The sense of community will be evident even more once Sorlien gets her footing in the new job.

“My first impression after

my few weeks at the center are, it’s like ‘Cheers.’” she said.

“Everyone knows the regulars and I love getting to know everyone, but it seems like no one new comes in. I’m working out plans to draw more people to the center.”

Sorlien’s approach to the coordinator job is to learn as much about the center and its benefactors as quickly as possible.

While she was volunteering in the run-up to taking the full-time job, she asked Area Agency on Aging representatives to visit the center and show her the ropes to get caught up on reports that were lagging.

“After I was offered the position I scheduled a three-

hour training and had all of the board members attend so they know what this job entails and that I will need support from them,” she said. “I also want total transparency between myself and the board.”

Part of that process is coming up with a list of repair needs at the senior center so that grant money that is scheduled to expire soon can be utilized.

The Area Agency on Aging provides funding for the congregate meals based on participation, and Sorlien said participation rates are used when the Elderly Opportunity Agency figures out the level of support Homedale Senior Center should get for Meals on Wheels.

“I am staying on top of the grants coming up to keep the food coming for our aging community,” Sorlien said, reminding folks that the senior center also has a food pantry that is open to the entire community.

— JPB



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Homedale’s Idaho Pizza Co., changing hands after 15 years

Longtime owner Echo Hall has announced that Idaho Pizza Co., will close in Homedale on Friday. But the restaurant isn’t going away. Hall posted on social media that the restaurant will close for remodeling because of a change of ownership. “Thank you so much to our wonderful customers and community for your support the last 15 years,” Hall wrote on a post on the Homedale Community Awareness Facebook page. “We love and appreciate all of you.” Hall said the restaurant at 138 E. Idaho Ave., will be open regular hours until Friday. In response to a question to her post, Hall said that the Idaho Pizza Co., corporation is buying the business.

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✓ Marsing: City could surplus public works truck, buy wastewater puck

somebody who is looking to be in charge. “I’ve seen it for the last 23 years in my line of work,” the sheriff’s deputy (formerly with Owyhee County and now with Malheur) continued. “People who want to be that desperately in charge, there’s usually something wrong.” It sounds like Even had to pull Corder pretty hard to get him to consider the job. “Of the several people I’ve talked to, I’ve had one individual that considered it,” Even said. “He didn’t say yes or no right away. He asked questions and asked to discuss it with his wife.” Corder quipped when he took the podium: “Well, it really wasn’t like that. He kind of forced me.” Corder has lived in Marsing with his wife and four children since 2014. “The last thing I really need is something else to do in life, but I definitely don’t want (the city) to run ragged either,” Corder said. “I think it’s important that we take care of our city.” He said that he served on P&Z for only a year before the city council dissolved the commission. “So I’m just looking to help by serving my community,” he said. “Really, I just want to make sure that we’re protecting not for today but tomorrow for our kids.” If any other candidates come forward tonight, the decision could be pushed to February. But the mayoral topic is listed for action as the second-to-last item on tonight’s agenda just in case. The oath of office would be administered immediately before adjournment. • Also up for a potential vote tonight is the deletion of ordinance language that enables the city to charge an amusement license fee. The fee hasn’t been charged in years, according to City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson, but it has been on the books since the 1940s that the city could charge establishments \$20 per year for every amusement device in use. Nowadays, that would include pool tables, juke boxes, karaoke machines and lottery machines. • The council could decide to buy a wastewater puck system to cover Lagoon D in an attempt to keep algae build-up at bay. In December, city engineer Kirby Cook reported two price quotes — \$57,000 and \$299,000. The lower price also included delivery, while the higher quote was without delivery. • Code enforcement officer Seth Wahl will ask the council to surplus a 2007 Ford F150 pickup with the idea of using auction proceeds to buy toolboxes for the public works department’s remaining trucks.

— JPB

✓ Council: Airport progress, library future among hot issues in 2023

works, the city engineer, city clerk, city attorney and the mayor and council. Two differences in this month’s agenda — the airport is listed for a report, and the library report line has been removed. John Bean, the owner of Kitfox Aircraft at the airport, attended the December meeting to get the ball rolling on discussions about the current status of projects at the municipal airport. He also hopes to spark some activity on the part of the city council. Very little work has been done at the airport, and Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said that part of the wastewater rehabilitation project will entail taking material from the airport to help build lagoons. The city has an airport capital improvement plan in place, and there has been talk of using federal grants — some administered by the state’s Division of Aeronautics — to complete some of the wish list. But the lack of activity is epitomized by the fact that departed public works supervisor Bret Smith is still listed as airport manager on some paperwork. Meanwhile, the council now has one less thing to worry about as the Homedale Library District gets on its feet. During the December meeting, the council and the full library board discussed the future of the library complex, including the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library (which is being called the Homedale District Library on some of the library’s event flyers), the 1980 library now known as the Homedale Community Center, and the original 1921 library behind the community center. City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said that a public hearing must be set once the city council decides what it wants to do with the buildings. Fitzer is still huddling with Idaho Department of Commerce counsel to see how the transfer of property might affect the Community Development Block Grant used to build the Jackson library. An auditor is also examining assets prior to any transfers, although the council did give the library board 90 percent of its investment fund money so it could operate the district. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said that amounted to about \$80,000. Christoffersen also told library trustees last month that there are programs that can provide interim funding as the district awaits its first property tax receipts, which won’t come until January 2024. Library director Sharla Jensen said the library board would like to have use of all three buildings because that was the original plan when the first library design came out. A breezeway was to be built to connect the Jackson building with the 1980 building. “We would like to still go with that original idea (combining the two newer library buildings) so we can offer more to the public, and our whole goal is to be beneficial to the public,” Jensen said. The 1921 library would be refurbished and used for book sales and a museum, Jensen said. Councilman Mike Aebischer, the former city liaison with the library board and a former library board member, said he would rather see the library take over the buildings because there are more funding resources available to library districts to do refurbishment. Councilperson Kim Murray said, “I think they should have it,” when the discussion rolled around to how the city should transfer the Jackson library and whether the other buildings should be included. Christoffersen said that no one who has approached him about the subject has suggested giving the district all three buildings. “Some think we need to keep (the 1980 library) as a community center,” Christoffersen said, noting that the building had been rented 14 times for events over the holidays. Near the end of the discussion, library patron Michelle Price — who has six children who utilize the library’s programs — sided with giving all three buildings to the district. “I see they need the space for programs to happen,” she said.

