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Above: Representatives from three engineering firms visited the 93-year-old truss bridge on Sage Road on Thursday to start the process of replacing the only span in the Homedale Highway District's purview. **Below:** A vehicle passes over the bridge as district commissioners begin their special meeting.

Old bridge finally nearing retirement

Homedale district starts process to replace one-laner

The only bridge in the Homedale Highway District footprint could be replaced sometime in 2025.

Highway commissioners and representatives from three engineering firms huddled in a cold wind Thursday morning to inspect the Sage Road bridge north of Succor Creek Road.

The highway district itself is only about 14 years older than the bridge, which has been in service for the Homedale



Highway District across Succor Creek since 1982.

A July inspection commissioned by the Idaho Transportation Department and carried

out by the Burgess & Niple engineering and architecture firm itemized several deficiencies in the 1930 bridge.

The one-lane bridge was

originally part of a larger bridge that crossed the Boise River at Eagle Island for 52 years

— See **Bridge**, page 3

Tax bills drop by average of 15%

Treasurer warns citizens of scam letters

Owyhee County property owners will see a reduction of their tax bills.

Bills were mailed recently, and the first half of the payment (or full payment, if desired) is due on Dec. 20.

Second-half payments will be accepted until June 20.

According to information from county Treasurer Annette Dygert, the State of Idaho sent Owyhee County more than \$1.45 million in tax relief to help lower property owners' tax obligations.

The total levy for 2023 is

— See **Tax**, page 10

Recount confirms Enrico's council election

With a handful of observers looking on, Lynette Enrico's Marsing City Council election victory was reaffirmed last week.

Three auditors from the Idaho Attorney General's Office elections division conducted a hand recount of 89 ballots cast during the Nov. 7 election.

— See **Council**, page 11

Community Christmas drives wrapping up

Homedale: Today is final day for Wish Tree, food donations

The community effort to bring a brighter Christmas to some Homedale families concludes today.

The school district-wide food drive and community Wish Tree presents collection is in

its final hours as organizers prepare for distribution in the coming days.

First-year elementary school counselor Trinity Pratt

— See **Homedale**, page 11

Marsing: A few Giving Tree tags still available at OC Coffee

The annual community effort to help Marsing families make Christmas memorable is enjoying another great run.

Folks who want to fulfill Christmas wishes placed on the Giving Tree have until

Monday to return gifts to OC Coffee.

Last week, there were still a handful of tags hanging from the tree inside the coffee shop

— See **Marsing**, page 11



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Rockville community gathers for children’s Christmas play

Rockville school students and some of their neighbor friends thrilled the community with a Christmas play last Wednesday.

Megan Wright and Annie Mackenzie wrote the original play, and the children of Rockville produced “The Wise, The Bad and The Holy” for the community.

Rockville’s teaches are Sharon Green and Theresa Greeley.

According to the playbill, the story takes place in the wild west, “an untamed land ruled by a ruthless governor, a time of rustlers and rangers, campfires and cow towns.”

The playbill also included the admonishment that this adaptation of The Christmas Story was going to be different: “... hold on to your cowboy

hats ... it’s about to get western.”

The cast included:

Narrator — Cecilia Cunningham

Lil Joe — John Paul Cunningham

Mary — Charlee Mackenzie

Gov. Herad and Barkeep — Kelton Mackenzie

Buckaroo Bob and Nighthawk — Hardy Wright

Texas Rangers — Ace Wright, Blaze Wright, and Carlee Mackenzie

Angels— Monica and Brigid Cunningham, and Staylee Mackenzie

Not all the children in the play attend Rockville school, but all children from the community were included in the play and “memorized their lines to perfection,” according to one reviewer.

A potluck was also part of the evening, which one observer characterized as a “great get-together for a small community and a wonderful way to highlight the kids.”



Above: The cast sings for the audience. Back row, from left: Cecilia Cunningham, Blaze Wright, Kelton Mackenzie, Ace Wright, John Paul Cunningham, and Carlee Mackenzie. Front row, from left: Hardy Wright, Charlee Mackenzie, Brigid and Monica Cunningham and Staylee Mackenzie. Left: Hardy Wright (left) and John Paul Cunningham (Lil Joe) share dialogue as Charlee Mackenzie (Mary) sits atop a mini horse on the trail from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Photos by Tara Echave

Weather

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Dec. 5	50	32	.00
Dec. 6	54	32	.00
Dec. 7	50	40	.00
Dec. 8	51	40	.00
Dec. 9	45	29	.00
Dec. 10	39	20	.00
Dec. 11	38	34	.30

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✓ Bridge: Span is part of bridge that crossed Boise River at Eagle Island

before it was repurposed to replace the old wooden bridge over Succor Creek.

The Homedale district’s now-93-year-old bridge has several points of corrosion and missing rivets, according to the July inspection.

Homedale Highway District was established in 1916, 14 years before the bridge was constructed in the Boise area.

The bridge has outlasted the lifelong terms of two commissioners — Elmer Prow and his son Larry Prow. Larry, who retired earlier this year, was invited back for Thursday’s special meeting outdoors. He parked on the north end of the bridge and — perhaps on a sentimental stroll — walked across the span to join former board colleagues John Demshar, now the chairman, and Scott Salutregui on the south side.

Larry’s father Elmer was on the board when the bridge was brought over from Boise.

The other end of the Boise River bridge apparently is still in service near the Pleasant Valley School outside Jordan Valley, board members said.

Jeremy Robbins, a transportation director from the Meridian office of the Florida-based NV5 engineering firm, provided a project road map.

He was joined at the meeting by Jared Trowbridge, a Salem, Ore.-based engineer from the Dowl planning and engineering firm, and Jake Woodbury, a civil engineer with Boise’s QRS Consulting.

Robbins said the preliminary idea is to widen the bridge to 32 feet. The maximum possible roadway width could be achieved by placing guardrails outside the horizontal frame of the new bridge.

The current one-lane bridge is only 20 feet wide.

The 94-foot span also has weight restrictions of 18 tons to 22 tons depending how many axles are carrying the load.

The evolution of farm equipment has helped make the bridge all but obsolete, which is why widening is necessary. Many combine drivers have to take an eight-mile detour to get to their fields of labor.

“Everything changes so fast,” Demshar said, referring to the ever-widening swathers on new combines being built. “We have to be prepared.”

The weight restrictions make it difficult for a nearby cattle operation to move cows without a significant detour, too.

Robbins also suggested raising the bridge as much as two feet above its current elevation over the creek because of high-water events, including what many characterized as a 500-year flood in 1960s. In fact, Demshar pointed out that high creek water has lapped at the bottom of deck on a regular basis, and Salutregui mentioned that “gulley-washers” often come screaming out of Succor Creek Canyon.

Concrete abutments could be built when a new truss bridge is constructed. Abutments are crumbling and the wooden bridge deck is showing decay.

The bridge report the engineering firms will complete must receive Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) approval before plans, specifications and engineering can be undertaken.

Robbins expects the “PS&E” portion to begin in October. The project could be sent out to bid between November 2024 and January 2025.

Part of the process is telling neighboring property owners a survey crew will be in the area. Robbins said the firm hasn’t been able to reach all the landowners yet.

Demshar said some nearby fences may need to be moved away from the Sage Road right-of-way when the project gets underway more than a year from now.

— JPB



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Fate of development projects in Homedale council's hands

Series of hearings scheduled tonight

Several public hearings are scheduled tonight dealing with proposed residential development in Homedale.

The city council will hear an application for annexation into the city limits and three applications for conditional use permits during its December meeting, which begins at 6 p.m., at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Pow Wow LLC wants the city to annex a 25-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95.

The firm is also seeking mixed-use zoning with plans for a 15-acre residential development and 10 acres available for commercial development.

Ideal Custom Homes, which is owned and operated by Homedale High School baseball

coach Burke Deal, has filed three CUP applications with the city to build townhomes and single-family residences on three different parcels in town:

- **312 E. Owyhee Ave.** — This parcel to the east of The Rock of Homedale youth center must be rezoned from industrial to residential.
- **432 W. Oregon Ave.** — Ideal Custom Homes is seeking a lot split to allow the construction of two single-family homes. The lot current faces north and south, but the developer is asking for an east-and-west lot split to accommodate the second dwelling.
- **507 W. California Ave., and 415 N. 5th St. W.** — Ideal Custom Homes has applied for a special use permit to allow the construction of as many

as seven townhomes on the two lots.

The construction project would require a east-west split of the property which currently is a north-south split.

The council is scheduled to take action on each of the applications immediately after all the hearings are closed.

In addition to the regular department reports, the council will consider a change order to the wastewater project and also a pay request from contractor Desert View Construction.

Councilmembers also will consider paying the contractor for work on the walking path between Sundance Park and Homedale Middle School. Fencing has been built along the corridor from the park to Johnstone Road at the rear of residences. A sidewalk was also poured on the west side of Johnstone Road connecting a crosswalk to the HMS campus.

— JPB

New county fair manager hired

Commissioners OK community center repairs

The Owyhee County Fair has a new manager, and folks will pay more to use the community center at the fairgrounds next year.

County commissioners hired Sonya Shipp as fair board secretary and the August event's manager during a Dec. 4 meeting in Murphy.

Shipp was one of four people who applied for the job after Marsing resident Ginger Loucks resigned.

Loucks announced her intent to resign during a meeting in which the county commissioners discussed the relationship between the county fair board and the Owyhee County Rodeo board of directors earlier this year.

The BOCC accepted Loucks' resignation as fair manager and fair board secretary on Oct. 16.

Since Sept. 1 Loucks, who is owner of Cowgirls Catering,

has owned and operated the Whitehouse Drive-In in Marsing.

Shipp will make \$22.56 per hour in her part-time role as fair manager/board secretary.

Also during the Dec. 4 meeting, the commissioners revamped the Owyhee County Community Center rental policy.

Fair board member April Binford of Homedale has been acting as the building manager, taking care of rentals and making maintenance suggestions to the county commissioners.

Last week, commissioners passed Resolution 2023-40 to increase the community center rental security deposit from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

The increase will take effect on Jan. 1 because there are already some events that were booked under the previous security deposit amount. Any group with an event already scheduled for the new year will pay the \$1,500 amount.

The commissioners cited increased labor associated with cleaning the center when renters haven't properly cleaned the facility as part of the reasoning for the increase. Binford also told commissioners that the \$1,500 deposit wasn't sufficient to hire a local cleaning company to do the work.

During their Nov. 20 meeting with Binford, the

commissioners agreed to accept a bid from Those Guys Home Remodeling to patch and paint interior walls in the community center. The Homedale firm's quote was \$3,729.50.

Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the work is necessary because of damage to the center, which is only a few years old.

Aberasturi noted the costs are more significant after events at which alcohol was served.

"We find out we have more damage and more trash pick-up afterwards compared to when we have events without alcohol," he said.

The commissioners also authorized securing an automated external defibrillator at Binford's behest.

"We have big events and small events in that building," she said. "I think we owe it to the public to have one there."

Binford asked for a Zoll model consistent with the ones used by Homedale Ambulance.

She suggested applying for a grant, and County Clerk Angie Barkell said there is a government program through which the county could buy an AED.

The commissioners also authorized Binford to use county funds to purchase security cameras for the community center.

— JPB

Alleged domestic assault brings felonies

Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick plans to start tracking calls his deputies take at area recreational vehicle parks.

The sheriff announced his efforts during Monday's county commissioners meeting while discussing the arrest of Tomy Lee Trevino on domestic violence charges.

County jail administrator James Vincent identified Trevino as a 43-year-old Marsing resident.

Deputies arrested Trevino on Sunday night in a recently opened RV resort on Main Street on the western edge of town after responding at 11:14 p.m., to a call of a domestic battery in progress.

According to an OCSO press release, Trevino was booked into Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on charges of domestic battery in the presence of a child, attempted strangulation and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.



Tomy Lee Trevino

Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller told commissioners he planned to file a charge of aggravated assault, too.

All counts are felonies.

OCSO performs community outreach

Kendrick also told commissioners of his deputies' community outreach from last week:

- Officials visited the six children studying at Three Creek School.
- Deputies participated in the 31st annual Shop with a Cop event in Canyon County on Saturday.
- OCSO entered two patrol trucks and a boat in the Christmas parade Friday in Grand View.

Clarification

Samantha Noblit has worked in the Homedale Senior Center kitchen for more than 10 years, including as head cook and kitchen manager for more than five years. A photo caption in the Nov. 29 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche didn't give full context to her role.

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The countdown to the holidays is in full swing, and you may find you still have friends, families, co-workers and others on your gift list. Why not give them a taste of the rich agricultural region we know and love?



