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Members of the Homedale High School marching band play a tune while moving down Jefferson Street in front of the Idaho Statehouse during the Dec. 7 Boise Holiday Parade. Submitted photo

Homedale band's march in Boise thrills community

Holiday parade committee donates to program

Homedale High School's marching band members strolled their new uniforms in the spotlight one last time this year with a rare out-of-town parade appearance.

The musicians took part in the 76th annual Boise Holiday Parade on the capital city's downtown streets on Saturday, Dec. 7.

"Parades are super-important and give the students a lot of experience," HHS music director Ruben Rodriguez said.

The Homedale community reacted with

pride when the band showed up on KTVB NewsChannel 7's broadcast of the parade.

Rodriguez's application to enter the parade was accepted, giving the HHS band a chance to march in the "Winter Wonderland"-themed procession. The band also participated in the Homedale night light parade on Nov. 30.

While band entries weren't judged, Rodriguez said the Boise Holiday Parade committee did make a donation to the HHS marching band program.

Seventeen of the band's 18 members were able to march in the parade, which capped the

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Confusion, contention linger over proposed Homedale subdivision

Developer: Lot requirements will drive up prices

A Homedale City Councilperson is frustrated with a residential developer, and the city attorney wasn't particularly pleased with that developer's appearance before the council last Wednesday.

Kim Murray admonished POW WOW LLC representa-

tive Todd Ostrum after Ostrum said one option would result in 6,000-square-foot lots — below the minimum lot size required by city ordinance.

"We talked about 7,000 square feet then you come back with 6,000 square feet," Murray told Ostrum. "I feel like I'm talking to my children ... when I tell you this is what we want and you keep pushing the boundaries."

Ostrum said his company

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Congestion concerns citizens at Jackson's Corner development

Homedale beet dump split OK'd

Traffic issues were at the top of the list of concerns during a public hearing about plans for the old Homedale sugar beet dump.

A handful of residents attending as part of an overflow crowd spoke up during last Wednesday's Homedale City Council meeting.

The council unanimously approved the Jacksons Food Stores application for a commercial lot split after hearing testimony from citizens and Ahlquist Development chief development officer Tonn Petersen.

In approving the split, the council signed off on a move required for Jacksons to sell 12.5 acres to Ahlquist. The

— See **Concerns**, page 8

Avoid ill, dead wild birds at Island Park

The public is warned against handling dead or sick birds found at Island Park in Marsing after avian influenza was blamed for wild bird die-offs in several locations.

Several snow geese were found sick and dead along the bank of the Snake River at Island Park after a Dec. 9 call to Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch.

County 911 coordinator Paula Rhodes said an Idaho Department of Fish and Game wildlife manager was contacted after a deputy responded to a citizens' call about the birds.

Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson confirmed Monday morning that public works employees

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Rimrock honor students make seniors’ Christmas bright



From left: Nataly Rivera, Alexa Hurtado, Alia Aquiso, Ruby Lisle, Paisley Prow, Lainee Raymond, Morgan Field and Gael Gallardo. Submitted photo

The Rimrock High School National Honor Society members took a trip across the Snake River to spread Christmas cheer.

Eight students visited three Mountain Home senior centers for what chapter advisor Brandi Lisle called a “heartfelt community service project.”

“Service is one of the four pillars on which NHS is founded,” Lisle said. “The students requested the trip, saying they wanted to help spread Christmas cheer and brighten people’s lives.”

At each facility, the students hand-delivered homemade cookies and treats, homemade cards, and small gift bags filled with assorted toys and necessities.

They also sang Christmas carols and visited with residents.

“It was a deeply meaningful experience, and students felt like they truly helped make residents’ days happier,” Lisle said.

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✓ Birds: Thousands of dead birds estimated across southern Idaho

constructed public health and safety signs warning people against handling dead and sick birds found at the park.

Last week, IDFG issued a release about sick and dead wild geese at Deer Flat, Parma and Fort Boise wildlife areas. The Deer Flat reserve on Lake Lowell is only a few miles from Island Park.

Fish and Game said avian flu is carried primarily by

waterfowl (geese and ducks) along migratory paths from summer habitats to wintering areas.

Southwest Idaho has become an important migratory stopover in the relatively recent past. There has been a large increase in the number of white geese that stop here during fall over the past 15 years, and the same is true for birds heading back north

in spring. More than 30,000 were counted at Lake Lowell last winter.

Fish and Game staff is working to retrieve bird carcasses in the areas with the largest number of dead waterfowl. Removal is the best option to reduce the impact of avian flu, officials said.

“We estimate the number of dead birds to be in the thousands,” IDFG wildlife health program coordinator Stacey Dauwalter said.

Fish and Game migratory game bird coordinator Jeff Knetter said mortality events

are widespread.

“Groups of dead light geese — which include blue, snow, Ross’s geese — have been discovered as far east as Indiana and Tennessee and as far south as Louisiana and Texas,” Knetter said. “While unfortunate, several thousand light geese dying in a mortality event does not present population level concerns; the number of birds impacted is a very small proportion of the overall population, which exceeds a million birds.”

Fish and Game provided tips when encountering possible cases, although Marsing

officials caution against handling the birds:

- Live birds showing signs of illness should be left alone. There is no treatment or vaccine for avian influenza and moving sick birds may spread it farther.

- Dead birds can be disposed of in the trash to ensure other animals do not contact or consume them. Use gloves and a mask, and place the birds in a double-bagged trash bag. People should also make sure to wash their hands after handling birds.

- Report sick or dead wild birds on Fish and Game’s website to assist avian influenza surveillance efforts.

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, bird flu viruses do not normally infect humans; however, sporadic human infections with bird flu viruses have occurred. Symptoms may include conjunctivitis, fever, lethargy, aches, coughing, or diarrhea.

Domestic birds and poultry are very susceptible to dying once exposed to avian influenza.

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✓ **Band:** Director pleased with first marching season under his guidance

marching band season.

Rodriguez said the musicians showed up in Boise at 8:30 a.m., and lined up for the parade a half-hour later.

“(Parade officials) had the logistics all set, so the parade was well-organized and seamless,” he said.

Drum major Hector Bedolla led the band during the procession with Lilly Mark representing the color guard and Mckenna Murray and Eva Larsen as flag bearers.

Musicians included clarinetists Aikeen Ramirez and Stori Attebery, trumpet players Baylee Waters and Emma Olson, Damian Koepnick and Kayden Atkins on trombones, Wayne Stewart on sousaphone, and drumline of Keeley Brady, Joseph Gaspar, Paige Van Vliet, Daniel Rodriguez, and Payton Williams.

Rodriguez often plays saxophone when the contingent assembles as a pep band.

The marching band competitive season ended in November.

“It was a great year. We learned a lot,” Rodriguez said.

The second-year HHS band



With flag bearers Mckenna Murray and Eva Larsen and color guard Lilly Mark leading the way, the Homedale High School marching band gets ready to take to the Boise Holiday Parade route as HHS music director Ruben Rodriguez (background, right) looks on. Submitted photo

leader said the group’s placings in the competitions don’t “don’t paint the true picture of it.”

“It’s like that one class you take — we all have it — where we end up with a C or a D,” Rodriguez told his musicians.

“But it’s the class that we learned a ton. It’s a turning point.”

This was Rodriguez’s first year with the marching band after coming into the music director position midway through the 2023-24 school

year.

“We had to start from Square One, but I’m proud of the progress they made,” he said. “The skill of their marching was on display in the Boise Holiday Parade.”

The concert band performed its Christmas show Thursday in the fine arts auditorium.

“The music is challenging, and they’ve been working hard,” Rodriguez said before the performance.

— JPB

Fair exhibitor border exceptions due

Preparations for the 2025 Owyhee County Fair kicked off during the recent fair board meeting.

The directors declared that boundary exception forms are available at www.owyheecounty.net under the Community>Fair tab.

Out-of-county youth who want to exhibit during the August fair must fill out the forms and get them back to fair officials by Jan. 1. Forms must be postmarked by Jan. 1 in order for the eligibility to be considered.

A theme for the Aug. 4-9 fair was also unveiled — Red, White and Blue.

The fair board also announced that the seasonal groundskeeper/maintenance position is open, and applications are being taken. Steve Sloyer previously held the job of keeping up fairgrounds facilities.

According to the Dec. 5 meeting agenda, the fair board also heard an open meetings

law presentation from Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller.

Fair board secretary and event manager Sonya Crifffield also said that Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi was on hand for an update on the construction of rodeo arena bleachers.

The fair board meets next at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 2 at the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale.

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CHRISTMAS MATINEE IN MARSING



Mrs. Claus, er, Marsing Elementary School music teacher Liz Lacer addresses a packed house prior to kindergarteners kicking off the annual Christmas concert on Thursday inside the district cafeteria. The switch to a daytime program didn't seem to affect attendance.

Two kindergarteners begin to retrieve red noses for their classmates after singing "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" to start the concert. The kindergarteners also sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "At the North Pole."



First-graders blow kisses to the audience after singing a specific line in "Holly Jolly Christmas" during Thursday's performance.