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MLK Jr. Day holiday moves BOCC meeting to Tuesday

School’s out Monday in Homedale, open in Marsing, Bruneau-GV

Christopher Topmiller thus far has brought stability to the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in terms of attendance at county commissioners meetings.

But for the third time in less than a month, a pesky federal holiday may upset the man’s best-laid plans of being at the disposal of the Board of County Commissioners during every weekly meeting.

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, the BOCC will be moving its meeting to Tuesday — again.

The commissioners will meet at 9 a.m., on Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the county courthouse in Murphy.

During the most recent Tuesday meeting on Jan. 3, Topmiller had to excuse himself from the latter parts of the confab because he had a hearing on a forcible rape case in Courtroom 1.

The BOCC agenda may have to shuffle once again Tuesday to ensure the prosecutor is available to provide counsel.

While the rest of the courthouse offices will be closed for Monday’s holiday, the sheriff’s office emergency

dispatch will be available, and sheriff’s deputies and Homedale Police officers will be on patrol.

First-response services from the county’s fire and emergency medical crews also will be available as usual.

The Division of Motor Vehicles branches in Marsing and Murphy will be closed. Grand View’s DMV is only open one day a week — Wednesday — at the moment.

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

Schools in Homedale, Jordan Valley and Adrian are closed, but class is in session for Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View schoolchildren.

There will be no counter service or mail delivery from U.S. Post Offices in Homedale, Marsing, Murphy, Grand View, Bruneau and Jordan Valley.

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale and Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be open regular hours. The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed for the holiday, and the Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Mondays.

The Homedale Senior Center and the Rimrock center in Grand View are always closed on Mondays. There is no congregate meal Monday at the Sandbar Community Room inside Marsing City Hall.

US Bank in Homedale is

closed for the holiday.

Stores, pharmacies and liquor stores in Homedale and Marsing will be open regular hours.

Republic Services’ garbage collection days won’t change either.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be open from 8 a.m., to noon and from 1 p.m., to 5 p.m. The holiday won’t affect any deadlines for the Jan. 18 newspaper.

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✓ Givens: Open-air pool planned on reopen

years ago, Nadine Givens said.

The Visqueen layers, separated by constantly circulating air, have been replaced four times over the years. The design allows natural sunlight into the pool area. Givens said about one-third of the cover suspended by wooden trusses fell Saturday.

Crews cleaned debris out of the pool after the accident, and Givens said a crane will be used today to remove the rest of the wooden structure as the family prepares to reopen.

“We are hoping not more than a couple weeks, but it’s going to be an open-air pool for a while,” Givens said about the timeline and post-accident plan.

The first 911 call came into Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office dispatch at 1:46 p.m., on Saturday.

Givens said patrons told her the lifeguard on duty swung into action immediately and “was

fantastic.” The lifeguard made one of the first 911 calls.

According to an OCSO release, people hurt in the collapse ranged in age between 9 and 70. Patrons suffered lacerations and various injuries to the head, shoulders and extremities.

Six were transported by ambulance, and a mother took her child to the hospital by private vehicle before Marsing Ambulance Service crews arrived, according to MAS administrator Betty Ackerman.

Ackerman said both MAS ambulances were deployed. One ambulance took three patients to St. Luke’s Nampa, and the other took three to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center on Garrity Boulevard.

Sheriff’s deputies, and volunteer emergency medical personnel from Marsing Ambulance and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit and MRW Fire volunteers provided triage and first aid.

“The emergency personnel who got there were just marvelous,” Givens said.

The covering reportedly fell in over the deep end and the children’s area of the pool.

OCSO is seeking more witnesses who may not have been on scene when a deputy arrived 11 minutes after the first 911 call. Call non-emergency dispatch at (208) 495-1154, ext. 2 to provide contact information and to report any injuries.

Givens Hot Springs is a 141-year-old historic recreation spot. The resort’s hotel burned down in 1939.

Milford and Mattie Givens, the great-grandparents of current owner Steve Givens, started the resort in 1881. Three generations of the Givens family have owned the facility over the years. — JPB

Lions bingo returns

After a month off for the holidays, the Marsing Lions Club bingo night returns Saturday.

The first bingo night of 2023 starts at 6:45 p.m., with the early bird round.

The regular session starts at 7 p.m., at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The first regular series bingo card costs \$18, but \$2 of each card sold goes into the end-of-the-night blackout prize pot.

Additional regular series cards cost \$5 each.

A hot number prize is still available, too.

The early bird game costs \$1 per sheet, and the hot number entry is \$1.

There will be free popcorn, and refreshments will be sold.

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The science of bath fizzies is rather simple. There are two key ingredients: baking soda and citric acid. Baking soda is a base, and citric acid is an acid. When combined with water, the two create a chemical reaction that produces fizzing. This fizzing is the formation of carbon dioxide gas, or CO₂. This is the same reaction that occurs when baking soda and vinegar are combined, as used in bottle rockets or model volcanoes.

- Bath fizzies recipe:
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 4-10 drops of an essential oil scent of choice
 - 1 cup baking soda
 - ½ cup citric acid
 - ½ cup corn starch
 - 1 tablespoon water
 - Optional: cellophane bag and ribbon, cookie molds

- Activity Steps:
1. Mix olive oil and essential oil together in a bowl.



Madi Anderson

2. Mix baking soda, corn starch, and citric acid together in a separate bowl.
3. Make an indentation in the center of the second mixture and drizzle the olive oil mixture into the indentation, then mix well.
4. Add water a little at a time and blend. Adding water causes the fizzing. The cornstarch works as a dry filler. You want it to absorb the water into the cornstarch as much as possible, so the fizzie does not fizz while you are mixing the ingredients.
5. Once mixed, scoop out 1 tablespoon of mixture. Shape into balls squeezing tightly. You can also use a mold, such as a decorative cookie mold.
6. Allow to dry overnight before packaging.
7. Place in cellophane bags and tie off with ribbon.

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— Madi Anderson is the 4-H program coordinator at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. Contact her for more information on 4-H at (208) 896-4104 or madisona@uidaho.edu.

