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County, Initiative: BLM travel plan needs tweaked

BOCC, OI fear rushed Canyonlands West TMP circumvents key public lands law components

County commissioners have fired off a letter of appeal after huddling with Owyhee Initiative officials about the Bureau of Land Management's latest travel management plan decision.

The BLM quickly turned around comments regarding the Canyonlands West Travel Management Plan, selecting a strategy that will eliminate 13 percent of the existing route mileage

within the 677,000-acre management area.

Owyhee County Commissioners had sought no changes to the current plan.

At last week's meeting, the board ratified the county's appeal, which was filed on Nov. 24. The appeal notice also reserves the county's right to seek a stay of implementation.

The resolution came seven days after Initiative chair Brenda Richards and board member John Robison visited county commissioners to air their grievances about the Canyonlands West Record of Decision.

Richards and Robison pushed for the

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Bachman Grade Road seasonal closure starts

After recent snowfall, Owyhee County Commissioners decided it's time to close Bachman Grade Road for the winter.

"After the snow this week, I know it's better now," Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said. "(But) at any point in time, I know we're going to have problems going up Bachman Grade."

Resolution 2023-43 closed the road effective immediately because of ice and snow and weather conditions.

The road will remain closed to automobile traffic until further action by the commissioners.

"To the landowners in the area, the road is closed, but you're still able to access your land," Aberasturi said during Monday's meeting in Murphy.

"We're just saying the county is no longer responsible. You are responsible for your travel."

The closure comes two weeks after the board shut down Silver City Road because of winter driving conditions.

Motorists violating the closures may be cited and charged for any rescue operations

Historically, both Silver City Road and Bachman Grade Road have remained closed until around Memorial Day.

— JPB

MARSING RINGS IN CHRISTMAS SEASON



Santa's busy weekend in Marsing

*Santa Claus capped the Marsing Chamber of Commerce's Candy Land night light parade Friday night, and also made an appearance at the city tree lighting at Island Park before going to the fire station to enjoy a cup of Chamber chili provided by Cowgirls Catering. On Saturday, Santa kept busy greeting children at the Winter Wonderland sale at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center. More parade and tree lighting photos, **Page 13***

Grand View tree lighting, parade set

Community Giving Tree at post office

A carnival and parade will highlight Grand View's Christmas Festival.

The Grand View Community Center is the host for the event, which will take place on Saturday.

A carnival will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., inside the community center, which is the former St. Henry's Catholic Church on Idaho Street.

Games include a reindeer toss, a cake walk, and a chimney toss.

Lighted floats will proceed down Main Street for the parade beginning at 5:30 p.m.

After the parade, "Soups, Stews and Santa" will be held at the Snake River Diner, 230 Main St.

Santa will be available for photos, and hot cocoa will be available, too.

A tree lighting also will take place.

The Grand View community also has a Giving Tree filled with tags so residents can help out their neighbors.

The tree is located inside the post office, 265 State St.



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Longtime OCSO employee retires

Bev White ready to spend more time with family

After three decades in the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Bev White has called it quits.

It's the final milestone in a 29-year career in Murphy that has seen a few milestones.

"I've worked with wonderful people. I couldn't say a bad word about anybody if I tried," the Oreana resident said. "I have been very, very blessed by the people I work with."

White's final day was Thursday, and her family showed up at the sheriff's office to share a celebration that included gifts and cake.

She and her husband Bill will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary in April. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Her reasoning for retiring is simple.

"Just to spend more time with my family," she said. "Spend more time with my parents and husband. And it's just time."

Starting as a dispatcher in October of 1994, White has worked in five OCSO

administrations, including Tim Nettleton, Gary Aman, Daryl Crandall, Perry Grant, and now Larry Kendrick.

White was working for the county weed department when then-dispatch supervisor Debbie Bass recruited her for the emergency dispatch team.

"I ran into her one time, and she said, 'You need to come into dispatch,'" White said.

"I came in and decided it was pretty interesting, and so I started."

That admonishment triggered a career that saw White work as a civil deputy on two different occasions as well as advance to dispatch supervisor and work as the sheriff's administrative assistant and also oversee the issuance of driver's licenses.

Her last post was as civil deputy, handling sex offender registration, concealed weapon permit registration, public records, providing case records for the prosecuting attorney, and approving impact crash reports.

She has the distinction of taking the first 911 call in Owyhee County history, although it was earlier than anticipated and not the "test call" that was expected.

"I was working a night shift, and the test call was not

supposed to come in until 4 o'clock in the morning," White said. "And I was supposed to contact Gary Aman when the call came in."

"The 911 line rang at 1 o'clock in the morning, and I called Gary and he said, 'It's not supposed to come until 4 o'clock.'"

Turns out the call wasn't a test after all. It was a Homedale resident requesting an ambulance.

"It was like a typical medical call," she said.

White also found herself on television in the early years of her time in dispatch.

A production company visited Murphy to film a 30-minute docudrama for The FBI Files show. "The Murdering Cowboy" dramatized the manhunt for Claude Dallas after he murdered Idaho Department of Fish and Game wardens Bill Pogue and Conley Elms in 1981.

"Tim was still here during that time, and they come into dispatch and told us what we were supposed to do," White said. "It was a short blip of a situation in dispatch. They told us what to say. It was pretty short."

— JPB

HHS actors take winter wonderland into the hallways

The Homedale High School Drama Club's home is under an extensive remodel.

But just because the old gymnasium is being converted into a fine arts space — with original windows reopened to bring in natural light from the East Idaho Avenue side of the building — doesn't mean advisor DeAnn Thatcher's student actors are idle.

"There is a great combination of restoration of the original and excitement of the new," Thatcher said.

The construction, which is visible through the gutted old office space on the north end of the main building, forced Thatcher and her group to come up with a different idea for a first-semester project.

"The students' creative minds are always hard at work. Since the stage is not currently accessible, they are designing a Winter Wonderland Walkthrough for our community enjoyment," the advisor said.

Using the school's hallways and cafeteria, the students will bring to life familiar characters from Christmases over the ages. The character tour will wrap up in Santa's workshop where children can get a photo with the jolly guy and take a treat home.

"This program should be particularly delightful for children, but all ages should find something of interest," Thatcher said.

The Winter Wonderland Walkthrough will be open from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Friday and Saturday. The admission fee is \$5 per person, and the tour starts in the library.

Thatcher said because the attraction is a walkthrough, there is no need to arrive at specific time. Just show up and enjoy the show.

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Homedale library quilt raffle starts

Christmas-themed activities abound

A quilt raffle will help fund operation of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Tickets are available for \$1 each all month long at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The hand-made quilts are on display at the library, and the winning tickets will be drawn on Friday, Dec. 22.

A rose quilt and a Mickey Mouse quilt are the prizes, and library officials gave thanks to Crabapple Creek Quilting for donating the long arm quilting.

Celebrating Christmas is in full swing at the library through its myriad programs and a special class:

- **Teens & Tweens, 5 p.m., on Thursday** — Boys and

- girls ages 10-17 are invited to come to the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., for a holiday-themed craft activity.
- The youth will make snowman block art with wood blocks, paint and ribbon.
- **Candle-making, 5 p.m., on Friday** — Emily Lincoln leads this class that will teach participants candle-making basics. Attendees also will decorate jars for Christmas by using flocking, ribbons and greenery.
- **Opal Nash Story Time, 10 a.m., on Monday** — Lincoln will read “12 Dogs of Christmas” by Alison Ritchie, and the preschoolers will make Christmas tree ornaments using cookie dough.
- **After school program, 4:30 p.m., on Monday** — Madi Anderson from the University

of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office will lead the youth in an activity. The program is open to elementary school- and middle school-aged children.

An Idaho Department of Labor representative will make the weekly visit from noon to 4 p.m., today to help community members with job searches, creating résumés, filing for unemployment, applying for job training, and other career-oriented tasks.

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 3 p.m., on Saturday.

The library is closed on Sunday.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs or the quilt raffle.

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Treasure Valley gospel group sets

unscheduled stop at senior center

Liberty Quartet

to play Homedale

lunch today

A local gospel group that rarely takes a day off will entertain the Homedale Senior Center lunch crowd.

Liberty Quartet, a foursome that includes a former Homedale High School music teacher, will perform today at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Center coordinator Melissa Sorlien said a member of the quartet called her on Nov. 28 to inquire about making the trip to Homedale.

According to the quartet's website, the musicians are in the midst of several local appearances. The Homedale appearance is unscheduled and comes after the group gets off the road from a couple California gigs.

The next scheduled concert is at 7 p.m., on Friday at the Church of the Nazarene in Kimberly.

According to the tour schedule, the group will play a 10:30 a.m., performance on Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene between Wilder and Homedale before embarking on a jaunt through Arizona and California.

The Liberty Quartet ministry began in October 1995 in Boise where former HHS music teacher Royce Mitchell directed a choir that included the group's three other original vocalists.



Liberty Quartet includes, from left, Doran Ritchey, Paul W. Ellis, founding member Royce Mitchell, and Will Arasmith. Photo courtesy Liberty Quartet

In the current incarnation, Mitchell — the remaining original member — sings bass with lead singer Paul W. Ellis, and baritones Will Arasmith and Doran Ritchey. Ritchey also plays piano.

Ellis rejoined the quartet nearly a decade ago after

spending time with the group between 2002 and 2006.

Like Ellis, Ritchey is in the midst of his second stint with Liberty. He rejoined in January 2022 after spending time with the group from 2004 to 2009.

Arasmith is the newest member of the quartet.

Correction

An article profiling Ernie Agueros in the Nov. 29 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly identified Zoi Agueros' relationship. She is Ernie's granddaughter.

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Can BRICS nations create shared currency?

A monetary union is a group of at least two countries that share a common currency. The world has four, one in Central Africa, one in Western Africa, one in the Caribbean,



Andrew Bingham

and the European Union. The BRICS nations would like to become the fifth.

The principal BRICS nations are Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

There would be several economic benefits for these countries to create their own currency, but at the top of that list — at least for the largest BRICS member — is the prospect of stealing away power from the U.S. dollar and the influence that the United States holds over the global economy as the controller of that currency. But how likely is the BRICS bloc to create their own currency?

First, it’s important to recognize how large of an undertaking it is to form a monetary union and a corresponding exchange system. For instance, the European Union as we know it today came into existence in 1992, but the Euro wasn’t launched until 1999 and even then, it only existed in the accounting books. Physical notes weren’t released for public use until 2002. So, it stands to reason that it would take at least 10 years to create a monetary union and implement a common currency, and another decade to see if the currency will be viable.

Even then, a 10-year time frame would be optimistic as the European Union had many advantages that the BRICS nations do not.

First, Europe had a long

history of cooperation, with the groundwork for the EU being laid in 1950 with the formation of the Council of Europe.