Children recite some of the more peculiar things folks might find "At the North Pole" during the kindergarteners' finale. Songs were performed by the second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-graders, including a recorder recital by some fourth-graders.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon. Milk available each day.
Roll/bread available each day, except Dec. 18
Dec. 18: Tuna, California blend vegetables, pasta
Dec. 19: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans
Dec. 24-26: Closed - Christmas

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger)
\$8 (take-out meal, any age)
Dec. 18: Mushroom Swiss burger, roasted potatoes, winter vegetables, whole whet bun, banana
Dec. 20: Baked ham with Cumberland sauce, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, citrus salad, dinner roll, holiday dessert
Dec. 23: BBQ chicken wings, baked beans, corn, whole wheat roll, pineapple
Dec. 25: Closed - Christmas
Dec. 27: Stuffed chicken with cheese sauce, roasted potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, applesauce

Rimrock Senior Center

Served at noon. All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order to go
Dec. 19: Christmas dinner: turkey, ham, green beans, stuffing, potatoes, rolls, fresh fruit salads, pudding
Dec. 24: Closed - Christmas
Dec. 26: Turkey casserole, broccoli and cauliflower salad, cottage cheese, garlic bread, apple bake
Dec. 31: Open faced Philly sandwich (beef, cheese), green salad, yogurt, fresh fruit

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
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Dec. 19: Potato bar
Dec. 24 and 26: Closed - Christmas

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Volunteer training tips off another 4-H year

The holiday season is a wonderful time for community engagement, and Owyhee County Extension 4-H is embracing the spirit.

Working with the Bruneau-Grand View School District, we organized cookie decorating events in both elementary schools. Our goal was to introduce



Synovia Bates

4-H to youth who are not involved and to demonstrate some of the diverse opportunities that 4-H offers. Bringing samples of candy making, food preservation, leather work, and cowboy poetry, we showcased first-hand products of the efforts that go into 4-H. We had an amazing turnout with more than 100 students attending. Thank you, Dist. 3 County Commissioner Cindy Bachman and Bruneau-Grand View elementary principal Alex Meyers, for assisting in the facilitation of this event.

In November, we worked with Canyon County Extension 4-H staff in Caldwell to welcome three new volunteers to Owyhee County. Congratulations to Crystal Henderson, Amy Dufurrena, and Sarah Carson for completing your volunteer certification.

Our volunteers are a key component to reaching the

youth of Owyhee County, and we greatly appreciate the time and resources that they give. The process to become a 4-H volunteer follows thorough screening and training to work diligently with Owyhee County youth, valuing the safety and well-being of our youth first and foremost. One of the final steps in this process is attending a New Volunteer Orientation (NVO) that educates on Idaho 4-H policies and procedures. We also cover topics that help our leaders learn how to best assist youth in completing projects and becoming successful members of the community.

We are pleased to announce that Owyhee County Extension will be hosting a New Volunteer Orientation at 5 p.m., today. This is the first NVO being held in Owyhee County. We will be expecting more than a dozen prospective volunteers in attendance from the counties in our district.

We are always looking for more youth and adults to get involved in 4-H. If you are interested in enrolling your child or becoming a volunteer leader, reach out to the Extension Office for more information.

— Synovia Bates is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H program coordinator. She is stationed at the Extension Office, 238 8th Ave W., or call (208) 896-4104.

Local FFA’s excel at Creed contest

Two Homedale FFA chapter members—including a foreign exchange student—have qualified for state competition.

Hadlee Brown and exchange student Adriana Gonzales will compete in April after last Wednesday’s Treasure Valley District Creed Speaking competition in Notus.

Last week’s contest was part of the Greenhand Rendezvous.

Brown won the district championship for Creed Speaking.

Gonzales recited the Spanish Creed in front of about 45 people and will also compete

at the state competition at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls in the spring.

Homedale also entered a team in the Quiz Bowl competition.

Marsing chapter member Maylee Astorquia placed second in the district Creed contest last week.

Marsing’s five-person Quiz Bowl team was runner-up, too.

— Information for this article was taken from posts on the respective chapters’ Facebook pages.

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. 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

Prime Time Swingers perform

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

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.

Scentsy Christmas Light Tour field trip

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

Community Christmas dinner

5 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., free, Jordan Valley High School old gymnasium, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley.

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise class field trip

9:30 a.m. (pick-up), 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. (class), Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (Class held at Wilder Fire Station, 601 Patriot Way, Wilder.)

Bingo

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall class

10:30 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Early Childhood Learning class

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., ages 0 through 5 (parents must attend with children), Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Christmas movie and tamale making

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Card games

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Young Mom’s Bible study

4 p.m., The Rock, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Information: Kathy Deal, (208) 794-1048

After school Bible club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Information: Cyndi Fullmer, (208) 599-2790 or Amber Good, (208) 585-7694

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Christmas Party,’ Homedale Library The Gathering Place, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Mobile Food Pantry

7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Card games

Noon to 4 p.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Sunday

Marsing Gun Club

8 a.m., sign-up; 10 a.m., shooting starts; Marsing Gun Club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd., Marsing.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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

Caldwell Christmas Light Tour field trip

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

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Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Thursday, Dec. 26

Fit and Fall exercise class field trip

9:30 a.m. (pick-up), 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. (class), Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (Class held at Wilder Fire Station, 601 Patriot Way, Wilder.)

Bingo

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall class

10:30 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Early childhood learning class

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., ages 0 through 5 (parents must attend with children), Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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

Young Mom’s Bible study

4 p.m., The Rock, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Information: Kathy Deal, (208) 794-1048

After school Bible club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Information: Cyndi Fullmer, (208) 599-2790 or Amber Good, (208) 585-7694

Friday, Dec. 27

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday, Dec. 28

Prime Time Swingers perform

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

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Obituary

Yvonne June Trogdon

Yvonne June Trogdon of Homedale passed away peacefully on December 9, 2024, at the age of 82. A lifetime Idahoan, she was born in Boise on June 17, 1942, as the sixth of seven children to the late Ivan Andrew and Marie Jolley Murphy. She spent her early school years in Cascade, an area that always held a special place in her heart.

She cherished being born into one of Treasure Valley's largest extended families, the Murphys. However, for Yvonne, family was never limited by blood. Her love knew no bounds, and she found her second family, the Pedersens, after becoming active in the Salvation Army Church and meeting her lifelong best friend, Karn Pedersen Howell.

After her cousin set her up on a date with the late Arthur Trogdon in Huntington, Oregon, she knew instantly that he was "the one," and they were married in January 1960, growing the family with the addition of two children over the next few years.

Their common love for the Valley County outdoors led to a lifetime of camping where activities ranged from boating, fishing, and adventures of crashing motorcycles on old mountain logging trails. Her brother Ron never passed up the opportunity to cut in front of her at the mouth of a washout, so you can imagine the rest of that story. Even after Dad's passing, she continued to camp at the Arrowhead RV Camp with her son while glamping with her daughter in a condo in McCall.

Yvonne struggled to learn to read and write as a young girl, but her progress reports always indicated her cooperation and recognized several perfect attendance awards. She never let this learning disability hinder her independence and instead found work and hobbies that adapted well to her capabilities and leveraged her work ethic



and reliability. She kept a cheat sheet in her checkbook to write checks independently and was impressively accurate in paying her bills and keeping her manual checkbook register. She bowled on several leagues and traveled to tournaments with her "girls" JoAnn, Faye, and others. She especially liked the tournaments in Nevada so she could combine her favorite activities — bowling and slot machines. You'll have to imagine her excitement when she went to a BSU bowl game in Las Vegas. We didn't tell her she could bet on the game, or she would have made bets for the BSU fans down at Fisher's in Homedale, where she commonly watched the games and drank a coke.

Due to her work ethic, Yvonne only had a few employers across her career in the cyclical industries. First, she worked at the Simplot Poultry farm outside of Wilder, supporting Art in managing the farm until its closure. The farm was followed by two wood mills: Arvin's mill in Homedale and for nearly 30 years in Nampa, making doors at Meridian Wood and Woodgrain after their acquisition of Meridian Wood.

Dialysis three times a week for the past decade may have reduced her longer travel adventures, but it didn't stop her from enjoying life to the fullest. In addition to spending countless hours dancing with and being "the toy" for her great-granddaughters, she loved serving area youth and veterans as a member of the

American Legion Auxiliary Post 32 for nearly 20 years. Until recently, you could count on seeing her at the Owyhee County Fair, selling concessions in the Auxiliary's booth to support high school incoming seniors attending Idaho Syringa Girls State. Additionally, she could be found on most days eating shrimp with the breakfast club at Nathan's Greenleaf Café and at an early dinner at Mr. V's in Caldwell ... but not if it was Tuesday. Tuesdays were reserved for the Taco Tuesday Club at the Hop Haus in Wilder.

We all know Mom loved taking pictures of friends and family, and just as her fingertip found its way in front of the camera lens and onto the countless pictures taken, she has left an enduring imprint on us and we will always treasure those memories with her.