Ariel Agenbroad

I am often on the receiving end of various food-themed gift boxes from a relative who lives out of state. While I am always happy to enjoy the treats they send, these gift packs are often coming from large, multi-national corporations, packed with an enormity of non-recyclable ice packs and foam material, and have traveled thousands of miles to get to my door. Which got me thinking ... how could I enjoy or treat others to a similar tasty experience, but one featuring handmade, handcrafted, high-quality, locally made items close to home? Turns out, pretty easily! And with so many small and even micro-businesses embracing e-commerce, we're only a click away from sending or receiving the best our family farms in the region have to

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offer. And many will ship just about anywhere with enough notice!

Now, what follows is by no means meant to be an exhaustive list of what is out there and available, and I'm sure to have forgotten a favorite. So, please, let us know who else you have found and bought from this holiday season! I will tell you where I looked, and where you can look, too.

Some of these folks I know because I've shopped with them for years, but it was good to review their current offerings and see how they've grown or changed. I then went with my "go-to," Idaho Preferred. To be an Idaho Preferred member, one must be an agricultural producer in Idaho, or a food producer using a majority of Idaho-grown or raised ingredients in their products. Idaho Preferred's own limited edition gift baskets, featuring a well-rounded selection of offerings from their members, have sold out for the 2023 season. You can check out what was included and plan for next year at <https://idahopreferred.com/holiday-gift-box/>.

I also checked out Buy Idaho at <https://www.buyidaho.org>, which features all-Idaho businesses. Lots to explore there!

I lastly made a virtual stop to Local Harvest (www.localharvest.org), and browsed the Homedale Top Hat Market Facebook page to check for local vendors new to me.

Businesses included here all have some kind of e-commerce site online. They all ship products, and most have curated gift boxes or packages ready made to order, pick up or send!

In the mood for sweet treats? I was intrigued by the variety and creative inventions at Bluebird Confections in Caldwell. Cinnamon Whisky Caramels, anyone? Find them at <https://www.bluebirdconfections.com/>.

Freeze Drydaho's products (<https://a012c4.myshopify.com/>) were sold at Top Mat Market. The veteran-owned small business specializes in freeze-dried fruit and candy. I love candy, but I was especially tempted by their Gala Apple Crisps.

Speaking of fruit, how about dark chocolate-covered dried cherries from Cherry Hill Farms in Caldwell? (<https://app.barn2door.com/cherryhillfarms/all>)

And lastly, consider a honey-themed gift box for your honey from Caldwell's Steele

Legacy Honey (<https://www.steelelegacyhoney.com/shop>). More in the mood for something spicy? Try one (or five) of Wagner Idaho Foods mustard flavors, from Applewood Smoked to the Classic Idaho. (<https://wagneridahofoods.com/>).

And the Idaho Spice Company in Caldwell (<https://www.idahospicecompany.com>), a brand I first met at the Homedale Farmers Market years ago, is known for spice rubs, baking mixes and more. Their Gaucho Chimichurri spice blend is my personal favorite.

Maybe you're craving holiday meats? Hoagland Meat in Homedale (<https://hoaglandmeat.com>) can set you up with a bone-in prime rib roast.

And for variety, visit McIntyre Pastures virtual holiday store (<https://mcintyrefamilyfarms.com/holiday-store>), featuring their pasture-raised meat, eggs, and a selection of gift boxes.

Looking for a non-perishable local farm product for your favorite crafter or gardener? Visit Lucky Four Farm in Marsing for soap, wool and yarn (<https://www.luckyfourfarm.com>) or Rogers Neighborhood Farm, also in Marsing, for alpaca yarn and alpaca pellet plant food (<https://www.rogersneighborhoodfarm.com/shop89>).

For the undecided, how about a gift box packed with a variety of local products from multiple farmers, ranchers and food companies? Check out Idaho in a Box (<https://idahoinabox.com/>) for one-time gifts or a subscription. And for huckleberry gift boxes and much more, visit Vogel Farms Country Market online and in Kuna (<https://www.vogelfarmscountrymarket.com/shop-2>).

If like me, when you have the time, you like to create your own gift baskets filled with favorite things, browse in person at Cliff's County Market in downtown Caldwell (<https://cunninghampasturedmeats.com/cliffs-country-market>) or Peaceful Belly's Farm Store on Hoskins Road just outside Caldwell (<https://www.peacefulbelly.com/farmstore>).

Happy Holidays!

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice

PB&J sandwich, daily vegetable and fruit choices

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

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello

Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll

Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, loaded mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, frosted sugar cookie

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese

Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese daily

Vegetable and fruit choices daily

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

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, apple **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, seasoned green beans, Jello

Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, marinara sauce cup, buttered corn

Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, loaded mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, frosted sugar cookie

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg; Vegetable and fruit choices daily

Cereal option, grab 'n' go items each day

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

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Corn dog, curly fries, fruited Jello **Grab 'n' go:** BBQ chicken wrap

Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, crinkle fries **Grab 'n' go:** Turkey bacon sub

Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, sausage patty, iced coffee **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, crinkle fries **Grab 'n' go:** Berry chicken salad

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, loaded mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll, frosted sugar cookies

Marsing

Meals include 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): Ch'burger, chicken

dish (reg./spicy sand.; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

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

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Waffle sausage sandwich, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries **Cold Grab-n-go:** Club sub

Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, Craisins **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Cold Grab-n-go:** Malibu chicken sandwich, Tater Tots

Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken, spring roll, steamed rice, fortune cookie **Cold Grab-n-go:** Ham and cheese sub

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, Yami yogurt, orange wedges **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, holiday potatoes, green beans, frosted sugar cookie

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

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

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Corn dog, Tater Tots, baby carrots

Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots

Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Calendar

Today

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., appointments necessary, foot exams, \$25; ear cleanings, \$30, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (208) 337-3020

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

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.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
12:30 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.

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

Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St., Jordan Valley.

Jordan Valley school board meeting
7 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213

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

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

Thursday

Therapy dog visit
9:30 a.m., to 11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

Food bank drop off
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829. Information: info@owyheegardeners.org

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., ‘Idaho Public Television visit’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Adult Book Club
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Magic Hour’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Saturday

Food bank distribution
9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.

Community movie night
7 p.m., free, Sandbar Community Room, Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Sunday

Marsing Gun Club
11 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd. (off Hwy 95), Marsing.

Monday

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

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

After School Program
4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘Mrs. Claus visit’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Creative writing group
5 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

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10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old high school gym, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

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

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

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

EOC Library board meeting
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Library, (208) 834-2785

After School at the Library
4 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘Night Before Christmas’, children pre-K through 5th grade, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Christmas play planned Sunday in Grand View

Valley Christian Fellowship’s annual Christmas play takes place Sunday in the Grand View area. “The Greatest Treasure” will be presented at 5 p.m., at the Fellowship, 37866 State Hwy. 78. Dinner will follow the performance. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (208) 834-2655.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day
Dec. 13: Tuna melt, baked potato, corn
Dec. 14: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables
Dec. 19: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables
Dec. 20: Chicken patty, roasted potatoes, Brussels sprouts
Dec. 21: Christmas Dinner: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole
Dec. 26-27: Closed Christmas

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger) \$8 (take-out meal, any age)
Dec. 13: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat roll, spiced apples
Dec. 15: Beans and ham, corn and peppers, cornbread, pears
Dec. 18: BBQ bacon cheeseburger, mashed potatoes, succotash, whole wheat bun, applesauce
Dec. 20: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, spinach salad, French bread, peaches
Dec. 21: Christmas meal: Baked ham with Cumberland sauce, scalloped potatoes, dill carrots, citrus salad, dinner roll, holiday dessert
Dec. 22: Christmas meal: Baked ham with Cumberland sauce, scalloped potatoes, dill carrots, citrus salad, dinner roll, holiday dessert



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Homedale BPA wraps to get regional leaders to State, beyond

Christmas gift-wrapping fundraiser continues next week

Wrapping Christmas presents will help members of Homedale’s Business Professionals of America chapter travel to the state convention and, hopefully, nationals.

Homedale High School BPA members began a three-day project of wrapping Christmas gifts for the public on Dec. 1.

The wrapping services will continue next Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21. Students will be wrapping presents from 2 p.m., to 6 p.m., each day.

The big fundraiser is part of a busy December for the BPA students.

Homedale took 26 students to the regional competition in Parma, and 18 of those qualified for the state meet set

for Boise in February.

Students who qualified for State include:

- **Miguel Albor** — Part of the first-place Podcast Production team; Entrepreneurship, third place
- **Addison Cussins** — Podcast Production team; Health Administration Procedures champion
- **Melissa Gonzalez** — Podcast Production team
- **Neidy Ramirez** — Podcast Production team
- **Kinlee Garrett** — Part of first-place Global Marketing team
- **Lexie Heck** — Global Marketing team and Prepared Speech runner-up
- **Kennedy Kildow** — Entrepreneurship runner-up

and Fundamental Accounting, fifth place

- **Corey Romriell** — Part of runner-up Financial Analyst team
- **Todd Thatcher** — Financial Analyst team
- **Sienna Stairs** — Ethics and Professionalism runner-up
- **Emily Taylor** — Payroll Accounting, third place; and Personal Financial Management, fourth place
- **Keaton Sorenson** — Individual Presentation, third place
- **Jackie Martinez** — Integrated Office Applications, fourth place
- **Anahi Hurtado** — Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, fourth place
- **Lorelei Johnson** — Payroll Accounting, fifth place
- **Juanita Hernandex** — Integrated Office Applications,

fifth place

- **Rubi Pulido** — Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, fifth place
- **Chris Hernandez** — Database Applications, fifth place

The top finishers at State will compete at the national convention, which is set for May 10-14 in Chicago.

Gift wrapping returns

There are two more chances to help the BPA while taking a holiday load off.

Chapter members will wrap presents for community members next Wednesday and on Thursday, Dec. 21.

Gifts can be dropped off between 2 p.m., and 6 p.m., each day. RSVP by calling BPA advisor Kylee Fisher at (641) 799-6593 to provide your name and the time you plan to drop off the gifts.

The chapter has created a donation scale based on the size of the gift:

- \$3 for something small (about the size of a coffee cup)
- \$5 for medium gifts similar in size to a shoe box
- \$7 for a large box, such as a microwave size
- \$10 for anything larger than the above examples
- \$2 for a bow or added décor

Community members should drop off the presents by the Science wing of the high school, and make sure they are labeled with who is to receive them at Christmastime.

The BPA will provide wrapping paper, decorations if desired, and Christmas labels.

Contact Fisher at kfisher@homedaleschools.org or on her cellphone with any questions.

Homedale FFA heads toward break with more experience and experiences

Soils team captures district championship in Murphy

Information submitted by Kennedy Kildow, chapter reporter

The start of the FFA year has been a busy one for the Homedale chapter.

During Monday’s monthly meeting, chapter members enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies while holding a white elephant gift exchange.

The chapter meets at 6:30 p.m., on the second Monday of every month in the high school Ag shop.

The annual Harvest Auction featured dinner for chapter boosters and the sale of eight hours of labor from each chapter member as a fundraiser to pay for travel and contests.

The auction took place Nov. 9 at the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds and featured donated themed baskets as well as items

that the FFA members designed and built in the school’s wood and welding shops.

The auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year, helping chapter members travel to state and national events, pay dues and contest registrations and furnishing FFA supplies and materials.

Twenty-six chapter members and many other Homedale Ag Education students traveled to Murphy on Sept. 28 for the Treasure Valley FFA District Soils Contest.

Homedale won the district championship and moved on to finish 13th in the state contest in Burley on Oct. 12.

The district soils team included Hayden Thorton, Hanna Thorton, Sienna Stairs, Rachel Palwak and Kaite Mayers.

The state team included Kasey Brasheries, Tayler Trout, Gabby

Young, Rachel Palwak, Allie Bell and Hayden Thorton.

Contestants must judge five different pits of soil. The holes are dug deep enough to measure the depth of the soil, and participants must determine texture to ensure that the soil is farmable or can be cultivated.

“The contest that our members participated in was an overall beneficial experience to our students,” chapter reporter Kennedy Kildow wrote.

Twenty-five chapter members traveled to Middleton earlier in the school year for Treasure Valley District Leadership Development workshops.

The workshops showed FFA’ers from around the district what they can do to have a positive impact on their chapters. The Treasure Valley District officer team and local businesses led workshops showing chapter members opportunities to lead within their chapter and also within their community.

Avalanche deadlines change for holidays

Deadlines for the Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 editions of The Owyhee Avalanche have been altered because of the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

Christmas

The Avalanche office will close at 2 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 22 and will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 for Christmas.

Deadlines for the Dec. 27 edition are:

- Noon on Thursday, Dec. 21 for display advertising
- 5 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 21 for letters to the editor, calendar items and news
- Noon on Friday, Dec. 22 for classified advertising and legal notices

New Year’s

The Avalanche office will close at 2 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 29 and will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 for New Year’s Day.