Calendar

Today

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. to 11:30 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 School Board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, The HUB, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Owyhee Sage-Grouse LWG meeting
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, Courtroom 2, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. Also available online on Zoom.

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

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

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., to 7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.

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

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

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

Marsing Lions Club bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird, 7 p.m., regular series, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Monday

Opal Nash Story Time
10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Tuesday

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

Board of 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

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

Library Board meeting
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

After school time
4 p.m., to 5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

Friends of the Library meeting
6 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

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

Teen night
7 p.m., to 8 p.m., Marvel trivia night. Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Wednesday

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. to 11:30 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

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

Thursday, Jan. 19

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

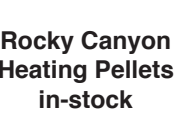
Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., ages 10-17, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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

Community movie night
7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.



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Obituary

Alice Marie Mullins

April 25, 1949-December 27, 2022

Alice Marie Mullins was born in Nampa, Idaho on April 25, 1949 to Floyd Gossard and Edna (Mace) Grimes.

Alice attended elementary school in Homedale. Her Mid High and High School education was obtained through different schools outside of Military bases. Returning to finish her education at Homedale High School, graduating in 1967.

Alice attended beauty school and worked as a beautician, eventually owning her own shop.

Alice enjoyed crocheting, sewing and reading. She spent many hours playing games on her computer. She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary for many years working in their fair food booth.

Alice is survived by her son, Nick Wilks, daughters Tina Wilks (Bryan Bauer), and Libby Pershall, sister Floydine Egurrola, and brother Bob



Gossard (Lisa), several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and an aunt.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents Floyd and Edna, her husband John (Butch) Mullins, son John Forse, and brother Ken Olsen.

Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023, noon to 3 p.m. at Txoko Ona, 333 S. Main St., Homedale, ID.

Death notices

FORREST ROGER ABBOTT, 79, of Homedale, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 at a local hospital of natural causes. Cremation: Flahiff Funeral Chapels in Homedale. (208) 337-3252

BONNIE J. (PATE) BELL, 81, of Nampa, who was born in Homedale, died on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell.

Disaster auction raffle starts

With less than a month before the big event, Marsing Disaster Auction raffle tickets are now on sale.

The \$10 tickets are available at OC Coffee, M&W Market, Marsing Hardware, the Pour House and City Hall.

Marsing fourth- and fifth-graders are selling tickets for the \$1 raffle.

The 61st annual auction will start at 10:13 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 4 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn
Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun, sliced pears, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello
Jan. 16: No school – MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, steamed buttered carrots
Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cheese stick, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash brown patty, strawberry cup

Homedale Middle

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

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn
Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun, sliced pears, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello
Jan. 16: No school – MLK Day
Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, steamed buttered carrots
Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash brown patty, strawberry cup

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

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun or Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab-n-go:** Malibu chicken wrap
Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog **Grab-n-go:** Taco salad
Jan. 16: No school – MLK Day
Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, Tater tots **Grab-n-go:** Southwest chicken wrap
Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole

grain toast **Lunch:** Crispitos, seasoned potato wedges, **Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon salad

Marsing

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

Elementary breakfast each day: 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)

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, bananas, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty hash browns **Hot Grab-n-go:** Walkin taco, potato wedges

Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or French toast sticks, maple syrup, grapes, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** **Hot Grab-n-go:** Popcorn chicken, French fries **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon ranch wrap

Jan. 16: Breakfast on a stick, sliced peaches, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, roll, chocolate chunk cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, tots

Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or biscuit, country gravy, pork sausage patty, orange wedges **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, egg roll, green beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Malibu chicken wrap

Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, maple syrup, applesauce, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, Jello **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mozzarella and garlic pull apart, potato wedges

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hash browns **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, celery sticks

Jan. 16: **Breakfast:** cereal bar **Lunch:** Mac attack, Romaine salad, peas

Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

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 except Jan. 11th, 18th

Jan. 11: Beef, bean and cheese burrito, rice, corn, sweet potato
Jan. 12: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables
Jan. 17: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed spinach
Jan. 18: Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, carrots
Jan. 19: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, broccoli with cheese sauce
Jan. 24: Baked fish, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables
Jan. 25: Hotdog on bun, chili and fries, side salad
Jan. 26: Chicken stir fry, stir fry vegetables, rice

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)

Jan. 11: Beef bell pepper casserole, carrots, spiced apples, whole wheat roll
Jan. 13: Country fried steak with country gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, chateau vegetables, whole wheat roll, V-8 juice
Jan. 16: Closed – Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 18: Salmon with Hollandaise sauce over wild rice blend, dill carrots, peas, 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 order

Jan. 12: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, green salad, broccoli, fruit Jello, peaches, roll, yogurt
Jan. 17: Salisbury steak, potato wedges, green beans, cottage cheese, fruit salad, whole grain roll, cake and ice cream
Jan. 19: Chili dogs, whole grain bun, French fries, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, cottage cheese, peaches
Jan. 24: Ham casserole, vegetables, whole grain roll, fruit salad, apples, yogurt

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Call (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation.
All ages welcome
Jan. 12: Biscuits and gravy
Jan. 17: Shepherds pie
Jan. 19: Tuna casserole

HHS Boosters crab feed on the horizon

Melba basketball teams streaking

Avalanche Sports

Trojans have 4th-quarter blues

Even during a transitional period, high school basketball teams can find illuminating moments.

For the Homedale girls, the possible watershed moment in the first season under coach Benji Sorenson came Saturday.

The Trojans played second-ranked Parma even in the third quarter only to see a familiar bug-a-boo contribute to a 46-22 3A Snake River Valley conference loss.

“They are ranked No. 2 in the state right now for good reason, and are a tough bunch,” Sorenson said. “Their pressure defense gave us a lot of trouble and we fell off again in the fourth quarter.

“Our fourth-quarter stats have been rough all season, and the trend definitely continued.”

The Panthers widened a 12-point lead with an 18-6 run over the final eight minutes.

The Trojans (6-8 overall, 2-2 3A SRV) fell behind, 15-6, in the first period, but held Parma (13-2, 4-0) to five points heading into the intermission.

The Panthers built most of their lead with six three-point goals and 18 points off 30 Homedale turnovers.