Second, Europe is geographically dense and economically comparable.

And third, they are aligned in their views of human rights and self-governance.

The lack of history and similarities doesn’t mean a BRICS currency is impossible; rather, that they would be in uncharted territory in their attempts, and that could prove to be a risky prospect.

Forming a BRICS monetary union becomes more difficult when you take individual member history into account. Nearly every one of the original BRICS nations has a deeply flawed system and/or troubling history with their own exchanges — each of which is too detailed to cover in a single article. As a result, their currencies are difficult to trust, and it shows in the global market.

The Chinese yuan is the only currency from the BRICS nations that breaks the top 10 in currencies held in reserve; it ranks seventh, accounting for 1.23 percent. Conversely, the U.S. dollar accounts for 63 percent of global reserves.

So, can the BRICS nations create their own currency? It would be difficult, but yes, they could. The better question is what will the global impact be? And we are decades away from finding the answer to that.

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Adrian’s foster child Christmas underway

The Adrian School District has launched another project to help foster children.

The Foster Child Christmas Wish List drive will accept presents through next Wednesday.

Community members can drop off gifts at the high

school or the elementary school.

Anyone interested in supporting the drive or donating to the cause can contact:

- Breanna Morford at (208) 412-2686
- Kelsey Zimmerman at (541) 212-6192.

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

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

Bingo

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

Story Time

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Liberty Quartet performs

11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

CWI Computer Basics Course

4 p.m., to 6 p.m., registration necessary. Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Information/registration: (208) 337-4228

Arock school board meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

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

Friends of the Homedale Library meeting

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

After School Bible Club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 585-7694 or (208) 599-2790

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Snowman craft’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Christmas Candle class

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

6 p.m., to 8 p.m., proceeds benefit Marsing Elementary PTO; Marsing Elementary School, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

HHS Winter Wonderland Walkthrough

6 p.m., to 8 p.m., \$5 per person, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

Grand View Community Festival

2 p.m., to 5 p.m. carnival, 5:30 p.m. parade, Grand View Community Hall, 501 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Soups, Stews and Santa

Following Grand View parade, Snake River Diner, 230 Main St., Grand View.

HHS Winter Wonderland Walkthrough

6 p.m., to 8 p.m., \$5 per person, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Oreana Community Christmas Party

7 p.m., bring side dish, salad or dessert, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana. Information: Kayla Tobias (208) 477-4852 or Ashley Steiner (208) 598-1617

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Homedale district library board meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., ‘Christmas’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

After School Program

4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘University of Idaho Extension visit’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Grand View Community Club meeting

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

Tuesday

Pesticide Recertification Program

9 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., registration required. Homedale Community Center, Homedale Fairgrounds, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. Conducted by Owyhee Conservation District. Registration: Ali Brezenski at alib.ocd@gmail.com

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Homedale Fire commissioners 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

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting

1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control meeting

1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Senior citizens board meeting

1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

✓ Plan: Owyhee County could possibly seek stay before appeal is heard

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commissioners to use government-to-government coordination to get changes made to the TMP, which local field office managers approved on Nov. 16. A 30-day appeal period began when Ammon Wilhelm (Owyhee Field Office, acting) and Aaron Rasmussen (Bruneau) signed the ROD.

Initiative representatives said timing was crucial before more BLM staff turnover erases context as to why the people who hammered out the Initiative agreement — codified in the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 — fought so hard for the unique exceptions in wilderness access.

“Now is the best time to correct these as opposed to when you have some turnover and they just refer to that map and don’t understand the back story for Crutcher’s (Crossing) or for Garat or the South Fork of the Owyhee (River) or for Bull Basin,” Robison said.

BLM’s Record of Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact adopted Alternative D, which will keep 908 miles of trails open to motorized use while closing 168 miles to motorcycles, UTVs, ATVs and e-bikes. Another 48 miles were designated for administrative use only, which would allow grazing permittees to use motorized vehicles but closes the trails to general public use.

The majority of the closed routes are in the northeast portion of the travel management area, on the northeast border of the Little Jacks Creek Wilderness south of Grand View. Fewer closures are noted to the west of the wilderness.

However, the nuances of the closures trouble local officials.

While Crutcher’s Crossing remains open to motorized access — a unique quality among all wilderness areas in the U.S. — Robison said nearby trail closures effectively cut off access from the public, including guides and outfitters.

“They did keep Crutcher’s Crossing open; however, the route that they selected to keep open isn’t the one that the outfitters used,” Robison said.

“I think the OI and the county would be really smart in looking at that area and saying, ‘We’re going to keep all that area open in case we have to move around access points.’”

The rub on Crutcher’s Crossing is a subtle one, but it comes down to the BLM’s lack of communication with outfitters during the inventory process, the Initiative officials said.

“The route across the river,

the BLM did the right thing in keeping that open,” Robison said.

“But in the inventory, there is a spur road that goes to the (U.S. Geological Survey) gauging station and another takeout that (outfitter John) Barker uses at high water. You can’t get to the ford area because of the high water and the islands, and he uses that (access).

“If they were to officially blockade that, you wouldn’t be able to get to the USGS gauging station.”

A similar situation could develop at the historic dispersed parking area at Bull Basin off Mud Flat Road.

Robison said Sen. Mike Crapo pushed legislation through Congress to change the wilderness boundary to keep the area open for people who wanted to drive in and car camp.

But the Canyonlands West TMP doesn’t reflect the camping area even though the spur road is visible from the air.

“I think the BLM would probably say, ‘That was an oversight. We can fix that,’ and that’s maybe fine,” Robison said.

“But I’m worried that with as much turnover as we’ve seen in the agency that you’re going to get some new staffer out there, who’s not going to know any of the history, to look at the map and say, ‘This area’s supposed to be closed,’ and the boulders go in.”

The primary bugaboo in the TMP appears to be the BLM’s apparent flawed inventory of existing trails, and that could have been solved with a simple internet search.

“A lot of the routes that are existing on the ground weren’t properly inventoried,” Robison said. “We’re finding a route that I’ve used before, and I see it on Google Earth, and I’ve been there, and it’s not in the inventory, and that’s a little concerning.”

Richards said the issues cropping up with the travel plan result from a combination of hurried preparation, stalled public processes, and the arrival of the Biden Administration.

“The timing has been real crunched down because they’ve taken these off the shelf, dusted them off and they already had their scoping meetings, and there’s a lot of people that we think didn’t even realize that they were coming back up,” Richards said.

“I call it the pop-and-jerk method when you change administrations.”

And the result has wiped out some of the gains made through the work of the Owyhee Initiative.

“We struck a very thoughtful balance between Wild and Scenic river protections, wilderness protections, wilderness study area releases and access to the cherry stems and the corridors so that people can get to the overlooks, get to the trailheads, get to the wilderness, get to the water,” Robison said.

One of the ways folks get to the water of the Owyhee River is the Garat Crossing, which has been a thorn in the process for BLM.

Robison said originally the cadastral marking the wilderness boundary was put in the wrong spot and recreationalists with boat trailers couldn’t turn around.

“To their credit, BLM worked to change it,” Robison said. “(But) this whole area has been closed in the last decision.”

Crossings such as Garat and Crutcher’s were crucial elements of the Initiative process.

“The commissioners spent a tremendous amount of time making sure those access points were part of the agreement and didn’t go away,” Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said. “We were very clear about that.”

Under the TMP, the BLM will decommission and restore approximately 164 miles of trails and roads, both paved and unpaved, to their natural state. The goal in reducing route density is to protect wildlife, native plants, and cultural resources and to create a more sustainable network for public access, the federal agency said in a press release.

As with the Canyonlands East TMP, which was finalized earlier in November, the BLM said it engaged government officials and the general public to get input on the plan to designate 1,305 miles of routes in the west.

“We value the feedback from our partners and the public in evaluating designated routes in Owyhee County. Our aim is to balance access for everyone, offering spaces for both motorized and non-motorized activities, while ensuring the land is protected from overuse,” acting BLM Boise District manager Beth Maclean said.

“Together, we’ve shaped a travel management plan that minimizes user conflicts and promotes diverse activities on BLM-managed public lands for current and future generations.”

Richards rejected the notion that there was sufficient public and partner input.

“There’s a difference between just talking to somebody and true collaboration as we know from the Initiative,” Richards said. “We did have meetings with them as (the BOCC) did, but everything was moving so fast that this news release was a little bit of a disappointment.”

Commissioners and Initiative representatives hope to get the woman for whom Maclean is filling in — Tanya Thrift, who is on detail with the BLM Idaho office — to Courtroom 2 in Murphy to discuss concerns.

A coordination meeting with the Boise District was held Monday after deadline.

“I would like to see if Tanya could come out at another time,” Aberasturi said. “So, do a one-one-one with Tanya. I’m not comfortable going with someone we’ve never dealt with before.

“I think this is big enough.

Congress has acted on two things, and they are required to follow the law.”

Richards agreed.

“... Tanya would have the most vested interest and have some constructive ideas for solution,” she said.

The decision becomes final after the appeal period, and the BLM Boise District will develop a plan of implementation and set out a strategy of public education and outreach.

This is the second of five TMPs that the BLM plans to issue by spring. Plans still in the works include for public lands in the southern portion of the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, Silver City, and Grand View. The goal is to complete all plans by spring.

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Magistrate judge hands down intoxication sentences

Plea deals in all three HPD cases

Three men arrested for being under the influence, including one who was on foot, were sentenced in a Homedale courtroom recently.

All three appeared before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Nov. 1.

- Jesse Michael Lagers, 29, of Wilder was arrested on a misdemeanor charge on Aug. 11 at a convenience store in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue. Originally cited for resisting a Homedale Police officer, Lagers agreed to enter a guilty plea to a different misdemeanor

— pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Darrington levied a fine of \$150, and Lagers must pay \$207.50 in court costs.

- Nampa resident Christopher John Soshea, 38, had part of his jail sentence and the bulk of his fines suspended at his sentencing hearing. He had pled guilty to misdemeanor excessive driving under the influence. Darrington gave Soshea credit for 36 days he served behind bars after his July 26 arrest near the intersection of North 1st Street West and West Owyhee Avenue. The balance of a one-year jail sentence was suspended.

Darrington also suspended

\$1,202.50 of the \$2,000 in fines he ordered.

Soshea’s driver’s license was suspended for a year, and he must pay \$352.50 in court costs.

If he doesn’t successfully complete his two years of supervised probation, he may be on the hook for the remainder of the jail term and/or the balance of the fines.

The city attorney dismissed a misdemeanor count of pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

According to court records, the arresting officer pulled over a white Nissan Altima because he had information that the driver was unlicensed. Soshea

also apparently was supposed to drive with an Interlock device that requires a breath sample before the vehicle would start.

Soshea’s blood-alcohol concentration measured .232 percent, nearly three times the legal limit.