Deadlines for the Jan. 3, 2024 edition are:

- Noon on Thursday, Dec. 28 for display advertising
- 5 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 28 for letters to the editor, calendar items and news
- Noon on Friday, Dec. 29 for classified advertising and legal notices

Call the Avalanche office at (208) 337-4681 for any questions about advertising, news submissions or any other content for the Avalanche.

JV food bank drop-off on Thursday

The Southeast Oregon Food Bank’s monthly delivery to Jordan Valley has been moved up for December.

Folks looking for nutrition assistance before Christmas can visit the Jordan Valley Lions Hall from 12:30 p.m., to 2 p.m., on Thursday at 902

Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95).

This month’s food bank drop-off date was changed because of Christmas.

The food bank will return to its usual drop-off day of the fourth Thursday of every month in the new year.

After this week, the next

drop-off date is set for Thursday, Jan. 25.

Weather determines whether the truck can make the trip from Ontario each month.

Call the food bank at (541) 889-9206 or Bobbi Stoddart at (541) 586-2562 for more information.

Generous community members have until next Wednesday to fulfill Christmas wishes for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center residents.

The Homedale facility teams up with The Owyhee Avalanche each year to make sure residents have what they need for comfort, relaxation and entertainment.

Each resident makes a list of what they’d like for Christmas,

and community members pick off the items and deliver them to the Avalanche office.

OHR staff will pick up the gifts next Wednesday in time for the annual Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 21.

The Christmas wish list can be found on Page 24 in this week’s Avalanche.

Deliver gifts, marked with the number of the resident for which they are intended, to the Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale between 8 a.m., and noon, and 1 p.m., and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Marsing’s reader board returns



The City of Marsing has a new reader board roughly in the same location as the previous one. It was installed early last week and spruced up with one of the Marsing Beautification Project winter displays.

Folks traveling Main Street in Marsing can get information on events and city happenings once again.

A new digital reader board was placed near the site of the old one on Dec. 5.

Superior Signs did the work, and also came back and fixed the sign when the west side of the informational device malfunctioned.

The sign is on the north side of Main Street near the old railroad right-of-way. The city has an agreement with property owner Jacksons Food Stores to use the spot for the sign for the foreseeable future.

Last week, the sign hyped the city’s Facebook page, but community events are often advertised above the roadway.

Charitable organizations or groups planning community events or fundraisers can call

City Hall at (208) 896-4122 for more information. Request forms are available at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

The old sign, which was attached to a defunct railroad crossing signal, was destroyed when a motorist hauling a shed crashed into the overhead signal. Both crossing signals were eventually removed.

Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson said the new reader board cost \$26,894. The city’s insurance carrier, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, provided \$18,090 of that amount as a claim settlement.

Thompson said the city paid the remaining \$8,804.

ICRMP also sought reimbursement from the motorist’s insurance company, Thompson said.

— JPB

Street, safety improvements slated

The City of Marsing is another step closer to another street improvement project.

City engineer Kirby Cook said the Idaho Transportation Board could decide today whether to allocate a \$2 million Local Strategic Initiative Grant to rebuild a one-mile stretch of Old Bruneau Highway on either side of Main Street.

The rehabilitation project would create a new surface on the portions of the roadway that run within the city limits.

Cook delivered the news during his report at last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

If the project gets a green light this week, the work could be designed in the spring. The work has to be completed by the end of the summer, Cook said.

Earlier this year, another grant helped fund the reconstruction of a stretch of 1st Avenue West between Main Street and West 2nd Street North in front of City Park.

The pedestrian crosswalk on 8th Avenue West near the Marsing High School Ag shop also could see some movement in the spring.

Last month, the council awarded the \$139,885 project to LaRiviere, a construction firm headquartered in Rathdrum.

Cook said the flashing beacon for the crosswalk — similar to the crosswalk setup on Main Street by the old high school gymnasium — will be delivered in the spring.

• The council finalized amendments to the city’s dog ordinance, which has been renamed an “animal control

ordinance.”

The amendment essentially consolidated Ordinances A-234 and A-205. City attorney Cherese McLain said a primary change was establishing a “standard of reasonableness” to guide the code enforcement officer in determining when a barking dog became a public nuisance.

The first offense of the ordinance will remain an infraction. There had been discussion of bumping the first offense classification to a misdemeanor.

The code enforcement officer can still use the noise ordinance to consider citations after 10 p.m., McLain said in a discussion with Councilman Chris Even.

“But if a dog is barking all day long, you can cite based on (the animal control ordinance),” she said. “It just allows for a broader perspective.”

• Semi-trailer parking on Main Street is increasingly becoming a problem, code enforcement officer Karis Young told the council.

She suggested signage on the route to help with enforcement, but Even pointed out that no signage is needed because it’s already illegal to park semis on a state highway. Main Street is Idaho highway 55.

“I’m tired of code enforcement trying to enforce state law,” Even said. “This is a job for law enforcement, who can’t seem to make a meeting.

“This is where law enforcement needs to get off their butt and write tickets.”

There was no Owyhee County

Sheriff’s Office presence at last week’s meeting. Deputy Cayden Chavez, who was on the agenda to give an update, was absent.

“This is where we need to bring (Sheriff Larry Kendrick) in to talk about his deputies,” Even said.

• Public works superintendent Philip Gibson announced that the Idaho Transportation Department has provided a street sweeper, which is part of the burgeoning memorandum of understanding that will give Gibson’s crew more responsibility in the day-to-day maintenance of Idaho 55 within the city limits.

Gibson said he and crewmember Seth Wahl are working on obtaining Road Scholar status, too. Completing the course would clear some hurdles for the city to receive more Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) grant funding.

• Mayor Hayzen Corder encouraged city employees to join emergency responders from the Marsing Fire District, Marsing Ambulance and OCSO for a “high-five” event between 7 a.m., and 7:45 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 21 at the school district complex.

The gathering will mark the second year in a row in which officials have turned out to greet students as they arrive at the junior-senior high school and the elementary school for the last day of class before the start of Christmas break.

School nurse Cindy Floyd organized the event last year as part of the district’s “Kindness Campaign.”

— JPB

Obituary

Angela Kelly ‘Weir (Borchardt)

Angela Kelly ‘Weir (Borchardt), known to her loved ones as Ange passed away on November 29th, 2023 at her home in Caldwell, Idaho. Born on October 27th, 1978, in Nampa, Idaho at St. Luke’s Hospital to Wanda and Larry.

Angela will live on in the hearts of her children Jon and Brianna Coffelt, Malachi ‘Weir Borchardt and Faith, her grandson Jasper, her aunts Cheryl and Janice, her uncles Jerry, David and Burdell. An Aunt to Melissa’s 4 kids Danika, Tre, Tristen, Kedrick. And an Aunt again from her brother Darren to Makya,

Angela went to Meridian High School then was married to Jason whom she divorced. Remarried to Paul Weir in 2003 after multiple attempts with marriage they officially separated in 2019 but remained friends and close with their children and grandchild. Angela was a loving, beautiful, strong, kind, respectful and honest person who had a warm and caring personality that touched the lives of those around her.

She enjoyed working with people and had a fulfilling career as a CNA working at various establishments including Franklin Junction, McDonald’s, Jack in the Box, Taco Time, Walmart, and



Family Dollar in Homedale. Her passion for helping others extended to her work in Canyon County and Ada County. In her free time, she loved going camping and swimming in the pool out back with her friends and family.

Angela was preceded in death by her sister Melissa Mae Borchardt, who was cremated. Her ashes are with her Parents, her grandparents on her mother’s side, Walter Logan Hill and Dorothy Mae Hill, buried in Caldwell.

A funeral service will be held at Treasure Valley Full Gospel Fellowship. Contributions in memory of Angela can be made through a GoFundMe online. Angela Kelly ‘Weir will always be remembered for her loving nature and strong character and the positive impact she had on the lives of those around her may she rest in peace.

Death notice

EMMETT A. MOORE, 78, of Marsing, died on Friday, Nov. 29, 2023 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel

Homedale church slates remembrance service

All are welcome to attend the Homedale Disciples of Christ Christian Church special holiday candle lighting service of remembrance.

The event will be part of the regular morning worship service at 11 a.m., on Sunday. The church is located at 110 W. Montana Ave.

This part of the service is a way of acknowledging grief, honoring the departed loved ones and the roles they played in our lives, and including our memories of them in our current holiday celebrations.

The worship service is preceded at 10 a.m., by an hour of coffee, treats, and fellowship.

Toys 4 Tots helps hundreds

Snake River Toys 4 Tots helped scores of families in a four-town area this year.

The organization helped 143 families, including 373 children 12 and younger.

Another 41 teenagers received help.

The families who received helped hail from Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Greenleaf, Notus and Wilder.

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✓ Tax: Rebates sent directly to county treasury help lower tax obligation

\$9,526,454, but state-provided relief for Homeowner Tax Relief (HTR), All Tax Relief (ATR) and the School District Facilities Fund (SDFF) came in at \$1,451,896.

The county will collect \$8,074,558 in taxes, and with the rebates, property owners will realize an average of 15.2 percent savings.

The tax relief stretches across all types of property, but the bulk of the reductions were directed at homeowners.

The HTR amount was \$667,166, the ATR relief was \$97,007, and the SDFF relief was \$687,724.

The tax relief was developed after the Legislature passed House Bill 292, dedicating \$305 million (including \$100 million in state surplus money) to property tax relief this year.

Relief will continue in 2024 with a guarantee of at least \$122.5 million and 2025 with

a guarantee of at least \$182.4 million. The amounts could rise or fall each year depending on state surpluses.

In a recent press release, Gov. Brad Little said that Idaho homeowners will see an average 2023 property tax reduction of about 18 percent. The average reduction for all property taxpayers, including commercial, is nearly 14 percent.

Little said Idaho, which has the third-lowest property taxes in the nation, lowered taxes even more to deliver more tax relief per capita than any other state.

“We’re proud to turn money back to the hard-working people of our state while making critical investments in schools and infrastructure to keep up with growth,” Little said in a statement.

More than \$106 million in state General Fund dollars was deployed at the end of

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From page 1

✓ Council: County GOP committee chair among witnesses to process

Enrico and incumbent Marie Herman tied in the race for the second four-year term that was available. Each woman received 45 votes.

Herman petitioned the AG’s office for a recount after Enrico was declared the winner with a coin toss at the Nov. 8 city council meeting.

During the recount, 89 “public counts” were re-examined verbally vote-by-vote inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Enrico attended the recount. Herman did not.

Enrico and Herman each received a vote in absentee balloting, and each appeared on 44 ballots cast at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American



Marsing City Council candidate Lynette Enrico (right) looks on as the recount of the Nov. 7 ballots is conducted Dec. 5 in Murphy. Photo courtesy Owyhee County

Legion Post 128 Community Center on Election Day.

Among the observers for the recount of the non-partisan election results were Owyhee County Republican Central Committee chair Tammy Payne of Grand View and former Dist. 23 state Senate Republican primary candidate Jo Dee Arnold, who appears to be an election watchdog.

Arnold was identified as a “logic and accuracy test representative” last month in an Idaho Dispatch online article about Canyon County electronic ballot box testing.

Last week’s recount showed that incumbent Chris Even received 56 votes and fourth-place candidate Shawn Bales received 24 votes. Enrico and Herman wound up in a dead heat again with 45 votes apiece, confirming the original count.

The planned re-canvass of the vote during the Board of County Commissioners was postponed Monday because the AG’s office had yet to return the information needed for review.

Likewise, the city council was forced to postpone its canvass of the votes until the Jan. 10 meeting, which will also see the oaths of office for Enrico and Even. That will also be Herman’s last meeting.

— JPB

✓ Homedale: Distribution of gifts this weekend; food pick-up set Dec. 21

took over running the Hands Around Homedale program with longtime coordinator Rande Garrett’s retirement.

Students at each school began the food drive on Nov. 27, seeking canned fruit, vegetables, protein and pasta, dry goods such as pasta, rice, cereal, beans and crackers, and produce such as potatoes, onions, apples, oranges and grapefruit.

Local farms and packing sheds also contribute each year to the food drive.

At the middle school, the advisory class that brings in the most items will receive an

ice cream party.

In the past, food collected at the middle school and high school has been moved to the elementary school cafeteria where volunteers sort donations to create care packages that families can pick up and take home right before Christmas break.

The break begins Thursday, Dec. 21 with high school students dismissed at 1:47 p.m., and elementary and middle school students heading home at 1:30 p.m.

The students return from Christmas break on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The school district coordinates with Wish Tree organizers to ensure that identified families have a bountiful Christmas with food for their special meal and presents under the tree.