Benji Sorenson keeps an eye on the action during the Homedale High School girls’ basketball game Thursday in Fruitland. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Senior Jacy Parker led the Trojans with 11 points and seven rebounds (all on defense).

Sydney Davis scored four points, grabbed three defensive rebounds and deflected three passes.

Thursday: Fruitland 51, Homedale 42 — Another slow fourth quarter doomed the Trojans in a conference road game.

“We gave the Grizzlies

— See *Trojans*, page 10

Rollie Lane Invitational wrestling Locals taste success

HHS’ McFarlanes muscle five wins

Melba’s Svedin fourth at 145

The McFarlane brothers were the only Homedale High School wrestlers to get victories during the Rollie Lane Invitational.

Wrestling at 106 pounds inside the Idaho Center in Nampa, Trell took down his opening opponent, Isidro Cortez of Rocky Mountain, with a 9-7 sudden victory.

He came back in the consolation bracket for a

— See *HHS*, page 10

Senior Grant Svedin brought home a medal from the Rollie Lane Invitational on Saturday.

The Melba High School 145-pounder lost the third-place bout inside the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa when McQueen, Nev.’s Preston Harn pulled off a pinfall midway through the second period.

Before losing his tournament finale at the 2-minute,

— See *Melba*, page 10



Mariah Kiser squares off in the Wiley Dobbs Invitational in Twin Falls earlier this season. She wrestled in the Rollie Lane girls’ tournament. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Marsing boys roll to first 2A WIC win

Nacho Margarito led three players in double figures Friday as Marsing High School snapped out of its boys’ basketball scoring slump and beat Compass Charter.

“This was a game we needed,” Huskies coach Tim Little said. “Compass beat us last year in the district tourney, and we knew that if we didn’t show up ready to play we would miss a golden opportunity to get our first league win.”

Margarito’s 13 points and six rebounds helped Marsing beat Compass Charter, 55-31, for the team’s first 2A Western Idaho Conference victory.

“Nacho was very active the whole game, and it paid off for him — getting good looks within the paint,” Little said.

Marsing ruled inside, knocking down 17 of 31 shots in the paint.

The Huskies (5-5 overall, 1-3 in conference) also got 10

points apiece from Eli Ankeny and Dusty Engle.

Kaden Wallbuk paced Compass (2-5, 0-4) with a game-high 14 points in the home loss in Meridian.

Gene Showalter missed his four shots, but led Marsing with eight rebounds. Teagan Kinney scored nine points and snagged five boards.

Eli Ankeny led Marsing with

— See *Marsing*, page 9

Trojans’ Koon gets victory

Homedale High School put two girls in the Rollie Lane Invitational last weekend.

Myra Jean Koon picked up a victory in the 185-pound consolation bracket, pinning Vallivue’s Phoebe McAuliffe in 1 minute, 41 seconds at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The Trojans’ 145-pounder, Mariah Kiser, lost both her bouts.

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Sports

✓ Marsing: CVC capitalizes

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four steals, and Margarito had three steals.

“After giving up 12 points in the first (quarter), our intensity picked up a little on (the defensive) end,” Little said.

Little credited his players’ execution of full-court and half-court traps in helping hold the Aviators to five points in the second quarter.

The Huskies’ coach sees a “big week” for his charges this week with a trip to The Ambrose School in Meridian on Thursday and a home matchup Saturday against North Star Charter.

“This week will start to define the middle of the pack of our league and have huge implications with tournament seeding,” Little said.

Cole Valley Christian 51, Marsing 31 — The bigger Chargers put bodies on the Huskies, forcing Marsing into a season-high 18 turnovers during a conference loss at home.

The Huskies pulled to within seven points midway through the third quarter, but couldn’t capitalize on opportunities.

“That is as close as we could get, missing some close shots throughout the whole game and leaving many points on the

free-throw line,” Little said.

Marsing players went 6-for-13 from the foul line. The team connected on 12 of 35 field-goal attempts (34.3 percent), including just one of seven three-point tries.

Engle nailed the Huskies’ only three-pointer and led the team with nine points. Jace Chadez went 3-for-7 from the floor and was one of three Marsing athletes to connect on a pair of free throws en route to eight points.

“Defensively, our effort was solid against Cole Valley (9-2, 4-1), a team that attacks the rim hard with their penetration, but offensively we had difficulties executing and handling their pressure, which resulted in us going away from our gameplan offensively,” Little said.

The Huskies managed just four assists.

Braden Ankeny and Kinney shared the team lead with six rebounds apiece. Ankeny grabbed five defensive boards, and Kinney added four. Engle also collected four of his five rebounds on Cole Valley’s end.

Cole Valley senior point guard Toby Kingery led all players with 11 points, while junior forward/guard Eli Kingery added 10 points.

Marsing junior wrestles to third

Marsing High School’s Jarrek Crandall finished third at Saturday’s Mountain View Junior Varsity Invitational in Meridian.

The 285-pound junior collected the bronze medal after Bonneville wrestler Ethan Cross couldn’t make the medal round because of an injury.

Crandall reached the semifinal when he pinned Thunder Ridge’s Seth Mann in 1 minute, 25 seconds of their quarterfinal match.

Rex Salas of Madison knocked Crandall into the consolation bracket with an 8-2 decision in the semifinals, and Crandall rallied into the medal round by catching Borah’s Carlos Ortiz five seconds before the end of the opening period of their consolation semifinal.

Crandall began his tournament with a 5-0 win over Bishop Kelly’s Colin Carpenter.

Teammate Jantzen Davis,

a senior in the 145B bracket, picked up two consolation-bracket victories by pinfall.

Freshman Tristan Izzard (182) pinned Centennial’s Chad DeArmond in 69 seconds to open his tournament.

Junior Jonathan Leon (195) collected consolation-bracket victories with a 15-0 technical fall over Meridian’s Tyton Tutogi in the opening period and a pin of Crook County’s Colten McVicker at the end of the first period of their bout.

Dayley gets 15, Melba gets 15th vs. Marsing

Owyhee County’s Brooklyn Dayley scored 15 points Saturday in Melba High School’s 15th victory to open the season.

Dayley was one of three Mustangs scorers to reach double figures in a 63-20 2A Western Idaho Conference girls’ basketball win over visiting Marsing.