The probable cause affidavit states Soshea was convicted for excessive DUI in 2022 and public intoxication earlier this year.

- Daryl Ray Kennedy, 56, of Homedale was placed on two years supervised probation after his plea deal in a misdemeanor DUI case. Darrington suspended Kennedy’s driving privileges for 180 days while giving him

credit for 20 days he served in Owyhee County Jail after his Aug. 12 arrest. The judge suspended the balance of a six-month jail sentence and \$700 in fines.

Kennedy must pay \$300 in fines and \$452.50 in court costs.

Kennedy was originally cited for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident when he was stopped near North 5th Street West and West Nevada Avenue in Homedale.

As part of a plea agreement, the prosecuting attorney dismissed the leaving the scene misdemeanor and a misdemeanor failure to appear citation.

Courthouse report

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

Nov. 28
Diego Alejandro Estrada-Romero, Ephrata, Wash. — Misdemeanor motor carrier, violating limitations or conditions of special permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Dan Kent McCoy, Emmett — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$200 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Satarshpreet Singh, Folsom, 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

Roy Lynn Westphal, Grand View — Misdemeanor occupant fails to give immediate notice of accident (plea deal): \$50 fine, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 27
Rajwant Singh, Manteca, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 21
Stephen Hill, Las Vegas — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 1 day in jail (served), \$200 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession

Nov. 17
Teiara Baker, Texarkana, Texas — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 14
Francisco Valencia Jr., Gooding

— Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, no or improper medical card, or not carried: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 13
Serhii Korchuk, Carmichael, 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

Nov. 10
Torey L. Elliott, Caldwell — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations tire violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 9
Silverio Gregorio Ortiz, Twin Falls — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Mark Dean Knowles, Willows, Calif. — Misdemeanor special fuel permit violation: \$224.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Andrue Eone Van Loon, Gold Canyon, Ariz. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 7
Christopher Ryancisco Jaxon, Wilder — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$397.50 in fines

Eduardo A. Reike-Oladrea, Caldwell — Misdemeanor unlawful fishing: \$215 in fines, \$3 in court costs

Travis Lee Wood, Ocala, Fla. — 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

Nov. 3
Ciera Lynn Burton, Wilder — Misdemeanor fail to maintain liability vehicle insurance, second or subsequent offense (plea deal): 57 days in jail (served). **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear citation

Nov. 1
Daryl Ray Kennedy, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 180 days in jail (20 days to serve; 160 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$1,000 in fines (\$700 suspended), \$452.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to stop or leaving scene of a damage accident; misdemeanor failure to appear citation

Christopher John Soshea, Nampa — Misdemeanor excessive DUI (plea deal): 1 year in jail (36 days served, 329 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, 1 year driver’s license suspension, \$2,000 in fines (\$1,202.50 suspended), \$352.50 in court costs **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Jesse Michael Lagers, Wilder — Misdemeanor pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs (plea deal; amended from misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers): \$150 in fines, \$207.50 in court costs

Cade Selbold, Nampa — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$202.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Robert Terry Travis, Murphy — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$100 in fines, \$200.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor possession of prescription drugs without

a prescription

Garrett Dalton Wood, Caldwell — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$502.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession, misdemeanor failure to appear citation 2x

Lorenzo Miguel Lewis, Grand View — Misdemeanor reckless driving: \$100 in fines, \$159.50 in court costs

Carol Ann Garcia, Homedale — Misdemeanor kennel violation, fail to maintain or exceeding maximum number of dogs on property without a license (plea deal): \$157.50 in court costs

Oct. 30
Farshad Ahmad Amini, Granada Hills, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, no logbook: \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Oct. 24
Leona Anselmo, Melba — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fail to validate or attach tags to carcass: \$100 in fines, \$168 in court costs

Forrest G. Knight, Melba — Misdemeanor Fish and Game, various game tag permit violations: 2 years unsupervised probation, \$75 in fines, \$565 in court costs

Oct. 17
Harriet Nora Keene, Federal Way, Wash. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, no logbook (serious): \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Oct. 16
Anton Cervantes, La Habra, 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

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Gift Drive Ends December 20

- MALE #1 - Sweat suit M pant XL top, Beanies, New Watch, Sweat pants c pockets M, Electric Razor
- MALE #2 - Electric Razor, Flashlight, Underwear (M/L), Baseball Cap (Massachusetts/Arizona), Winter Coat (L), Button up Western style shirts (L), men’s vest (L)
- FEMALE #1- Women’s blouses (pull over size S/M, camisoles S, pretty scarf, Sweat suits size S/M. Pretty hat.
- FEMALE #2 - Gel pens, Underwear (12-14), XL leggings, Sleeveless blouses XL, Sports Bra XL, Gel pens, Notebooks, adult color books, colored pencils, plant hangers
- FEMALE #3 - Blouses (S/M), Slacks elastic waist (S/M), Sports Bra (M), Slippers (L). Animal puzzles (large pieces),
- FEMALE #4 - Knee high socks, Green Bay Packers sweatshirt (women’s S/M), 300 piece puzzles (horses or dogs), Mango/tropic body spray. Finger nail polish. Muk luks size 8 ½.
- FEMALE #5 - Blouses (S/M), Hair Accessories, Sketchers (8.5-9), Slacks elastic waist (S/M).
- FEMALE #6 - Slacks (XL), Button up Blouses (1X), Electric toothbrush, perfume, dove deodorant
- MALE #3 - Size 11 slippers, Electric Razor, John Wayne poster, Electric toothbrush
- FEMALE #4 - Pajamas (M), Idaho Spud Candy Bars, Warm Socks, Cozy stuffed animal
- MALE #4 - Sweat Suit (L bottom, XL top), T-shirts XL, Fidget Spinner, Soft Cookies, Electric Razor, Non Skid socks (L). Wooden Puzzles.
- MALE #5 - 2XL Mens shirts, Mens cologne, electric Razor.
- MALE #6 - ~~Sweat suits XL, Comfy slip on shoes 13~~, Flannel Pajamas XL, ~~Pull over long sleeve shirts XL, spray deodorant~~
- FEMALE #5 - Camisoles (S), Pretty Blouses (pull over S/M), Slacks elastic waist (S/M), Non skid socks, Soft Chocolates, Turbine style hat/beanies, Perfume
- FEMALE #6 - Sweat suit XL, Shirts XL, (long sleeve blouses) Blanket,
- FEMALE #7 - Sweatshirts/blouses 3X, Pajamas 3X, comfy slip on shoes 7.5, Elastic waist pants 3-4X (slacks),
- FEMALE #8 - White Bra 38 C (front snap), Greeting cards and pens, Soft cozy stuffed animal.
- MALE #7 - Electric Razor, Men’s long sleeve shirts (L), Tennis Shoes (9), white tube socks. Sleeveless gloves for propelling wheelchair.
- MALE #8 - Fruit of the loom white t-shirts XL, New watch, Black pullover XL, velcro tennis shoes size 7D width.
- MALE #9 - Slip on shoes (10-12), Socks, Mens briefs (L), Long Sleeve shirts (L), Art supplies, New Canvases, Acrylic Paint Pens.
- FEMALE #9 - Jovan perfume, Slip on Slippers (size 8), Sweatshirts (size L) Cigarettes, Candy
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- FEMALE #14 - ~~Long sleeve blouses (burgundy or blue color size M/L), Body Lotion, Perfume, Large cozy slipper socks.~~
- FEMALE #15 - Sweat pants (L), Size 6W slip on shoes, (XL) blouses, Word search books, puzzles, coloring books.
- FEMALE #16 - Plain 3X tops Sweats 3X, Black t-shirts 3X, house coat 3X, slippers XL, night gowns 3X, adult coloring book and crayons.
- FEMALE #17 - Slacks (L/XL), Blouses (XL) Slippers, Knitted stuffed animal. Slippers (9,10)
- FEMALE #18 -New watch, XL sweatshirts (variety of colors) LRG sweatpants. Word Search books, Isotoner gloves (L)
- FEMALE #19 - Soft Slacks XL, Blouses XL (patterned not plain tops), Large print Sudoku, Simple romance novels, Hand lotion, Perfume. Magazines (News or People).
- FEMALE #20 - Bras 44D, Comfy slip on shoes (low back size 9) Large Water Bottle (purple or pink) Lotion, Pants XL elastic waist. Blouses 1 X
- FEMALE #21 - Cotton Blouse (L), Pants with elastic waist (L) women’s Jeans size 12.
- FEMALE #22 -Underwear (M), socks, Designer Sunglasses, Robe (M), Fleece jacket (M) women’s small hair trimmer
- FEMALE #23 - Pants XL, (elastic waist), Shirts/blouses/long sleeve L, Lotions, Slippers M, Beannies, Neck Pillow
- MALE #10 - Sweats XL, socks, sleep pants, Cologne and Deodorant.
- MALE #11 - Sweat pants (4X) or Sweat type shorts. Size 10-11 socks, Electric toothbrush, electric razor, Coffee mug with lid.
- MALE #12 - Jigsaw puzzles (outdoor scenery), Sweat suit XL top L bottom, Photography stuff (funny props), Photo paper for printer, anything Green Bay Packers.
- MALE #13 - Socks and M underwear(boxers), Denver Broncos hat/shirt (L), Anything fishing/hunting. Sweat pants (M), Long Sleeve shirts (L)
- MALE #14 - Long cut Skoal classic straight chew, Carhart Sweatshirts (2XL), Electric Razor.
- MALE #15 - Flannel Jacket XL, Tennis shoes 14W, Anything Camo, Hunting Magazines
- MALE #16 - Socks, Sweatpants (L), Men’s sketchers size 13, Anything fishing related, New fishing pole, Fishing hat
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Obituaries

Rosemary E. Hibbs

Rosemary E. Hibbs of Boise passed away on November 19th, 2023. A celebration of Rosemary's life will be held at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise on December 9th at 11:00 A.M., with a reception to follow.

Rosemary was born September 16th, 1942, in Caldwell, Idaho, the youngest of three children born to John and Mary Jesenko. While growing up on the farm in Homedale, she always loved following her dad around, climbing on the farm machinery, and sometimes getting in trouble. In school, she enjoyed music and sports.

She married her high school sweetheart, Dwaine Hibbs, in Homedale in 1962. They went on to have two children — Cheryl and Kelly. In 1965, they moved to Boise. Rosemary coached Boise City Recreation girls' softball from when Cheryl was 10 to 14. Rosemary continued her mother's legacy by serving as a 4H leader for many years. She was also often the scorekeeper for Kelly's teams during many years of youth baseball.



Rosemary had many roles outside of the home throughout her life. She worked for the Idaho Department of Transportation, in the family business (KTS Tire Service), Commercial Tire, and later worked for the Boise School District in the Food and Nutrition Services until she retired in 2010.

