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The cab of this semi was destroyed when the driver rolled the rig on Idaho highway 78 near Oreana Loop Road last week. Photo courtesy OCSO

Responders brave sub-zero temps

Several emergency services agencies responded in frigid temperatures last week when a semi slammed into cattle on Idaho

highway 78.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS Deputy Chief Louis Monson said the accident call went

out at 5 a.m., on Jan. 16.

“Fifteen minutes later, we were in

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Marsing loses power — again

Weather damage takes out line west of town

For the second Tuesday in a row, Marsing residents were without power.

For more than 5½ hours, nearly 1,700 customers in and around Marsing lost their electricity during the Jan. 9 snow storm.

The outage began before 2:30 a.m., and power was fully restored by 8:17 a.m., according to Idaho Power spokesman Brad Bowlin.

The weather-related issue cropped up at 2:26 a.m., when a power line broke on a pole at U.S. Highway 95 and Edison Road west of Marsing, Bowlin said. He added it wasn’t clear if the line break was caused by snow, ice or a fallen tree branch.

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Homedale public works crew battles snow amid search for new supervisor

Piles moved to keep storm drains in working order

The City of Homedale public works staff is short-handed at possibly the most inopportune time.

With snow piled up all over town, and some residents worried about what happens when those piles covering crucial storm drains begins to melt, city officials are still on the hunt for a public works supervisor.

Assistant public works supervisor Kurtis Stansell has been filling the role for about six weeks — ever since Scott Jacops was let go.

“It was not working out,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said without providing specifics.

On Friday morning, Christoffersen said that officials have offered the job to a candidate. No other details were released.



Homedale public works employees remove snow from one of several piles on East Wyoming Avenue near Albertsons. Work was going on elsewhere to remove other snow mounds, too, Friday.

In the meantime, the remaining public works crew has been out slowly removing the snow piles that have accumulated from removal in front of businesses.

Before 2 p.m., on Friday, a front loader and dump truck were in use on East Wyoming Avenue in front

— See *Homedale*, page 8



The Owyhee Publishing family lost two of our own last week.

Mark Aman and his son Luke tragically lost their lives on their farm in Ridgeview, Ore., on Friday night.

We wish to thank the community for your outpouring of support. Our offices will be closed Friday so we can attend the funeral services.

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Warming hearts on a snowy day to provide crisis support

First-responders receive teddy bears, get a glimpse of new tool

A snow day at Homedale Elementary School didn't keep the folks from a McCall-based nonprofit from continuing their heartwarming mission.

Originally scheduled to visit a school to deliver the teddy bears, Jeff Riechmann of Courageous Kids Climbing instead swung by the Homedale Fire Station and provided the stuffed animals for firefighters, emergency medical technicians and law enforcement personnel.

"The bears are used by first-responders to help calm kids who are involved in an emergency to help calm them," Riechmann said. "The child gets to keep the teddy bear, so they have it to comfort them when they should they go to the hospital."

"I have heard numerous stories regarding the calming effect that these bears have on the kids."

Teddy bears were distributed to Homedale Police, and some of those bears will wind up with Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies, Riechmann said.

Other Thursday stops were made with firefighters and police in Wilder and Parma.

In a Facebook post, Riechmann said some of the teddy bears dropped with Wilder Police would make their way to the Owyhee County juvenile probation officers.

Through the work of the Slick Rock Rescue Company No. 3 program, Riechmann and his colleagues have provided 1,700 stuff toys to first-responders in Idaho, eastern Oregon and eastern Washington in the past two years.

Courageous Kids Climbing coordinates free opportunities for people with special needs to

experience rock wall climbing at events throughout Idaho and Washington. Other events have been held in Arizona, Nevada and California.

Riechmann said first-responders support the events because they help enhance those folks' skills for working with people with special needs and help children overcome their fear of people in uniform.

"Because of this support, we want to give back to first-responders," Riechmann said.

The teddy bears come to Slick Rock Rescue Company No. 3 from PetSmart and Go! Calendar, Games and Toys in Boise. After bears are distributed to St. Luke's Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House in Boise and the Toys for Tots program, Riechmann's group receives what has not been handed out.

Riechmann's visit to Homedale also allowed for the demonstration of a piece of equipment the first-responders may use to help folks with limited mobility.

The Patient Mover Rescue Chair is manufactured by MedSource. The primary purpose is to move patients between hospital beds, but since the winter of 2022 the possible uses of the device expanded.

Riechmann and his colleagues began working on expanding the use after receiving a call from a family whose son had to be moved from a venue when the wheelchair lift stopped working. Local firefighters were dispatched to carry the young man and his wheelchair out of the building by hand.

"Our friends at MedSource provided us with Patient



Homedale Assistant Fire Chief Casey Christoffersen and a Homedale Ambulance volunteer emergency medical technician help a girl try out the Patient Mover Rescue Chair. Submitted photo



Homedale Police Officer Liset Llamas holds one of the teddy bears that Courageous Kids Climbing and the Slick Rock Rescue Company No. 3 provided Homedale first-responders during a Thursday visit. Submitted photo

Mover Rescue Chairs, and we experimented with them and

found them to be very effective for carrying someone," Riechmann said.

"In addition, it could be folded and placed in a backpack on a wheelchair so that it is always with the child."

Through funding provided by the Payette Lakes Community Foundation and the Boise Sunrise Rotary, the local group has purchased 150 chairs. They're being deployed for children with mobility issues, including in schools' disaster kits or on special needs school buses in case a student needs to be removed when a vehicle breaks down.

There's even a rescue chair in use at a church for baptisms.

Thursday's Homedale demonstration may be preparing volunteer firefighters and EMTs for the future.

"As we travel, when the opportunity presents itself, we show how the device can be used by first responders as they may soon see it at their local schools," Reichmann said.

Riechmann said he plans to return to Homedale to make just such a delivery when schools are in session.

— JPB

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SPARK! PLACES OF INNOVATION OPENS



Smithsonian exhibit begins its Marsing run

Left: The posters went up Friday to let folks know that the “Spark! Places of Innovation” Museum on Main Street exhibit from the Smithsonian has opened at The HUB in Marsing. **Right:** Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Steve Derricott (left) and City of Marsing Chamber liaison and City Hall staffer Debbie Carter check out one of the displays during Saturday’s open house and ribbon cutting. Submitted photos

Admission is free, and the exhibit runs through March 2. Hours will be from 3:30 p.m., to 6 p.m., on Mondays, from 4 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursdays, and from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturdays. The exhibit will be closed on Thursday, Feb. 15.



HHS Winter Formal royalty crowned

Dillon Fine and Olivia Asumendi were introduced as Homedale High School’s Winter Royalty during the girls’ basketball game on Jan. 12. The Winter Formal dance scheduled for Jan. 13 was rescheduled because of winter road conditions. The Winter Formal will be held from 8 p.m., to 11 p.m., inside The Rock of Homedale in the 300 block of East Owyhee Avenue. Patrons are asked to park at the baseball field across the street. Admission is \$7 per person or \$10 per couple. Students must bring their activity cards. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography

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MRW, Idaho Power work to ensure substation battery safety

Idaho Power’s recent \$5,000 donation recognizes the importance of the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District to the safe operation of the Hemingway substation.

MRW volunteer firefighters would be one of the first lines of defense if a battery fire burned out of control at the substation as happened at an Idaho Power substation in Melba in October.

Idaho Power spokesman Sven Berg said the utility company has taken steps to ensure that an accident like the one that caused a fire to burn for days in

Melba won’t happen again.

“Idaho Power is working with the battery supplier to ensure the systems operate safely in the future,” Berg said. “The supplier is implementing additional mitigation measures at each battery site to reduce fire risk.”

The Hemingway Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is 40 times more powerful than Melba’s two-megawatt backup.

The Hemingway battery can deliver 80 megawatts for four hours, or 320 megawatt hours (MWh).

“The system will help Idaho Power

meet peak demand, especially during the summer,” Berg said. “It can cover peak power demand for about 24,000 average homes for four hours.”

First-responders from MRW Fire and other agencies throughout Idaho Power’s service territory receive training from the battery supplier. The supplier also has provided updated safety and emergency response guidelines, Berg said.

Additionally, Idaho Power and its supplier continue to monitor BESS facilities throughout the company’s territory.

The recent \$5,000 donation isn’t the first time Idaho Power has provided assistance to MRW.

“Idaho Power has a long history of supporting first-responders, including rural fire districts, through community contributions,” Berg said.

In 2022, Idaho Power donated a truck to MRW Fire.

“MRW is an entirely volunteer department managing the second-largest fire district in Idaho,” Berg said. “We appreciate the services provided by their volunteers and value our partnership.”

— JPB

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✓ Marsing: What to do if you experience power failure

“The line that broke took out a second line on the same pole, and the combined weight also damaged the next pole up the road, so we had quite a bit of repair work to do,” Bowlin said.

“We had flaggers out to direct traffic for the safety of our crews and the public.”

The area from Flat Top Butte on the western edge of the Owyhees near the Oregon border west to Lake Shore Drive in Canyon County went dark.