Tags with gift requests hang on trees and wreaths in four locations:

- The Bowling Alley

- The post office
- Albertsons
- Moxie Java

Community members have been taking tags and filling the wishes since just after Thanksgiving.

All presents must be returned to the location from which the wish tag was taken by today. Be sure to place tag numbers

on all presents.

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- Lori Badiola, (208) 573-8456
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✓ Marsing: Sixty-eight tags help 30 families in district

on Main Street. The business is open from 6 a.m., to 2 p.m.

Secret Santas had picked clean the Wish Tree inside the Marsing School District office by Dec. 4, district tech assistant and one of the Wish Tree coordinators Angela Cuevas said.

A total of 68 tags were placed on the trees in hopes of helping 30 families. Community organizations also provided Christmas cheer for a handful of other families, Cuevas said.

The district-wide food drive continues until Thursday.

Volunteers, including the Marsing High School boys’ basketball players, will organize the food boxes and wrap the gifts between 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 21. The effort takes place inside the district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

Families can pick up their care packages and wrapped Christmas presents between 4 p.m., and 6 p.m., on Dec. 21 at the cafeteria.

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Above: Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Shane Trautman, Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Allison Hubler, and Santa Claus hang out at the Grand View Christmas Festival on Saturday at the Grand View Community Center. **At right:** A John Deere tractor and a Chevrolet pickup were decorated for the night light parade down Main Street. Submitted photos



Left: A choir performs during the Grand View Christmas Festival. **Right:** Children take part in the cakewalk inside the Grand View Community Center.



Left: Santa also made a stop at the Oreana Community Hall on Saturday for the community’s annual Christmas celebration.
Right, top: Children work diligently at creating small toys and ornaments.
Right, bottom: The children got together on the community hall stage to sing Christmas songs for the folks gathered for the party.



Photos submitted by
Amanda Lowe,
Grand View

Christine Collett,
Oreana

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Marsing boys find defense, victory

HHS boys suffer their worst loss in 5 seasons

Trojans beat Emmett for first victory of season

Homedale High School's boys' basketball team lost, 85-23, on the road to non-conference foe Baker, Ore., on Thursday.

The game marked the first time a Trojans team had surrendered 80 or more points since an 81-31 loss to Fruitland in the 3A District III Tournament on Feb. 16, 2018 at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

The Trojans last scored less than 30 points in a 28-23 victory over Parma on Jan. 21, 2021.

According to the Baker City Herald, Luke Henry led the Trojans with eight points, while McCoy Swallow and Danny Lomeli scored four points apiece. Lukas Hall kicked in six points, all from the floor as Homedale (1-4 overall) only drew four foul shots.

The Bulldogs (7-0 and ranked eighth among Oregon's 4A squads) led, 24-5, after

— See **HHS boys**, page 14



After scoring seven points earlier in the week against Emmett, Keaton Sorenson was held to one free throw by Baker, Ore. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography

Melba girls lose to 2A WIC rival

Two players scored half their team's respective points Thursday in a showdown of Class 2A high school girls' basketball state powers.

Hadley Fraas poured in 27 points as hometown Cole Valley Christian upended Melba, 55-52, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game played in Meridian.

The close loss ended the 2A state champions' four-game winning streak. The Chargers (8-2 overall, 3-0 in conference) rebounded from the end of their six-game winning streak at the hands of non-conference opponent Parma (58-52 or Dec. 4).

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley kept up her scoring prowess, but Melba's leading scorer was stifled on the backboards for the first time this season. She led the Mustangs (4-4, 1-1 at week's end) with 26 points while dishing four assists. She managed four rebounds.

Ellie Johnson helped Melba with 12 points, five rebounds and three assists.

Last season, Melba beat Cole Valley in every meeting during a 26-0 run to the state title.

The two teams have played for the District

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Football seasons end for HHS graduates

Marsing girls knock off Nampa Christian

Marsing High School's first 2A Western Idaho Conference girls' basketball win of the season was a fairly large one.

Adyson Chadez and Raylynn Vanosdall sank five of seven foul shots in the fourth quarter as the Huskies held off Nampa Christian, 31-28, on the road Friday.

The Huskies (4-5 overall, 1-2 in conference) snapped an

11-game 2A WIC losing streak and ended a string of five straight losses to the Trojans.

Marsing last beat Nampa Christian with a 41-33 triumph in the District III Tournament on Feb. 9, 2021.

Chadez led all scorers with 13 points. She was 6-for-8 from the foul line and connected on

— See **Marsing**, page 16



First-year Marsing coach Aidrie Voile runs through strategy with her players during a game against Homedale earlier this season.

Homedale freshman dominates MV meet

The youth movement arrived last weekend for the Homedale High School wrestling team.

Trevor Paynter, a freshman with 10 years mat time already, was barely challenged in winning the 106-pound championship at the Cooper D. Lish Memorial.

Only one of Paynter's seven bouts in round robin action went the distance at Marsh Valley High School in Arimo.

He edged Grace's Cael Newby, 8-6, in the third round of action.

Every other victory came by way of pinfall — Jaden Lunt of Grace, 4 minutes, 54 seconds in the opening round; Francisco Burrola, American Falls, 1:01; Jackson Bunn, Pocatello, 34 seconds; Gerardo Partida, Aberdeen, 1:44; and Luke Schroeder, Marsh Valley, 4:00.

• Senior Brodie White was runner-up in the 200 B Division. His only loss was a pin against Murray, Utah's Athanasios Johnson at 1:25 of their third-round match.

White began his tournament with a 5-1 win over Zef Zuniga of Big Piney, Wyo.

He also pinned Garret Theurer of Buhl (4:46), David Filiatrault of Bear Lake (4:33) and Artzeiza Christiansen of Marsh Valley (1:12).

• Trey McFarlane was fourth at 132B after Buhl's Mikey Ziniti got a pin at 2:20 of their bronze medal match.

McFarlane dominated his first three opponents — 15-0 technical fall over Highland's Cuyler Johnston, 17-2 tech

— See **Homedale**, page 16

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Sports

Trojans girls can't leash Bulldogs

Last week wasn't the right time for Homedale High School's girls' basketball team to go up against Bulldogs.

The Trojans lost a pair of non-conference games to teams that carry the nickname.

"We had a real rough game in Kimberly then a heart-breaker on Thursday, losing to Baker (Ore.) at home after leading the entire game until a couple minutes left in the fourth quarter," HHS coach Benji Sorenson said.

Oregon's reigning Class 4A state champ, Baker avenged an earlier loss by storming back for a 43-41 road victory.

Homedale (4-4 overall) owned a 10-point halftime lead when the Bulldogs bit back.

Kierstley Roseborough led the Trojans with 17 points, and Tiana Sorenson chipped in nine. Roseborough grabbed five rebounds.

Seniors Arlett Quezada and Olivia Asumendi led the defense. Quezada had four pass deflections and two steals, and Asumendi batted away two passes and swiped four steals.

Belen Asumendi added seven points.

Dec. 4: Kimberly 47, Homedale 18 — The Trojans

Basketball camp to teach girls, help fund scholarship

Arlett Quezada wants to pass on her lifelong basketball obsession to younger girls.

The Homedale High School guard is organizing a youth basketball camp as her Senior Project.

"I have been playing basketball for nine years and have a lot of experience with the sport," she wrote in a flier announcing her skills camp.

The camp for second- through eighth-graders will take place from 9:30 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27-28, inside the new HHS auxiliary gymnasium on North 3rd Street East.

The fee is \$30 per camper, and proceeds will benefit the Austin Hyer Memorial Scholarship Fund. Payment can be made by cash, check (made out to "Austin Hyer Memorial Scholarship Fund") or Venmo. The cash and check options can be executed on the first day of the camp.

Venmo payments can be sent to @HomedaleGBB (last four phone number digits 2105).

went cold in the second quarter, and the host Bulldogs capitalized with a shutout stanza for a non-conference win.

Kimberly built a 21-point lead with a 19-0 run over the final eight minutes of the first half.

Homedale committed 23 turnovers and shot 15.8 percent (6-for-38) from the floor.

Three players — Quezada, Olivia Asumendi, and Rose-

borough — scored four points apiece.

Sophomore Stella Heck and Roseborough were each 2-for-2 from the foul line. The Trojans were perfect on five foul shots.

The Trojans corralled 17 defensive rebounds, including Asumendi taking down six of her game-high seven boards on Kimberly's end of the floor.

✓ HHS boys: Emmett split

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eight minutes.

Dec. 5: Homedale 54, Emmett 40 — Swallow had the kind of game his coach said he could, and the Trojans went wire-to-wire to avenge their season-opening loss.

Playing on his home court, Swallow paid off Cam Long's faith, caught fire and dropped in half of his shots for a co-game-high 15 points in a little more than 19 minutes.

Plagued by fouls, Swallow managed to corral eight of his team-leading nine rebounds on defense. He had two steals.

The junior post converted three of five shots inside the perimeter and tied Henry with three three-point goals.

Henry also scored 15 points

and added five boards.

Alex Sotelo went 3-for-4 from the line for the bulk of his five points. Lomeli was 3-for-4 from the floor for six points while dishing four assists.

Hall blocked three shots and grabbed four rebounds while scoring four points.

Homedale never trailed and owned a lead as large as 17 points. The Trojans hit half their first-half shots and survived a drop in accuracy in the second half because the Huskies connected on only 20 percent of their shots (4-for-20) over the final 16 minutes.

Ethan Williams (4-for-4 at the line) knocked in three treys to lead Emmett with 13 points. Teammate Kenyon Carter had 11 points.

✓ Melba: Diggers hold on

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III championship in each of the past seven seasons with Melba winning five times.

Saturday: Sugar-Salem 53, Melba 30 — Trailing by seven points in a tough non-conference game, the Mustangs collapsed on defense in the fourth quarter against their Class 3A visitors.

The Diggers (5-2), who

finished fourth in last year's 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, ran through the final eight minutes on an 18-2 tear inside Potter Gymnasium.

Three Sugar-Salem players scored 10 points apiece — juniors Monika Nead and Allie Christensen, and sophomore Tasha Larsen.

No Melba statistics were provided.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Arlett Quezada, sr., PG
Averaged 4.5 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3 pass deflections in 2 games



Boys' basketball
McCoy Swallow, jr., F
15 points, 9 rebounds vs. Emmett



Wrestling
Nathan Marston, so., 145
Two pins in season-opening quad meet; 8th at weekend tourney

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19, home vs. Caldwell, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19, home vs. Caldwell, 6 p.m.
Frosh
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19, home vs. Caldwell, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Friday, Dec. 15 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Twin Falls H.S., 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Twin Falls H.S., 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20 at Charlie Anthony Memorial, Ontario, Ore., 9 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Pro Image Holiday Classic (At Rocky Mtn. H.S., Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 14 vs. Royal, Wash., 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Lapwai or The Ambrose School, 5 p.m., or 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 vs. opponent TBA, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon or 1:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Pro Image Holiday Classic (At The Ambrose School, Meridian)
Thursday, Dec. 14 vs. Vallivue, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Columbia, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 vs. The Ambrose School, 1:30 p.m.
Frosh soph
Thursday, Dec. 14 vs. Columbia, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Vallivue, 3:30 p.m.
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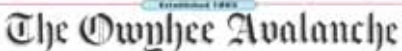
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Sports

Huskies find defense after lead slips away in opener

Kinney leads way in two boys' victories

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Marsing High School erased a five-point halftime deficit to come away with a hard-fought 45-37 boys' basketball victory over Lighthouse Christian on Saturday at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

Teagan Kinney and Jace Chadez combined for nine third-quarter points as the Huskies (2-1 overall at week's end) took control at the Small School Showcase with a 26-point period. "Although we got into foul trouble, we played with more inspiration and desire in the second half," Marsing coach Tim Little said. Both Kinney and Juan Ponce fouled out. Ponce scored seven points (5-for-6 on free throws) and snagged three

rebounds. Kinney had 10 points and grabbed six of his seven rebounds on defense. Eli Ankeny scored 10 of his game-high 15 points in the fourth quarter. He leads Marsing in scoring thus far, posting 12.3 points per game. Kinney is averaging 8.5 rebounds each night, and Chadez leads the team with a 4.0 assist average and he leads the team with two charges drawn. Lighthouse Christian (3-2) was paced by Jack DeJong's 13 points in the closely contested matchup. The Lions from Twin Falls are a Class 1A, Div. I squad. **Thursday: Marsing 52, Payette 15** — An emphasis on defense in the previous week's practices translated into a smothering performance in live action as the Huskies cruised. Kinney led the attack for Marsing with 13 points and seven rebounds. Eli Ankeny put nine points into the net, and

also had five steals on defense. "Overall, this was a positive step forward as we start defining roles," Little said. "The season will be a marathon, and we understand we are nowhere close to where we need to be in our extremely competitive league. But with some work, we can definitely get there." The Huskies allowed just three offensive rebounds in a game that was governed under a running clock in the fourth quarter because of the point margin. Little was able to empty his bench to get every player some early-season experience. "Defensively, players attempted to execute the issues we focused on from our first game with Parma, and we witnessed some growth in some specific areas of blocking out, communicating, and providing some ball pressure," Little said. Junior Jordan Sanchez scored nine

points for the winless Pirates (0-4). **Dec. 4: Parma 56, Marsing 50** — The Huskies ran out of defense in the fourth quarter and let a seven-point lead turn into a six-point non-conference loss to the Class 3A Panthers. Marsing led by 11 points with about two minutes left in the third quarter and clung to a seven-point advantage heading into the final period. Then Parma put up 19 points in the last eight minutes of the game. "We went away from our defensive discipline in the fourth, which allowed some easy baskets for Parma down the stretch," Little said. "We also had trouble understanding situational things on the offensive end that we have not been able to practice against towards the end of the game." Ankeny paced Marsing with 13 from the floor, while Peyton Johnson paced all scorers while leading Parma to the win.