Rosemary volunteered for the St. Al's Auxiliary and the Boise State Athletic Office. She was also an avid and capable bowler who belonged to the Boise Women's Bowling Association. Rosemary worked actively on

the various committees for the association and was inducted into the Idaho Bowling Hall of Fame in 1995. She enjoyed the game of golf and belonged to the Lakeview Ladies Association and the Terrace Lakes Ladies Association, where she spent many summer weekends at their second home in Garden Valley.

Dwaine and Rosemary recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. They enjoyed their lives together with many cherished times and memories, including trips to Holland, Rio de Janeiro, Italy, Hawaii, and Austria. They were also longtime season ticket holders and die-hard Boise State football and basketball fans.

Most of all, Rosemary loved her family and friends. The Christmas holidays were her favorite; she enjoyed entertaining and cooking for her family. We will dearly miss her homemade finger steaks and potica (Austrian nut roll).

Rosemary is survived by her loving husband Dwaine, daughter Cheryl Lapsley, son

Kelly (Robin) Hibbs, grandchildren Ryan and Clay Hibbs and Marci Rose Lapsley, sister Elsie Dulaney, sister-in-law Karen (Terry) Simon, brother-in-law Russ (Ellie) Hibbs, nephews Tim (Jan) Dulaney, Rick (Chris) Dulaney, Jon (Jill) Herendeen, and numerous other relatives throughout the Treasure Valley. Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents, sister Betty Herendeen, brothers-in-law Jerry Dulaney and Harry Herendeen, and niece Paula Dulaney.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers at St. Luke's during the last three weeks of Rosemary's life. We are thankful for the compassion and caring shown to Rosemary and us. Their kindness left a meaningful impact on us during a difficult time, and we are forever grateful.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Boise Bench Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation at envisionsight.org or the Boise State Scholarship Program.



Cindy Marie Cegnar

Cindy Marie Cegnar, age 60, of Homedale, Idaho, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2023, at her home from natural causes. She is survived by her brother, Ron (Fran) of Lexington, Kentucky, a nephew, Tim Cegnar, Baltimore, Maryland, niece, Ann (Dan) Haines, great nephew, Parker Haines and great niece, Hadley Haines all of Cincinnati, Ohio. Cindy was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Ethel Cegnar and sister, Linda Cegnar, all of Homedale, Idaho.

Cindy graduated from Homedale High School, where she was active in 4-H. She attended the University of Idaho. She later engaged in several new ventures including the horse industry and in elder care. Her career shifted to retail, and later turned to care-giving for her mother, Ethel. Prior to Covid, she was instrumental in providing blood pressure readings and volunteering at the Homedale Senior Center. She was loved and will be missed by all. A memorial service will be planned for the new year. Remembrances may be expressed to the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

Arthur Vernon Hastings

Arthur Vernon Hastings, 78, of Marsing Idaho, passed away on November 30, 2023 after a long battle with Brain Cancer. He was a longtime Cal Fire Battalion Chief, 4414. He was a Navy P2V Plane Captain.

Arthur was a prominent figure

in many organizations including: Calaveras County Search and Rescue, an EAA member, a member of the model airplane club of Quartzite, Arizona, as well as a member of the Canyon County ATV club.

Arthur is survived by his two

brothers Julian and Doren and his son, Jeremy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Luke's Cancer Center of Nampa, Idaho. Services are to be held in Marsing on Saturday January 13, 2024



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Death notice

PHYLLISRAEMENDIVE BLACK, 82, former Grand View resident, died on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 in Fruitland.

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Oreana announces holiday celebrations

The Oreana Community Christmas Party is set for Saturday at the town’s community hall.

The fun starts at 7 p.m., and a potluck dinner is planned.

The children will receive Santa bags filled with candy and cash.

The community hall will provide the ham, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and punch and place settings.

Participants are asked to bring enough food to feed 10 to 15 people. Suggested dishes are hot food, salads, and desserts.

For more information, contact Kayla Tobias at (208) 477-4852 or Ashley Steiner at (208) 598-1617.

Oreana Community Hall will also host a New Year’s Eve dance at 9 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The cost is a \$5 donation for the band Runnin’ For Cover. All ages are welcome, but people must show their ID to enter the building with alcohol for the BYOB event.

Runnin’ For Cover will also provide live music for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter dance from 9 p.m., to 1 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 3. Cover cost is a \$5 donation.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon

Milk available each day

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Dec. 6: Lasagna, broccoli with cheese sauce, country trio vegetables

Dec. 7: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets

Dec. 12: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots

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The Gem Irrigation District directors meet at 1:15 p.m., on Tuesday.

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With the completion of the South Canal culvert replacement on Johnstone Road, the Owyhee County solid waste tipping station for Homedale residents reopened Friday. The roadway over the culvert was completed on Nov. 27, and Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the temporary tipping station at Republic Services in Homedale has been closed. “The culvert looks great, and they got all roads fixed,” Aberasturi said. “Glad to be back out there.” Homedale Highway District secretary/treasurer Kimberly Hotchkiss also confirmed last week that Idaho Power committed to paying for part of the project. Hotchkiss said the utility will pay an amount equal to Owyhee County’s share of \$12,932.56, which will reduce the highway district’s share of the cost from \$38,797.68 to the same amount as the other two entities.

MUSEUM GETS CHRISTMAS RUSH



Above: With the newly refurbished Marsing train depot as a backdrop, Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo (center) signals the start of the mad rush to buy Charlie Brown Christmas trees beginning at 10 a.m., the same time the annual Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas bazaar began in two buildings on the museum campus. **Below:** Holiday shoppers crowded into McKeeth Hall at the museum to peruse holiday gift and décor ideas. There were vendors throughout the museum and in the Annex. Submitted photos

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MARSING RINGS IN CHRISTMAS SEASON



Allison Hubler (left), the 2023-24 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen, rode in Friday's parade with another royal friend beside her on horseback.



The pickup truck in which parade grand marshal Julie Franklin rode also pulled the sponsor's float. The Marsing Chamber of Commerce put on the Candy Land Christmas Parade on Friday night, and Franklin, representing the Marsing Beautification Project volunteers, was front and center. Chamber president Steve Derricott joined Mayor Hayzen Corder to perform the countdown to lighting the city Christmas tree at Island Park after the parade.



Santa has found a new fishing spot — at the end of one of Island Park's new docks.



Bundled-up Marsing High School choir members sang Christmas songs in the parade and then entertained the crowd at Island Park with a couple numbers before the holiday lights blazed for the first time this season.



The Marsing High School color guard led the marching band down Main Street during Friday's parade. Some of the band members were decked out as Santa imposters, complete with fake beards.

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HOVINGDALE

Soph sears the nets; Trojans upset Oregon champs

Kierstley Roseborough got hot on a cold night, and Homedale High School knocked off the 4A Oregon girls’ basketball state champion.

The sophomore poured in a career-high 28 points, and the Trojans made a trip on a frigid freeway pay off with

a 51-46 non-conference victory over Baker, Ore.

Roseborough converted her only three-point shot, and capped a double-double performance with 10 rebounds. She was 5-for-8 from the foul line and helped the defense with four steals.

Homedale (4-3 at week’s end) led 26-23 at halftime, but the score was knotted, 36-36, heading into the fourth quarter.

Tiana Sorenson, another 10th-grader, pumped in three three-pointers as part of her 13 points.

Senior Olivia Asumendi pulled down five offensive rebounds.

Baker (1-2) beat Gladstone, 60-56, in last season’s state title game to closeout a 25-2 campaign.

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Homedale High School sophomore Mariah Kiser keeps an eye on the referee as her headgear falls off during the first period of her opening bout against Emmett’s Avery Cornell inside her school’s new auxiliary gymnasium Friday.

Nash Memorial blossoms into state’s largest girls’ tourney

HHS aux gym co-hosts nearly 300 wrestlers

The home team may not have had many competitors, but the fifth annual Ardis E. Nash Memorial Tournament has put Homedale High School on the prep girls’ wrestling map.

“This was the biggest Ardis Nash tournament to date,” Trojans coach Jake Levinski said after the two-day event wrapped up.

The tournament, which featured 282 wrestlers competing on seven mats, was held Friday and Saturday in the HHS main gymnasium, and it served as a debut interscholastic event for the new auxiliary gym north of the main venue.

Thunder Ridge from Idaho Falls took the team championship, and Rocky Mountain from Meridian was runner-up. Both are Class 5A schools.

Homedale’s Mariah Kiser reached the quarterfinals at 152 pounds before falling into the consolation bracket.

She won three matches during the weekend, including keeping her tournament hopes alive

briefly with a 3-1 win over Rocky Mountain’s Abbi Moe in the consolation bracket.

Kiser pinned her first two opponents, taking down Avery Cornell from Emmett in 4 minutes, 23 seconds then reaching the quarterfinals with a 59-second pin of Filer’s Andy Thompson.

Kuna’s Abigail Henderson pulled off a pin in 2:39 of a quarterfinal bout to send Kiser into the consolation bracket.

Kira Manley was the Trojans’ other competitor. She was eliminated after losing both matches on opening-period pinfalls.

This year’s individual champions included:

100 pounds — Taylor Brown, Thunder Ridge

107 — Daniele Holt, Canyon Ridge

114 — Joely Slyter, Lewiston

120 — Olivia Bezdicek, Jerome

126 — Kiera DeLeon, Nyssa, Ore.

132 — Zoe Ortiz, Bonneville

138 — Roxy Sheen, Bonneville

145 — Ava Collins, Vale, Ore.

152 — Hannah Hernandez, Ontario, Ore.

165 — Kyra Richards, Nampa

185 — Jordynn LeBeau, Eagle

235 — Amie Hartman, Mtn. Home

Burgeoning Huskies program hits the mat

Freshmen join team with no significant losses from 2022-23

Juan Garcia says his team won’t be strong in duals because of a lack of depth. The Marsing High School coach saw individual success at Saturday’s Wendell Duals.

Junior Erika Frazier won twice as the Huskies won two of three duals posted to trackwrestling.com. Results for two other duals weren’t listed.

The Huskies beat Filer, 9-6, and Wendell, 24-18. Frazier scored the only points in Marsing’s 24-6 loss to Buhl.

The 113-pounder pinned Buhl’s Tyler Phernetton in 3 minutes, 32 seconds and beat Filer’s Angel Orozco, 16-13.

Garcia’s fourth season at the helm is a chance to move on from a 2022-23 campaign that started with promise and included a good dose of disappointment.

“Last season was tough for us,” Garcia said. “We had a few injuries sideline some wrestlers for chunks of the season.”

“That, coupled with the (2A Western Idaho Conference) losing its third automatic bid, we only had one wrestler qualify for the state tournament.”