Marsing customers were without electricity for the second time in seven days. In the earlier outage, a motorist fleeing law enforcement sheared off a power pole in town.

“We understand the impact of having any kind of outage

during the weather we have had lately, and we appreciate everyone’s patience,” Bowlin said. “We try to minimize the duration of these outages and safely restore power as soon as we are able.”

About 1,000 customers affected by last week’s outage were back online by 5 a.m., on Jan. 9, Bowlin said.

“When it’s cold like that, everyone’s furnaces, heaters, etc., are running full bore, so we aren’t able to turn everyone on all at once,” Bowlin said. “When we do, it trips the breaker, and we have to start again.”

The rest of the customers were brought back onto the grid in groups, Bowlin said.

“Everyone was back on by 8:17 a.m.,” he said.

There are tips online at www.idahopower.com/outagetips to help keep people safe and prepare them for weather-related outages.

“We do recommend that

folks keep an outage kit handy, since weather-related outages can happen quickly and without much warning,” Bowlin said.

The kit includes:

- Flashlights (and extra batteries)
- Matches
- Blankets
- Bottled water (five gallons per person)
- Non-perishable food such as canned goods and crackers
- Non-electric can opener
- Baby food or formula and diapers, if needed
- Pet food, if needed
- First aid kit and any prescription medications
- Battery or solar-powered chargers for your devices
- Battery-powered radio, clock and flashlight
- Board games or cards for entertainment
- A block of ice in the freezer

All appliances should be

turned off as soon as an outage occurs to prevent damage from surges when power is restored.

There is more people can do to prevent their circuit breakers from failing after coming back from a power outage.

The Idaho Power website suggests turning on appliances and lighting in 10-minute phases to prevent electric circuit overload.

Idaho Power has a mobile app where folks can get outage notifications or view an outage map. Sign up for the app through your account on the company’s website.

Call (800) 488-6151 to report outages if you’ve been without power for more than 10 minutes and your area doesn’t appear on the outage map.

To keep food cold longer, avoid opening refrigerator and freezer doors, and keep a large block of ice in the freezer.

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Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School has released its honor roll for the first semester of the 2023-24 school year. Honor roll students have maintained a B-plus average (3.30 grade-point average) with no failing grades during the semester.

Seniors — Loyd Boren,

Rhylan Patrick Burbank, Samantha Elizarraraz, Thomas Gonzalez, Kayloni Rae Hall, Josie Jean Lisle, Kailee Ann Martinez, Ashten Halee Moore, and Vivyana Soliz Villarreal

Juniors — Alia Maialen Aquiso, Rocky John Aquiso, Trevor Davis Carothers, Tony Gallardo, Ronaldo Gomez, Molly Mulberry, Carson Dean Raymond, Jade Emma Reisinger, Viviana Rodriguez-Hernandez, and Flavio Landeros Ronquillo

Sophomores — Maybelline Auburn Anderson, Kloeey Ann

Borgen, Carlos Escobedo, Olivia Lynn Farfan, Steven Morgan Field, Tyler Jack Lisle, and Paisley Jo Prow

Freshmen — Estrella Lizeth Alamilla, Viktoria Ela-Rose Alvarez, Gael Gallardo, Ruby Faye Lisle, Dylan McNeley, Bryllie Alexis Mendoza, Crew Allen Merrick, Laine Sue Raymond, and Mia Teresa Varela

Eighth-graders — William Gaiska Aquiso, Ily Rayn Bailey, Ezra James Ducote, Jessica Alexandra Escobedo, Kenzley Rae Fowers, Isabela Hurtado,

Joshua Steve Jaramillo, Madilyn Rose Lutrell, Leif Kimball Pearson, Mackley Perle Prow, and Aleaha Leslie Ramirez

Seventh-graders — Zoey Marie Lynne Carothers, Chad Michael Koehn, Bristol Lee Magers, Emilio Santiago Meza, Ashlin Joyce Raymond, Merary Rodriguez-Hernandez, and Emmet Dean Shaum

Sixth-graders — Brylee Kay Folkman, William Clarence Little, Dominic Alberto Ontiveros-Lobo, Isabela Maria Pena, and Ryan Michael Tunkel

Utah Tech University

Two local students qualified for the Fall 2023 semester honor roll at Utah Tech University in St. George, Utah.

Katie Christoffersen, Homedale — President’s List by achieving a semester grade-point average of 3.9 or higher while completing at least 15 credits.

Hannah Beus, Melba — Dean’s List by achieving a semester GPA of between 3.5 and 3.89 while completing at least 15 credits.

“I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our dedicated students whose unwavering commitment and hard work have resulted in their well-deserved placement on the honor roll,” provost and vice president of academic affairs Dr. Michael Lacourse said. “It is truly gratifying to witness our students seizing every opportunity at Utah Tech and achieving excellence. Their accomplishments reflect the spirit of perseverance and resilience that defines our educational community.”

Utah Tech University is a premier open-enrollment teaching institution in southern Utah.

Jordan Valley grad qualifies for Deans’ List

A Jordan Valley High School graduate has shown up on the honor roll for a community college in west central Texas.

Birch Eiguren is among more than 700 students on the Fall 2023 Deans’ List at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. To qualify, Eiguren earned a grade-point average of 3.25 or higher while completing at least 12 credit hours.

The two-year community college is located west of Lubbock.

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\$1.00 Raffle Tickets

- **1. \$250 Marsing Shopping Spree**
Donated by: Marsing American Legion Post #128
- **2. \$250.00 Cash**
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- **3. Kitchen Aid Mixer**
Donated by: Kelly & Betty Ackerman
- **4. 60" Flat Screen HD LCD TV**
Donated by: The Usabel Family

The \$1.00 tickets can be purchased from a Marsing Elementary 3rd, 4th or 5th grader.

\$10.00 Raffle Tickets

- **1. 18 cu. ft. Upright Convertable Refrigerator / Freezer**
Donated by: Parma Furniture
- **2. Half Beef Cut & Wrapped**
Beef donated by: Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch
Cut & Wrap donated by: Rod Fivecoat Auction
- **3. Gun/Security Safe**
Donated by: White Automotive & Rhino Metals
- **4. Savage .243 Rifle with Scope**
Donated by: Owyhee County Farm Bureau Agents, Wayne Hungate & Dave Cereghino

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Calendar

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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.

Mexican cooking/canning class
5:30 p.m., to 8 p.m., ‘From Garden to Fiesta Mexican Cooking and Canning’, \$25 per person/\$40 for two, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Registration/Information: (208) 896-4104

Thursday, Jan. 25

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

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

Prime Time Swingers perform
11 a.m., to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

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

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit
4 p.m., to 7 p.m., free, Marsing School District, HUB Building, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Ambulance Visit/First Aid’, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday, Jan. 26

Food bank distribution
8 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 27

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit
10 a.m., to 2 p.m., free, Marsing School District, HUB Building, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

Sunday, Jan. 28

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

Snake River Concert

3 p.m., free, Lynn Tredeau and guitarist, Gary Schmidt. Location provided upon registration. Ticket URL: <https://SnakeRiverConcertJan2024.eventbrite.com>. Information: Allen Tredeau, allen@lynntredeau.com or (208) 258-9836.

Monday, Jan. 29

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., ‘details TBA’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit
3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., free, Marsing School District, HUB Building, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

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

Opaline Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

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

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

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

Wednesday

Massage
8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (208) 337-3020

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Friends of the Homedale Library meeting
4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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U.S. economic strength destabilizes adversaries

The United States has the strongest military, and that gap has only grown in recent years and weeks.

Russia and China are widely seen as having the second- and third-greatest military, respectively. But Russia’s armed forces have displayed major flaws since the invasion of Ukraine and recent reports have stated that China’s military is more corrupt than they expected, resulting in dysfunctional division and the “firing” of several high-ranking officials in the People’s Liberation Army.

Despite its impressive size and capabilities, the United States’ weapon of choice is not deployed by any branch of the armed services. Rather, it is used exclusively by the White House by all administrations in recent history. That weapon is our massive economy. Much like our military, the United States has the strongest economy in world, and it is not very close. But in order to understand just how big of an advantage a massive economy is, and how the U.S. manages to weaponize it, we first have to understand how economies are measured.

Economies are measured by their *Gross Domestic Product*, commonly referred to as GDP. In economics, GDP is an equation of *Consumer Spending + Investment + Government Spending + (Exports – Imports)*. Added altogether, the United State’s GDP in 2022 (the most recent year for which we have data) was \$25.5 trillion. That is nearly 50 percent greater than the second-largest

economy, China at \$18 trillion, and 600 percent larger than the size of the world’s third-biggest economy, Japan at \$4.2 trillion. With an economy of that size, simply excluding other nations from participating in it can be very harmful to their own nation’s financial health. And that is exactly how the U.S. weaponizes their economy — with sanctions.