Three locals find their way into Calhoun consolation semis

Jarrek Crandall was the only Marsing High School wrestler to score points during the Calhoun Classic. The meet took place Friday and Saturday in Nyssa, Ore. Crandall won three of his five matches, including two in the consolation bracket to reach the semifinals. The 285-pounder opened the tournament with a 31-second

pin of Heath Fortin from Tri-Valley. Crandall rallied from a loss in the quarterfinals to pin Columbia's Alejandro Waters (1:32) and McCall-Donnelly's Finnigan Moon (1:43). Kail Wyman (175), Tristan Izzard (190) and Jonathan Leon (215) also competed for the Huskies. Two Melba wrestlers reached

the consolation semifinals in Nyssa. Brendan Svetich (175) reached the quarterfinals with a 6-2 decision over Kuna's Cole Steel. After falling into the consolation bracket, he pinned Pine Eagle (Ore.)'s Max Thomas in 57 seconds and beat Boise's Jack Sorensen, 8-2. Trevor Rhoades rallied with

three consolation bracket victories at 190 pounds. He pinned Caldwell's Cyruss Ward in 59 seconds and dispatched Wyatt Moura of Tri-Valley in 3:35 before getting past Fruitland's

Will Phillips in a thrilling 7-2 sudden victory. Rhoades fell in the consolation semifinals when Kase Schaffeld of Vale pulled out a pin in 2:49.

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MARSING HUSKIES

This week's schedule

Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Lily Thoene, jr., P
Averaged 5.5 points in 2 victories



Boys' basketball
Teagan Kinney, jr., G-F
Averaged 11.5 points in 2 games;
7 rebounds vs. Payette



Wrestling
Tristan Izzard, so., 195
First-round pin vs. HHS foe in quad

Girls' basketball Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 at Cole Valley Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 at Cole Valley Christian, noon

Wrestling Coed
Friday, Dec. 29 at Juston Wolfe Invitational, Glens Ferry H.S., 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15, home vs. North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15, home vs. North Star Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, Nampa, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19 at Melba, 6 p.m.



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Sports

Homedale wrestlers shine during busy first night

A lot of individual success came down last Wednesday when the full Homedale High School wrestling roster opened the season.

The Trojans took on Marsing, Adrian, and host Nampa Christian in a series of non-conference dual meets.

The action against the intracounty rival Huskies showed off the holes both teams have in their dual meet rosters this early in the season.

Only five of the meet's 14 bouts were decided on the mat with nine forfeits sprinkled in.

All five contested matches ended with pinfalls.

Nathan Marston picked up six points for Homedale when he pinned Tyson Holloway at the 2-minute, 33-second mark of their 145-pound match.

Kade Hall (170) notched a third-period pin against the Huskies' Kail Wyman at 5:03.

The Trojans' Brodie White pinned fellow senior 220-pounder Jonathan Leon 31 seconds into the final period.

Marsing 195-pounder Tristan Izzard pinned Homedale's Robert Johnson in 1:29.

Ryan Baxter gave Marsing six points in the heavyweight slot when he pinned Grady Walgamott in 3:58.

Homedale won two of the three extra matches with Andrew Marston (170) pinning Shane Buzzard in 2:49, and Peyton McCarney stopping Marsing 170-pounder Stanford Allen with a 16-1 technical fall at the end of the second period.

Marsing's Peyton Showalter faced off with Joshua Ford in a 170-pound extra match, but no result was posted to www.trackwrestling.com.

Homedale vs. Adrian — The Trojans won three of five matches against the Antelopes, including Wily Bideman's 59-second pin of Mannie Mulrony at 126 pounds.

Nathan Marston pinned Adrian's Addison Mendoza 15 seconds before their 152-pound bout was scheduled to end.

McCarney pinned Adrian veteran Derek Faulconer in 2:46 at 170.

Lane Zehr (126) pinned Mulrony in 1:31.

Adrian's victories came at 182 when Braysen Jordan pinned Johnson in 1:28 and 170 as Faulconer pinned Andrew Marston in 2:44.

Homedale vs. Nampa Christian — Homedale got in a full slate of matches against the host squad, which is coached by former HHS assistant Mark Boothby.

Homedale won five matches in the dual meet, and Ty Roland picked up a victory in an extra match at 126 when he pinned Finnley Olson in 4:16.

In the scoring dual, Trevor Paynter got things going for Homedale with a 67-second pin of Thomas Dean at 113 pounds.

Bideman pinned Riley Workman in 2:51 at 126.

Trey McFarlane dominated Cameron Rowen, 16-0, in the first period for a technical fall at 132.

Joshua Ford (160) took down Tanner Cagle in 52 seconds.

Kade Hall needed extra time to beat Derek Riggs at 170. The Homedale wrestler got a takedown to post a 5-3 sudden victory.

Dayley does it again; Melba beats Marsing

Owyhee County athletes met on the basketball floor last week with the reigning Class 2A state champions taking a victory.

The 2A Western Idaho Conference game between the high school girls' basketball teams from Melba and Marsing took place Dec. 5 inside Potter Gymnasium on the Mustangs' campus.

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley continued her hot start to the season, scoring 18 points to lead Melba to a 53-20 triumph.

Dayley scored all but two of her points before halftime as Melba built a 35-9 lead.

Adyson Chadez led the Huskies with nine points. Only three of her teammates cracked the scoring column with Raylynn Vanosdall scoring six points, Lily Thoene getting four, and Josie Showalter dropping one of two

free throws in the second quarter.

Chadez was 2-for-4 from the foul line, and she hit a three-point goal in the fourth quarter.

Tariah Carter chimed in with a full stat sheet for the Mustangs. She scored 13 points and racked up seven rebounds, seven steals, and three assists. Like Dayley, she only scored two points after halftime.

Dayley also had seven steals and dished six assists.

Her Melba teammate, Eliza Svedin, added seven points, including a fourth-quarter three-pointer.

The next level

Scott Matlock, No. 99
Los Angeles Chargers defensive tackle

After being listed as inactive for five consecutive games, the Homedale High School graduate was back in uniform for Sunday's 24-7 loss to AFC West rival Denver at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles. Matlock recorded a tackle and an assist while playing a season-high 23 snaps.

Season: The Homedale High School graduate has six tackles, including three solo tackles. According to pro-football-reference.com, Matlock has played 17 percent of the Chargers' defensive snaps (154 plays) and 16.37 percent of the team's snaps on special teams (55).

Next game: The Chargers (5-8) travel to Las Vegas to play the AFC West archrival Raiders on Thursday Night Football. Kickoff is 6:15 p.m., MST on Sunday. TV: Amazon Prime, a streaming service available only by subscription



Scott Matlock

✓ Homedale: Multiple medals for Trojans

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He got a late pin (44 seconds left in the match) against Roy, Utah's Isaiah Vanwagoner, and he beat William Lopez of American Falls, 6-1.

- Wiley Bideman beat teammate Lane Zehr with an 18-3 technical fall for seventh place at 126.
- Bideman pinned Ruger Scott of Marsh Valley in 2:35 and Zehr in 1:35 during round robin action.
- Other seventh-place Trojans included 138-pounders Wyatt Stewart (A Pool) and Gerardo Vargas (C Pool), and Andrew Marston (170B)
- Nathan Marston lost a 6-0 decision to Century's Mason Baumgardner in the seventh-place match at 145A.
- Ryker Layne also lost the seventh-place match at 98 when Snake River's Gage Reynolds got a pin (2:26).

✓ Marsing: Scoring spread out vs. Notus

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the Huskies' only three-pointer in the third quarter to help Marsing erase a 17-15 halftime deficit.

Lily Thoene was 2-for-3 from the free-throw line and scored eight points, while Vanosdall was 4-for-7 from the line overall and scored four of her six points in the fourth quarter.

Marsing connected on 12 of 18 foul shots, while the Trojans struggled at 4-for-13.

Junior Grace Smith and freshman Kate Jensen scored six points apiece for Nampa Christian (1-6, 1-2).

Last Wednesday: Marsing 54, Notus 39 — Chadez led four Huskies in double figures with 14 points on the road against the 1A, Div. I Pirates.

Chadez hit a three-point goal and scored 14 points, while Josie Showalter scored nine of her 11 points in the second half.

Brooklyn Roadenbaugh and Vanosdall each chipped in 10 points. Roadenbaugh had eight of her 10 points in the first half.

Senior Paige Emily knocked down three three-pointers and six of eight foul shots to lead Notus with 21 points.

Marsing erased an early deficit and took control with an 18-5 spurt through the second quarter.

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Local legislator urges youth involvement in campaigns

Lambert visits Homedale library, says it's time to pay ranchers in water fight

The state legislative campaigning season doesn't start until around March, so you can't call Tina Lambert's visit to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library complex a stump speech.

The District 23, Seat B member of the Idaho House of Representatives stopped at the Homedale Community Center last month to answer questions from the library's Teens and Tweens crowd.

The boys and girls, ages 10-17, had plenty of interest in the political process and voting, and some may even be old enough to cast a vote when the Republican primary rolls around in May.

"We went over how elections work, how a bill becomes law and how to be involved in the whole process as a teenager," Lambert (R-Caldwell) said.

There was some discussion about former President Donald Trump and Idaho's Republican presidential caucus, which will be held in March.

"I told them to do their research and find out who their favorite candidates are and campaign for them," Lambert said.

The first-term legislator arrived at the Teens and Tweens session after getting a rare

phone call from an Owyhee County constituent.

"One of my constituents in Homedale asked me if I would come out because she had talked to Melissa (Mullinix) at the library about how they have these Teens and Tweens meetings," Lambert said.

"So that's how I found out about it, and I jump at the chance to talk to young people."

Lambert will head into her second session at the Statehouse next month, and her position will be on the ballot during the 2024 election cycle.

Lambert represents all of Owyhee County and portions of Canyon County and Ada County. But, she says she rarely hears from folks south of the Snake River.

"Sadly, I don't get a lot of input from Owyhee County," she said. "I get a lot of input from Kuna."

She still has been able to help with Owyhee County causes, and looks forward to pushing legislation to help out more.

Recently, she went to bat for the City of Marsing when asked to support the rehabilitation of a one-mile stretch of Old Bruneau Highway.



Teens and Tweens volunteers and participants with Dist. 23B Rep. Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell). **Back row, from left:** Steve Belknap, Melissa Mullinix, Guadalupe Prado, Tyler Isham, Lambert, Hailey Isham, Hailey Evans, Laynee Waters, Emily Sanders. **Front row, from left:** Hunter Campbell, Garrick Lajet-Murray, Bobby Sanders, Jace Harkins, Sunnie Brisco, Lazarus Gonzales, and Lowen Waters. Submitted photo

Lambert took a drive to the affected area and put in a good word.

Last Wednesday, city engineer Kirby Cook told the city council that the Local Strategic Initiative Grant committee had recommended \$2 million in funding for the project. The Idaho Transportation Department board is supposed to vote on the request today.

The city found out they've been recommended for grant funding for the project.

Lambert also has some legislation ideas for the upcoming session.

"I've gotten so many emails from constituents," she said. "That's where I get most of my legislative ideas."

She said she's looking to get the ball rolling again on using the state's Constitutional Defense Fund to make ranchers Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton whole after they spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend stock water rights. The men started their battle more than 25 years ago and beat the federal government in Idaho Supreme Court in 2007. But they had to foot the legal bills themselves (about \$300,000 each after negotiating down the cost) even though their work benefitted ranchers throughout the state and, essentially, throughout the West.