Ryan Baxter and Jonathan Leon finished third at district, but only Leon earned an at-large

— See *Huskies*, page 16

BOYS’ BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

Speedy and deep, Homedale rebuilds

New starting five includes one returning senior

If last season was the year of the old souls with five starting seniors, the 2023-24 Homedale High School boys’ basketball season may be the year of the young guns.

But even with losing all the starters — and seven seniors total — from last year’s 3A District III championship team, fifth-year coach Cam Long sees across-the-board potential for the Trojans.

“We will be deeper this year,” Long said. “I think that will

— See *Homedale*, page 17

Successful athletes fuel hope in Marsing

Little hopes State experience translates into district progress

Tim Little walked on to the practice floor and saw almost every face with which he had closed the 2022-23 Marsing High School boys’ basketball season.

This could be a fine-tuning year instead of a scramble to teach.

The only player from last year’s squad not in the fold is 6-foot, 8-inch Braden Ankeny, who chose to skip his senior year on the hardwood to

— See *Marsing*, page 22

Sports

Big Beus' big night lifts Melba boys

Cutter Beus started the boys' basketball season on a mission last week.

The 6-foot, 8-inch senior scored a career-high 41 points on Saturday as Melba High School defeated Fruitland, 59-53, in a non-conference showdown in the Grizzlies' gymnasium.

Beus posted his second double-double in as many games this season. The Mustangs' captain grabbed 14 rebounds against Fruitland.

Carsten Volkers matched Beus with a double-double, scoring 11 points and posting 10 rebounds.

Fruitland's Brody Watson scored 13 points, and teammates AJ Hyatt and Zeke Van Hofinger added nine points each.

The Mustangs (1-1 at week's end) were 2A state runners-up last year, losing the state final to Bear Lake, 55-44.

Coach Spencer Trappett's

team has appeared in each of the past two 2A Real Dairy Shootout state finals, winning it all in 2022.

Nov. 28: Wendell 58, Melba 56 — The Mustangs opened the season at home with a tough non-conference loss to a Trojans squad that just missed the state tournament last season.

Beus posted a double-double to start his senior season, leading all players with 22 points and 17 rebounds.

Teammate Rylan Frank added 15 points and seven boards.

Wendell put three scorers in double figures, including Jordan Swainson (15 points), Bodey Cutler (12) and Jeff Jasper (10).

The Trojans (2-1 at week's end) went 13-8 last season, losing the best-of-three 2A District IV Tournament to Declo in two games.

✓ Trojans: Sophomores lead HHS scoring

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Nov. 28: Kimberly 55, Homedale 44 — Trailing by as many as 18 points in the first half, the Trojans couldn't complete a fierce comeback against the visiting Bulldogs.

Homedale cut the deficit to eight points, 44-36, midway through the fourth quarter, but ran out of steam.

Kimberly led, 23-5, when freshman Adyson Osborne ended a 9-1 run with a three-point goal midway through the second quarter.

"I am happy with the fact that we kept fighting, but putting yourself in that kind of a hole is not making life easier on us," Sorenson said.

Another Kimberly ninth-grader, Taya Plew, led all scorers with 22 points.

The Bulldogs (3-3 before a home-court rematch Tuesday against the Trojans) snapped a two-game losing streak. The team used a full-court press and quick hands on defense to disrupt Homedale's ball handlers in the first half.

The Trojans committed 24 turnovers.

"We came out flat and fell behind early," Sorenson said.

Homedale showed a little life near the end of the second quarter when Sorenson scored five straight points, including a three-pointer, and Asumendi knocked down four free throws.

Asumendi converted eight of 10 foul shots



Homedale senior Olivia Asumendi fights against Kimberly defenders while dribbling in the lane.

and led three Trojans double-digit scorers with 14 points. Roseborough added 13 points. Sorenson knocked down three treys en route to 11 points.

Asumendi had eight rebounds, and Sorenson and Roseborough pulled down four each. The Trojans managed only five offensive boards while shooting 33 percent (12-for-36) from the floor.

"Our young team is learning, and one thing we need to be better at is coming out of the gate with the right mentality, ready to go at game speed," Benji Sorenson said.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Kierstley Roseborough, so., F
Averaged 20.5 points in two games

Boys' basketball
Luke Henry, jr., G
Averaged 23.5 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals in 2 games

Wrestling
Mariah Kiser, so., 152
3 wins in home tournament

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7, home vs. Baker, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7, home vs. Baker, Ore., 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Frosh
Tuesday, Dec. 12, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball - Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Baker, Ore., 8 p.m., MST
Saturday, Dec. 9 at Kimberly, 4 p.m.

Boys' basketball -Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Baker, Ore., 5:30 p.m., MST
Saturday, Dec. 9 at Kimberly, 2:30 p.m.
Frosh
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Baker, Ore., 5 p.m., MST
Saturday, Dec. 9 at Kimberly, 1 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Dec. 6 at quad meet with Marsing, Adrian, Nampa Christian, Nampa, 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8 at Cooper D. Lish Memorial, Marsh Valley H.S., Arimo, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9 at Cooper D. Lish Memorial, Marsh Valley Tournament, Arimo, 9 a.m.

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Sports

Marsing girls extinguish North Star with early defense

A stifling, trapping backcourt defense fueled Marsing High School's earliest girls' basketball conference victory in eight seasons.

Playing their second 2A Western Idaho Conference game of the season, the Huskies cashed in on North Star Charter's poor ball handling to post a 59-22 rout Thursday before a sparse home-court crowd.

Marsing last won this early in the conference season on Dec. 9, 2016 when the Huskies beat Nampa Christian, 50-30, at home.

First-year coach Aidrie Voile's 2023-24 Marsing squad converted five of their first nine shots Thursday to score the game's first 10 points.

Marsing (2-4 overall, 1-1 2A WIC at week's end) scored eight points in the first quarter off four turnovers.



Marsing's Lily Thoene collides with North Star Charter's Parker Hammett as the ball goes out of bounds Thursday.

Adyson Chadez scored off an offensive rebound then stole the ball immediately after the inbounds pass

for a layup and a 15-2 Marsing lead with about three minutes left in the opening period.

North Star (0-1, 0-5) trailed, 10-0, when senior Chloe Ballhagen hit a jump shot 3 minutes, 12 seconds into the game. It was only North Star's fourth field-goal attempt, while Marsing had taken nearly twice as many shots by that point.

Lily Thoene scored six of her game-high 14 points in the first eight minutes. Chadez finished with 12 points, and Raylynn Vanosdall chipped in 10 points for the hometown squad.

Ballhagen paced North Star with 12 points. Freshman Parker Hammett was the only other visiting shooter to score (10 points).

Nov. 28: Payette 45, Marsing 36 — Marsing scored six of its first

10 points on free throws, but went 7-for-22 (31.8 percent) from the foul line the remainder of the game in Payette.

The Pirates, meanwhile, did most of their early damage on field goals, attempting only six foul shots in the game's first 16 minutes.

Foul trouble haunted Thoene and Chadez (four each). Chadez hit a pair of three-point goals and scored each of her seven points after halftime.

Vanosdall converted her first four chances at the line then went 1-for-8 the rest of the way. She scored 11 points.

Brooklyn Roadenbaugh led the Huskies with 13 points.

Payette sophomore Sianna Gable put up a game-high 15 points. Lahela Bartolome added 10 points.

✓ Huskies: Numbers on rise

From Page 14

State berth as a 195-pounder.

"Jonathan Leon has had some great growth," Garcia said. "He's come a long way from his freshman year, and I am excited to see what he has this season."

"The team sees him as a leader, and I think he's ready for that role."

Peyton Showalter (160) pinned Wendell's Juan Iniquez in 1:59, and Shane Buzzard (170) pinned Sebastian Gutierrez in 55 seconds during an extra match.

Tyson Holloway (145) pinned

Filer's Aiden Gill.

Frazier finished seventh at district at 107 pounds.

"Erika Frazier has been busy training this off-season," Garcia said. "It's evident she's been working out, too."

"We're trying to figure out what weight will fit her best, but we're confident she'll have a successful season."

Returning senior Trinity Stimel didn't compete Saturday.

With only 14 wrestlers in the room, depth is still an issue.

"While we have a good num-

ber on the mat, we still have a few weights empty in our dual roster," Garcia said. "We'll get creative with moving kids around in order to get mat time and avoid forfeits, but it's hard to win duals with four to five weights being forfeited."

The middle school program brings an influx of talent. Fifth-year varsity assistant coach Jake Ryska has piloted the feeder program for seven seasons.

"He's doing a good job building up the middle school program, so we can have more and more experience at the high school level," Garcia said.

Marsing has three ninth-graders for the 2023-24 season.

"I'm excited about the freshmen," Garcia said. "... they all have experience on the mat. This is exciting for Marsing wrestling as we're on the way out of the youth program drought we've felt for the past three or four years."

The growing youth program means most current high-schoolers have at least three years experience.

There are a couple non-freshman newcomers, too. Everett "EJ" Young is a junior, and Isaac Gomez is a sophomore.

"(Young is) athletic, hard-working and eager to do well," Garcia said. "He's been a lot of fun to train so far. He'll be a lot of fun to watch, especially as the season goes on."

Young picked up three pins Saturday — Buhl's Elias Cruz (138, 3:47), and Filer's Parker Melni and Wendell's Pablo Perez (61 seconds), both at 145.

"Things are on the rise," Garcia said. "The middle school program is full, the high school kids are returning year after year. There are more kids joining wrestling, 'just 'cause.'"

— JPB

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Brooklyn Roadenbaugh, so., G-F
13 points vs. Payette

Boys' basketball
Eli Ankeny, sr., G
Second season with the Huskies

Wrestling
Erika Frazier, jr., 113 pounds
2 wins during Wendell Duals

This week's schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 8 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 8 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Dec. 6 at quad vs. Adrian, Homedale and Nampa Christian, Homedale, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3:05 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9 vs. Lighthouse Christian, Small School Showcase, Mtn. View H.S., Meridian, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9 vs. Lighthouse Christian, Small School Showcase, Mtn. View H.S., Meridian, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 7 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

College catch-up

Football
The College of Idaho
Willie White, No. 40
Sophomore LB

Saturday: No. 11 seed C of I (11-2 overall) scored the game’s final 31 points to upset No. 2 Grand View University (11-2), 31-17, in an NAIA national quarterfinal in Des Moines, Iowa. White, a Homedale High School graduate, was placed in concussion protocol after making the tackle on the game’s opening kickoff. White’s father — HHS junior varsity head coach and teacher Josh White — said his son was cleared to play in Saturday’s national semifinal against No. 3 Keiser University (Fla.) in West Palm Beach, Fla. Kickoff against the Seahawks (10-2, nine straight wins) is set for 11 a.m., MST.