Sanctions are a favorite tactic of the government because they are non-violent yet can squeeze other nations’ economies. If a country cannot invest in the U.S. dollar, buy or sell U.S. goods, or receive U.S. aid, then their economy suffers and their people feel it. Cuba’s streets are filled with classic cars because they have been under sanctions since the 1962 missile crisis, resulting in the inability to buy new cars or parts, and Russians lost access to American goods, their elites’ assets were frozen, and inflation increased to 18 percent after their invasion of Ukraine and ensuing sanctions.

And that is really what makes our economy such a powerful weapon. Sanctions do not galvanize a nation the way war can. Rather, it robs their citizens of a lifestyle, which in turn makes them question their own government’s policies. Dividing a nation is more effective than any weapon in the U.S. arsenal.

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Homedale Public Works acting supervisor Kurtis Stansell removes snow that had been covering a storm drain on East Idaho Avenue on Friday.

✓ Homedale: Snow removal happens quickly on Friday

of Albertsons while piles of snow remained on East Idaho Avenue. In some spots, those snow piles covered vital storm drains.

“The problem is when they cover the storm drain,” Christoffersen said. “That’s the areas we’ll start on first.

“If you can’t even get water to the drains, they won’t work at all.”

After 2 p.m., Stansell began moving snow away from the drains on Idaho Avenue just east of where Brandon DeMond had been using a private tractor to move snow from in front of NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts.

When drains are covered by frozen snow, flooding on Idaho Avenue and Main Street is possible when the run-off begins or a rain event occurs.

“With this much snow, the storm drains can’t handle it and

they’ll have to move the snow and truck it,” the mayor said.

That work began Friday. By the end of the day, the snow mounds covering storm drains were gone.

“We just got to get it off the main places where it’s going to flood,” Christoffersen said.

Christoffersen said some of the snow is being removed to the parking lot behind Sundance Park.

In recent years when heavy snowfall has been followed by heavy rains, the intersection of Main Street and Idaho Avenue has flooded, and Homedale Drug has endured flood damage on its ground floor and in the basement.

“The rain’s going to come,” Christoffersen said. “If (the snow) melts off slow, it’s one thing.

“But if it melts off fast there will be flooding.” — JPB

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School menus

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

Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans

Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, steamed buttered carrots, chocolate chunk cookie

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt sliced peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables

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

Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, mixed vegetables, garlic toast

Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Frudel, Yami yogurt, grapes **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll, snickerdoodle cookie

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans, spring roll, fortune cookie

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

Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken bacon salad

Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, curly fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Buffalo chicken wrap

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup or bagel and cream cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, crinkle fries, breadstick **Grab ‘n’ go:** Italian sub meal

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

Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, baby carrots

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, corn

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, whole grain toast, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken Caesar salad

Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** BBQ chicken salad

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
*Served at noon
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day except Jan. 30*

Jan. 24: Macaroni and cheese with tuna, broccoli

Jan. 25: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, country trio vegetables

Jan. 30: Orange chicken, stir fry vegetables, rice, crispy noodles

Jan. 31: Hot dog on bun, chili, baked potato, sautéed cabbage

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)*

Jan. 24: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, cascade vegetables, spinach salad, 9-grain bread

Jan. 26: Mushroom Swiss burger, roasted potatoes, Capri vegetables, fresh fruit, whole wheat bun

Jan. 29: Breaded chicken with country gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, whole wheat roll

Jan. 31: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, peaches, green salad, French bread

Obituary

Edward Felix Chadez

Edward Felix Chadez, a lifelong Homedale resident, died at his home on January 16, 2024, within a mile of where he was born. He was just shy of his 100th birthday. Dad was born March 6, 1924, on the farm that his parents homesteaded. Growing up on a farm during the Depression, he developed a strong work ethic and frugality that guided him throughout his life. He attended Homedale schools, and like many in his generation, walked miles to school. In high school, he participated in baseball, track, and basketball (his favorite). He spearheaded a drive to bring school dances to Homedale High (quite a feat at the time), and he often regaled us with stories of pranks he played!

Dad met the love of his life, Helen Schuler, at a Knights of Columbus dance. They were married on December 29, 1948 and were inseparable for over 72 years. Together they bought farms in Homedale where they raised a family of seven children, grew crops, and milked dairy cows. Dad was a lifelong learner, and though he never went to college, he was one of the smartest men we knew. He always had a balance of embracing new technology, while holding tight to tradition and strong morals. And he could tease like the best of them, which he did until his dying day. Dad



and Mom were avid enthusiasts of education, so there was never a question of “if” we were going to college, but where. They started the dairy farm to support our education and were very proud that all 7 children graduated from college. Dad was one of the first farmers in the area to install cement ditches. He also served on the Caldwell branch of the Federal Land Bank for numerous years, helping other farmers finance their dreams.

Dad’s greatest joys in life were working long hard days in the fields and special moments with his family. He finally retired from farming at the age of 97, but never from being the best dad ever! He was an amazing man and loving father, and we will miss his wit and wisdom. He cherished every one of his 11 grandchildren, and they adored him. He lost the love of his life,

Helen, on August 19, 2021. He was preceded in death by 5 siblings: John, Mary, Dorothy, Florence, and Ted; son-in-law, Gary Whitney, and great-granddaughter, Helen Young. He is survived by his seven children: Susan (Craig) Hartley, Trish Chadez Whitney, Charles Chadez, Louise (Dave McRae) Chadez, Mary (Greg Sanders) Chadez, Perry (Connie) Chadez; Rita (Bernie) Ball and three sisters-in-law: Dorothy Vauk, Sister Chanelle Schuler and Lesta Chadez. He is also survived by his eleven grandchildren: Scott Hartley, Anna Hartley-Simon, Cari Whitney McCurdy, Kristin Delmare, Braden and Eileen McRae, Justin Bilbrey, Chris, Eric and Jeni Ball, and Michelle Young, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Viewing was held at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m., with a rosary at 5:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at St Paul’s Catholic Church, 510 W Roosevelt in Nampa on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Marsing-Homedale cemetery, followed by a dinner at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Homedale Senior Center, St Gertrude’s Monastery, or a charity of your choice.

✓ Responders: Several agencies cover crash call

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the middle of an MVA (motor vehicle accident) at (milepost) 45 on Highway 78,” he said.

The semi rolled after it collided with the beef, and two head of cattle died when they were thrown into the ditch. The crash occurred near Oreana Loop Road.

Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick said a detention deputy with emergency medical training rushed to the scene from Murphy to render aid. The sheriff said the jailer found the truck driver outside his rig and quickly got him to the shelter of the county vehicle.

“Being out in temperatures like that can quickly take your life,” Kendrick said.

Monson said the temperature was minus-8 degrees at the time of the call.

“It was bone-chilling cold,” he said.

MRW Fire and EMS, Grand View Ambulance, Grand View Fire Department, Owyhee County sheriff’s deputies and the Idaho Transportation Department responded.

The highway was closed for 30 minutes and reduced to one-lane of travel until the scene was cleared, Monson said.

— JPB

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Death notices

MARK AMAN, 56, and **LUKE AMAN**, 13, of Homedale and Ridgeview, Ore., died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024. A funeral service for both will be held at 10 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024 inside the Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. A graveside service will follow immediately at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A school memorial for Luke’s friends and classmates will be held at 1 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024 inside the Homedale Middle School gymnasium, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale. A lunch will be held at HMS immediately afterward. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Homedale school athletics. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels

JAMES FRANCIS DINES, 88, of Homedale, died on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361. www.allvalleycremation.com

IRIS INECK, 67, of Marsing, died on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell.

JULIAN YBARZABAL, 81, of Elko, Nev., who worked as sheepherder for the Bruneau Sheep Co., in Garnd View when he arrived in the United States, died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024. Services were held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Elko. A reception followed at Mater Dei Hall.

Givens piano concert set

The Snake River Concert Series returns Sunday with a free house concert near Givens Hot Springs.

Pianists Lynn Tredeau and Gary Schmidt will perform at 3 p.m.

The award-winning musicians will share the stories behind their original compositions and play the works as they were meant to be heard — up close and personal.

Although the concert is free, admission must be reserved for this limited-seating event by visiting <https://SnakeRiverConcertJan2024.eventbrite.com>. The location of the concert is shared once an RSVP has been received.

Attendees have the option to make donations to the artists.

Light appetizers are provided, and attendees are welcome to bring their favorite beverage to enjoy.

The audience members will also have the opportunity to mingle with the artists as well as purchase CDs and sheet music of the artists’ compositions.

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Above: The men who served on the South Board of Control irrigation boards stand with Rick Smith after he announced his retirement at the Jan. 9 series of meetings. **From left:** Bret Nielson, Dennis Turner, Sterling Johnston, Steve Clapier, Mark Aman, Ryan Criffield, Smith, and Chris Landa. **Below:** New SBOC manager Carl Seiders presents Smith with a plaque of appreciation.

South Board leadership changes solidified

Boundary shift may be necessary to increase eligible candidate pool

The recent winter storms' impact on 2024 water supply is just one of the things on irrigation governors' minds lately.

The South Board of Control and Gem Irrigation District said goodbye to one of its long-standing directors during the January series of meetings in Homedale.