She is survived by her son Don, who resides in Boise; daughter Kerrie and her husband Mike of Eagle; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Megan (husband Bob); and great-granddaughters Belle, Emma, and Allie; her brother Ron Murphy, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, Arthur Trogdon, along with her stepson, Lawrence; her parents, Ivan Andrew and Marie Murphy; two brothers, Al Murphy and Tommy Murphy; as well as her sisters, Dorothy Howell, Phyllis Coombes, and baby Jeanette; and daughter-in-law, Linda.

Yvonne was remembered through favorite stories and memories at a celebration of her life Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell at 1:30 p.m. For family and friends wanting to see her one last time, a viewing was scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on the same day. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Death notices

ROBERT "BOB" LOUIS BRIDGEDALE, 93, of Danville, Calif., a 1951 Homedale High School graduate, died on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2024 at home. A Rosary was held on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 at St. Isidore's in Danville, Calif. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024 in the chapel of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, Calif. Burial followed the Mass.

ROBERT "BOB" A. SCARBROUGH, 93, of Star, former Bruneau resident, died on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City. www.bowmanfuneral.com (208) 853-3131



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Dec. 11	23	21	.00
Dec. 12	26	23	.00
Dec. 13	31	26	.07
Dec. 14	33	28	.00
Dec. 15	44	32	.00
Dec. 16	45	33	.98

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From page 1

✓ Concerns: Mayor says mitigation efforts could come to 3rd Street East

2.5 acres in the northwest part of the parcel (at the corner of South 3rd Street East and East Idaho Avenue) will be developed into a Jacksons convenience store and gas station.

Ahlquist will develop the rest of the parcel north of Industrial Road.

Petersen said a preliminary plat will be submitted next month. The council will hold another public hearing on that plan.

Petersen wouldn't give

any specifics on what tenants may be housed in the strictly commercial development even though a traffic impact study submitted to the city on behalf of the company said a D&B Supply and McDonald's restaurant would be among the buildings.

Petersen confirmed that primary access to the development would be off East Idaho Avenue. The traffic study implied an extension of North 4th Street East into an

entrance.

Residents who testified were concerned with congestion on 3rd Street, especially given the four-plex at 3rd Street and Industrial Avenue that has triggered parking problems.

Homedale resident Andrew Bello voiced concern about pedestrian traffic at 3rd Street, which has been earmarked as an access point for the development.

East Colorado Avenue residents Glenda Watts and

Gloria Lejardi are worried about more traffic on 3rd Street, too.

"I think instead of setting a precedent like the apartments, the council should set a precedent about the quality of life," Lejardi said. "It's about the quality of all our lives."

"If you're not going to widen that road, 10 years down the road it's going to be a mess."

Without providing specifics, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

told Lejardi that there are "plans to do something about the road." Extending Utah Avenue and squaring an intersection with 3rd Street was discussed in passing during a recent council meeting.

Petersen said Ahlquist officials are aware they must address citizens' concerns in the conceptual plan that will be included with the preliminary plat and site plan.

— JPB

✓ Subdivision: Developer contends city put small number of lots under restrictions

wants the council to clear up requirements with two annexation agreements with different language in play. The first agreement had no minimum lot requirement, and the council set a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet when another parcel was annexed.

"Eighty percent of the lots doesn't have an annexation agreement with a square foot limit," he told the council. "We are under two different dynamics with two annexations. We do need clarity with that."

In what amounted to a pre-plat application presentation, Ostrum updated the council on his company's plans to build homes at the corner of Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95 in an area newly annexed into the city limits.

Ostrum said in trying to finalize a plat, POW WOW came up with two options for lot sizes.

"I don't like (public) pre-ap-

plication meetings at all," city attorney Paul J. Fitzer told the council. "I'm not happy with it. Pre-application meetings are usually reserved for city staff and the mayor."

Fitzer worried that a public pre-application meeting could allow the city council to deliberate the issue before a required public hearing.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen closed the discussion by saying that the development will come before the council with a public hearing on the plat application.

Ostrum said 115 homes would be available if the lots were allowed at 6,000 square feet, which is below the minimum size allowed in city ordinance.

A second option that would keep the 15-acre development near the mandated minimum of 7,500 square feet per lot would mean fewer lots. That option apparently would have approximately 106 lots of be-

tween 7,100 square feet and 7,800 square feet.

"The more lots we have, it helps the bottom line of the project," Ostrum said. "The more costs we get, the more expensive it'll be, and that will be passed on to the buyer."

"Our intention is to maintain a lot volume," Ostrum continued. "If we lose eight lots, that's \$20,000 per lot. A buyer will have to make \$10,000 more per year to make the payment."

"The objective is to make a product to keep these houses under \$400,000."

In a previous meeting, Ostrum had said the probable home prices would be in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

City engineer Andrew Kimmel told Ostrum the house density of the first option would require the developers to provide open space.

"Well, burn that one," Ostrum said of the option.

In the second option, Ostrum said "over 60 percent" of the lots would measure over 7,500 square feet.

"The exterior lots are, by far, the largest," Ostrom said.

The larger lots are planned for parts of the parcel that border existing homes in an attempt to assuage concerns by many homeowners who were worried about losing the rural feel of their properties. Smaller lots would be built near the planned self-storage business slated for the highway frontage.

Kimmel said the second option still doesn't meet city code.

Ostrom said developers ran into a couple issues while trying to shape a plat. Lots are not square, and a South Board of Control canal runs through the property.

School menus

Homedale Elementary
Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices daily
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, sweet potatoes, whole grain roll, apple crisp
Dec. 23-31: No school – Christmas break

Homedale Middle
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Cheesy scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, dried cherries **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, sweet potatoes, whole grain roll, apple crisp
Dec. 23-31: No school – Christmas break

Homedale High
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, Grab 'n' go items each day
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Cheesy scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll, apple crisp
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Crisпитos, refried beans *Grab 'n' go:* Southwest chicken salad
Dec. 23-31: No school – Christmas break

Marsing
Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & veggies
Elementary each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, string cheese, mixed fruit cup **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, holiday potatoes, green beans, roll, frosted sugar cookie
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, grapes **Lunch:** Turkey and cheese or ham and cheese sandwich, carrot and pepper cup, sun chips
Dec. 23-31: No school – Christmas break

Bruneau-Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit juice/fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork with bun, garden spinach salad, celery sticks
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Ham and cheese sandwiches, Tater Tots, baby carrots, cookies
Dec. 23-31: No school – Christmas break

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Idaho 51 sees new rash of cattle deaths despite signage

Even with 14 flashing warning signs dotting the roadway from the Nevada border north past Bruneau, cattle are still dying on Idaho highway 51.

The Idaho Transportation Department reports that four cows were killed in collisions with motorists in the past month.

Wilmer Biggs, a transportation technician based with the Bruneau maintenance crew, earlier this year transformed advisory signs from a defunct federal radio alert system into flashing open range signs. He hopes to convert more in the future.

But even with the reminders in place, black cows are especially vulnerable because night drivers have difficulty spotting them.

“I have come out the next morning after a cow was hit, and the baby is still standing by its dead mom,” Biggs said. “It’s tragic and can be avoided by slowing down and realizing this is an open range area. Drivers need to plan for cattle to be on this highway.”

Tips for driving in open range areas:

- Reduce speed at night: Visibility is limited, and black cows can blend into the darkness.
- Stay alert: Look for reflective eyes or movement near the road.
- Plan ahead: Assume cattle may be present, especially in known open range areas.

Idaho is an open range state, meaning cattle and other livestock have the right-of-way.



A cow struck dead by a vehicle lies off Idaho 51 near one of the flashing signs designed to warn motorists of the open range. ITD photo

If livestock is hit on an open range, the owner of the animal is not liable for damages to the driver or the vehicle. Drivers may be liable for injuries or death of the animal if found to have been negligent.

— This article was written with information from a report by ITD public information officer Sophia Miraglio.

Cattle vs. car incidents spurred flashing warning signs

Idaho highway 51 is supposed to be a little safer these days thanks to the work of a highway worker stationed in Bruneau.

Wilmer Biggs, an Idaho Transportation Department transportation technician, repurposed unused signs to create open range warnings along the highway, which has seen its share of cattle-vs.-vehicle collisions.

“These flashing signs are designed to grab the attention of travelers,” Biggs said. “It’s a win-win situation. Not only will it enhance safety for Idaho’s drivers, but it will reduce losses for our local farmers.”

Biggs transformed signs from a defunct federal radio alert system into the flashing open range signs.

“These signs were on the highway throughout the district,” ITD spokesperson Sophia Miraglio said. “We took all the solar-powered signs that were left standing in (ITD’s) District 3.”

Nine signs have been converted along Idaho 51 from the Nevada state line to the north of Bruneau, and Biggs plans to convert more signs in the future.

Open range cattle can be found on Idaho 51, and they’re also present on Idaho 78 southeast of Murphy.

Because Idaho is an open range state, cattle and other livestock have the right-of-way. Livestock owners are not liable for injuries to a motorist or their vehicle when a collision occurs, and drivers may be liable for injuries to or the death of the animal if negligence is found.