Nov. 25: White logged a career high in tackles (six total with one solo and five assists) and notched his first pass break-up in the Coyotes’ 49-42 playoff victory over Montana Western in Dillon, Mont.

This season: White has 12 solo tackles, 15 assists and two sacks. He has 13 solo stops in his career.



Willie White

University of Idaho
Hayden Kincheloe, No. 37
Redshirt freshman RB
Spencer Fisher, No. 27
Redshirt freshman LB

Saturday: After a first-round bye in the NCAA FCS national playoffs, the No. 4 seed Vandals edged Southern Illinois, 20-17, inside the Kibbie Dome. Both HHS graduates got on the field.

Nov. 18: Kincheloe logged an unassisted tackle as both HHS graduates saw action in the Vandals’ lopsided 63-21 Big Sky Conference win over Idaho

State to end the regular season.

Vandals’ next game: Idaho (9-3 overall) plays host to No. 5 Albany in Moscow in a quarterfinal game. Kickoff is 8 p.m., MST on Saturday. TV: ESPN+



Spencer Fisher



Hayden Kincheloe

Men’s basketball
Montana Western
Jacob Ankeny, No. 32
Redshirt sophomore C

Saturday: Mayville State University 80, Montana Western 78 — The Marsing High School graduate didn’t play in the closing night of the Coca-Cola Classic in Dickinson, N.D.

Friday: Montana Western 64, Dickinson State 61 — Ankeny played six minutes against the tournament hosts. He had a defensive rebound, two blocked shots and two steals.

Nov. 25: The College of Idaho 79, Montana Western 70 — With his parents, Luke and Heidi, in attendance at J.A. Albertson Activities Center in Caldwell, Ankeny ended a two-day stay in the Taco Bell Shootout, playing 11 minutes and carding five points and four rebounds. Three of his rebounds were on the defensive end, and he also blocked a shot.

Nov. 24: Lewis-Clark State College 75, Montana Western 67 — In the Taco Bell Shootout in Lewiston, Ankeny had two defensive rebounds and two assists in 11 minutes.



Jacob Ankeny

Nov. 19: Montana Western 81, Walla Walla University 59 — Ankeny scored two points and came up with two steals and an assist in 13 minutes.

Nov. 18: Montana Western 89, Eastern Oregon 83 — Ankeny registered four points and four rebounds in 14 minutes. He connected on both of his foul shots and went 1-for-3 on shots from the field.

Bulldogs’ next games: Montana Western (6-4) heads for Chandler, Ariz., to play a pair of NAIA Top 25 teams in the Cactus Classic on Dec. 15 (No. 5 Arizona Christian), Dec. 16 (RV Ottawa University, Ariz.), and Dec. 18 (No. 18 The Master’s, Calif.).

Women’s wrestling
Hastings (Neb.) College
Kaydince Turner, 136
Junior

Saturday: The Homedale graduate finished fourth in the Women’s Conner/Oppenheim Open at Doane University in Crete, Neb. She lost the third-place bout in a close 5-3 decision to hometown wrestler Bridgette Sotomayor. Turner started the tournament with a 10-0 technical fall over Shaylee Van Den Berg from Ellsworth Community College from Iowa Falls, Iowa. Turner pinned Doane’s Andrea Jones in 3 minutes, 40 seconds in the second round. Another 10-0 technical fall dispatched Jalynn Patino from Texas Wesleyan. Turner dropped a close 12-8 decision in the semifinals against Malia Kehne of Carl Albert State College from Poteau, Okla. She reached the third-place match by beating Baker University’s Abbie Jones, 10-0, in another tech fall.

Broncos’ next meet: Hastings College is back in action Sunday for the North Central College Women’s Open in Naperville, Ill.



Kaydince Turner

✓ Homedale: Balanced attack vs. Emmett

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allow us to apply more defensive pressure for longer periods of time. We are fast.”

Six of the Trojans’ 11 players came up with steals during a tight 55-51 season-opening loss to Class 4A Emmett on Nov. 28.

On Thursday, the Trojans fell to The Ambrose School, 61-42, after running into a slowdown in the middle of the game.

Junior Luke Henry, a 5-foot, 9-inch wing, led the team with three steals and nine rebounds. He was the squad’s second-leading scorer against Emmett with 12 points.

“He’s the best athlete in our entire school,” Long said. “He has improved his outside shooting, and he’s not afraid of the big moments.”

Henry nailed a three-pointer and went 3-for-6 from the foul line.

Against Ambrose, he scored nine points with four of his five rebounds coming on the Archers’ end of the floor.

Eight of the 11 players got into the scoring column against Emmett with 5-8 junior wing Angel Contreras scoring a pair of

treys on the way to 16 points.

“He’s by far our toughest kid,” Long said. “He’s our best rebounder and very unselfish.”

Though struggling with four fouls, Contreras came up with three offensive rebounds against Emmett.

He had five assists and four rebounds against Ambrose.

While Homedale spread its scoring around, Emmett leaned on Tucker Brown. He connected on 12 of 15 shots (2-for-3 on treys) and scored a game-high 29 points. He added seven rebounds (five on defense).

Tag Griffin was 2-for-6 from deep and scored 10 points for the host squad.

Kenyon Carter collected nine defensive rebounds, dished four assists, and scored eight points for the Huskies.

Ambrose’s Tyson Hughes led all players with 23 points and 11 rebounds (10 on defense) on Thursday inside the HHS gymnasium. Teammate Lincoln Mathis put in 13 points.

Homedale’s new floor general, 5-6 senior guard Danny Lomeli, dished three assists against Emmett in his debut in a role vacated by last season’s 3A

Snake River Valley conference player of the year Jaxon Dines.

He had four more assists and nine rebounds vs. Ambrose.

His coach says Lomeli can be the standout because of his experience with the program, but Long isn’t limiting himself.

“Really all our guys can be great on any given night,” he said.

Senior posts Andres Garcia (6-3) and Fabian Contreras (5-9) can be scoring threats, too. Garcia scored three points in his varsity debut against Emmett.

“(Garcia is) a good rebounder, and he has an uncanny way of scoring points,” Long said.

Four of the Trojans’ newcomers are 6-1 or taller, but none are taller than 6-3.

“We are small across-the-board compared to a lot of teams we will play,” Long said. “Rebounding will be a focus for us to get better at as we move through the season.”

The Huskies held a 30-25 edge in rebounding with the entire deficit coming on Homedale’s backboard. Both teams scored six second-chance points.

Ambrose scored four points off turnovers Thursday.

Lukas Hall, a 6-3 sophomore post, scored four points and grabbed four of his six rebounds on the offensive end. He was 0-for-2 from downtown against Emmett.

“He’s a good outside shooter,” Long said. “He has good shot-blocking ability as well.”

Hall blocked a shot and had five rebounds against Ambrose.

Homedale’s pressure defense forced 18 Emmett turnovers (12 on steals), and the Trojans scored 14 points off those miscues. Ambrose committed 15 turnovers, but the Trojans couldn’t come up with a significant return.

“You’re going to see lots of pressure full-court,” Long said. “Because of our size, we want to make our opponents play faster than they are comfortable with.

“It’s more of a create chaos to get ourselves into more of a run-and-gun style.”

The gunning came from beyond the perimeter against Emmett. The Trojans connected on just five of 26 three-point tries with 6-1 junior post McCoy Swallow missing on all 10 of his attempts.

Swallow had four points and two steals when he fouled out.

“He’s our best natural scorer,” Long said. “He can get very hot

quickly.”

He had a trey and nine points against Ambrose.

Keaton Sorenson scored six points in his varsity debut then led the Trojans with 15 points against Ambrose. The 5-9 junior wing put in a three-pointer and snagged two rebounds against the Huskies and cranked up to a 3-for-8 showing on treys against Ambrose with three rebounds and three steals.

“He’s the hardest worker we have,” Long said. “He has the ability to hit big free throws in the clutch.”

Alex Sotelo, a 5-5 junior point guard, also got three steals against Emmett while hitting a three-pointer. He grabbed four rebounds against Ambrose.

“Alex is really tough and athletic,” Long said. “We’re hoping he takes the next step in his scoring. He has a great skill set.”

Junior Breken Frank, a 6-1 wing, adds to the team’s depth with his versatility. He didn’t play in the first week of the season.

“He can play multiple positions,” Long said. “(He’s) really special at the elbow area for us as a distributor and a scorer.”

— JPB

Commentary

Anna Price,
Oreana resident



Property rights

County continues march toward unwelcomed RV ordinance

At the commissioners meeting on Nov. 15, a proposed RV ordinance was, yet again, discussed with most against it.

Many of us (though not all of us) received the survey sent by Planning and Zoning. This survey was not only worded in a biased way, but as Mary Huff admitted at the commissioners meeting, it was never actually meant to be a neutral survey.

Huff claimed that the survey was “a result of the past meeting where what [was] heard overwhelmingly was ... ‘we don’t want you to have any say over what we’re doing.’ ” However, contrary to this statement, Huff is quoted saying, “The county had twice proposed an ordinance, so the county commissioners and Planning and Zoning absolutely did have a position on it that they believed we needed an ordinance, so it wasn’t intended to be completely neutral.”

As one citizen pointed out, if the bias was truly based on what citizens expressed, why did the survey not have questions such as, “How do you feel about surrendering your property rights to the government?” Or, “Would you like Owyhee County to act as one big HOA?”

This survey did not reflect what the citizens want, but what the local government wants. As Mary Huff stated during the meeting, “We’re proposing it ... the wording of that was, I guess, intentional, whether you like that or not, we were trying to get to the heart of what we heard, which was ‘stay out of our business.’ ”

New RV ordinances and plans for enforcement have repeatedly been presented, and repeatedly been put to the side due to the disapproval of the citizens.

We hear from the commissioners and P and Z that

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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.

In rare exceptions, letters exceeding 300 words (but no longer than 500 words) will be accepted as Readers’ Opinion pieces. These submissions must be accompanied with a photo of the letter-writer.

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

- E-mailed to jon@owyhee.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

Good news: Good policy for Idahoans without increasing the national debt

We hear a lot about what Congress does not do well — namely, work together to get things done. Frankly, I share these justified criticisms. But, I am also happy to report about an issue where senators have been working well together to fix some problems for Idahoans and all Americans. I serve as Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee that oversees federal social safety net and health care programs. This committee recently advanced legislation I have been working on with Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) to reduce out-of-pocket medication costs for seniors, enhance accountability in our federal health care programs, improve access to high-quality mental health services, and extend critical support for clinicians and suppliers, without adding to the federal deficit.