Div. I Director Rick Smith from Marsing stepped down from the board during its Jan. 9 meeting.

Saying "the time comes to step down," Smith introduced his successor, too.

"I brought a nice young man who I'm sure can do the job," Smith said in introducing Jason Miller.

But Miller's transition onto the Gem Irrigation Board, and consequently becoming part of the SBOC governing group has run into a potential snag.

After his appointment, it was discovered that Miller's residential property on Howard Road in Marsing was just outside the Division 1 boundary.

New South Board manager Carl Seiders is working with the organization's attorney to redraw the boundary line, which was established about 80 years ago, to provide an opportunity for a larger pool of eligible landowners to serve.

The boundary amendment, which must be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval, may

still allow Miller to continue in the role for which Smith recruited him.

All three irrigation boards approved new South Board director Carl Seiders' one-year contract. Sherry Maxwell was also retained as South Board secretary. Seiders was hired to succeed the late John Eells last year.

The irrigation boards reorganized during a series of meetings held earlier this month in the boardroom on West Wyoming Avenue.

Div. 5 Director Chris Landa was elected chair for both the Gem Irrigation board and South Board. Div. 4 Ryan Criffield will serve as vice-chair. Landa served as vice-chair in 2023 and succeeds Div. 2 Director Steve Clapier at the head of the table.

Div. 3 Director Dennis Turner of Homedale has begun another term on the board.

Sterling Johnston was elected chair of the Ridgeview board, and Mark Aman was installed as vice-chair. Both men signed the oaths of office to start new terms during the meeting.

Nielson remains on the board that governs the Oregon part of the southern portion of the Owyhee Project.

Nielson and Landa will represent South Board at the Joint Board meetings with the Owyhee Irrigation District governors.

— JPB



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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
01/16	5.0	22	7.6	27.3	-1.3	16.2
01/17	5.3	24	8.1	33.3	27.3	31.1
01/18	5.7	26	8.6	35.4	24.4	29.5
01/19	5.7	25	8.6	41.2	28.6	35.1
01/20	5.7	23	8.6	39.2	28.2	34.3
01/21	5.7	22	8.6	39.9	27.0	32.2
01/22	5.7	21	8.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
01/16	10.0	34	8.8	29.5	9.7	16.2
01/17	10.6	37	9.1	35.8	23.5	32.0
01/18	10.3	32	9.1	37.2	31.8	33.8
01/19	10.2	32	9.1	39.2	31.6	34.5
01/20	10.1	31	9.1	47.7	30.7	35.6
01/21	10.2	30	9.2	39.6	34.0	36.7
01/22	10.1	28	9.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
01/16	9.5	42	15.8	29.3	15.8	24.8
01/17	9.9	43	16.2	30.2	28.2	29.1
01/18	10.9	47	17.3	37.6	26.6	31.1
01/19	11.1	45	17.4	45.5	36.0	40.8
01/20	11.1	43	17.4	41.2	32.2	35.6
01/21	11.1	41	17.4	36.3	30.6	33.1
01/22	11.5	42	17.7	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 57 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 322 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 24 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 409,845 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

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As of Monday

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
12.5	47	14.3

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House panel recommends passage of obscene material bill

Gov. Little vetoed similar legislation last session

by **Sophie Spanbauer**
JAMM-McClure Center legislative intern

One of the most talked about bills to emerge last week at the Idaho Legislature was House Bill 384.

Sponsored by Dist. 12B Rep. Jaron Crane (R-Nampa), this bill would require “public schools and community libraries to take reasonable steps in restricting children’s access to obscene or harmful material,” according to the bill’s statement of purpose.

HB 384 is nearly identical to last year’s HB 314, which Gov. Brad Little vetoed as he believed the bill had the potential to bring about frivolous lawsuits and bankruptcies for Idaho libraries.

Crane told the House State Affairs Committee last week that the new bill would require libraries to implement a 30-day written relocation requirement form for patrons to utilize.

“If you are, for example, in the children’s section, you find a piece of material that you believe is harmful to minors, you would grab that piece of material take it to the front desk, fill out a 30-day written relocation form,” he said.

Crane explained that the library would then review the form and either move the material to an area inaccessible to minors or refuse to move the material altogether. In the case of a library’s refusal to relocate the material, the person who filed the relocation form can



Two people hold signs during the Idaho Freedom to Read-In held last week in the Rotunda as the House State Affairs Committee held a hearing on House Bill 384. Photo by Sophie Spanbauer / JAMM-McClure Center legislative intern

either accept that or file a civil cause of action to challenge that decision.

To alleviate the governor’s concerns over bankrupting state libraries, Crane said he changed what was previously set to be \$2,500 in damages awarded to the prevailing party to now be set at \$250.

After testimony at a Jan. 15 hearing, Dist. 17A Rep. John Gannon (D-Boise) made a substitute motion to delay the committee vote by one legislative day to allow for people to submit written testimony.

The motion was rejected by a party-line vote, and HB 384 was sent to the House floor with a “do pass” recommendation. The bill is on the House reading calendar.

During the hearing, Gannon questioned Crane on whether there is any control over the amount that attorneys can charge their clients or amount that the court can award.

“This legislation does not make mention of attorney’s fees,” Crane said. “Still in some civil cases attorney fees may be awarded to the prevailing party at the judge’s discretion.”

The bill has been met with much opposition, including the “Idaho Freedom to Read-In,” a rally organized by Rediscovered Books, Community Library Network Alliance, North Central Idaho Alliance, Meridian Library Association. The concerned citizens gathered on Jan. 13 in the Capitol Rotunda with handmade signs and books.

“We cannot be the frog in the boiling water anymore,” Senate Minority Leader Melissa Wintrow (District 19, D-Boise) told the crowd. “We all have to jump out together. Lift your voice, talk back, and take your state back.”

Other rally speeches came from Dist. 6A Rep. Lori

McCann (R-Lewiston); Roger Sherman, the Idaho Children’s Trust Fund and Prevent Child Abuse Idaho director; The Community Library, Ketchum director Dr. Jenny Davidson; and more activists from across the state. Those in attendance at the Capitol were encouraged to attend and testify at the Jan. 15 hearing for House Bill 384.

More than 400 people attended the hearing, where committee chair Dist. 13A Brent Crane (R-Nampa) allowed for an hour-and-a-half of public testimony, hearing 19 testimonies total.

Twin Falls resident Karen Jensen testified online in support of HB 384, saying “I have personally engaged in research delving into many books, likely hundreds, widely accessible in our public school and libraries across Idaho, not in just one isolated area. These materials seek to influence the minds of children with explicit sexual content.

She continued: “The abundance of objectionable material is considerable. And, for obvious reasons, I cannot quote any specific content within my

testimony here. Regardless of the intention of the authors, the content of these books pervert the minds of our children, normalize behaviors which would hurt the children severely if acted upon and substantially increase a child’s vulnerability to sexual predators.”

West Ada Education Association president Zachary Borman testified against the bill:

“I believe that our kids deserve increasingly larger amounts of autonomy based off of their nature, their aptitudes, their interests and their goals,” he said. “You can’t hide water from a person until they’re 18, then take them out to the ocean and push them off the boat expecting them to swim.

“From my perspective, your method of parenting and this bill produces shame, suppression and ultimately unhealthy relationships with themselves and others.”

— Sophie Spanbauer is a senior pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in public relations with minors in political science and history at the University of Idaho.

Winter weed seminar returns

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area annual winter weed seminar aims to help further the fight on Malheur County rangeland.

The seminar will start at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 6 inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 501 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95).

Attendees can earn three Idaho pesticide credits, and an application has been submitted for pesticide credits for the State of Oregon.

Presentations on the agenda include:

- **10 a.m.** — “Harnessing New Tools and Technologies to Restore Invasive Grass-dominated Rangeland” by Derek Sebastian from Envu
- **11 a.m.** — “High Noon: The New Milestone — Broad-er Weed Spectrum Plus a More

Economical Way to Improve Your Rangeland” by Trent Brusseau from Corteva

• **12:30 p.m.** — “Clean Machine: Do You Like to Create More Work for Yourself?” by Amanda Zander from Malheur County

• **1 p.m.** — “Adjuvants and the Water Droplet — Squeezing More Efficiency Out of the Spray Application” by Sherman Takatori from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture

• **2 p.m.** — “Identification and Control of High-priority Noxious Weeds” by Bonnie Rasmussen from Oregon Department of Agriculture

• **2:30 p.m.** — Nicole Sullivan will give an update on the Owyhee Watershed Council’s work and talk about funding

opportunities.

Partnering organizations and industry representatives will give five- to 10-minute updates beginning at 2:45 p.m.

There will be a 30-minute lunch at noon.

Landowners planning to attend the seminar can RSVP by contacting Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison by phone at (541) 586-3000, by email at jvcwma@qwestoffice.net, or by dropping by the CWMA office at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Morrison always suggests people call ahead in case he is out of the office.

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Dayley tops 1,000 points as Melba catches Cole Valley

Late-season win gives
Mustangs girls top
seed tiebreaker

High School girls' basketball player to eclipse the 1,000-point career scoring mark.