Miraglio said there were at least four cattle/vehicle collisions on the 78-mile stretch of Idaho 51 in 2023.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch records show at least 24 instances since 2023 in which vehicles and cows collided. Six of those mishaps (25 percent) resulted in injuries, including one



An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy stands beneath one of the flashing signs on Idaho 51. Submitted photo

that sent an on-duty sheriff’s deputy to the hospital.

The accidents occurred between milepost 36 and milepost 94 with the majority coming between 44 and 69 miles from the Nevada border.

Idaho 78, a portion of which has open range between Murphy and Grand View and is now marked with large digital reader boards, may not get the same treatment.

“(There are) no immediate plans at the moment,” Miraglio said. “If we can get more signs to repurpose, then we would look into it.”

— JPB



An ITD worker installs a solar panel on top of a reclaimed federal highway communication sign to recreate an open range warning sign. Submitted photo

Livestock wrecks persisted even after signage went up

A rash of livestock-versus-vehicle accidents was reported July 18 on a stretch of Idaho highway 51 several miles south of where new warning signs have been installed.

Two motorcyclists and a motorist — all Nevada residents — collided with animals in the roadway shortly after 10:30 p.m., near Riddle.

All three accidents occurred around 10:33 p.m., at milepost 9, according to an Idaho State Police report.

A 36-year-old female from Owyhee, Nev., was driving a 2017 Jeep Cherokee southbound when she struck a cow in the roadway.

The motorcyclists were riding separate Harley-Davidsons northbound on the two-lane highway when their accidents occurred.

A 61-year-old from Spring Creek, Nev., struck a cow in the roadway while he was riding a 2008 model motorcycle.

A 62-year-old male from Elko, Nev., on a 2010 motorcycle struck another cow in the roadway.

The Jeep driver was wearing her seatbelt, and the 62-year-old motorcyclist was wearing his helmet. Both people were transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital.

The motorcyclist on the 2008 Harley also was wearing his helmet, but he was airlifted to a local hospital.

Avalanche Sports

Homedale cheer claims crowns

Homedale cheerleaders brought home several awards from the Shake It Up dance and cheer competition. The contest, which also featured Marsing cheerleaders, was held Friday and Saturday at Nampa High School. Homedale High School cheer coach Heidi Lawler posted results from Friday on her Facebook page. The high school and middle school cheer teams won their division in coed show.

The HHS squad finished third in Sideline and Pom. Hannah Thornton placed fourth in best girl jump. On the middle school side, Homedale runner-up in Pom and fourth in Sideline. Claire Garrett captured the best girl jump title. Two HMS cheer members finished first and second, respectively, in the boys' jump competition. "Thank you to our amazingly supportive community

and friends," Lawler wrote on Facebook. "Our athletic directors and principals of both schools are so amazing." Chardee VanDerhoff is the HMS cheer coach. The HMS cheer squad includes Akili Tines, Aspen VanDerhoff, Aubree Atkins, Bretlee Endicott, Claire Allen, Dallas Devecchio, Erika Salazar, Geneve Buell, Grave Sotka, Khloee Barnett, Kasen Bahem, Teagan Lawler, Taelah Higley, and Skylee McKee.



The Homedale cheer teams from the high school and middle school swept to victory. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography

Athletic HHS boys take down Senators

Homedale High School hustled to its first boys' basketball victory of the season Friday. The quick Trojans raced to a lead as large as 31 points in a 65-44 non-conference win over visiting Gooding. Lukas Hall set an early pace for Homedale's transition game with a steal and a layup to snap a 2-2 tie. The junior led all scorers with 16 points, and shared the team rebounding lead with Jace Clover with five apiece. Homedale (1-4 overall) used tough on-ball defense to force the Senators into 20 turnovers and end a season-opening four-game losing streak. Gooding lost for the first time in four games this season.

Senior Luke Henry dished six assists and came away with 12 points, two three-point goals, three rebounds, and three steals. Alex Sotelo hit a three-pointer and went 3-for-5 inside the perimeter for 11 points. Keaton Sorenson was 4-for-6 inside the line for the bulk of his nine points. Bridger Pope led Gooding with 15 points, and Max Kelsey kicked in 14. **Dec. 10: Skyview 72, Homedale 38** — The tough early-season schedule continued in Nampa against the Class 6A Hawks. Skyview's Johnathan Merrell — See **HHS boys**, page 12



New Homedale High School coach Luke Crockett keeps a close eye on the action as Nathan Marston (left) tangles with Adrian's Addison Mendoza in one of the longest matches of last Wednesday's quad meet. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography. For more on the quad meet, see **Page 13**.

Trojans claim Calhoun crowns Bidiman wins another girls' medal

Young Homedale High School wrestlers left their mark on the Calhoun Classic. Three wrestlers reached championship bouts, and four athletes brought home medals after the two-day tournament in Nyssa, Ore. Two ninth-grade teammates faced off for the 106-pound championship Saturday. Porter Swan (9-1) handed Jakobe Valle (9-1) his first loss of the season with a 4-0 decision in the title bout. Wrestling at 113 pounds, sophomore Trevor Paynter (9-1) continued his impressive high school career with a championship-winning pinfall against Middleton's Caleb Lombardo. Paynter ended the match at the 2-minute, 53-second mark. Another freshman, Braelyn Arredondo (7-3), earned a silver medal at 126 pounds.

Unbeaten Glens Ferry senior Gabe Muilenburg pulled off a title win with a 9-2 decision. Junior Lane Zehr finished fourth at 132 pounds, losing when New Plymouth senior Jacob Hartle posted a pin at 2:26. Zehr pinned HHS teammate Ty Roland in 2:18 to reached the bronze medal match. The victory was the last of four straight that Zehr used to stay in contention after losing his opening match. Zehr also used a technical fall (17-2 at 3:40) to eliminate Melba's Razi Manzer. Wylee Bidiman picked up a championship bracket victory with a 13-10 decision over Caldwell 144-pounder Josiah Gonzalez. **Girls** Matti Bidiman is 2-for-2 in the medal hunt this season after beating McCall-Donnelly's Zion Rushton in a third-place match at the

— See **Calhoun**, page 12

Huskies post rare 80-point output

Marsing High School's hot start cooled a bit, but the Huskies are still in first place in the boys' basketball conference standings. The Huskies' season-opening four-game winning streak ended Saturday when Class 1A Cascade used a late-game surge for a 58-56 triumph in the Small School Showcase in Meridian. But Marsing (4-1 overall, 1-0 in conference) capped the win streak with its first 3A Western Idaho Conference victory. The Huskies edged New Plymouth, 47-45, in both teams' conference opener Thursday in Marsing. The Huskies entertained reigning state champion The Ambrose School in a 3A WIC game Tuesday after deadline. **Saturday: Cascade 58, Marsing 56** — The Ramblers scored five points over the final minutes after Dresden Wood's three-point goal put the Huskies ahead, 54-53. Cascade owned the lead for most of the game at Mountain View High School, building a 23-17 edge in the second quarter before Marsing crept back. Jace Chadez's fast-break basket tied the score, 43-43, in the fourth quarter, and Wood's trey erased the Ramblers' 53-51 edge. Juan Ponce and Teagan — See **Huskies**, page 13

Sports

JV wrestlers win medals

Adrian girl takes fourth at Calhoun

Two Marsing High School wrestlers reached the championship round to highlight four medalists in the junior varsity Calhoun Classic.

The two-day tournament was staged in Nyssa, Ore.

Wolfe Ryska won the title at 175 pounds, pinning hometown wrestler Ian Esplin in 5 minutes, 5 seconds. It was Ryska's fifth victory over the tournament and third pinfall.

Hayden Wolfswinkel lost the 190 title when Kuna's Wyatt Nelson posted a championship final pin in 1:34.

Wolfswinkel reached the title bout pins over McCall-Donnelly's Brandon Wolverton (43 seconds) and Kuna's Rogelio Corona Baeza (3:26 pin in the quarterfinals) and a narrow 5-4 decision over Ontario, Ore.'s Cristian Grijalva in the semifinals.

Taylor Izzard (106) beat Nyssa's Isaiah De Leon, 5-1, for third place. Izzard won three straight matches for the medal, beginning with a 17-3 major decision over Nampa Christian's Colton Ammann in the consolation bracket. He pinned Cache Green of Emmett

in 3:23 in the consolation semifinal.

Dally Allen finished fourth at 190 pounds, losing the third-place match to Joshua Rojas of Caldwell (pin, 2:20). Allen had pinned Rojas in 28 seconds in the quarterfinals then reached the bronze medal match with a pin of New Plymouth's Sean Posey (4:55) in the consolation semifinal.

Girls

Adrian's Emma Nicholes finished fourth in her weight class after losing the third-place match at 100 pounds.

Middleton's Aliayha Torres won the bronze medal after beating Nicholes for the second time in the tournament, posting a pinfall in 1:47.

After losing to Torres with a last-second pin in the quarterfinals, Nicholes rallied with a 33-second pin of Jathzira Morales of Columbia in the consolation semifinals.