Nearly five years ago, then-Dist. 23 Rep. Megan Blanksma spearheaded the drive to pass House Proclamation 1 that urged the Constitutional Defense Council to take up the question of reimbursing Lowry and Nettleton. At the time, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said the defense fund couldn't be used for the cause.

Now representing District 8, Blanksma is now the House Majority Leader.

The Constitutional Defense Council includes the attorney general, Gov. Brad Little, Speaker of the House Mike Moyle, and Senate Pro Tempore Chuck Winder.

Lambert believes that current Attorney General Raúl Labrador holds a different opinion on how the defense fund can be used, and she thinks the outcome will be different if legislators push through another resolution.

"I'm definitely working on that," she said.

Other legislation in the works could deal with election integrity, transfer-on-death deeds (which Lambert said will make estate planning cheaper and easier), and a right-to-repair bill that would solidify citizens' ability to work on their own automobiles.

— JPB

BOCC approves new coroner vehicle

After years of trying, Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines is getting a new work truck.

The Board of County Commissioners approved a \$67,860.50 bid from Nampa-based Emergency Responder Services during its Dec.4 meeting in Murphy.

Tines, and his predecessor Harvey Grimme, have driven a 2006 Ford F-150 Super Cab since its purchase in August 2006.

"We don't put a lot of miles on it. His vehicle is getting older, and we just asked him to start looking to get something to replace it," Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

For the past couple budget years, the commissioners have appropriated money to the coroner's capital vehicle budget in preparation of a purchase.

The white 2023 GMC Sierra 2500 4x4 Club Cab lists for \$50,335. Add-ons such as a canopy and emergency lights and radio brought the total cost to \$67,860.50 including labor. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget line for a vehicle was set at \$68,165.

Midday county office closures set

Owyhee County government offices will be closed for a time on Monday because of the employee Christmas party.

The county courthouse complex of offices will be closed for the lunch hour — noon to 1 p.m.

The shindig is planned

in Murphy, so if employees stationed in county offices at the Marsing substation, the magistrate court in Homedale or the solid waste tipping stations in Opaline and Homedale choose to attend, there could be some midday closures, County Clerk Angie Barkell said.

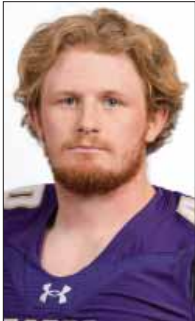
College catch-up

Football
The College of Idaho
Willie White, No. 40
Sophomore LB
Saturday: The No. 11 seed Coyotes' season ended with a 28-21 NAIA national semifinals loss to No. 3 Keiser University on Saturday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Homedale High School graduate played on all punts and kickoffs, recording an assisted tackle after hustling downfield, according to his father, Josh White.

The College of Idaho ended the season 11-3. Keiser (11-2) will face No. 1 Northwestern College (Iowa) for the NAIA championship on Monday in Durham, N.C.

This season: White finished the season with 11 solo tackles, 17 assists, two quarterback sacks, and a pass break-up. He has 12 solo stops in his 10-game career.



Willie White



Spencer Fisher Hayden Kincheloe

fourth-quarter comeback in an NCAA FCS semifinal inside the Kibbie Dome. Fisher played in the game, recording an assist on a tackle. His fellow Homedale High School graduate Kincheloe did not appear on the participation list published on the UI athletics website.

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

Bulldogs' next games: The Marsing High School graduate and his Montana Western (6-4) teammates head for Chandler, Ariz., for the Cactus Classic.

No. 5 Arizona Christian is first up in the Friday opener, and the Bulldogs face RV Ottawa University of Arizona on Saturday. No. 18 The Master's University from California is the final foe on Monday.



Jacob Ankeny

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center

Shocking examples of why open govt. laws are crucial

Strong open government laws are critical to a well-functioning republic and ensuring public accountability. Two recent shocking stories, one in Washington and one in Idaho, however, sadly illustrate the lengths that some public officials will go to frustrate this important accountability. As a strong supporter of robust public records laws, the details from these stories are truly dismaying.

First, consider a KING 5 story in Washington that a state economist was not only threatened to keep important information from the public but was explicitly told not to put anything in writing that could be subject to a public records request:

“A state economist says he had to resign after suffering retaliation for his analysis that the state’s cap-and-trade policy would significantly increase gas prices ...

“State leaders told consumers not to worry: the cap-and-trade system wouldn’t add much to the price of gas. Two months before the policy went into effect, a top official at the Dept. of Ecology said drivers wouldn’t notice ...

“In a legal claim filed against WSDOT (Washington State Dept. of Transportation), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Office of the Governor Thursday, Smith alleges he was pressured in January to keep quiet about his calculation that cap-and-trade would lead to a 45- to 50-cent increase on every gallon of gas. He also says he was instructed not to write emails about it to avoid having to turn over the documentation if someone requested public records on the topic.”

Todd Myers, the environmental policy director

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Jason Mercier
Mountain States Policy Center

Jason Mercier joined the Mountain States Policy Center in late April as free market think tank’s vice president and director of research.

MSPC president and CEO Chris Cargill says Mercier is one of the nation’s top budget and tax analysts.

Mercier has two decades of experience with free market think tanks, working with the Washington Policy Center and the Freedom Foundation.

He is a Fellow with the national Better Cities Project and a member of the State Tax Advisory Board for the Tax Foundation.

Fifteen years ago, he worked with Washington state lawmaker’s to create the government’s budget transparency website.

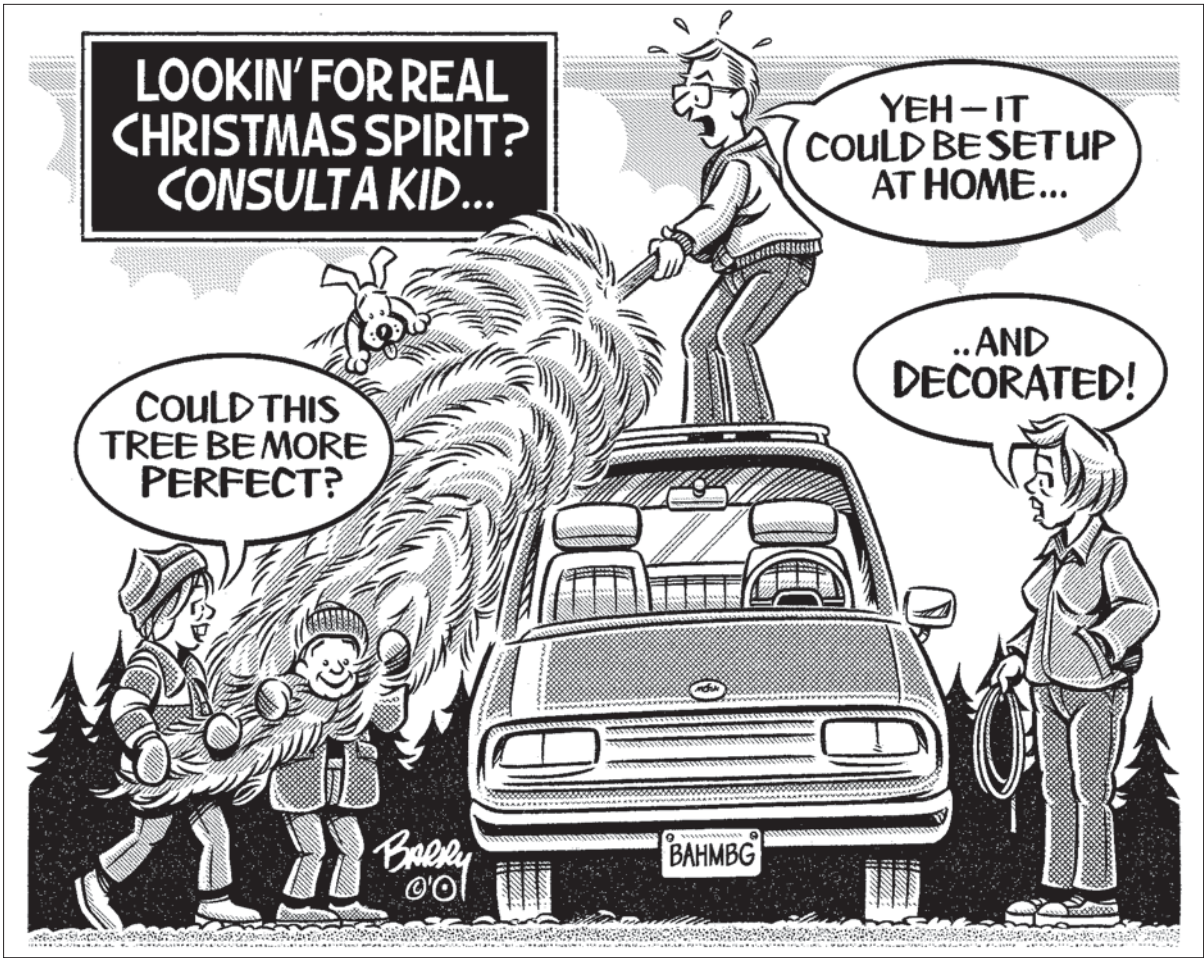
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Founded in 2022, Mountain States Policy Center is based in Boise and Coeur d’Alene, and is an independent think tank that believes in providing research and recommendations to lawmakers, the media and the public, based on facts — not emotion. Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



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 the Statehouse

Let’s make adoption easier in Idaho

This November, we observed National Adoption Month here in Idaho. This annual event honors the courageous birth parents who choose life for their babies and the adoptive parents who open their home to a new family member.

Adoption is a bridge for those who are not ready to parent but still want to choose life for their unborn child. It is a viable solution for a challenging circumstance, one that invests in the child’s well-being while recognizing and understanding a birth parent’s limitations. Adoption puts the future of the child first.

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe home with parents and family who are ready, willing, and able to care for them. But sometimes, for various reasons, a child cannot be raised by their biological parents. That is why the option for adoption is so important. It helps guarantee that every child can grow up in a stable and supportive home that can help guide them to a better future.

Adoption is also a blessing for those who want to grow their family and provide a child in need with a loving home. Across our country, the desire to adopt far outweighs the number of infants available for adoption. In fact, for every eligible baby there are at least 36 couples who are awaiting the chance to adopt a child.

Because I wholeheartedly support adoption as a loving option, I am very concerned about the obstacles that make this option *seem* too difficult. Women faced with an unintended pregnancy should be able to freely choose adoption for their unborn children, if that is the best choice for them. And yet, according to those who work in this field, Idaho’s laws are not necessarily adoption-friendly. I want to change that.

For instance, if there are financial obstacles that

Lt. Gov. Scott Bedke
R-Oakley (term expires 2022)

Bedke was elected Idaho’s 44th lieutenant governor in November, and he took office on Jan. 6. He’s a fourth-generation Idahoan.

Constituents can contact Bedke through the lieutenant governor’s website, lgo.idaho.gov



prevent a woman from choosing adoption, I believe we should remove those barriers and assure that adequate financial help will be offered. If the legal process has become so cumbersome that it is a disqualifying factor, I believe we can look at streamlining that process to make it smoother and less intimidating. If birth mothers need to learn more about their adoption options or if they need some additional counseling, we should make those things available. Idaho’s laws should not be a hindrance but rather should support birth mothers in whatever ways possible.

Adoption is a compassionate and practical solution for individuals, families, and society as a whole. It relies on love and commitment; it puts another’s future before one’s own. And it fosters a culture that values and respects life.

Even though National Adoption Month has come to a close, I will continue to be a champion for Idaho’s children and an advocate for statutory changes that support parents and children throughout the adoption process.

Commentary

Financial management

Son-in-law needs to stay out Mom’s credit card intervention

Dear Dave,

I think my mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can’t afford stuff, but she shops anyway, chalks up more and more debt, acquires more credit cards, and thinks she’ll pay for it all later somehow. Her ex-husband has bailed her out a few times, but he’s unwilling to help anymore. My wife and I, and my wife’s sister, want to address this issue, but we’re all worried about her reaction, and we don’t know where to start. Do you have any advice?

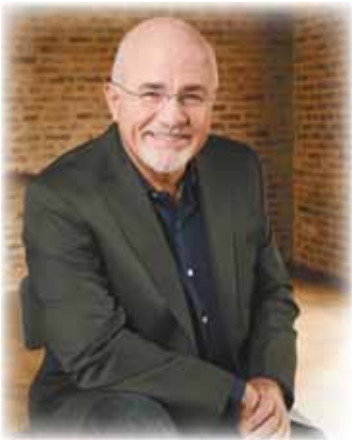
— Randall

Dear Randall,

First, everyone involved

should understand they’re likely to receive an angry response from this lady if she’s confronted over her actions. Sometimes people get ticked off when they hear the truth, especially when it’s connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife and her sister to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. Really, what we’re talking about here is an intervention.