The senior scored 26 points in Friday's big 2A Western Idaho Conference victory over Cole Valley Christian.

The Mustangs' 60-46 wipeout inside Potter Gymnasium created a tie for first place in the conference and gave Melba (12-5 overall, 7-1 2A WIC) the tiebreaker for the top seed in the 2A District III Tournament.

Melba has two conference games remaining — against New Plymouth on Thursday and a makeup date with Marsing on Saturday. The Mustangs played reigning 3A Oregon state champion Baker in a non-conference game Monday after press time.

Dayley added seven assists and three steals to her stat line Friday.

Teammate Tariah Carter notched a

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Homedale Cheer racks up top showing in Pocatello

Shown from a competition earlier in the 2023-24 season, the Homedale High School cheer team collected three first-place trophies during the weekend. Coached by Heidi Lawler, the Trojans captured first place in three of the five categories entered at Cupid's Cheer Challenge, which was held Friday and Saturday at two high schools in Pocatello. Homedale finished first in Show Cheer, Sideline, and Stunt 2. The team was runner-up in Stunt 1 and finished third in Pom. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Streaking Trojans storm into tie for second in 3A SRV

HHS boys lead
wire-to-wire
against two foes

Defense and fast starts have fueled Homedale High School's three-game boys' basketball conference win streak.

The Trojans led by as many as 37 points during Saturday's 62-26 blowout on the road against 3A Snake River Valley conference foe Payette.

Junior Luke Henry ripped away a team-high six steals, and Danny Lomeli came away with five as Homedale (4-10 overall, 3-1 in conference) forced the Pirates (1-14, 0-4) into 25 turnovers.

Three consecutive victories have drawn the Trojans into a tie with Fruitland (5-9, 3-1) for second place in the conference. The teams are one game behind 3A SRV leader McCall-Donnelly (11-1, 4-0).

Coach Cam Long's squad

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No. 1 Paynter leads four state-ranked Homedale wrestlers

Four Trojans win
vs. McCall

Freshmen standout Trevor Paynter leads four teammates in the Class 3A wrestling state rankings.

The Homedale High School athlete is ranked No. 1 among the state's 106-pound wrestlers competing at that level.

The rankings are posted on IdahoSports.com each Wednesday.

Three Trojans teammates joined Paynter among the top six wrestlers statewide in their respective weight classes:

- Brodie White, sr., No. 4 at 220 pounds
- Wylee Bidiman, so., No. 5 at 126 pounds
- Trey McFarlane, so., No. 6 at 132 pounds

White and McFarlane picked up victories in Friday's rescheduled 3A Snake River Valley conference dual against visiting McCall-Donnelly.

Jamison Valle pinned Jonathan Tjan for another Trojans' victory in a 54-29 loss to the Vandals.

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Sports

✓ Trojans: Sorensen reaches career best

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came within one point of putting four scorers in double figures against the Pirates.

Andres Garcia nailed six of 10 field-goal attempts for a season-high 12 points to go with five rebounds. Big men Lukas Hall and McCoy Swallow scored 11 points apiece, and Swallow snagged six rebounds.

Lomeli dropped in one of Homedale's six three-point goals en route to nine points.

Swallow knocked down two treys, while Hall, Alex Sotelo (six points) and Jace Clover (four points) each connected from downtown.

Clover's career-high nine rebounds, including seven on defense, helped the Trojans dominate on the glass. Homedale held a 21-5 edge on Payette's end of the floor.

The Trojans led by as many as 37 points and capitalized with 19 points off turnovers, including 18 steals.

Homedale's reserves nearly matched Payette's output on their own, picking up 25 points.

Michael Ocampo scored 10 points for Payette, and Calvin Shaffer added seven.

Jan. 16: Homedale 66, Weiser 48 — The Trojans blasted out of the locker room to end halftime and unloaded a season of frustration on their hosts.

Homedale never trailed and led by as many as 20 points in the contest.

Already leading by nine points, Homedale racked up 23 points over the next eight minutes to open a 51-33 lead heading into the final quarter.

Homedale shot 52.4 percent (11-for-21) from the field in the second half. The team was 10-for-23 (43.5 percent) from behind the three-point line for the game.

Keaton Sorensen converted five of eight three-point tries and scored a career-high 20 points to pace three Trojans scorers in double figures. He also went 3-for-4 from the free-throw line.

Henry nailed a pair of treys en route to 14 points.

Lomeli was 4-for-4 from the foul line and knocked in another three-pointer as part of his 11 points.

Clover, a transfer from Marsing, scored five points (including a three-pointer) and snagged five rebounds.

Sorenson collected five of his team-high six rebounds on the defensive end of the floor.

Jack Shirts led Weiser with 20 points. He drained four three-point goals. Finn Dolton led the home team with seven rebounds.

HHS girls' district placement crystallizes

Weiser nails down No. 4 berth with rout

Homedale High School will own either the No. 5 or No. 6 seed in the upcoming 3A District III girls' basketball tournament.

The Trojans' slim hopes to finish fourth in the 3A Snake River Valley conference were dashed Jan. 16 when host Weiser ran away with a 57-37 decision.

The Wolverines owned a 14-point lead at halftime and put the game away with 21 points in the third quarter.

No individual statistics were provided from the game.

Homedale (5-12 overall, 1-6 in conference) finished the week in fifth place ahead of Payette, which was the Trojans' Senior Night opponent on Tuesday after press time.

The Trojans' Thursday road game against Parma was postponed because of treacherous driving conditions last week.

Homedale will end the regular season on Friday in Valley County against McCall-Donnelly.

The district tournament begins on Thursday, Feb. 1.

✓ Wrestlers: Three of four ranked in action

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White pinned Van Critchfield at 220 pounds, and McFarlane posted a 16-1 technical fall victory against Brendan LaFey at 132.

Paynter scored six points with a forfeit, and Bidiman didn't compete against McCall-Donnelly.

Lane Zehr came away with a pinfall victory against LaFey in a 126-pound exhibition match Friday.

✓ Melba: Club trounces NC

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double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Ellie Johnson added eight points and seven rebounds.

Hadley Fraas led Cole Valley (13-6, 7-1) with 25 points.

Saturday: Melba 53, Nampa Christian 29 — Johnson scored nine points as the Mustangs just missed putting three players in double figures in a conference game played on the Trojans' floor.

Carter led the way with another double-double of 15 points and 15 rebounds.

Dayley's double-double featured 11 points and 10 steals. She also dished seven assists.

Sophomore guard Taylor Davy scored eight points to lead Nampa Christian.

Homedale Trojans

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Olivia Asumendi, sr., G/F
Arlett Quezada, sr., PG
Played final home games of prep careers Tuesday

Boys' basketball
Danny Lomeli, sr., G
Averaged 10 points over 2 wins

Wrestling
Trevor Paynter, fr., 106
Tops 3A state rankings

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26 at McCall-Donnelly (regular-season finale), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 26 at McCall-Donnelly (regular-season finale), 6 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 29, 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent, site TBA, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 3A SRV conference tournament, if nec., site TBA, 6 p.m.
Frosh
Monday, Jan. 29, 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent, site TBA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 3A SRV conference tournament, if nec., site TBA, 4:30 p.m.

Cheer - Coed
Saturday, Jan. 27 at Mountain View Invitational, Meridian, 9 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Thursday, Jan. 25, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland, noon
Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Payette, 3A Snake River Valley conference dual, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27 at R.D. Brown Invitational, New Plymouth, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31, home vs. Parma, 5:30 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing's Leon takes eventual champion deep into match

Melba wrestlers win three golds in hometown invite

Jonathan Leon came within 48 seconds of a potential championship Saturday in the Ron Johnshoy Invitational.

The Marsing High School senior won three consecutive matches in the Melba tournament before eventual 220-pound B Division champion Luke Wilford of Vallivue pulled off a pinfall in 5 minutes, 12 seconds of their pair's final bout of the afternoon.

There were five rounds of round robin action in the 220B pool, and the last two of Leon's four bouts on the day were his only action to stretch into the third round.

Leon pinned William Kerby of Bishop Kelly in 1 minute, 36 seconds. He also took down Jess Fuquay from Melba in 47 seconds before beating Kaden Hanan of Columbia, 7-3.

Tyson Holloway pinned Ridgevue's Jack Holm in 1:25 for third place in the 145A pool.

Peyton Showalter was third at 160B after Bishop Kelly's Brennen Pruett retired because of medical forfeit.

Everett Young was third in the 145B pool. His only victory on the day was a 1:49 pinfall against Ridgevue's Adam Prince.

Shane Buzzard finished fourth after Columbia's Jose Torres pulled off a pin in 2:09 of their bronze medal match in the 160A pool.

Tristan Izzard pinned Bishop Kelly's Isa-

iah Friend (3:15) in the fifth-place match in the 195B pool.

Kail Wyman finished sixth at 170A. Ridgevue's Christian Cruz pinned him in 1:15 of their fifth-place bout.