Another Adrian wrestler, Savannah Bliss, reached the semifinals at 170 after pinning Emmett's April Lahti (:56).

Boys' varsity

Melba's Luke Clark picked up a major decision in the boys' 175-pound consolation bracket match, beating Francisco Virgen of Payette, 10-1.

Late charge lifts Marsing girls

Huskies open 3A WIC play vs. top teams

Marsing High School ended the week with a big non-conference girls' basketball victory.

The Huskies scored the game's final six points to edge visiting Fruitland, 41-39.

Adyson Chadez triggered the late comeback against the Grizzlies (2-5 overall at week's end), picking up a steal with Fruitland leading, 39-35.

The Grizzlies qualified for the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament last season.

The Huskies (5-5 overall, 0-2 in 3A Western Idaho Conference) protected a two-point lead throughout the first half with Ashlyn Porter, Josie Showalter and Lily Thoene coming up with steals.

Thoene led Marsing with 10 points, and she blocked a shot.

Chadez converted four of six free throws on the way to

nine points.

The Huskies also stifled the Grizzlies with defensive rebounding. Five of Daugherty's seven boards came on Fruitland's glass, and Chadez grabbed four of her five rebounds on the opposite end.

Daugherty also scored seven points.

Kaitlyn Smith dished three assists and grabbed three rebounds.

Thursday: New Plymouth 58, Marsing 28 — Running through the second half of a gauntlet of conference-leading teams, the Huskies struggled with ball security and shooting.

Marsing committed 23 turnovers and converted just 33.3 percent of its shots (10-for-30) to open the home portion of the 3A WIC season.

New Plymouth (5-1, 2-0) finished the week tied for first in the conference.

Bailey Daugherty and Raylynn Vanosdall hit three field goals each to put together the best offensive nights for Marsing. Vanosdall led the

team with eight points, and Daugherty added seven.

Chadez scored five points and pulled down four defensive rebounds.

Vanosdall posted five rebounds, and Thoene led the team with six boards.

Showalter led the defense with three steals. The rest of her teammates managed just three steals.

Dec. 10: Parma 60, Marsing 34 — The Huskies started the conference season against a tough 3A WIC newcomer on the road.

Thoene went 5-for-6 from the field and led Marsing with 10 points. Chadez went 4-for-6 from the foul line and connected on a three-pointer for nine points.

Daugherty also hit a three-pointer on the way to seven points, while Porter logged five points.

Daugherty came down with seven rebounds, and Chadez snagged five.

Parma (7-1, 2-0) ended the week with a share of the conference lead.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week



Boys' basketball
Juan Ponce, jr., G
Averaged 19.3 points in 3-1 week



Girls' basketball
Lily Thoene, sr., G
8-for-12 (66.7% shooting), 7 points, 5 rebounds per game
Breeana Lootens photo



Wrestling
Wolfe Ryska, so., 175
Won Calhoun JV title

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Girls' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Dec. 21, home vs. Wendell, 2:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Dec. 21, home vs. Wendell, 1 p.m.
- Wrestling
Coed
Saturday, Dec. 21 at Ron Johnshoy Invitational, Melba
- Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 19, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 19, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 19, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

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Lukas Hall, a 6-foot, 5-inch post player, leans in for a basket against Gooding pressure during Homedale High School's home-court victory Friday.



✓ HHS boys: Shots don't fall

missed just two shots all night (a field goal and a free throw) and led all scorers with 23 points in the non-conference matchup. He also had four rebounds.

After a hot start to the game, the Trojans fell behind when their shooting touch went away. The Hawks clung to a 21-20 lead after a wild first eight minutes, but Homedale wound up scoring just five points each on either side of the halftime break.

After connecting on 42.8 percent of their shots in the first half (9-for-21, including seven of 16 three-point tries), the Trojans struggled mightily after the intermission. The team hit only 19 percent of its shots (4-for-21) and only one of nine from long range.

Hall was the most prolific player on the court for the Trojans, posting 13 points and six rebounds.

Like Hall, Henry was 3-for-7 on three-pointers, but he was held only to those nine points.

Sorenson scored six points on a pair of treys.

Clover was limited to one successful free throw, but collected four rebounds. Elijah Alexander's three boards came on defense.

✓ Calhoun: Aberasturi takes fourth, Montenegro dominates in three bouts

Calhoun tourney.

Bidiman won the bronze medal at 130 pounds with a 3:34 pinfall.

Mikaiala Aberasturi lost the third-place match at 115 when Meridian's Amy Twait prevailed at the 4:39 mark.

Bidiman dominated her first two opponents before losing in the semifinals. She reached the third-place match with a 39-second pin against Kyra Moore.

Bidiman rolled past Emmett's Nayeli Nino, 17-0, with a technical fall in the quarterfinals. She pinned hometown wrestler Angelina Santana in 1:21 to start her tournament.

Aberasturi worked her way through the consolation bracket after Twait beat her in the quarterfinals with a 9-1 major decision.

After the loss, Aberasturi pulled off three straight pins (Parma's Anna Engle in 1:00; Emmett's Isabel Guerana in 4:59; and Middleton's Alivia Lombardo in 2:49).

Aberasturi's tournament began with a 2:09 fall victory against Caldwell's Raeneasha Linze.

Kylee Montenegro (115) won three matches: a 17-7 major decision over Anna Engle of Parma and pinfalls over Payette's Carlie Gepford (2:28) and Lani Bidleman of Middleton (2:02).

Elizabeth Harper (120) posted a consolation bracket victory with a fall in 1:32 over Heidi Gomez.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Boys' basketball
McCoy Swallow, sr., P
12 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals vs.
Gooding
Inspired Portraits by Kyla



Girls' basketball
Evalina Costello, sr., G
First-year varsity player
Inspired Portraits by Kyla



Wrestling
Trevor Paynter, so., 113
Won Calhoun Classic gold

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball	Boys' basketball
Varsity	Varsity
Nyssa (Ore.) Christmas Tournament	Friday, Dec. 20, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore., 3 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 21, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Salmon River, 6 p.m.	Junior varsity
Saturday, Dec. 21 vs. Council, 10:30 a.m.	Friday, Dec. 20, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m.
Junior varsity	Saturday, Dec. 21, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 1:30 p.m.
Nyssa (Ore.) Christmas Tournament	Frosh-soph
Thursday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore., 1:30 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 20, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20 at Nyssa, 10:30 a.m.	Saturday, Dec. 21, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., noon
Saturday, Dec. 21 vs. Weiser, 9 a.m.	
Frosh-soph	
Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. Gooding, 4:30 p.m.	
	Wrestling - Coed
	Wednesday, Dec. 18, home vs. Weiser and New Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
	Friday, Dec. 20 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Twin Falls, 1 p.m.
	Saturday, Dec. 21 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Twin Falls, 9 a.m.

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Sports

Trojans sweep three foes on home mat

Marsing, Adrian, NC visit for wrestling quad

Luke Crockett’s home-mat debut as Homedale High School wrestling coach was a sweeping success last Wednesday.

Homedale took down Marsing, Adrian (Ore.), and Nampa Christian in a quad meet held inside the HHS gymnasium.

The action apparently marked the start of the Huskies’ latest season under the guidance of coach Juan Garcia, and it marked a return to Homedale for former HHS assistant coach Mark Boothby, who now coaches Nampa Christian.

Homedale 63, Marsing 21 — In the meet’s only bouts to go the distance, freshman Damien Leon battled to a 12-10 decision over Homedale 120-pounder Gibson Rice, and the Trojans’ Gerardo Vargas shut out 138-pounder German Martinez, 5-0.

Homedale 106-pounder Porter Swan needed just 40 seconds to pin Taylor Izzard.

Wylee Bidiman, wrestling at 144 for Homedale, pinned Korban Cegnar in 17 seconds.

Marsing’s Tyson Holloway (150) pinned Alexander Sanchez in 1 minute, 35 seconds.

Emilio Ryska, the Huskies’ 175-pounder, needed just 34 seconds to beat Nathen Dominguez.

Hayden Wolfswinkel grappled with Homedale 190-pounder Peyton McCarney for the better part of three rounds before getting a pin at the 5:45 mark.

Four extra matches — two varsity and two junior varsity — took place.

Homedale wrestlers Jakobe Valle (98) and Gibson Rice (126) picked up pinfall victories in the varsity bouts. Valle beat Izzard at 2:27, and Rice pinned Haidyn Carver in 26 seconds.

The teams split the JV bouts with Homedale’s Gonzalo Cuevas (126) pinning Maxamus Bell in 11 seconds, and Marsing’s Dally Allen pinning Armondo Rodriguez in 1:31.

Homedale 60, Adrian, Ore., 30 — Forfeits and falls were the only decisions rendered during the free-for-all.

The Trojans picked up 42 points — essentially the winning margin and then some — on forfeits.

Alexander Sanchez won the 150-pound bout with a 54-second pin of Adrian’s Gavin Epperson.