Kendall Clark put in 14

points, and Hallie Arnold scored 12 points to round out top scorers for Melba (15-0 overall, 5-0 in conference).

Emily Vanosdall led Marsing (4-10, 1-6) with seven points.

Marsing girls eclipse rebuilding N. Star

Lily Thoene led a balanced attack Thursday as Marsing High School posted a girls’ basketball victory that won’t show up in the standings.

Thoene scored nine points and snagged eight rebounds in a 45-23 home-court victory over North Star Charter.

“We had an evenly dispersed offense this game with four girls scoring seven to eight points,” Marsing coach Michael Swanson said.

Although Eagle-based North Star is back in the 2A Western Idaho Conference this season, the team is not playing a varsity schedule, so the game didn’t count in the standings.

Freshman Chloe Ballhagen scored 17 points for North

Star (also the Huskies) to lead all scorers.

“Chloe was a tough competitor,” Swanson said.

Marsing finished the week at 4-10 overall, 1-6 in 2A WIC.

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

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys’ basketball
Jace Chadez, so., G
8 points vs. Cole Valley

Girls’ basketball
Lily Thoene, so., P/W
Led balanced scoring vs.
North Star Charter

Wrestling
Jarrek Crandall, jr., 285
3rd in Mountain View JV
tourney

This week’s schedule

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 13, home vs. New Plymouth,
7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 13, home vs. New Plymouth,
6 p.m.

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 12 at The Ambrose School,
Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14, home vs. North Star
Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 12 at The Ambrose School,
Meridian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14, home vs. North Star
Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 12 at The Ambrose School,
Meridian, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 11, home for 2A WIC
tri-meet vs. Nampa Christian and Garden
Valley/Tri-Valley, old gymnasium, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13 at Magic Valley Classic,
Wendell, 3:10 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at Magic Valley Classic,
Wendell, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 2A WIC tri-meet vs.
Melba and New Plymouth, Melba

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Sports

✓ Trojans: 12 for McFarlane No. 1 Mustangs soar past Archers

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The Grizzlies owned all they wanted but just didn't make the plays we needed to down the stretch," Sorenson said.

Homedale trailed by just three points with 2 minutes, 40 seconds left in the game, but "a couple of costly defensive slip-ups made it tough to finish," Sorenson said.

"We have plenty of moments where we are playing better but still are learning how to close games out," the coach said.

The Grizzlies owned a big edge on Homedale's backboards, pulling down 26 defensive rebounds while the Trojans got just 11 offensive boards.

Sloan McFarlane led Homedale with 12 points, connecting on five of 16 shots.

Parker had a cold night from the floor, hitting three of 16 field-goal tries and scoring seven points.

Davis notched five points and a team-high six rebounds.

Melba High School's girls' basketball team extended its win streak Thursday behind Kendall Clark's 24 points.

The Mustangs more than doubled The Ambrose School's output in a 64-31 road victory in 2A Western Idaho Conference play.

Hallie Arnold scored 14 points, and Owyhee County's Brooklyn Dayley put in 11 as Melba (15-0 overall, 5-0 in conference at week's end) maintained a one-game lead over Cole Valley Christian in the standings.

Ellie Johnson added seven points off the bench for the Mustangs, who are ranked No. 1 in the Class 2A coaches' statewide poll.

The Archers (9-6, 2-2) received 10 points from Inara Dies on their Meridian floor. Ellie Thompson chipped in nine points.

✓ Melba: Overall wins three; others notch two wins apiece

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58-second mark, Svedin kept his bronze medal hopes alive with a 3-2 decision against Bishop Kelly's Carlos Valdez in a consolation semifinal.

Svedin reached the semifinals with another narrow victory, 5-4, against Hunter Gleave from Colville, Wash.

Svedin pinned two consecutive opponents to reach the quarterfinals, and he started his tournament with a 14-6 major decision against Mountain View's Reed Kamperman.

Trevor Rhoades (162) won his first two matches, including a 4-3 win over Nampa's Micah Roberts.

Evan Michaelson (195) used two pins to get into the quarterfinals where he lost to Gentry Smith of Post Falls by pin (2:56).

Brenton Overall (195) had three victories, including two in the consolation bracket.

Heavyweight Cody Dickard won his first two bouts with opening-round pins.

Melba boys' streak reaches 24 games

Braden Volkers returned from Christmas break on a tear.

The senior point guard averaged 26.5 points in Melba High School's two 2A Western Idaho Conference boys' basketball victories last week.

Top-ranked in the Class 2A statewide coaches' poll, the Mustangs (9-0 overall, 4-0 2A WIC) stretched their winning streak to 24 games, including last season's 2A Real Dairy Shootout state championship game and the District III final.

Friday: Melba 67, New Plymouth 53 — Volkers scored his lowest total of the week — 23 points — and Cutter Beus turned in a double-double in the road win.

Beus had 18 points and 16 rebounds to help hand the Pilgrims their first 2A WIC loss.

Tucker Lowber chipped in 15 points and five rebounds.

Colton Frates scored 15 for New Plymouth (9-2, 3-1).

Jan. 3: Melba 87, North Star Charter 52 — Volkers poured in a career-high 30 points at home.

Volkers turned in an all-around game to lead four Mustangs in double-figure scoring. He also grabbed five rebounds, dished four assists, and came up with five steals.

Owyhee County's Kaden Dayley, a senior guard, notched 15 points and four rebounds.

Lowber carded 13 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Senior Gume Ortiz came off the bench to put in 12 points.

North Star Charter (3-6, 1-3) received 19 points from senior Max Wheeler.

✓ HHS: Trey McFarlane cards three pinfalls

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7-0 decision against Highland's Derek Williams.

Trey, competing at 126, also won his first match, pinning Timberline's Ayden Meehan five seconds before the end of the first period.

He rallied with back-to-back pins in the consolation bracket — Axxel Landon of Bonneville in 1 minute, 58 seconds, and Payette's Brayden Pirrie in 1:45.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Boys' basketball
Omar Rios, sr., P
Provides size inside



Girls' basketball
Sydney Davis, sr., PG
Averaged 4.5 points, 8 rebounds, 2.5 pass deflections during week



Wrestling
Trey McFarlane, fr., 106
Won three matches at Rollie Lane

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 13, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 13, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 13, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling- Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 11 3A Snake River Valley conference dual at McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18, home for 3A SRV dual vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Boys
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 13-14 at Padilla Invitational, Parma
Girls
Friday, Jan. 13 at Jaybird Memorial, Columbia H.S., Nampa, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at Jaybird Memorial, Columbia H.S., Nampa, 9 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at McCall-Donnelly, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at McCall-Donnelly, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 at McCall-Donnelly, noon
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Cheer
Saturday, Jan. 14 at invitational, Pocatello



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Looking back...