The committee passed the Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs and Extenders Act (the Better Act) by a vote of 26-0. That’s right. The committee voted overwhelmingly in favor of this legislation that builds on the Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act (MEPA), which the committee passed in July. The legislation would expand mental health care and substance use disorder services under Medicaid and Medicare; reduce prescription drug costs for seniors at the pharmacy counter; extend essential Medicaid and Medicare provisions; and

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

Republican (term expires 2028)

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Committee assignments — Finance (ranking member); Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Budget; and Joint Committee on Taxation

Subcommittees — Housing, Transportation and Community Development; National Security and International Trade and Finance; Securities, Insurance, and Investment; Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure; Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth; Health Care; International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness; Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy; and Taxation and IRS Oversight



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Commentary

Financial management

Husband needs baby steps within Baby Steps to cut up cards

Dear Dave,
We're following your Baby Steps plan, and we've paid off all our credit cards. But when I talked to my husband the other day about cutting up the cards and closing the accounts, he said he would rather keep the accounts open, and the cards locked away in a drawer for use as an emergency fund. He says this will help us have an emergency fund in place quicker than saving for one. I think there's more behind his reasoning, though.
He grew up in a very poor family, and I wonder if he's not afraid of somehow ending up in that kind of situation again.

What can I do to convince him to follow your advice?
— **Ramona**

Dear Ramona,
I think you're a very perceptive lady. You said your husband grew up in poverty, right? So, what I'm hearing is the cards represent almost a security blanket for him — a financial security blanket. I get that, but here's the thing. If you had a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses sitting in the bank, I'm talking about hard, cold cash, you'd have the security of knowing that the expense of a new air conditioning unit or transmission for the car would



only be a minor inconvenience. And, you'd be able to cover it easily without going back into debt.

Instead of actively trying to convince him of something, a better route might be to sit down together and talk through the whole thing. Explain to him you think you know why he feels the way he does, and that it's understandable. Then, ask him if there's a reasonable amount you two could have in the bank that would help him stop worrying. Discuss it, agree on an amount and then agree to cut the cards up and close the accounts when you reach that figure. Remind him, too, you'd still have your debit cards in hand in the event of an emergency.
Above all, Ramona, make sure you work together. Be patient and understanding. If he has recognized the wisdom of getting rid of debt and taking control of your finances, he's moving in the right direction!
— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. 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 take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.*

✓ Policy: Finance Committee works to lower seniors' healthcare costs

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increase Medicare payments to support physicians and other providers.
Most importantly, this comprehensive, deficit-cutting, bipartisan package is entirely offset, and in fact generates an estimated nearly \$1 billion in savings. This is legislating responsibly.
Specifically, these fixes include provisions to provide better oversight and legislative improvements to Medicare Part D's pharmacy benefits that have become opaque and highly concentrated, driving up costs. Over the past five years, out-of-pocket costs for Medicare seniors have risen at nearly three times the rate for commercially insured consumers. According to a recent report from the Government Accountability Office, Part D beneficiaries pay more than their insurers for 79 of the 100 most highly rebated drugs under the program. The warped, distorted rebate system that dominates the program curbs access to lower-cost medications. Taxpayers

and seniors finance the program. We are the client. We have a responsibility to promote accountability and improvement, particularly for the most vulnerable and high-need Americans. The legislation our committee passed would chip away at this outdated model, providing relief to patients with chronic conditions and capping cost-sharing for all Part D enrollees at the net price of any given drug, inclusive of rebates.
We also passed policies that would increase seniors' pharmacy choice and provide for a much-needed focus on independent community sites in medically underserved areas. Additionally, mental health provisions would drive care integration, improve telehealth access and help to address workforce strain. The legislation would extend key flexibilities for states to ensure appropriate sites of care for behavioral health needs. Further, frontline health care providers would retain incentives to enter into value-based payment models. Clinicians would also receive targeted relief from reimbursement cuts triggered by the volatility

of the Physician Fee Schedule. And, further cuts to doctors across our states, which could otherwise exacerbate ongoing shortages, would be averted.
The Finance Committee has created a robust roadmap for collaborative work, marking up two near-unanimous health care bills in the past six months to reform pharmacy benefit manager practices, improve mental health care, lower drug costs and extend essential Medicaid and Medicare programs. Virtually all committee members contributed — in meaningful, essential ways — to the patient-focused, fiscally sound and evidence-driven final product. The committee's work on this issue is a prime example of how Congress should operate.
— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term 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.*

✓ Ordinance: RV'ers who own land pay taxes, even for services not used

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the real issues are sanitation, safety and taxpayers footing the bill for these "RV dwellers." Taxes for schools and emergency services are already partially paid for through land taxes (which applies to landowners regardless of their dwelling), and many in these RVs do not utilize said services. Roads are paid for through fuel tax. Any sanitation, noise, drug activity or other issue is covered by existing laws, and law enforcement will act accordingly.
In reality, those who live in RVs on their private

property are not causing issues or undue stress on taxpayers because of their current domicile. This ordinance in no way prevents harm to the citizens of Owyhee County, but causes harm to those citizens who will have nowhere else to go. It does not prevent crime, but works to create it by criminalizing citizens for their choice of dwelling.
Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "[t]he care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government." If that objective isn't being respected, then the people are not

being fully represented, and the rights of the people are not being protected. Therefore, the legitimacy of said government should be questioned.
If this ordinance gets passed, we should be asking ourselves, "What rights will they want next?"
— *Anna Price lives in Oreana. Her views refer to a joint public hearing the Board of County Commissioners and Planning and Zoning Commissioners held in Murphy on the evening of Nov. 15.*

Contacting city government officials

Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Ave., (208) 337-4641
Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen
City council — Mike Aebischer (president), Kimberly Murray, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Marsing City Hall
18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Hayzen Corder (interim)
City council — Chris Even (president), Marie Herman, Elizabeth Wahl and Brandy Johnson
Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700
Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.
Mayor — Jon Pennington (interim)
City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 9, 1998



Santa Claus came to town...

Santa and Mrs. Claus came to town a few weeks early to make an appearance in Marsing’s annual Holiday Parade Saturday morning. The couple went to Marsing Elementary School, where they heard the Christmas wishes of area children.

TV Honor Band selects HHS musicians

Homedale High School students Corey Huddleston, Stephanie Davison and Mary Louise Kaufman recently performed with the Treasure Valley Honor Band at Jewett Auditorium in Caldwell. The band featured the top musicians from 21 A-1 to A-4 schools in western Idaho and eastern Oregon.

Although he would have liked to have placed more Homedale students, band director Arnold Pierce said he was pleased that these three placed so high in the stiff competition, where few positions are available.

All were awarded principal positions within their sections.

Rimrock FFA team attends National Convention

The Rimrock FFA chapter represented Idaho in the Agricultural Mechanics contest at the National Convention in Kansas City, MO November 10th through the 14th after winning the state contest in June at Moscow. The team consisted of Sam Merrick, Levi Burbank and Bryce Merrick. All won bronze medals.

“This was an extremely hard contest, but a great learning experience for the team members,” Chapter advisor Alan Schoen said. The members also received individual medals: Sam Merrick received a silver with Burbank and Bryce receiving bronze medals.



Trojans girls freshman basketball team...

The Homedale girls freshman basketball team will play Payette this Thursday, in Payette, at 4:30 p.m. Pictured left to right: front row, Becky Butler and Kasey Woodburn; middle row, Sarah Ree and Sarah Brown; back row, Coach Mike Greeley, Miren Lejardi, Carol Lauson and Lori Nettleton.

50 years ago

December 6, 1973



FOR THE BIRDS are these three of 39 new homes recently built in Homedale — for a specialized clientele. Fourth graders in Esther Brockmueller’s 4-A class at Lincoln School will receive presidential certificates for their environmentally-oriented efforts. Three of the six best houses were built by, from left, Terry Linn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Linn; Shauna Lasselle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lasselle, and Gary Hastriter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hastriter.

Trojans wax Vikings 55-46 in basketball opener

The Homedale Trojans will play at Adrian Friday night then entertain the Marsing Huskies here Tuesday night as the pre-Christmas basketball season swings into high gear.

The Trojans opened the ’73-’74 hoop schedule here Friday night with a 55-46 victory over Middleton. Two speedy guards, dumped in 30 points between them, with Doug Takasugi posting 16 points and Dan Landa 14.

Trojan Coach Garry Matlock noted, “Our speed paid off, and we played especially great defense. We think our aggressiveness overcame our mistakes. All in all, it was a great opener for us.”

Matt Paxton and Landa each had eight rebounds for HHS and Kelly Vance six. Vance scored nine points and Gregg Garrett eight for HHS.

Council presented ideas for park playground

Homedale City Council held its regular meeting on Dec. 3 at City Hall with Mayor George Murray presiding. All councilmen were present.

— Rhoda McWaters, spokeswoman for the Senior Citizens, thanked the city for all the considerations they had given them, and stated they had purchased 5 lots in the city to build a Senior Citizen Center.

— Park playground equipment: Carol Inouye and Karen Solis of Alpha Phi sorority, presented various playground equipment ideas for the new City Park. Alpha Phi would like to be instrumental in helping purchase some for the park.

Homedale gets park money from rec fund

Idaho State Parks and Recreation Board Member Kent Gist has announced the receipt of \$2,122.48 for the City of Homedale.

The grant was received from the Department of Interior’s Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Pacific Northwest Region Division to be used for the development of park and recreation facilities along the Snake River in Homedale.

Idaho has received over \$9,000,000 for BOR Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects for local units of government. The Homedale City Park Project has a total cost of \$81,000 and is scheduled for completion sometime in the fall of 1974. Hookups for overnight trailers are currently being installed.

153 years ago

December 3, 1870

NEW BOOK.—Sam. Heidelberger is agent for a new book entitled “The River of the West,” a narrative of life and adventure in the Rocky Mountains and Oregon, with events in the life-time of Jos. L. Meek, the famous Rocky mountain hunter and Oregon pioneer. It is a profusely illustrated octavo volume of over 600 pages, and vividly portrays the perils, hardships, and wonderful romance of a trapper’s life. It is a complete history of the northwestern slope from the discovery of the Ctolumbia River to the present time. The work is from the pen of the talented authoress Frances Fuller Victor and has received the universal commendation of the American press.

The book to which we have referred is sold by subscription only, and those of our readers who desire a rich intellectual treat, should not fail to put down their names when Sam. calls around.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—Mrs. Adams proposes to have a School Exhibition in the Theater in about two weeks, on which occasion the children will sing, speak pieces, &c. It is proposed to charge 50 cents admission, and after defraying expenses, to devote the remainder towards purchasing presents for the children, or giving them a kind of winter pic-nik party. The programme will be published in the next AVALANCHE.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL.—Having a leisure hour yesterday afternoon, we visited the District School, and found Mrs. Etta Adams busily engaged in looking after between forty and fifty as bright and intelligent juveniles of various ages as it has ever been our fortune to note. During our stay they sang a few pieces that will be in the programme of the coming exhibition. “The District School,” an adaptation, “Summer Evening,” and “Roxy Light,” were sung in concert by the whole school, and, with a little more practice, can be reproduced before an audience with splendid effect. The “Rosy Crown,” by a choir of eleven, “Tree of Life,” by a choir of seven, and the “Sunbeam” by eight of the smaller pupils, were very well executed — the latter will bring down the house, if sung and acted as well as yesterday. “I want to be an Angel,” by Lillie Blackinger, Mattie Hughes and Willie Stucker, three of the youngest scholars in the school, was sung surprisingly well for their years. A little more practice will render perfect. The last piece that we had time to hear, and in our opinion one of the best, is the marriage ceremony, published a short time ago in the AVALANCHE. Jos. O’Keefe acted as Justice of the Peace, and joined in wedlock Master Phillip Shuster and Miss Katie Justice. “Wilt thou take this brown stone front, &c.” will be an interesting item on the programme. Prepare to give the youngsters a benefit.