Ryan Baxter had to take a medical forfeit and settle for sixth in the 220A pool. Eventual class champion Evan Michaelson of Melba collected a pin against Baxter in 3:00 of their round robin match.

Other Melba highlights included:

- Joel Helm winning the 160B championship with a 15-0 technical fall against Timberline's Erik Lunn.
- Trevor Rhoades was perfect in four round robin bouts to claim the 195A championship.
- Dylan Fahey suffered one loss in four round-robin bouts and took second place at 182B.
- Brendan Svetich also lost only once in taking second place at 182A.
- Rooster Overall captured third at 170C.
- John Hunter was third at 170B.
- Luke Clark beat Vallivue's Anthony Mills, 5-1, for third place at 170A.
- Razi Manzer was the third-place wrestler at 126B.
- Walker Hansen took fourth at 106A.
- Kolt Clemens was fifth at 113A.
- Jack Emery finished sixth at 182B.
- Fuquay finished sixth at 220B.
- Ethan Emery was sixth at 220C.
- Bradyn Albers settled for sixth at 160A after a wild 20-18 sudden overtime loss to Timberline's Fynn Hirz.
- Tyler Forsgren took seventh at 138A.

Huskies boys soar with the Archers

Marsing High School played the first of back-to-back games against the top two Class 2A boys' basketball squads in the state Friday.

The Ambrose School pulled away in the third quarter for a 61-42 2A Western Idaho Conference road win.

Marsing (6-7 overall, 1-6 in conference) trailed by just four points at halftime.

"Ambrose outscored us, 16-5, in the third quarter, and we just couldn't overcome their efficient shooting from the field and the free-throw line," Marsing coach

Tim Little said.

Juan Diego Ponce scored 12 points, and Eli Ankeny added 10 points and five steals for Marsing.

Held to four points, Teagan Kinney corralled 12 rebounds. Jace Chadez had all five of his boards on the defensive end.

"Our players competed the entire game and played hard until the final buzzer," Little said.

Tyson Hughes scored 22 points for Ambrose (12-3, 6-2).

Marsing played conference-leading No. 1 Cole Valley Christian on Monday.

Second-quarter drought dooms Marsing girls

Marsing High School missed a chance to make some noise in girls' basketball against coach Aidrie Voile's alma mater.

The Huskies fell, 66-46, on the road to New Plymouth in Saturday's battle for fourth place in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Marsing (6-8 overall, 1-5 in conference) struggled with just Brooklyn Roadenbaugh's basket in the second quarter, and the Pilgrims (5-11, 2-4) took advantage.

New Plymouth took control

with an 18-2 run to the half.

Facing a 30-12 deficit, the Huskies tried to claw back in the third. But the Pilgrims' Maycee Christensen nailed three three-point goals to cap a 17-point night.

Bailey Daugherty scored six of her nine points in the fourth quarter for the Huskies.

Josie Showalter was 7-for-8 from the foul line and led Marsing with 11 points.

New Plymouth's Zavier Lake poured in a game-high 21 points.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Sydney Nelson, jr., G
Has scored 10 points in past 3 games



Boys' basketball
Juan Diego Ponce, so., G
Averaged 11.5 points, 4.0 assists in 2 games



Wrestling
Trinity Stimmel, sr., 165
Juston Wolfe champ winding down career

This week's schedule

Girls' basketball Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25, home vs. Nampa Christian (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 29, 2A District III Tournament begins
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Wrestling Coed
Tuesday, Jan. 30, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference Duals, 4 p.m.

Boys' basketball Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 24 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27, home vs. Melba, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Jan. 24 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27, home vs. Melba, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Saturday, Jan. 27, home vs. Melba, noon
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.



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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

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Preparing for a feast...

Stacie Kubosumi, left, and Carol Rudd, right, prepare meatballs for the upcoming International Smorgasbord on Feb. 6. SSI and Valley Machine donated the hamburger for use in the Sweet and Sour Meatballs which will be served in the Oriental booth.



3 on 3 basketball tournament funds

Tom Pegram, from the Homedale Fire Department, accepts a \$400 check from Homedale High School coach Troy Sullivan. The coaches from the high school donated half the proceeds they raised at the 3 on 3 basketball tournament in December.

Trojan matmen take second at Wendell tourney

The Trojan matmen won an impressive second place at the Magic Valley wrestling tournament in Wendell last weekend.

“We had five individual champions,” coach Toby Johnson said. “We had more champions than any of the other schools here today.”

Adam Duryee took first place in the 125 pound class by a decision against Jerome’s Troy Egbert. Wade Black followed his teammate with a decision win over Parma’s Ben Barch in the 130 pound class.

Will Black scored a first place title in the 145 pound class and Kale Hartwig, who has 17 wins and one loss on his record, pinned Parma’s Scott Hood to take first in the 171 pound class.

Scott Neil tied up the second place win for the Trojans with his fourth consecutive pin and defeated Adam Cox for the heavyweight title.

Husky girls slip by Melba, lose to New Plymouth

The Marsing Huskies girls basketball team slipped by the Melba Mustangs 38-37 but took a defeat from the New Plymouth Pilgrims, 47-44, in WIC A-3 basketball last week.

Liliana Carreon scored 13 points for the Huskies with teammate Tara Bush gaining eight rebounds.

“We had trouble shooting in the first half,” Husky coach Don Heller said. “Melba struggled with control so we were able to gain on them in the third.”

50 years ago

January 24, 1974



SEN. FRANK CHURCH admires the painting “Silver City” presented to him in Boise by artist Miren Abadia of Rt. 1, Marsing. Mrs. Abadia has developed her painting talent within the past few years, and her works have been winning awards at exhibits throughout the area. Senator Church said this painting of Idaho’s historic mining town will occupy a prominent place in his home office.

Smorgasbord termed ‘most successful yet’

A preliminary report on the 13th annual “International Smorgasbord,” held Saturday, indicates that it was the best attended and most successful event sponsored by the Homedale PTA.

Admissions totaled 2,225, which was well above the record of 2,000 which attended last year.

A steady stream of hungry people went through the smorgasbord line at the Washington school from the opening at 12 noon to the closing at 8 p.m.

Some food supplies ran low shortly after 6 o’clock, but enough food remained on other tables to feed the late comers.

Advance ticket sales by the 6th grade shows \$3,140.25 turned in, with some sales yet to be checked in.

Total receipts to date stand at \$4,600 and the committee hopes the advance ticket sales will cover expenses, with the money taken in at the door cleared for community projects.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“I guess some of them North Idahoans would be glad to let California take a little of that extra water off their hands.”



Landa, Garrett scorch net for Trojan win

Dan Landa and Gregg Garrett scored 42 points between them Tuesday night to pace the Homedale Trojans to a 61-55 victory over Parma High School in a Southwest Idaho Conference game.

Landa hit 25 and Garrett added 17 as the Trojans now are 6-7 overall to 2-13 for the Panthers. Doug Killian led Parma with 19 and Don Porter added 16.

Homedale’s Trojans, getting strong scoring punch from a couple of new sources, dumped the Nampa Christian Trojans here 64-56 Saturday night.

Kelly Vance and Matt Paxton, usually part of the “also scoring points” column, came through with 16 and 15 points respectively, to boost the Trojans over the top in the non-league affair.

High man for HHS was Gregg Garrett, a more frequent member of the double figure set, with 18 points on the board.

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GONE.—The editor of this paper left last Monday morning to attend the printers’ ball at Boise City, promising to return or write on Wednesday, but did not do either, leaving us to weather the storm the best we could. We waited till a late hour Thursday before commencing to do anything toward getting out this issue, with the expectations of his coming sure on that day; but he failed to put in an appearance, even off Friday’s stage; so we take the responsibility of getting out this issue on our own shoulders, hoping the readers of the AVALANCHE will excuse the deficiency of this number.

ODD FELLOWS ELECTION.—At a regular meeting of Owyhee Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., held at Odd Fellows’ Hall, the following officers were elected: A. L. Simondi, N. G.; L. P. Higbee, V. G.; John Upham, R. Secretary; Fred Grete, Treasurer; Edward Ayears, Warden; B. M. Davis, Conductor; Ben. Cook, Inside Guardian; Sam Heidelberger, Outside Guardian; J. S. Van Slyke, R.S.N.G.; Thos. B. Pheby, L.S.N.G.; Frank Bishop, R.S.V.G.; Joe Gross, L.S.V.G.; Q. A. French, R.S.S.; J. L. Cleary, L.S.S.

TREASURE SHIPMENT.—Wells, Fargo, & Co., shipped from here this week 19 bars of bullion, valued at \$49,317.

Local Hints and Happenings.

Henry Darr is over from Flint on a visit.

Keno is the only winning game in town.

The printers’ ball at Boise City was a success.

Hon. W. R. Usher arrived from the Capital last Saturday.

Twenty-five tons more of Corduroy ore will be crushed at the Cosmos mill.

Mahogany stock came before the Board in San Francisco, January 11th, and closed at \$5 per share.