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

25 years ago

January 14, 1998



Homedale High students Shane Gardner (left) and Matt Vander Boegh will be working as pages at the Idaho State House in Boise for the next six weeks.

Fish and Game sets date for Job Corps auction

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will sell at public auction Feb. 10 the recently abandoned Job Corps site south of Marsing.

The auction will be held at 9 a.m. at the department’s regional office at 3101 S. Powerline Rd. in Nampa. The minimum bid has been set at \$720,000.

The 43-acre site has 26 buildings, a separate septic and water system, electrical service and natural gas. Fish and Game owns the property; the buildings belong to the federal government. The Job Corps left the site for a new center in Nampa last September.

Last summer, officials from six southwest Idaho counties toured the site to assess its suitability as a juvenile detention center, to ease overcrowding at the center in Caldwell. Currently, there is not enough space to house all juveniles sentenced to detention, and many are waiting to serve their time.

The Marsing School District is currently using a few of the buildings, many of which are in need of extensive repair.

Tveidt wins National Geography Bee in Bruneau

Ben Tveidt, a fifth grade student at Bruneau Elementary, won the school level competition of the National Geography Bee on January 7. The school level bee, at which students answer oral questions on geography, is the first round in the tenth annual National Geography Bee. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers.

Ben is now eligible to take a written test, the students who earn the top 100 scores on the written test in each state and territory, are eligible to compete in their State Geography Bee held on April 3.

Trojan girls add three more wins to record

The Trojans grabbed one of their three wins of last week with a 49-32 conference win over Melba on January 6.

Jenny Overton led the scoring with 14 points.

Homedale earned a 50-45 non-conference win over Vallivue on January 8. The Trojans had a 39-26 lead in the third quarter, and even though Vallivue shortened the Trojans’ lead to 39-36, going into the fourth, Homedale was still able to capture the win.

Homedale was led by Jamie Anderson’s 11 points.

The Trojans defeated Nampa Christian 56-32 in last Friday’s conference match-up.

Overton led the scoring with 13. Deitra Haylett and Cory Nelson added 11 each followed by Tess Zatica with 10.

The Trojans are now 14-1 overall, and 8-1 in conference.

50 years ago

January 11, 1973



OFFICIALS OF Owyhee County gathered at Murphy Monday for a joyous occasion — the last payment on a \$500,000 debt undertaken 20 years ago to build an 87-mile oiled road. In the center is Dolores Ihli, county treasurer, with her hand on the two-foot stack of 500 \$1,000 bonds and coupons. Standing from left, are Frank Jayo and Donald Davis, commissioners; Barbara Jayo, clerk, and Dave Phelps, board chairman. Courtesy Idaho Statesman.

Owyhee pays off \$500,000 highway bonds

MURPHY — Owyhee County paid off Monday the last of a \$500,000 debt assumed 20 years ago to build an 87-mile oiled road to unite the county.

“Best investment Owyhee County ever made, but I’m surely glad the obligation is paid,” said Dolores Ihli, county treasurer, as she issued a check for \$35,568 to complete paying for the bond issue.

She showed a two-foot-high stack of \$1,000 bonds and coupons which had been issued to finance the project which was assisted by an \$800,000 grant of federal funds.

“I sincerely believe this has done much to bring the 6,400 people in the 7,643 square miles (of Owyhee County) closer together,” commented County Commissioner Donald Davis.

Another commissioner, Frank Jayo, noted that the “great undertaking” in 1953 was started with almost unanimous support of residents with fewer than 20 voting against the bond issue.

“The benefits of this highway has far outweighed its cost,” David Phelps, board chairman, declared.

Barbara Jayo, county clerk, auditor and recorder, called the road a “wonderful investment for Owyhee County and all Idaho.”

Their praise was for the road from Marsing to Indian Cove, across the Snake River from Hammett.

The Idaho Board of Highway directors added 66 miles of the highway from Marsing to State Highway 51 near Bruneau to the state highway system on Jan. 1.

The road was designated State Highway 78 as a salute to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association, which was organized in 1878.

School board petitions SRV for berth in 1973-74

The school board accepted a negotiated amount of \$1,000 as liquidated damages from Walter Opp Construction Co., and agreed to final payment of \$36,520.44 when the new school buildings are accepted by the board. In other action the board:

— Sent a letter to the Gem Irrigation District requesting the athletic field be excluded from the irrigation district and exempt from irrigation tax.

— That the district petition to be accepted into the Snake River Valley athletic league. If accepted it would be effective beginning with the 1973-74 basketball session.

155 years ago

January 11, 1868

POSTOFFICE AT FLINT.—Postmaster Clemmens informs us that John K. Maxwell is appointed Postmaster for Oro, Flint District. The necessary documents, &c., are expected in a day or two. We congratulate our Flint neighbors upon having ordained a postoffice, the want of which hitherto subjected them to considerable annoyance. The indefatigable Mose Lyons carries the mail across the mountains to and from Flint, on snow-shoes, three times a week.

COOPER RESTAURANT.—We call attention this week to Mrs. M. H. Cooper’s new advertisement. She has fitted up her restaurant in the tidiest, coziest, and most inviting style imaginable. Regular board unsurpassed in the territory. Hot and cold lunches, oyster stew, &c., at all hours day or night. Give the Cooper Restaurant a trial.

WINDY.—A week ago last night there raged over our mountains the most terrific storm of wind and snow combined that has ever been the lot of the “oldest inhabitant” to experience. The miners at the Poorman, which situated near the summit of War Eagle, went to the boarding house for supper and were compelled to remain all night, being unable to make their way to the sleeping rooms, about one hundred and fifty or two hundred yards distant — so great was the violence of the storm.