Nathan Marston showed stamina as he continued his fast start to the season. Homedale’s 157-pounder stopped Addison Mendoza 20 seconds before the end of the pair’s match.

Grady Walgamott pinned Adrian’s 215-pound rep, Braysen Jordan, in 62 seconds.

Antelopes state tournament qualifier Derek Faulconer won the 190-pound match with a pin of Armondo Rodriguez in 1:19.

Tyson Rios (113) scored for Adrian with a pin in 1:46 against David Eidemiller.

Adrian’s Clayton Ineck captured the 165 match with a pin of Emmett Stillman (2:56).

There were three extra matches waged: Homedale’s Peyton McCarney (190) pinned Wyatt Thomas in 1:04; the Trojans’ Nathan Dominguez (190) put Garrett Engelmann on the mat in 3:41; and Epperson rallied from his dual-meet loss to pin Homedale 150-pounder Jonathan Vargas in four minutes.

Homedale 45, Nampa Christian 32 — Dominance was the name of the game in this dual meet, too, but the difference in the matchup was five forfeits going Homedale’s way (30 points).

Valle crushed Nampa Christian’s Colton Ammann under the weight of a 20-2

technical fall at 98 pounds.

Braelyn Arredondo (126) pinned Nampa Christian’s Thomas Dean in 1:41.

Lane Zehr (132) picked up four points for HHS with a 14-4 major decision against Riley Workman.

Adrian 24, Marsing 23 — In the closest dual of the night, the Antelopes were awarded forfeits in the two heaviest weight classes after winning just one bout on the mat.

Ineck (157) pinned Marsing’s Korban Cegnar in four minutes for Adrian’s only earned points.

There were several double forfeits, but Marsing was able to pick up 17 points in three contested bouts.

In a match that had a score suitable for a fall sport, Ryska beat Adrian’s Wyatt Thomas, 28-13, for a technical fall at 175 pounds. Ryska attained the magic 15-point spread with 27 seconds left in the bout.

Leon pinned Tyson Rios in 46 seconds at 120.

In what could be a sign of good things to come, Wolfswinkel caught Faulconer at the 1:34 mark of their bout at 190.

The Huskies took down two of the three extra matches with Tyson Holloway pinning Epperson in 21 seconds at 150, and Allen stopping Engelmann in 52 seconds. Epperson pinned Marsing’s Isaiah Upchurch in 17 seconds in another 150 exhibition.

Nampa Christian 41, Marsing 30 — The Trojans took advantage of several holes in the Huskies’ lineup, piling up four matches (24 points) with forfeits.

Marsing couldn’t recover from a 23-0 hole after the first four bouts.

Izzard was the only Huskies wrestler to win on the mat, taking down Ammann at the 3:26 mark of their 106-pound bout.

Nampa Christian 54, Adrian 18 — The Antelopes’ only points came on forfeits awarded to Rios (113), Jordan (215) and Juan Rico (285).

Rivercats baseball camp set

Program seeks to add teams

With an eye toward growing the program, the Owyhee Rivercats will hold a two-day baseball camp this month.

Third- through eighth-graders interested in playing baseball in the 14U (seventh and eighth grade), 12U (fifth and sixth grade) or 10U (third and fourth grade) levels are invited to sign up.

Darren Uranga and Burke Deal will lead the camp, which is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26-27 at the Homedale High School indoor hitting facility.

The camp will be held from 2 p.m., to 4 p.m. each day. The cost is \$25 per camper, and each participant will receive a T-shirt.

All proceeds will support the Long Live Luke Foundation (created in memory of late Homedale youth baseball player Luke Aman).

The winter camp registration link is available on the Homedale Trojans/Owyhee Rivercats Baseball Facebook page.

Organizers stress that the proposed youth baseball teams would supplement the Homedale Youth Sports spring baseball program by offering summer league options.

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✓ Huskies: Saturday loss to Cascade ends four-game winning streak

Kinney each nailed three-point baskets late in the first quarter to give Marsing a 7-5 lead after eight minutes.

Chadez scored 14 points to lead four Marsing double-digit scorers. He was active on defense, too, with four pass deflections and team-high five steals.

Kinney scored 12 points and pulled down nine rebounds, while Ponce added 10 points. Both drilled two treys apiece.

Wood scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds. He knocked away seven passes and picked up six steals.

Levi Aristizbal connected on three of four free throws on the way to seven points. He also

had six rebounds, four pass deflections and two steals.

Thursday: Marsing 47, New Plymouth 45 — Juan Ponce’s three-pointer in the fourth quarter sparked the Huskies’ mad dash from a 39-31 deficit to a conference victory at home.

The Pilgrims led by as much as 13 points, 31-18, in the third quarter, and Marsing was down by nine points at the start of the fourth period.

Ponce finished 20 points, including five three-point goals, to lead the Huskies’ scorers. He also stopped eight Pilgrims possessions with four pass deflections and four steals.

Chadez chipped in eight points, while Aristizbal had seven, Kinney scored six points, including a trey early in the second quarter.

Aristizbal came away with eight rebounds, while Wood and Kinney snagged six apiece.

Kinney shone on defense with seven pass deflections, five steals, two blocked shots and one charge.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 61, Liberty Charter 45 — A fast start helped the Huskies score more than half of their opponents’ point total in the first eight minutes.

Marsing held a 23-11 advantage at the end of the

opening quarter.

Ponce converted 12 of his 23 field-goal attempts, including a trio of three-pointers, for 27 points.

Wood led the rebounding with 10 boards while adding eight points. He also deflected five passes.

Kinney knocked away three passes and came up with four steals. He collected eight rebounds and nine points.

Chadez chipped in seven points.

Dec. 10: Marsing 80, Payette 38 — Topping 20 points in each of the first three quarters, the Huskies posted the program’s highest single-game point total in six

seasons.

Marsing beat Payette, 79-31, in the 2018-19 season opener.

Ponce led four double-digit scorers with 20 points as a Huskies team scored 80 points for the first time in at least 15 years.

Juan Molina buried three three-point goals and scored 10 points.

Moises Montes put in 13 points, and Chadez notched 12 points and eight rebounds.

Wood and Aristizbal collected six rebounds each. Kinney led the defense with six steals, while Mason Conger, Chadez and Ponce had three steals each.

Commentary

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Report provides lessons for battling the next pandemic

The bipartisan U.S. House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic recently released its 520-page final report on the origin of the virus and its impact on the United States. The committee also provided a summary of its findings. The report is very thorough and includes two years of interviews, hearings, testimonies, and over 1 million pages of documents.

Let's start with the origin of the virus. It was first discovered in Wuhan, China, which happens to be the home of the Wuhan Institute of Virology. WIV is China's main research facility for work on highly contagious and deadly viruses. Employees at WIV became ill with viral-type symptoms in the fall of 2019, several months before the outbreak of COVID 19. In addition, the virus possesses a biologic characteristic not found in nature.

In other words, the evidence is overwhelming that the virus originated in the Wuhan laboratory and not from a random animal. It appears that the World Health Organization caved to the Chinese Communist Party and allowed a natural-origin argument to persist. For unknown reasons, U.S. government officials promoted this theory of a natural origin.

The committee also uncovered data that revealed U.S. taxpayers funded research at WIV through an organization named Ecohealth. This fact was repeatedly denied by government officials.

Fraud and abuse were rampant in the U.S. relief programs. The federal government used taxpayer dollars for paycheck protection programs,