Several of our teamsters who have been teaming between Boise and Silver City have withdrawn with the intention of freighting from Winnemucca here as the roads are in a better condition.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on Owyhee

Winter weather, whether we want it or not

Time and again, we hear that folks love living in the Homedale and Marsing communities because of the close-knit, small-town vibe.

With the recent winter storms, that sense of community togetherness and “neighbors helping neighbors” — apologies to the Marsing Disaster Auction folks — has been on full display.

After the first big storm, Ric Uria had his charges out plowing on-street parking spaces in front of businesses in the downtown sector.

The Homedale Police Department saluted its volunteer counterparts with the Homedale Fire Department for fanning out in their turnouts to shovel out community members’ driveways.

There were good Samaritans roaming around Marsing to help dig out driveways, too.

More freezing rain and snow visited last week, and more snow piled up.

The first snow days of the year were logged in the Owyhee country school districts, and sporting events and other happenings were cancelled.

Olivia Asumendi was all set to sign a letter of intent to play softball at The College of Idaho, but the Homedale High School senior’s pen action was frozen by the back-to-back snow days in the Homedale School District.

She may sign that paper this week.

Asumendi was crowned winter formal queen (and Dillon Fine was king) on Jan. 12, but the dance set for The Rock was postponed until Saturday because of that pesky first big snowstorm.

Power outages in Marsing — one man-made and one caused by Mother Nature — plunged 900 customers into darkness for several hours on two different Tuesdays earlier this month.

That got Sheriff Larry Kendrick to thinking: Are there any type of large-scale shelters to house folks who lose power — and possibly their heating source — during these winter storms?

There is a Community Emergency Response Team effort in Marsing, and it’s spearheaded by Marlene Moore. That group tries to be prepared for large-scale disasters. Maybe they can put some thought into smaller emergencies and figure out a community shelter idea.

The problem would be, of course, finding space and having a backup energy source (propane?) when the electricity goes down.

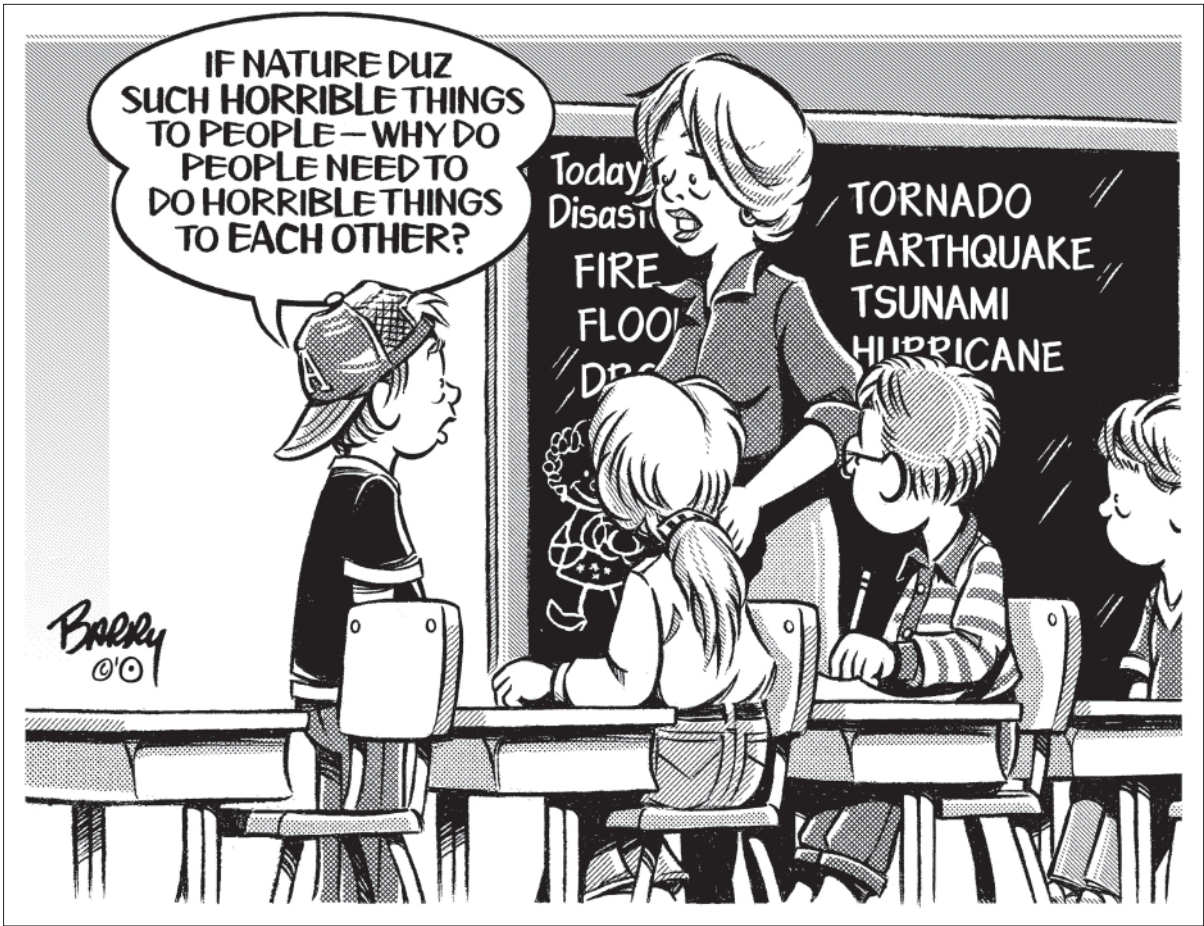
Plenty of questions to be answered for something like that to get off the ground. But based on the camaraderie that emerges when times get tough around here, if folks want to put together an effort, it’s going to happen.

With the warmth shown to their fellow neighbors, the people in Owyhee’s communities serve a counterpoint to a fun little poem that Homedale resident Bob Hulse shared last week.

The author is unknown, but the sentiment is probably shared by quite a few folks these days:

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JP Doodles



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

From Washington

Advocating for rural Idaho schools

The federal government is responsible for the impact of federal land ownership on local communities. Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination (SRS) Act payments are one way the federal government contributes to meeting this responsibility. Congress must extend the SRS program this year to avoid any lapse in payments as we continue to work toward the goal of a permanent solution that alleviates uncertainty for Idaho counties.

Counties often rely on property taxes to provide basic public services and infrastructure maintenance for local communities. However, lands managed by the federal government cannot be taxed by local or state governments, and more than 60 percent of Idaho is federal land.

In a 1908 law, Congress directed the return of 25 percent of U.S. Forest Service gross receipts to the states to assist counties that are home to our national forests with roads and schools. However, over the years, timber receipts have eroded to the point where the federal obligation to local rural communities is not met through the receipts alone.

To address the shortfall and prevent the loss of essential county schools and roads infrastructure, in 2000, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. This law has provided assistance, known as SRS or county payments, to communities whose regular Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management receipt-sharing payments have declined significantly.

(Payments In Lieu of Taxes [PILT] is a different compensation mechanism through the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the way Owyhee County receives mitigation for large swaths of tax-exempt land managed by the BLM. As with SRS for other counties, Owyhee doesn’t receive its full allotment of PILT

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each June, and county commissioners hope Congress shores up that program’s future, too. — Ed.)

Nearly 80 percent of Idaho’s counties receive county payments because of the large amount of National Forest System land in Idaho. Idaho’s rural counties rely on SRS payments to ensure funding for schools, road maintenance, public safety, search

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Commentary

Center on Representative Government Compromise in governing builds toward common good

Making decisions about public policy is no simple task. It requires balancing interests, exercising our values and making choices among competing ideas. When we vote, should we favor candidates who will cut taxes or those who will improve services? Should we support a strong American presence in the world or keep our focus on domestic issues? The answers aren't easy.

And where do we look to develop the values that shape these decisions? For many of us, they start with our families, friends and colleagues. Faith and community organizations play a role. We often look to people whom we admire: examples from history, influential figures in public life and admirable individuals we have known.

Ultimately, we should return to this guiding standard: Will our decisions advance the common good? We won't all agree on what the common good is, but the question should be a starting point.

In fact, the idea of the common good runs through public life in the United States. It was a key concept for the Enlightenment philosophers who influenced America's founders. They connected it to the ideal of citizenship, the notion that people should engage in public life.

John Adams, our second president, wrote, "Government is instituted for the common good ... and not for profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men." James Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers that governments should identify wise leaders in search of the common good.

But what do we mean by the common good? The founders left some hints in the Preamble to the

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system. But increasingly, it seems like Republicans and Democrats live in separate worlds. Surveys find that many Americans view members of the opposing party as dishonest or immoral. This plays out in Washington, where Congress is so divided that it has passed only a handful of bills this year and can barely agree to keep government operating.

How do we get out of this mess? We can start by reminding ourselves that we are all Americans, regardless of party, and there's more that unites us than divides us. We share a common history, and we all have a stake in the peace and prosperity of our nation. It's our duty as citizens to engage with people with different views, to listen to them and seek common ground.

We also need to remember that, in a diverse and pluralistic society like ours, compromise is a necessity. One of the most worrisome findings in recent public opinion polling is that many Americans view compromise as a dirty word. If we're going to make progress, we need to recognize that our side won't get everything it wants. The common good includes what's good for you, not just what's good for me.