Also, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle. Support your wife and her sister through it all, but if you’re in there asking questions and probing around,



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They need to sit down with her in a quiet setting, one where there are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. That’s very important in a situation like this. But they also have to walk through what’s really going on, and let her know they’re tired of watching her destroy herself, and her finances, with her irresponsible behavior.

If she had a drinking problem, you’d want to try to make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. In this case, she basically has a credit card addiction. And it’s wreaking havoc on her

financial well-being and people who care about her.

So, show as much love and understanding as possible. But someone needs to say something soon.

— 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.

✓ Open government: Officials push workers to skirt public records law

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for the Washington Policy Center has been warning since before the state’s new cap-and-trade program went into effect that a similar price increase would occur. Washington state officials routinely dismissed his analysis saying the costs, if any, would only be “pennies.”

Myers told MSPC:

“If what is reported is accurate, the Inslee Administration went to significant lengths to hide the evidence that their claims the new tax on CO2 would have a small impact on gas prices. They knew the claim was dishonest and appear to have threatened state employees to hide the truth.”

Washington state law states:

“The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may maintain control over the instruments that they have created.”

The second troubling story is in Idaho as reported by BoiseDev:

“A Boise State University official said under oath that a senior university official renamed a document to hide it from public scrutiny and skirt Idaho’s Public Records Act, and that senior employees had been told to keep certain things out of public records due to ‘political climate.’

“It’s the latest in a series of attempts the school has taken to avoid public scrutiny of its workings.

“The admissions came from an August deposition of Nicole Nimmons, the school’s associate vice president for campus services. Nimmons was being asked by an attorney for Big City Coffee about records practices in the coffee shop’s lawsuit against the university ...

“Big City’s attorney asked Nimmons if it was standard practice to use codes to ‘evade public disclosure.’

“ ‘I’ve been asked and told not to put things in writing at times because of public records requests and documentation,’ Nimmons replied.”

Idaho’s Public Records Law Manual clearly explains:

“Open government is the cornerstone of a free society.”

Both the Washington and Idaho constitutions proclaim:

“All political power is inherent in the people.”

The foundations for an accountable government can be found in strong citizen oversight, and one of the most critical tools to achieve this is open government laws. Willful efforts by government officials to thwart public records and open government requirements are a threat to the republic and an insult to the people’s constitutional right to be informed, hold elected officials accountable, and direct their governance.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 16, 1998



Christmas bicycles...

Brad Hunt and Scott Mahler stand with two of the many bicycles the City employees rebuilt to give to Homedale children.

Owyhee County Sheriff hires first female deputy

Jamie Fosenburg is making history as the first female deputy in the history of Owyhee County. She said she believes she’s up to the task.

Fosenburg is from Oakley, Calif., northeast of San Francisco. She attended the police academy at Los Mendanos College in Pittsburg, Calif. Fosenburg worked as an EMT in California, but longed for a job where she could help more people.

While at Los Mendanos, Fosenburg met her fiancé, Rob Cook, a Homedale native who now works as a Homedale police officer. Fosenburg applied for the deputy position, and passed a rigorous series of physical tests as well as tests to determine her report-writing ability.

She will attend Law Week at POST in Meridian, challenge the POST test, and take agility and firearm tests to become certified without having to go through the academy.

Fosenburg replaces Deputy Denny Hill, who is leaving the department to travel to work overseas.



Trojan head coach to retire

Homedale head football coach Stan Hoaglund submitted his letter of resignation to the Homedale School Board last Friday.

Hoaglund, 60, has been the head football coach for the Trojans for the past three years. He led the Trojans to a second-place finish at state this year and won the A-3 state title in 1997.

Hoaglund has worked for the Homedale School system for 11 years and has been coaching since 1960. He graduated from Bemidji State University in Minnesota and began coaching in Park Rapids in Minnesota.



Hoaglund coached two teams to state titles in Minnesota then moved to Idaho in 1966. He coached at Vallivue in Caldwell and led them to a state title. He moved to Meridian in 1970 where he stayed for seven years. In ’77 Hoaglund arrived in Homedale and taught for two years. Then he returned to Meridian and quit coaching for seven years. Hoaglund returned to Homedale in 1990.

Hoaglund retires from Homedale with a 23-8 overall record, including a perfect 12-0 season in 1997.

50 years ago

December 13, 1973



“IDAHO EXPLORERS” club officers of Homedale Elementary school are, from left, Brent Taggart; Susana Larrocea, vice president; Anne Casey, secretary; Steven Nash, treasurer; Jeff Stevens, historian, and Mitch Aberasturi, program chairman. The club has 66 4th graders as members and Mrs. Esther Brockmueller is sponsor.

Trojans edge Adrian Antelopes in overtime

Doug Takasugi hit a 20-foot jump shot with five seconds left in overtime and Matt Paxton sank a free throw with two seconds left to give the Homedale Trojans a 66-64 victory over the Adrian Antelopes in non-conference action Friday night.

Gregg Garrett saved the evening for the Trojans, as he hit a jump shot with three seconds left in the fourth period to send the fray into overtime.

Marsing beats Homedale

Steve Larsen and Tom Kovich combined to lead Marsing to a 49-47 non-conference basketball victory over the Homedale Trojans Tuesday night.

Larsen hit 18 points while Kovich added 14 for the Huskies. Dan Landa led Homedale with 13.

Rebekahs name officers to lead lodge for year

Empress Rebekah Lodge opened in form Monday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. with Noble Grand Florence Hinton presiding. Twenty members answered roll call.

Emma Earnest was duly confirmed as Lodge Deputy for 1974.

Officers elected by acclamation for the coming year were Mary Prow, noble grand; Kay Scott, vice grand; Ruby Scott, recording secretary; Grace Little, financial secretary; and Bertha Murray, treasurer.

Homedale High lists 30 wrestlers, eleven seniors

The Homedale High School wrestling squad consists of 30 members with 11 strong seniors. Rick Russell, wrestling coach, and Doug Larzelier, assistant, are looking forward to a great year.

The team worked last spring to buy 13 uniforms costing \$70. They also bought new T-shirts with the phrase “Wrestling Brotherhood” symbolizing the closeness of the men on the team.

The men are eager to take state this year and go to the nationals at Fort Collins, Col.

The team includes: Mark Lootens, fr., 98 lbs.; Richard Cox, fr., 105; Steve Lootens, jr., 112; Marc Kubosumi, soph., 119; Danny Silveria, sr., 126; Jack Watson, sr., 132; Mark Waite, sr., 138; Steven Yamamoto, sr., 145; Steve George, sr., 155; Don Drum, jr., 167; Bill Ferguson, sr., 185; Howard Maupin, soph., hvy.

Others on the squad are: Kent Simmons, soph., 98; Kenny Bahem, fr., 98; Dick Mackenzie, fr., 112; Jesse Gonzales, fr., 119; Tim Sayers, soph., 119; Jeff Russell, soph., 126; Kenny King, soph., 126; Dan Ferguson, fr., 132; Rick Strack, sr., 132; Clayton Strack, fr., 132; George Adams, sr., 138; Mike Beavers, sr., 138; Jeff Wilson, fr., 138; Jim Ferguson, soph., 145; Kent Curtis, sr., 155; Greg Cook, sr., 167.

153 years ago

December 10, 1870

NEWSPAPERS FOR CHILDREN.—A child beginning to read becomes delighted with newspapers because he reads names that are very familiar, and he progresses accordingly. A newspaper in one year is worth a quarter’s schooling to a child, and every father must consider that substantial information is connected with this advancement. A mind occupied becomes fortified against the ills of life, and is braced for any emergency. Children amused by reading or study are, of course, considerate and more easily governed. How many thoughtless young men have spent their evenings in a tavern or grog shop, who ought to have been reading? How many parents who never spent twenty dollars for books for their families, would gladly have given thousands to reclaim a son or daughter who had ignorantly and thoughtlessly fallen into temptation?

MASONIC.—At a regular communication of Owyhee Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., held December 3d, 1870, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: Oliver H. Purdy, W. M.; William Fraser, S. W.; Martin Jones, J. W.; Frank Schuster, Treasurer; Jabez Huelat, Secretary. The officers elected and appointed, will be installed at Masonic Hall, St. John the Evangelist’s Day, Tuesday, December 27th, 1870, at 2 o’clock p.m., on which occasion Past Master, R. T. Miller, will deliver an oration.

The ladies and gentlemen of Silver City and vicinity are politely invited to attend.

PERILS OF THE DEEP.—Mrs. E. P. Sjowall, of this place, has just received the sad intelligence of the death of her brother, James Finn, aged 24 years, who was drowned October 20th at the wrecking of the steamship Varuna, which foundered in the Gulf Stream, 30 miles from Jupiter Inlet, on the Florida coast, during one of the most terrible hurricanes that ever occurred in that latitude. Forty-eight lives were lost, and only five persons saved who, after being 60 hours in a storm at sea in an open boat, finally reached land.

FIRE.—About nine o’clock last evening the town was thrown into excitement by an alarm of fire, which at first was thought to be Minear’s mill, but which, fortunately, turned out to be only a log cabin in that vicinity.

Local Hints and Happenings.

The year 1871 will have 53 Sundays.
Bob McFee is now chief engineer at the Lincoln mill.

A surprise party went from town to Johnson’s on War Eagle mountain last night.

We have received a poem, entitled “May I kiss you Darling?” We’ll think about it.

Our local items will be somewhat curtailed during the session of the legislature.

Thanks to Mrs. W. R. Usher for a magnificent mince pie the other day. May her days be long in the land.

Mrs. G. W. Grayson and children left for San Francisco on last Wednesday’s stage, and we understand, will not return to Silver again.

M. Herman, Esq., one of Silver City’s shrewdest and best business men, left for San Francisco last Wednesday morning, with the intention, we believe, of returning next spring.