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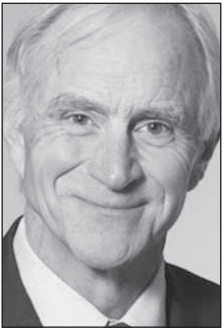
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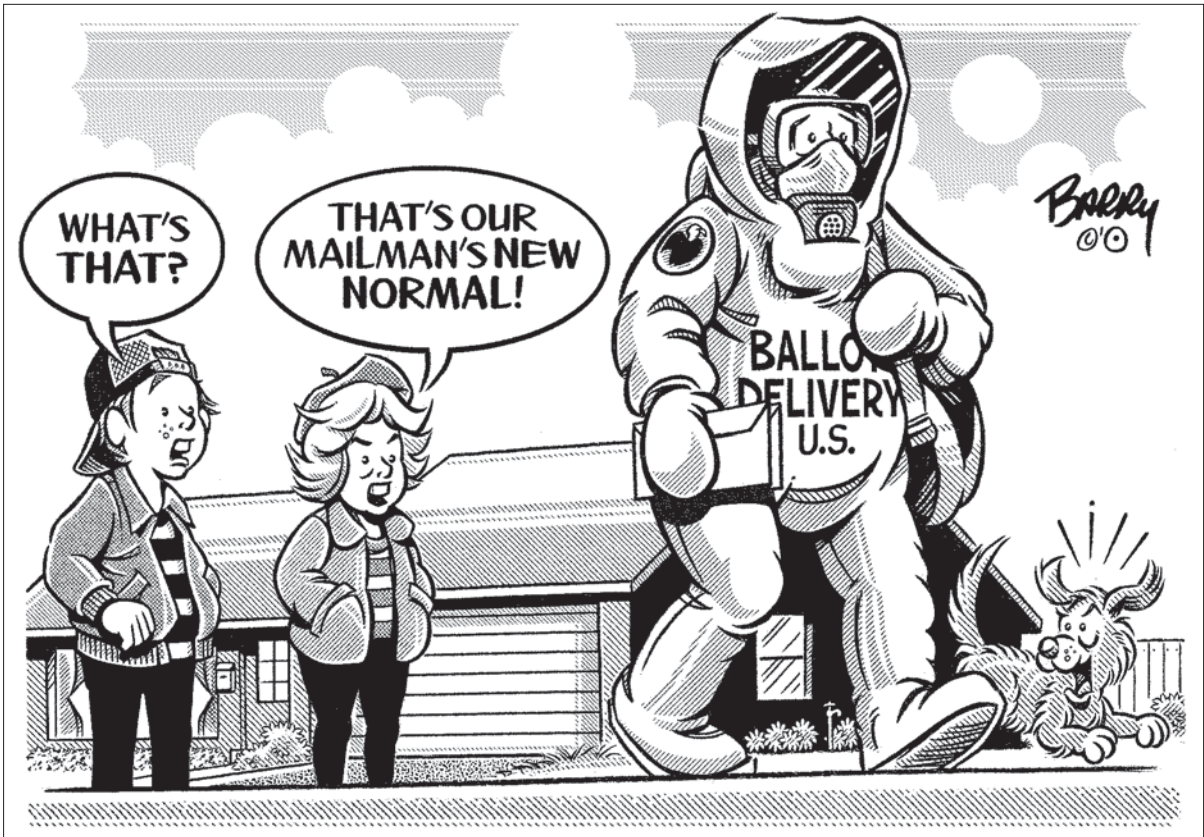
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Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

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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

Spirit of giving runs year-round in Idaho

Thanksgiving and the festive weeks that follow offer us an annual opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on our blessings. One of the many blessings that continue to make Idaho such a great place to live are the many people in our communities who see others' needs and find ways to meet them. Idahoans do this all the time, no matter the day.

We see it in the way Idaho communities step up to help in local and nationwide efforts. From pulling together to care for families struck with illness or the tragic loss of a loved one, to coaching and mentoring youth, to spending time with older Idahoans so they feel less alone, there are countless caring acts daily all around us.

Twenty-four years ago, I started the Spirit of Idaho Award to recognize the many acts of service happening in Idaho communities that may not be recognized in other ways. This award was created to bring attention to these greatly valued individuals, groups and projects. Since the first award was given in Twin Falls in November of 2000 to three young newspaper carriers with the Times-News who helped with responses to emergencies on their routes, I have been privileged to recognize hundreds of deserving Idahoans who have demonstrated a commitment to improving their community and serving their fellow citizen. Their examples of service are helping empower others.

Through the Spirit of Idaho Award, I have also had the honor of recognizing a quick-thinking child who saved her brother from drowning in an abandoned well; a couple who has helped advance species conservation; the creator of a group that assists senior citizens with errands, heating their homes and other needs; a company that coordinated the construction of a home and additional assistance for an Idaho family in need; and students who raised funds to support our nation's servicemembers.

This past year, my office presented two Spirit of Idaho Awards.

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to Warhawk Air Museum volunteers for their efforts to showcase American servicemember history and educate visitors about the cost of freedom.

In October, I honored Iona resident Phyllis Scheffler with the Spirit of Idaho Award for the more than 10,000 hours over the past more than 40 years she has devoted to serving as a volunteer at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, where she has comforted and assisted patients, guests and staff, providing expert knowledge only first-hand experience can provide. These are just

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Commentary

Financial management

Start on the road to financial peace with baby steps

Dear Dave,

A friend told me about your Baby Steps plan, and after years of living paycheck-to-paycheck and running up credit card bills, I'm ready to get control of my finances. I just have one question. Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. Do you recommend getting current on past-due bills before starting Baby Step 1?

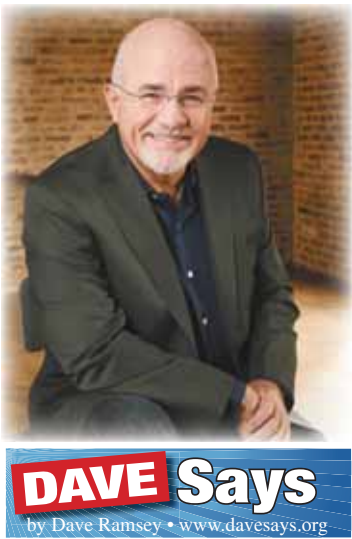
— Miles

Dear Miles,

Congratulations! I'm glad to hear you're finally sick and tired of being financially sick and tired. This is the perfect question for someone in your situation, because it gives me a chance to walk you all the way through the Baby Steps. So, let's go!

First, make sure all your necessities are taken care of. By necessities, I'm talking about food, clothing, shelter, transportation and utilities. Then, get current on anything you owe, or make payment arrangements for past-due bills. After you've done this, it's time to take your very first Baby Step.

You've already mentioned getting \$1,000 in the bank for a starter emergency fund. That's Baby Step 1. After that comes your debt snowball, which is Baby Step 2. Here, you'll pay off all your debts from smallest to largest — except your home. Attack the first balance on your list by paying as much as you can each month, while making minimum payments on the other debts. When you've paid off the first one, add



money and increase your emergency fund from \$1,000 to a full three to six months of expenses. You're going to be surprised how fast you can save money when your income isn't flying out the door to pay off debt every month.

Now, it's time to really start looking toward the future. In Baby Step 4, start investing 15 percent of your income for retirement. College funding is next in Baby Step 5 for any kids you have, or plan on having one day. And here's a big one. Baby Step 6 is where you pay off your home early. How great will that feel?

But Baby Step 7 is the real deal. Now, you start building wealth and giving with outrageous generosity. When you've completed all the other Baby Steps, and are able to do these two things, you've achieved the pinnacle of smart money management. Or in other words, you've reached the point of financial peace.

Make it happen, Miles. You can do this!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of *The Ramsey Show*. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business* and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Spirit: If an act embodies the Spirit of Idaho, say something about it

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a few examples of Spirit of Idaho recipients and the many acts of service in our communities.

There is no specific schedule for making Spirit of Idaho Awards. They are given for service to a community, and can be given to individuals or groups. The general criteria for a Spirit of Idaho Award are that the recipient must be a resident of the state of Idaho and have set a positive example for the community. There is no formal application

process, but individuals who wish to bring an action to my attention are welcome to contact my nearest regional office:

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This time of year and throughout each year, many

in our communities and our own families are more than worthy of our gratitude. May we not overlook their acts of kindness and shed deserving light on these good works all around us.

— 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 he has served 31 years in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

✓ Report: Skip the lockdowns, mandates, and school closures next time

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unemployment claims, and compensation for small business failures. Tragically, in addition to widespread abuse, at least half of all dollars lost in the relief programs were stolen by transnational fraudsters.

The pandemic definitely targeted certain vulnerable groups. Seniors, the immunocompromised, and people with chronic illnesses were at high risk of suffering the worst effects of the virus. Healthy individuals, especially children, were at very low risk of developing severe complications.

There is no evidence that the six-foot distancing rule, the universal mask mandate, and the draconian lockdowns were effective. What is well-known is that thousands of employers went out of business, thousands of employees lost their jobs, and a generation of children lost educational opportunities.

Social interactions were severely limited, including being allowed to visit sick and dying relatives. Government bureaucrats and teachers' unions seemed to react in an emotional fashion rather than an evidence-based manner.

The issue of vaccines remains somewhat controversial. It is clear that vaccine development was expedited and that vaccines saved thousands if not millions of lives. On the other hand, it appears that vaccines did not prevent the spread of the virus nor did government officials consider that natural immunity would prevent the worst effects of the virus.

It is well-documented that the U.S. health care system was overwhelmed by the COVID 19 virus. Hospitals were over capacity, diagnoses for non-viral conditions were delayed, and treatments were delayed or not provided.

Unfortunately, the officials most involved with managing the pandemic were less than forthcoming with the committee. They evidently obstructed the committee's investigation at many levels.

In conclusion, it seems that the people in charge of the pandemic response had a knee-jerk, we-must-do-something mentality without using scientific evidence. There is also a distinct possibility that U.S. government officials did not want to alienate the Chinese government by confirming the lab leak theory.

The congressional report makes clear that lockdowns, mask mandates, forced social distancing, school closures, and mandatory vaccinations should be thrown out of the playbook for any future government pandemic response. Hopefully, the country has learned a lesson and will respond in a much different fashion for the next crisis.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 22, 1999



Welcome to Homedale...

This sign announcing Homedale will be in place near the bypass on highway 19 next spring. The sign was purchased by the City of Homedale for \$900 and was built by Slim Yorgensen of Homedale. The old sign will be moved to the south end of town.

Larger barn planned for fairgrounds

Plans call for the beef barn at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale to be reconstructed and enlarged to accommodate sheep and swine, according to the chairman of the county fair board.