I've always believed that the American people are fundamentally decent, optimistic and forward-looking, regardless of our differences. We are fortunate, in our democracy, to be able to discuss, debate and ultimately reach agreement on tough questions.

It's up to us to define the common good and to continually strive for the more perfect union that the founders envisioned.

✓ Winter: Stay safe

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Winter in Idaho

It's wintertime in Idaho
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
At thirty-five below.

Oh, how I love Idaho
When the snow's up to your butt
You take a breath of winter
And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful
So I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave Idaho
Cuz I'm frozen to the ground!

— Author unknown

Stay safe out there, and watch out for one another.

Contacting elected officials

State representatives	Seat A Rep. Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna)
Gov. Brad Little	
Office of the Governor	4000 W Hubbard Road, Kuna, ID, 83634
P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720	Phone — (208) 332-1055 (session only)
Phone — (208) 334-2100	or (208) 941-1963
E-mail — governor@gov.idaho.gov	E-mail — MDurrant@house.idaho.gov
Website — https://gov.idaho.gov/	Committees
Term expires 2026	Resources & Conservation
	Revenue & Taxation
District 23	Seat B Rep. Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell)
Terms expire 2024	
Sen. Todd M. Lakey (R-Nampa)	PO Box 1324, Caldwell, ID, 83606
12905 Venezia Ct, Nampa, ID, 83651	Phone — (208) 332-1047 (session only) or
Phone — (208) 332-1328 (session only)	(208) 504-8647
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✓ Schools: Reimbursement helps counties fund services, infrastructure

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and rescue operations as well as mental and physical health services. Idaho counties received a total of \$26.9 million in payments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 under the SRS program.

Congress has extended and amended the Secure Rural Schools program multiple times. It was last extended for three years through 2023 and is due for renewal. In December, we saw welcome progress in this effort when the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources passed legislation I introduced with fellow U.S. Sens. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) to extend

the program through 2026. This is an important step in the ultimate goal of alleviating uncertainty for rural county governments.

The federal government's overspending problem, which has resulted in a \$34 trillion national debt that continues to grow, makes it increasingly difficult to ensure the federal government meets its responsibilities, including SRS payments. Nevertheless, I remain committed to enacting a long-term solution that provides a consistent mechanism for the federal government to meet its responsibilities while controlling federal overspending. As we work to strengthen revenue sharing with local governments

by increasing timber harvests and restoration work on federally managed lands, the SRS program remains an important backstop to protect counties from losses during low-harvest years. I will continue to press for enactment of legislation to help the federal government prudently meet its responsibility to communities that are home to federal lands.

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

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) local conservation team will hold a public open house-style meeting from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm on February 20, 2024. The meeting will be held in the Owyhee County Community Center, located at 432 W Nevada Ave, Homedale, ID 83628. The meeting is to inform local agricultural producers and residents on what Farm Bill programs are available to assist farmers and ranchers through NRCS and University of Idaho Extension. Staff from NRCS will be available to discuss individual operations and questions pertaining to NRCS Programs and their applicability to specific operations.

01/24/2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MAGISTRATE
COURT OF THE THIRD
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV37-23-00428
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
ARTHUR V. HASTINGS and
MARY HASTINGS,
Deceased Persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents 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 both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651.

Dated this 28th day of December, 2023.

/s/ Julian Hastings
Personal Representative
01/10,17,24/2024

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
NAME CHANGE
(Adult or Emancipated Minor)
CASE NO. CV37-23-00442
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: HAZEL ALEX Y
GUERRA

A petition to change the name of HAZEL ALEX Y GUERRA, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to HAZEL ALEX Y ALONZO. The reason for the change in name is: to take my husband’s last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o’clock a.m. on February 6, 2024 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: December 27, 2023
Clerk of the District Court
/s:/Jamie Eubanks, Deputy Clerk
01/17,24,31;02/07/2024

SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-23-00297
BONNEVILLE BILLING
& COLLECTIONS, INC., a

Utah corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT A. SHADWICK,
Defendant.

To : ROBERT W. SHADWICK,
You have been sued by Bonneville Billing & Collections, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court of the Third Judicial District in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV37-23-00297.

The nature of the claim against you is collection of a debt.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., CV37-23-00297 and paid any required filing fee to the Owyhee County Clerk of the Court at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, Robert W. Talboy, at P.O. Box 856, Boise, ID 83701, (208) 901-8669.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: Dec. 21, 2023
Angela Barkell
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
OWYHEE COUNTY
By:/s/ B Gonzalez
Deputy Clerk
01/10,17,24,31/2024

MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA-NRCS MALHEUR
COUNTY LOCAL WORK
GROUP

USDA-NRCS is holding a local work group meeting to gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Malheur County.

All public is invited to attend the meeting, which takes place 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday February 8, 2022 at the Malheur County Extension Office, 710 SW 5th Ave., Ontario, OR.

The meeting is available online at <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601238721>

Meeting ID: 160 123 8721
Contact: Lynn Larsen, District Conservationist – Malheur County; USDA-NRCS, 2925 SW 6th Avenue, Ste. 2, Ontario, OR 97914, 541-823-5132, lynn.larsen@usda.gov

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Owyhee County Church Directory		
<i>Calvary Fellowship Homedale</i> Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10 a.m. Sunday & Wednesday at 7 p.m. River Youth Wednesday 7 p.m. (208) 296-7275	<i>Knight Community Church Grand View</i> Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street (208) 834-2639 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursday Men's Fellowship 7 p.m.	<i>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</i> Mass Summer Schedule TBA <i>All are welcome</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031 www.nampacatholic.church
<i>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</i> Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7 p.m. - Oracion Mier - 7 p.m. Pr edicacion Dom - 10 a.m. Esc. Dom y 6:30 p.m. "Una Iglesia Diferente."	<i>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</i> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11 a.m. on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	<i>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</i> Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
<i>Assembly of God Church Homedale</i> 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 11 a.m. has nursery, children's program Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	<i>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</i> 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. Sundays Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school at Homedale First Presbyterian www.homedalefriends.org	<i>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</i> 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<i>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</i> 621 W. Idaho Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4248 Pastor Sean Rippey Sunday Services 10 a.m. Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45 a.m. Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<i>Homedale Baptist Church</i> 212 S. 1st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11 a.m.-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	<i>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</i> 708 West Idaho Ave Sunday 1st Ward, 11:30 a.m. Bishop David Hann Sunday 2nd Ward, 9 a.m. Bishop Chris Varuska
<i>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</i> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 896-5366 (208) 896-4673 Sunday Services at 10 a.m.	<i>Wilder Church of God Wilder</i> 205 A St. E, (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Eve. 6 p.m. Wed. Eve. 7 p.m.	<i>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</i> 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 Pastor Ryan Schwin www.mvncnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wed. 7 p.m.
<i>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY</i> Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 1 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Bilingual Services/Español	<i>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</i> 317 3rd St., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	<i>St. David's Episcopal Church</i> 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
 <i>Christian Church Homedale</i> 110 W. Montana (208) 319-4650 Don Vander Boegh (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Church school 9:45 a.m.	<i>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</i> 501 W. Idaho, (208) 337-3873 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 7 p.m Wednesday Evening 7:30 .p.m.	<i>Assembly of God Church Marsing</i> 139 Kerry St., (208) 599-2374 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
<i>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</i> Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., (208) 603-3063 Sunday worship: Morning: 11a.m-Noon • Evening: 6-7 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m-10:45 a.m. Wednesday evening 7.pm-8 p.m.	<i>Nazarene Church Marsing</i> Pastor Jody Hampton (208) 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West www.marsingnaz.org Worship Services - Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.	<i>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</i> Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10 a.m. at 112 N. 4th St. Sunday Evening 5:30 p.m.* Thursday Evening 7:30 p.m.* *Sunday and Thursday evening services held at First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W.
<i>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</i> 215 3rd Ave. W. Sunday 1st Ward, 10:30 a.m. Bishop Sean Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9 a.m. Bishop Lon McRae	<i>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder</i> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7 p.m. 4th Friday of month 12-2 p.m. Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho	<i>United Methodist Church Wilder</i> <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5 p.m. Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines (208) 880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
<i>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</i> 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school (Friends church sponsor) Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	<i>Vision Community Church Marsing</i> 221 West Main St., Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Pastor Benje Graves Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7 p.m. (Potluck dinner Wednesday at 6:15 before service)	<i>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church</i> 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 p.m.
<i>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</i> 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11 a.m.	<i>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</i> 2023 Mass Schedule - 10 a.m. second Saturday of month (except April, third Saturday) All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	<i>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</i> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: Noon El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2 p.m. Martes y Jueves: 6:30 p.m. Ingles Sabados: Noon Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
<i>Valley Christian Fellowship Grand View</i> 37866 State Hwy. 78 Pastor Nate Good (208) 834-2655 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Communion & potluck first Sunday each month Potluck only third Sunday each month AWANA Bible Club: 5 p.m., Sunday		



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