Public notices

BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS November 2023 Synopsis November 6 -Amended the agenda as presented to include and approve an amendment due to timing as the emergent issue – giving Treasurer Dygert authority to approve homeowner’s tax cancellations this week and the Board will sign the documents on November 13. -Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$109,794; R&B-\$72,710; Dist. Court-\$830; Fair, Grounds & Buildings\$4,968; Probation-\$321; Health Dist.-\$9,316; Historical Society & Museum-\$239; I&C-\$41,053; Junior College-\$500; Revaluation-\$3,480; Solid Waste-\$20,134; Tort-\$78,684; Weeds-\$3,720; 911-\$1,801; Waterways-\$389; Off Hwy Vehicles \$464; Elections, Taxing District-\$52,157; Capital Project Fund/ ARPA\$50,104; Interlock Device Fund-\$173; Self-Insurance Fund-\$31,717. -Approved the minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting. -Approved the catering permit for Slicks Bar on November 11-12, 2023 for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas. -Approved the catering permit for The Eddy on November 11-12, 2023 for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas. -Approved the Gem Plan, District III Board of Trustees Nomination for Joe Iveson. -Approved the Sheriff’s new hire of Jacob R. Smith for full time patrol deputy, at the pay rate of \$21.64 per hour, effective November 6, 2023. -Approved the reassignment of Brook Russel from the Clerk’s office to civil clerk in the Sheriff’s office, remaining at \$24.00 per hour, effective November 6, 2023. -Approved the reassignment of Terry McGrew from full time to part time patrol deputy, remaining at \$25.75 per hour, effective November 10, 2023. -Approved certificates of residency 23-21 & 23-22 for the College of Western Idaho.		OWYHEE COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR 2024 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2024: <table><tr><th>ELECTION NAME</th><th>ELECTION DATE</th><th>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE</th></tr><tr><td>Primary Election - County Commissioner District 1 (2-year term) - County Commissioner District 3 (4-year term) - County Prosecuting Attorney - County Sheriff - Magistrate Judge - Precinct Committeemen </td><td>May 21, 2024</td><td>March 15, 2024</td></tr><tr><td>General Election - President - State - County - Political Subdivisions o Owyhee Soil Conservation USDA Service Center, 250 North Bruneau Hwy. Marsing, Idaho 83639 o Bruneau River Soil & Water Conservation Dist. 31811 Colyer Rd. Bruneau, Idaho 83604 </td><td>November 5, 2024</td><td>March 15, 2024</td></tr></table> Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the ‘Elections’ link. Political Subdivision forms may be obtained at the addresses listed above.		ELECTION NAME	ELECTION DATE	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE	Primary Election - County Commissioner District 1 (2-year term) - County Commissioner District 3 (4-year term) - County Prosecuting Attorney - County Sheriff - Magistrate Judge - Precinct Committeemen	May 21, 2024	March 15, 2024	General Election - President - State - County - Political Subdivisions o Owyhee Soil Conservation USDA Service Center, 250 North Bruneau Hwy. Marsing, Idaho 83639 o Bruneau River Soil & Water Conservation Dist. 31811 Colyer Rd. Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 5, 2024	March 15, 2024
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RP07S04E04810-\$566.96; RP003500010280-753.33; RP008500010020-669.23; MHDM004015005B-203.29; RPD00000220749-592.06; RP03N04W204010-718.16; MHAM003009017A-34.79; RP02S02W264320-401.46; RP00160001017-612.37; RPA00100050050-708.09; MH01S03W143246-163.55; RP06S05E244200-567.13; RPA0010053015A-840.56; RPA00000046920-863.61; MH0M0090150190-22.25; MHAM0400010050-36.81; RP05S03E238400-673.30. -Approved the Chairman’s signature for the Board on the above homeowners’ tax cancellations. -Approved certificate of residency 23-23 for the College of Western Idaho. -At 9:52 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 10:04 a.m. No action taken. -At 10:05 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (c) interest in real property. Open session was resumed at 10:14 a.m. No action taken.		-Approved the homeowners’ tax cancellations for the following parcels with three (3) County corrections RP09S05W096000 - \$279.87, RPA0010058026C – 670.54, RP02S02W033150 – 566.39; one (1) exemption received after the July property tax abstract was published MH03N05W276600–278.65; and two (2) that were only receiving partials RP02S02W049180 – 116.19, RP004200000030 – 302.09 for a total of \$2,213.73. -Approved the estimate for Those Guys Home Remodeling for painting doors and wall patches in the amount of \$3,729.50. -At 11:12 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (c) interest in real property. Open session was resumed at 11:41 a.m. -Approved the decision made during executive session by the Board granting approval to County Engineer Cook to proceed as directed. -At 11:45 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel matters. Open session was resumed at 12:00 p.m. No action taken. -Approved the letter to the BLM Owyhee Field Manager Ammon Wilhelm re: Wilson Creek Trails. -At 1:33 p.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel matters. Open session was resumed at 3:35 p.m. -Approved sending letters to applicants for the position of Fair Board Secretary.										
November 13 -Approved the claims report as presented, with exception of the Capital Project Fund/ ARPA for clarification: Current Expenses-\$23,740; R&B-\$423; Dist. Court-\$302; Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$4,000; I&C-\$3,354; Revaluation-\$425; Solid Waste-\$83; 911-\$251; Waterways-\$332; Elections, Taxing District-\$28. -Approved the minutes from the November 6 & 7, 2023 meetings. -Approved the letter of support o Grand View Ambulance for an EMSave Grant. -Approved pay application #2 to Succor Creek Construction for work done on the County Justice Center in the amount of \$34,884.00. -Approved the Chairman’s signature for the Board on the Succor Creek Construction pay application #2. -Approved casualty loss tax cancellation for parcel RP03N05W191220, in the amount of \$444.98. -Approved casualty loss tax cancellation for parcel MH977S03E90600 in the amount of \$46.30. -Approved the homeowners’ tax cancellations for exemptions received after the July property tax abstract was published.		December 2, 2023. -Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2023-39, as resolution ratifying the filing of an appeal of the Bureau of Land Managements decision on the Canyonlands East Travel Management Plan. -Approved the homeowners’ tax and solid waste cancellations for the following parcels one (1) solid waste for a total of \$31.50 and two (2) exemptions received after the July property tax abstract was published for a total of \$998.73. -Approved the amendment of the reasons for tax cancellations from a prior meeting, without changing the total, from error to homeowner exemption turned in after abstract. -Approved the Certificate of Residency, number CWI 23-24, to the College of Western Idaho. -Approved Certificates of Residency, number CSI 23-10 and 23-11, to the College of Southern Idaho. -At 10:35 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-2061 (c) interest in real property. Open session was resumed at 10:47 a.m. No decisions were made. -Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2023-40, a resolution to increase the rental security deposit for the Owyhee County Community Center to \$2,000.00, effective January 1, 2024. -Approved the Agreement and Scope of Work for the Pleasant Valley and Trout Creek Geotechnical Work and Costs Estimating with Paragon Consulting in the amount of \$45,520.00, with the signature of the Chairman.										
November 20 -Approved an emergency amendment to the agenda to close Silver City Road due to snow & weather conditions. -Approved County Resolution 2023-39: Resolution to close Silver City Road for automobile travel, effective immediately due to icy, snow and weather conditions, until further action of the Board of Commissioners. -Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$17,310; R&B Fund-\$17,160; Dist. Court-\$2,477; Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$69; Probation-\$1,359; Historical Society & Museum-\$824; I&C-\$1,320; Revaluation-\$227; Solid Waste-\$877; 911-\$1,801; Waterways Fund-\$13; Elections, Taxing District Fund-\$125; Capital Project Fund/ARPA-\$42,509. -Approved the minutes from the November 13, 2023 meetings. -Tabled the Agreement and Scope of Work for the Pleasant Valley and Trout Creek Geotechnical Work and Costs Estimating with Paragon Consulting for further clarification. -Approved the Emergency Responder Services - Estimate for Patrol Package on Sheriff’s Idaho Power Truck, in the amount of \$21,535.29.		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.										
November 27 -Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$22,715; R&B Fund-\$1,314; Dist. Court-\$552; Fair, Grounds & Buildings\$122; Probation-\$123; Revaluation-\$443. -Approved the minutes from the November 20, 2023 meetings. -Approved the Allied Business Solutions –Agreement Idaho State Addendum for the Sheriff’s office. Commissioner Bachman made a motion for the Chair to sign the Allied Agreement for the Board. -Approved the BLM Grant Modification for the Sheriff Dept. for an additional \$12,500 to patrol BLM land. -Approved the Chair to sign the BLM Grant Modification for the Board. -Approved the catering permit for The Spot Pizza for County Museum Christmas Bazaar on		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										
November 2023 Synopsis		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										
November 2023 Synopsis		NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION (I.C. 15-3-801) Case No. CV37-23-00388 In the Matter of the Estate of CALVIN WALKER, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VANCE B. WALKER has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. Dated: December 1, 2023 /s/ Kelli B. Ketlinski Kelli B. Ketlinski, Attorney for Personal Representative KETLINSKI LAW OFFICE, PLLC 1910 N. Lakes Pl. Meridian, Idaho 83646 (208) 288-4444 12/13,20,27/2023										

Public notices

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
Morgan Holton	Sec 17 T3N R5W Pt SESW	\$168.72
Wyatt & Krystel Holton	Sec 17 T3N R5W Pt SESW	\$177.00
Andrew Larson	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt SENW	\$174.51
Israel Martinez	Sec 03 T2N R4W Pt SWNW	\$133.11
Dillon & Aurora Morris	Sec 33 T3N R4W Pt NWNE	\$133.11
Lad & Taylor Shore	Sec 17 T2N R4W Pt W1/2 NWSE	\$135.50
Jeff & Rebecca Wasson	Sec 21 T3N R4W Pt SW1/4	\$116.95
Wild Oak Honey Farms LLC	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt SENE	\$133.11
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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION (I.C. 15-3-801) Case No. CV37-23-00389 In the Matter of the Estate of BONNIE WALKER a/k/a BONNIE JEAN WALKER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VANCE B. WALKER has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: December 1, 2023
/s/ Kelli B. Ketlinski
Kelli B. Ketlinski, Attorney for Personal Representative
KETLINSKI LAW OFFICE, PLLC
1910 N. Lakes Pl.
Meridian, Idaho 83646
(208) 288-4444
12/13,20,27/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE Case No. CV37-23-00398 In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN FRANKLIN EELLS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that WILLIAM EELLS has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 5th day of December, 2023.
/S/ GWEN K. SWEESY /S/ GWEN K. SWEESY,
P.O. Box 1084
Caldwell, ID 83606
(208) 454-2974
12/13,20,27/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION (I.C. 15-3-801) Case No. CV37-23-00395 In the Matter of the Estate of BILLY E. TRACY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carol A. O’Brien, with the address of 3285 Buckboard Way, Boise, Idaho 83713, has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the personal representative mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative’s attorney, Jesse R. Thomas, at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: 12/06/2023
/s/ Jesse R. Thomas
Jesse R. Thomas [ISB No 8271]
Attorney for Personal

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12/13,20,27/2023

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 88508

WESTINDIANCOVEWATER 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.

MATHEW WEAVER,
Director
12/06,13/2023

Another BLM travel plan open for comment

A 30-day public comment window has opened on the Bureau of Land Management’s latest travel management plan environmental assessment. Comments will be taken until Jan. 8 on the agency’s Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area South TMP. The proposed plan defines a system of motorized routes through the central portion of Owyhee County.

The BLM would designate between 154 and 341 miles as open for motorized vehicles to access more than 112,000 acres of federally managed public land. The BLM will allocate up to eight miles specifically for ATV or UTV use, and up to 42 miles for single-track use, such as motorcycles or e-bikes. There would be between 56 and 221 miles of

closed trails. “This travel management planning effort will lead to a quality experience for various types of recreation, including hiking, horseback riding, single-track and off-highway vehicle motorized use, while balancing other land uses such as livestock grazing,” acting BLM Boise District Manager Beth Maclean said. Submit comments by visiting <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/69061/510>

The NCA South plan is the third of five plans that the BLM has developed for Owyhee County. Two other plans have yet to be reviewed — Silver City and Grand View. For additional information, contact Brent Ralston at (208) 384-3300 or Jacob Martin at (208) 384-3336.

Opaline irrigation director retires

The Opaline Irrigation District board has a new director. Chairman Charles Robertson has retired, and during a Nov. 7 meeting, the board appointed Wayne Johnson to complete Robertson’s Division 4 term. Robertson resigned just weeks before his latest term was set to end, but he had filed for a new term prior to the Nov. 7 election day. Johnson will serve the new term that starts in January. Div. 3 Director Dan Birmingham is now the board chair, and Zachary Sevy from Division 2 is vice-chair. Div. 1 Director Zenaido Ponce is in the final months

of his latest term, and Div. 5 Director Elias Jaca’s current term ends in 2024. Sevy is up for re-election next year, and Birmingham’s term ends in 2025. Like Robertson, Ponce was the only person to file candidacy papers for the Nov. 7 election. He’ll continue for another four years beginning in January. No election was held because both men were the only candidates to file for their positions. The board meets at 7 p.m., on the first Tuesday of every month at 7300 Opaline Road in the Melba area of Owyhee County.

Courthouse report

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

Dec. 5
Shaunna King, Marsing — Misdemeanor battery (plea deal): 2 days in jail (served), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$500 in fines, \$162.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor disturbing the peace
Alfonso Villanueva Jr., Nampa — Misdemeanor fishing without a license: \$26 in fines, \$168 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear citation

Dec. 1
Noe Cabrera Estrada, Quincy, Wash. — Misdemeanor motor carrier, violating limitations or conditions of special permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
Anthony Pries, Nampa — Misdemeanor driver consuming or in possession of an open alcoholic beverage container: 1 day in jail (served)

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Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local “Santas” need only to select one item. Gifts may be gift wrapped and tagged with the number and item selected

Gift Drive Ends December 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 Canvas~~, Acrylic Paint Pens.
- FEMALE #9 - Jovan perfume, Slip on Slippers (size 8), Sweatshirts (size L) Cigarettes, Candy
- FEMALE #10 - Sweat suit Blue LG, New watch, slippers size 7, Cigarettes, Hair accessories, Women’s small hair trimmer, Warm poncho
- FEMALE #11 - Winter Coat XL, Crocs size 8 (purple and furry), Cigarettes, Fuzzy socks, Keystone Beer, XL tops
- FEMALE #12 - Matching outfit XL top and L bottom, ~~Playing cards~~, Cute candy jar for room, ~~Hair barrettes (clips)~~, Candy
- FEMALE #13 - Long skirts (elastic waist, size M) Body Pillow, Fuzzy socks (non slip) Long Sleeve blouses (M), Sports Bra (M), Photo book for Landscape pictures.
- 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
- MALE #17 - Gift card to The Bowling Alley, Lottery Tickets, ~~Variety of Nuts~~, Idaho Pizza Card, XL vest, XL long sleeve shirts.

REHAB WING

WE HAVE 13 BEDS THAT ARE HIGH TURNOVER IN OUR REHAB WING. WE COULD USE MISC. ITEMS FOR THESE PEOPLE THAT COME AND GO. THEY COULD BE EITHER MALE OR FEMALE WHEN CHRISTMAS ARRIVES.

MISC ITEMS: BLANKETS TO TAKE HOME, LOTIONS, LAP TABLES, READING LAMPS, GIFT CARDS, PUZZLE BOOKS, SNACK ITEMS (CANDY), PAJAMA SETS AND SWEAT SUITS (MISC SIZES), Gloves

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