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WHY?.—The Owyhee AVALANCHE of last Saturday has not come to us. If “Holiday times” is the cause, all right. —*World*

That’s right, neighbor *World*, let us know when the AVALANCHE “fails to connect.” The fault is not ours — it is mailed regularly. “Holiday times” don’t demoralize us — not much.

HANDMADE PRESENT.—Master Gus. Taylor dropped in to see us the other day. He was dressed from top to toe in the best made and neatest looking suit of “boys clothing” that we have seen in the country. Upon inquiring we found that it was a present from Mrs. Geo. Cowles, who makes to order all kinds of ladies’ and gentlemen’s clothing in the newest styles.

Commentary

Center on Representative Government Democracy saw success, challenges in '22

At the start of 2022, I wrote that defending democracy was the defining challenge for the United States. I noted that we Americans have faith that democracy is the best and most just system; that we believe in government “of the people, for the people and by the people.”

Defending democracy remained a consistent theme in my columns throughout the past year. And there was some good news. For example, in the midterm elections, candidates who questioned our institutions and focused on divisive issues were largely unsuccessful. Most of those who lost, regardless of party, accepted the results.

On the international scene, the U.S. stood firm in support of democratic Ukraine, which is fighting bravely against a brutal invasion by Russia. Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Ukraine’s president, received a hero’s welcome last month when he met with President Joe Biden and spoke to a joint session of Congress. We provide generous military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

But democracy faces challenges. At home, extreme partisanship and divisive politics make it hard for our representatives to work together. As I wrote in April, we have seen encouraging signs of bipartisanship in government. Still, it often seems that Americans are living in different political universes. I noted that we need to cultivate the political skills, such as listening and compromising, that make democracy work. That’s as true today as ever.

As for international affairs, I have written often about importance of U.S. leadership, pointing out in July that we contribute more than any other nation to the search for global peace and prosperity. But we saw troubling signs, described in reports from Freedom House, the Economist Intelligence Unit and others, that American democracy and leadership are not as vibrant as they should be.

And our leadership is sorely needed. Just over a year ago, I lamented that Vladimir Putin had dashed our post-Cold War hopes that the United States and

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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.

Idaho law enforcement: Selflessly willing to protect and serve

As another busy holiday season draws to a close and the new year gets underway, I am reminded of a critical segment of our population, who collectively never take a holiday and individually hopefully get some well-deserved time with their loved ones and needed rest and renewal. According to the 2018 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, issued in October of 2022, Idaho has 112 law enforcement agencies with 3,209 sworn police officers who right wrongs and step in to keep Idahoans safe at all hours of every day. National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was Monday (Jan. 9), and every day, I thank Idaho law enforcement and their families who give generously of their time, talents and resources to helping those in our communities.

In 2019, I had the opportunity to honor a leader in Idaho law enforcement who is a fitting example of the peace officers who thoughtfully patrol our streets. I presented Latah County Sheriff Richard “Richie” Skiles with the Spirit of Idaho Award for his dedicated service to his local community and the residents of the Syringa Mobile Home Park after the neighborhood court’s closure. He spent his own time, money and resources to help ensure their safety and well-being, going above and beyond the call of duty. Sheriff Skiles’ actions have demonstrated what it means to truly serve others and are the epitome of Idaho law enforcement who honor the badges they wear by the good they do in our communities. He stayed and helped when others needed it, selflessly willing to help and seeking ways to help improve the lives of people in the community. This is the mindset of so many who choose to serve in law enforcement.

Law enforcement is a difficult and demanding profession. Whether it’s the Idaho State Police

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keeping watch over a lonely tract of highway, a sheriff’s deputy responding to a domestic violence call, or a police detective working a complicated case, they are on duty constantly, vigilantly keeping us safe — something we often take for granted. Whether it is the middle of the night or Christmas Eve, we know there is a police officer or sheriff’s deputy on duty

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Commentary

Financial management

Man, 30, courting trouble supporting 19-year-old girlfriend

Dear Dave,
My girlfriend wants me to finance a new car for her. I've already got debt from my own truck loan, and I really don't like the thought of being liable for more debt. I had her current car checked out by a mechanic who said it's in good enough shape to last at least another year or so. I'm 30, and I make \$120,000 a year. She's 19, and she makes about \$800 a week. We've been seeing each other for about four months, and I was interested in hearing your take on things.

— Cody

Dear Cody,
I really hope this isn't the case, but you just described a

sugar daddy. She doesn't make much money, she's 19 years old, and she wants you to buy her a car. I mean, can you understand why I'm worried about that? I seriously doubt there's an explanation you could give her for saying "no" that will satisfy her, no matter how logical, sweet or well-intentioned.

If you were my son, I'd thump you on the head if you did this. I'm the guy who tells people to stay out of debt, remember? So, I think you knew what my take on this would be. You need to get out of debt yourself, and you sure don't want to go into debt for someone else — especially when you're not even married to that person.



Here's the biggest problem. I've got a feeling it's going to put a real strain on your relationship if you don't do

this. But the thing is, you're going to put an even bigger strain on things if you do, because it's going to change the tone and the dynamic of the relationship to one of dependency — and not just on her part. You're going to be dependent on her making the payments, because if she doesn't, they'll fall into your lap. And if that happens, there will be even more strain on the relationship.

This could get really messy and awkward in a hurry, Cody. If she's willing to understand your position and learn about smart ways of handling money, that's fine. It could end up being a great thing for both

of you.

But be prepared for the very real possibility that she ain't going to like this.

— 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.

✓ Serve: Officers and deputies face danger, deserve gratitude

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and ready to respond.

And, law enforcement remains about individuals standing up to protect their fellow citizens from dangers. The risks they face are heightened by the rise in violent crime in many parts of our country connected to efforts to defund the police and other challenges, such as the deadly impacts of fentanyl and counterfeit pills, cartel drug trafficking, domestic violence and much more. They deserve thanks, and they deserve our support, especially through resources, education and ongoing training. I have been proud to support legislation recognizing the vigilance and compassion of those who serve in law enforcement and strongly supporting law enforcement officers across Idaho and the U.S. in their efforts to secure our communities. I will continue to support these legislative efforts as the 118th Congress gets underway.