PAY OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY.—It is ordered by the Court that District Attorney Huston be paid \$260 out of the Treasury of Owyhee county for mileage, attendance and services during the recent term of the District Court here.

Local Hints and Happenings.

W. H. Dewey has opened a cozy little saloon in the “Old Corner.”

Several lots of bullion were brought over from Flint this week. Times are good in that District.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that Ideal Custom Homes has filed an Application for Special Use Permit and a Zone Change. They are requesting the property located at 312 E Owyhee Ave., Lots 2 & 3, Block 95, parcel # RPA0010095002A, be changed from Industrial zoning to Residential zoning and that they be allowed to build four (4) town homes on the property.

A public hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The public may appear and offer testimony at that time. Written testimony can be submitted via email: alicep@cityofhomedale.org or PO Box 757 Homedale, ID 83628.

11/29;12/06/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that Ideal Custom Homes has filed an Application for Special Use requesting they be allowed to build up to seven (7) town homes on the property located at 507 W California Ave and 501 W California Ave.; Lots 1 & 2 of Block 10; Parcels: RPA00100100020 & RPA00100100010.

A public hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The public may appear and offer testimony at that time. Written testimony can be submitted via email: alicep@cityofhomedale.org or PO Box 757 Homedale, ID 83628.

11/29;12/06/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Annexation & Zoning Change filed by POW WOW LLC requesting that the property at the southeast corner of Pioneer Road and US Highway 95, Parcel RP03N05W153002, be annexed into the City of Homedale. The proposed zoning of the 25.199-acre property would include a commercial zone and a residential zone.

The public is invited to attend and offer input. Written testimony may also be submitted to alicep@cityofhomedale.org or PO Box 757 Homedale, ID 83628.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
11/29;12/06/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT

TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING: Legal notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on 13th day of December, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Administrative Office of the Homedale Highway District, 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, at which any interested person may appear and show cause why the petition of Doug Burgess to abandon and vacate the below described street /right-of-way should not be granted and or show cause for the imposition of conditions by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting to be held on said day.

DESCRIPTION OF STREET/ RIGHT-OF-WAY PETITIONED TO BE ABANDONED AND VACATED:

Mule Springs Road

Kimberly Hotchkiss
Secretary
Homedale Highway District
11/29;12/06,13/2023

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVENTHAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2023 irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twentieth day of December 2023. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier's check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel
Secretary
P.O. Box 9
Grand View, Idaho 83624
12/06,13/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No: ID-23-968567-SW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 3/20/2024, at the hour of 11:00 AM, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

IN TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, O W Y H E E COUNTY, IDAHO, SECTION 35: A PARCEL IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, AND BEING THE CENTER LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, A DISTANCE OF 405 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE NORTH 89°58' WEST A DISTANCE OF 107.56 FEET TO A POINT;

T H E N C E S O U T H PARALLEL TO AND 107.56 FEET WEST FROM THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 405 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE SOUTH 89°58' EAST A DISTANCE OF 107.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Current Trustee is Robert W. McDonald, Esq., whose address is 108 1st Ave. South, Suite 450, Seattle, Washington 98104 and who can be reached by telephone at (866) 925-0241.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 67
Homedale, ID 83628
Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2023, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2021, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before June 30, 2024, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above-named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Three Year Delinquent Charges for Year 2021
Forest & Sharon Abbott	Sec 07 T3N R5W Pt NESE	\$ 119.20
Nicholas Armas	Sec 24 T3N R5W Lot 1 Blk 1 Market Rd. Est.	\$226.05
Keith & Ashley Cegnar	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt SWSW	\$302.75
Chasm I LLC	Sec 15 T3N R5W Pt NWNE	\$741.79
Sharon Engle	Sec 10 T2N R4W Pt SWSW	\$136.63
Joshua & Kelsee Gabel	Sec 18 T3N R5W NESE	\$423.07
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Wild Oak Honey Farms LLC	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt SE1/4	\$878.44
Loren D Wills	Sec 11 T2N R4W Lot 4	\$149.69

Dated this 29th day of November, 2023
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer
12/06,13,20,27/2023

the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 8691 CLARK RD, MARSING, ID 83639 may be associated with said real property.

The 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 made and entered into on 4/29/2001, by and among DOROTHY J BURTCHETT, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE AND ALLEN J BURTCHETT, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as Grantor, and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, and OPTION ONE MORTGAGE C O R P O R A T I O N , A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on 5/10/2001, as Instrument No. 235838 Official Records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$3,885.06 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$41,347.59 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.
By: Robert W. McDonald, Esq., Trustee
TS No: ID-23-968567-SW
IDSPub #0189309
11/15,22,29;12/06/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The proposed rule public hearing request deadline is December 20, 2023, unless otherwise posted.
The proposed rule written comment submission deadline is December 27, 2023, unless otherwise posted.
(Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed.
*(*PH) indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.*

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

11341 W Chinden Blvd, Bldg 4, Boise, ID 83714
**24-3601-2301, Rules of the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy.*
*(*PH)* Proposed rule allows for the delegation of pharmaceutical care services to appropriate support personnel and provides a verification waiver for drug outlets.

IDAPA 52 – IDAHO STATE LOTTERY

1199 Shoreline Ln, Ste 100, Boise, ID 83702
**52-0103-2301, Rules Governing Operations of the Idaho State Lottery.* *(*PH)* Substantive changes provide lottery retailers the ability to pay prizes up to \$599 with no-fee prepaid prize payment cards, electronic fund transfer, and other modern methods of payment.

NOTICES OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE ONLY
IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
16-0314-2301, Hospitals

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin **December 6, 2023, Volume 23-12**, for the notices and text of all rulemakings, proclamations, negotiated rulemaking and public hearing information and schedules, executive orders of the Governor, and agency contact information.

Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at www.adminrules.idaho.gov/

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Sports

✓ Marsing: Coach sees many potential scoring leaders on current roster

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concentrate on his future as a Div. I collegiate track and field athlete.

Little doesn't begrudge his players pursuing other sports. In fact, a spring sport may give the Huskies a little extra competitive "oomph" this winter.

"Coming off a successful baseball season last year, we do sense more confidence in the players as a whole," the ninth-year Huskies coach said. "We are still a little young this year, but we have varsity experience across the board.

"We have more depth and overall talent than we have had in the past few years."

Little concedes that the 2A Western Idaho Conference is still one of the toughest small-school leagues in the state, but that mix of depth and talent may be worth a few surprises.

"The competitive nature of all the players will drive us to being the best team we can be once District rolls around," the coach said.

Two returners from Marsing's 8-15 campaign are seniors, including three-year varsity starter Nacho Margarito on the wing.

"He's strong and he can finish well inside the key," Little said.

The other senior is guard Eli Ankeny, who transferred into the program from Middleton as an 11th-grader. Ankeny returns with the team's highest shooting percentage from anywhere on the floor, and he was second on the team in steals while av-

eraging 7.5 points per game.

A third senior, forward Diego Margarito, will help with the team's depth. Little sees junior forward Dresden Wood in the space-filler role, too.

"We believe that (Margarito and Wood) filling the roles of seniors we lost last year provide us with some depth and subs that we can utilize without sacrificing a performance drop on the court," the coach said.

Guard Juan Diego Ponce returns after leading the Huskies in scoring as a freshman (10.1 points per game). He elevated his game to average 17 points in the district tournament.

Junior wing Teagan Kinney, another who got experience during the baseball team's title season, shows the type of overall progress Little has seen.

"(Kinney) was a real spark for us last year and has grown as well as put on some weight," the coach said. "He is athletic and rebounds well."

Another athlete gaining experience from other sports is guard Jace Chadez. The junior has reached State in baseball and football since posting an All-2A WIC honorable mention-caliber basketball season.

He averaged 7 points and 2.3 assists last year, and Little said he led by example with strong on-ball defense that resulted in leading the team in steals and charges drawn.

The determination and will to succeed forged by championship runs will be vital for the Huskies, Little said.

"We believe that any given

night, we could have a different standout," Little said. "The biggest issue we face is that our league is extremely difficult — with every team returning multiple varsity starters and all-league players — so many players will have to step up each night in order for us to achieve our goals.

"We have a great group of players that feel positive after

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

The depth on offense will bring new experiences to Huskies fans this season, he said.

"We have many options offensively this year, which will be a change for us," he said.

"Any given night could witness more than one of the top eight players finishing in double-digit points."

Then again, fans can also expect more of the same.

"We will work to play with defensive energy and discipline with the goal of holding teams to 48 points a night," Little said.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, apple **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn

Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries

Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll

Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn

Homedale Middle

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

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, spring roll, seasoned green beans, fortune cookie

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn

Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries

Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie

Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

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. 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Grab 'n' go:** BBQ chicken salad

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab 'n' go:** Club sub sandwich

Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Raised donut or bagel and cream cheese, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Meatball sub, crinkle fries **Grab 'n' go:**

Chicken Caesar salad

Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab 'n' go:** Turkey bacon sub

Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab 'n' go:** Ham and cheese sub

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** Glazed chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, roll **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, curly fries

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, muffin, string cheese, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chef's salad

Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast, snickerdoodle cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, Tater Tots

Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, apple **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, green beans, breadstick **Cold Grab-n-go:** Very berry chicken salad

Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, banana **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, Tater Tots

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Dec. 6: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, celery sticks

Dec. 11: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Dec. 12: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa

Dec. 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

Public notices

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 88508

WEST INDIAN COVE WATER CO INC, 51381 HIGHWAY 78, HAMMETT, ID 83627-5009 has filed Application No. 88508 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 2-10008, 2-10010, 2-2044, 2-2055, 2-2097B, 2-2128, 2-4015, 2-7133; 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 for West Indian Cove Water Co Inc's Snake River water rights. The proposed new point of diversion

is a pump station located in Lot 6 NWSW Section 34, Township 05S, Range 07E approximately 0.1 miles south of the current pump station and approximately 2.5 miles West of Indian Cove. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 12/26/2023. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

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