Idaho's men and women in law enforcement are not just faces in a passing patrol car or in uniform on the street. They are neighbors, fellow church-goers, family and friends. I am grateful for their work to maintain law and order. Thank you to Idaho's law enforcement community for keeping our communities safe.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He started his fifth six-year term last week and has served in the Senate since 1999, and 2023 marks his 30th year in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

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-mail: jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Mail: P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Drop off: 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

✓ Democracy: Vigilance to preserve institutions must be strengthened in the new year

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Russia would coexist peacefully. I still hoped U.S.-Russian tensions could be managed peacefully, but that turned out to be overly optimistic. In February, Russia invaded Ukraine.

Appropriately, I wrote three times in 2022 about China. When Xi Jinping was confirmed to a third five-year term as Chinese leader in the fall, I noted that China's autocratic government, state control of the economy and aggressiveness in the Asia Pacific region make it our most serious foreign policy challenge. I described how China's threats to its neighbors, especially Taiwan, require a firm but cautious response. It's safe to say China will be near the top of America's foreign policy agenda in 2023.

I also took note of some positive developments. India, the world's largest democracy with 1.4 billion people, marked the 75th anniversary of its independence. Brazil, whose political divisions mirror our own, is managing a transfer of power

after a divisive political campaign and a razor-close election. Biden hosted a summit of leaders from Africa, which doesn't get the attention it deserves.

2022 also saw the death of larger-than-life figures on the international scene: former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and England's Queen Elizabeth II. Gorbachev's democratic reforms raised hopes that the United States and Russia could be friends, hopes that Putin has dashed. The queen was beloved in the U.S., an example of our democratic nation's ironic fascination with royalty.

As we begin a new year, our faith in democracy challenges us to live up to our ideals. We must defend and strengthen our institutions, including free elections and the peaceful transfer of power. And we must engage with the world, living our values and defending freedom when it is threatened, as in Ukraine.

America remains the world's best model for democracy and peace. May we live up to that aspiration in 2023.

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HHS athletes have steak and crab feed fundraiser tickets

Homedale High School athletes will have tickets for the annual steak and crab feed this week.

HHS athletic director Casey Grove announced Sunday that he will distribute

the tickets for the fundraiser, and folks can contact individual athletes to secure their admission.

Tickets are \$55 per person, or tables that seat eight are available for \$500.

There is a limit of 30 tables available for the group price.

The Homedale Boosters Steak and Crab Feed will take place Friday, Feb. 10 with doors opening at 6 p.m., at the

Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

The booster club has been holding monthly meetings to organize the event.

Public notices

CITY OF MARSING OWYHEE COUNTY ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	
Beginning balance as of October 1 previous year	\$0
RECEIPTS	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges)	\$72,070
Interest income	\$552
Local Development Fees	\$1,777
County Transfers and Adjustments	\$9,581
Total Local Funding	\$83,428
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	\$90,128
Sales tax/Revenue sharing	\$8,562
All other STATE receipts/transfers	\$34,023
Total State Funding	\$132,713
Total Receipts	\$216,141
DISBURSEMENTS	
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	\$34,810
Patching	\$6,962
Winter Maintenance	\$13,924
Grading/blading	\$6,962
Total Routine Maintenance	\$62,658
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment purchase	\$26,356
Equipment lease/purchase (Street Sweeper *2)	\$1,006
Equipment maintenance	\$1,423
Other- Fuel	\$1,755
Total Equipment	\$30,540
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	\$6,962
OTHER	
Street lighting	\$13,327
Professional services – audit, clerical, legal	\$1,658
Professional services – engineering	\$18,567
Total Other	\$33,552
Total Disbursements	\$133,712
Receipts Over Disbursement	\$82,429
Closing balance	\$82,429
Funds obligated for specific future projects/reserves	\$82,429
ENDING BALANCE	-0-
Attest: Jolyn E. Thompson Clerk/Treasurer 01/11/2023	

LIEN SALE
Unit G-5, Leslie or Peggy Walliser, 404 W. Utah Ave., Homedale, 83628. Items include gas cans, a fish tank, dresser, misc. car parts and tools.
Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale.
Viewing and bidding opens as of this posting on January 4th and will close at 1pm on Saturday, January 14th.
01/04,11/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. PLTS103480
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 5/2/2023, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID,

sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

PARCEL I:
A parcel of land lying in the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, commonly known as GIVENS HOT SPRINGS, more particularly described to wit:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of

December 30, 2022
Jolyn E. Thompson
City Clerk-Treasurer
01/11/2023

Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 00° 18’19” West 995.38 feet along the West line of said Section 21; thence South 89° 42’33” East 995.38 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence North 00° 21’06” East 1112.93 feet; thence North 49° 30’51” East 81.00 feet; thence North 43° 19’30” East 114.55 feet; thence North 63° 48’37” East 37.83 feet; thence North 46° 32’22” East 183.79 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way of Idaho State Highway No. 78; thence South 43° 38’00” East 133.63 feet along said right of way to a point of curve; thence curving to the right 904.82 feet along a curve having a radius of 5702.36 feet, a tangent of 453.36 feet, a central angle of 09° 05’29” and a chord bearing South 39° 05’15” East 903.87 feet; thence leaving said right of way South 47° 16’46” West 877.54 feet; thence North 89° 42’33” West 331.79 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

PARCEL II
A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more fully described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest

corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 1 North Range 3 West, Boise Meridian; thence running North 00° 22’02” East a distance of 331.77 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence running North 47° 16’46” East a distance of 877.54 feet to a point; thence running South 32½ 06’25” East on a chord of 484.51 feet using the following curve data: a Central Angle of 4° 52’11”, radius of 5702.36 and an arc of 484.66 feet; thence running South 29° 40’20” East a distance of 218.73 feet to a point; thence running North 89° 42’37” West a distance of 1010.52 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 11309 Hwy 78, Melba, ID 83641, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by C&O LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Joseph A. Moyle and Lynn S. Moyle, as Beneficiary, dated 8/27/2010, recorded 9/2/2010, under Instrument No. 272109, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest

in which is presently held by Joseph A. Moyle and Lynn S. Moyle.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed off Trust Note dated 8/27/2010, FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE WHICH BECAME DUE AT MATURITY, TOGETHER WITH ACCRUED AND ACCRUING INTEREST, CHARGES, FEES AND COSTS AS SET FORTH.
All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$137,605.00, together with interest thereon at 8.25% per annum from 1/3/2022, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: December 30, 2022

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