The county collected about \$55,550 in insurance money for the beef barn, which was destroyed in a fire set by juveniles in September 1997. Bill Watterson said a new barn would be about 120 feet wide by 200 feet long, and would cost approximately \$70,000.

The new barn would be constructed of steel, Watterson said. Sheep and swine would occupy the north end of the building; beef and dairy cattle the south end. A show ring measuring 75 feet by 75 feet, complete with bleachers, would occupy the area in between.

Jordan Valley boys remain undefeated

The Jordan Valley boys basketball team, 7-0, remained undefeated after a 50-36 victory over Monument-Dayville on Dec. 11, a 66-45 non-league victory over visiting McDermitt, Nev., and a 56-30 victory over Burnt River in the first round of the High Desert Shootout in Jordan Valley last Friday.

The Mustangs made a 20-4 first quarter lead over Monument-Dayville at the Crane tournament Dec. 11. Sam Mackenzie led the Mustangs with 13 points, while Jeff Anderson added 12 points and eight rebounds. Mike Freese had five assists and four steals as well for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs, playing their first game in the school's new gymnasium, defeated McDermitt, Nev., in the team's sixth straight victory. Freese led the Mustangs with 15 points.

Local scores high on Senate Youth program

Paul Millet, a Marsing High School student, was recognized for his excellent performance in the Year 2000 Idaho competition for the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

The program is funded through the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Millet was one of the top scorers at Marsing High. His achievement as one of the top scorers on the examination was recognized with a certificate and a scholarship check for \$25 from the Idaho State Department of Education.

MMS wrestlers win top four at district tourney

Marsing Middle School wrestlers filled the top four places at the District III Junior High Wrestling tournament in Melba last week.

Cody Heller, a seventh grader, took first place at 145 pounds followed by Eugene Atkinson, 103 pounds, also in the seventh grade, tied for second place with teammate Randall Miller, eighth grade, at 145 pounds.

50 years ago

December 19, 1974



THE HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL Trojanette Drill Team members are, kneeling in front row, left to right: Susan Bautista, student council representative. Cathy Williams, drill mistress and Pam Carson, secretary; second row: Carrie Evans, Vickie Liddell, Karen Olsen, Tamea Duke, Lori Foster, Cecilia DeLaRosa, Irene Bautista, Edolina Lopez, Cathy Rosenthal; third row: Mary Adams, Terry Atkins, Debbie Graber, Colleen Williams, Debbie Seime, Diane Garcia, Donnett Weston, Lori Hooper and Kristy Haylett. Photo by Bette Uda

Council sees plans for Magistrate Court building

Homedale City Council held its regular meeting on Dec. 16 with Mayor George Murray presiding.

Councilmen present were Norm Tolmie, Kenneth Metzger and Ed Manning. Councilman Mike Kelly was absent as he is attending National Guard School. City employees present were Paul Simon, Larry Ryel, Mark Cudmore, Vivian Lillie and City Attorney Gary Morgan.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shine, Paul Bull, Earl McNew, Paul Fountain, Jack Smith, R. B. Connell, Ron Pottenger, John Garrity, A. J. Coffel and Ray Stuart.

—Magistrate Court Building. Revised plans for the Magistrate Court building were received from Neal Kolbo, architect, with estimated cost to run from \$60,000 to \$70,000. Clerk instructed to contact County Attorney Jamie Morfitt in regards to county putting money into a city building.

—Municipal Park. Approval of extension of time and grant increase of \$17,000 to complete park in 1975 was confirmed by Marv Thorne, CH2M Engineer.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"Income tax forms will be printed on recycled paper this year. Looks like the paper will come round an' round just like tax time."



Job's Daughters initiate members into Bethel 31

Two new members were initiated into Bethel No. 31, International Order of Job's Daughters, during formal ceremonies Wednesday at the Masonic Temple.

The new members were Nancy Breshears, daughter of Mrs. Betty Jo Breshears, and Susan Huter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Huter.

Following the ceremony, Tom Arima, associate guardian, presented the Book of Ritual to the new members.

153 years ago

December 16, 1871

The President's Message.

This important document, consisting of nine thousand words, was telegraphed across the continent and published in full in the San Francisco dailies of the 5th inst. It is well received by the Republican press, and Democratic journals find in it more to praise than to blame. The document is manly and out-spoken, dealing with the subjects of which it treats, in a frank and business-like manner. The history of our standing with foreign nations is eminently satisfactory, and some of the suggestions and recommendations are well worthy of, and undoubtedly will receive, the careful consideration of Congress. The President favors a large reduction of taxation and recommends that all internal taxes, except those on liquor and tobacco, be abolished, as, in his opinion, the finances of the country are now so well established, that this can safely be done. We look for a thorough revision of the revenue laws this winter, with such reduction and adjustment of taxes as may be considered beneficial to the interests of the people individually and the nation at large.

A JOLLY DROVER.—About a month ago quite an energetic looking business man, of perhaps 40 years of age, made his appearance in town. He gave his name as John Burris and purported to be the owner of a large band of cattle, on Snake river, between Boise and this place. He spent his money freely in treating the "boys" and fighting the tiger. Our drover was unanimously voted a jolly fellow. He pretended to have been acquainted with many of the boys in California, British Columbia and other places, and seemed to be acquainted with every cattle drover of any note on the coast. At length our drover ran short of money, but, as he had plenty of cattle only a few miles away, had no difficulty in borrowing sums from various individuals, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,200, or \$1,500. Faro was his favorite game and Sommercamp's saloon his chief resort. It didn't make any difference whether Mr. Burris had money or not. His "jawbone" was good at a faro bank, because he was a good customer and had a large band of Texas cattle quietly grazing in the valley below. At times his winnings were quite large, when he would "stake" less unfortunate sports with a lavish hand. But, one morning, Burris did not call for his usual before breakfast cocktail, and the day wore away without his jovial, familiar face being seen round the gaming tables. The victims of the gay and festive drover could be easily distinguished by their elongated countenances as the truth flashed upon their minds, that Burris was gone. No one knows whence he came or whither he went, but all agree that he will do to travel. His cattle are still grazing in Snake river valley — as much as ever they were.

NEW BOOKS.—Sam Heidelberg is agent here for that live book of the times, entitled "Chicago and the Great Conflagration," by Colbert & Chamberlin, of the Chicago Tribune. It is a volume of 500 pages, embellished with numerous engravings, and forms a complete history of the Queen City of the West, and a graphic account of the great fire.

Mr. Heidelberg is also agent for Mark Twain's new book, entitled "Roughing It," probably the most readable book of the present day. The volume consists of between 600 and 700 octavo pages, illustrated with hundreds of characteristic engravings, and is brimful of the author's quaint humor, with ludicrous descriptions of scenes never before written up.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That the following elections, each for a 4-year terms, will be held in Owyhee County on **May 20, 2025**
Declaration of Candidacy filing deadline is March 21, 2025

- Highway District Commissioner Elections**
- Gem Highway District
1016 Main Street – Marsing, ID
Commissioner District #1
Commissioner District #2
 - Homedale Highway District
102 East Colorado Avenue – Homedale, ID
Commissioner Sub-District #2
 - Three Creek Highway District
864 Filer Avenue – Twin Falls, ID
Commissioner – Districtwide - 2 positions

- Library District Commissioner Elections**
- Bruneau Valley Library
32073 Ruth Street – Bruneau, ID
Trustee Districtwide - 2 positions
 - Eastern Owyhee County Library
520 Boise Avenue – Grand View, ID
Trustee Districtwide - 2 positions
 - Homedale Library District
121 W Owyhee Avenue – Homedale, ID
Trustee Districtwide - 1 position
 - Lizard Butte Library
111 3rd Avenue West – Marsing, ID
Trustee Districtwide - 2 positions

That the following elections, each for a 4-year term, will be held in Owyhee County on **November 4, 2025**
Declaration of Candidacy filing deadline is September 5, 2025

- City Position Elections**
- City of Grand View
425 Boise Avenue – Grand View, ID
Councilman - 2 positions
 - City of Homedale
31 West Wyoming Avenue – Homedale, ID
Mayor
Councilman - 2 positions
 - City of Marsing
18 Sandbar Ave. – Marsing, ID
Councilman - 2 positions

- Fire Protection District Commissioner Elections**
- Bruneau Fire Protection District
31286 Highway 51 – Bruneau, ID
Commissioner Zone #1
 - Grand View Rural Fire Protection District
720 Roosevelt Avenue – Grand View, ID
Commissioner Districtwide - 1 position
 - Homedale Rural Fire Protection District
19 East Wyoming Avenue – Homedale, ID
Commissioner Sub-District #2
 - Marsing Rural Fire Protection District
303 Main Street – Marsing, ID
Owyhee County Commissioner
 - Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District
17104 Tumbleweed Lane – Murphy, ID
Reynolds District Commissioner
Wilson District Commissioner
- 12/18/2024

**BOARD OF
OWYHEE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
September 2024 Synopsis
September 3**

- Approved the claims report as presented for \$111,916.44 - Current Expenses-\$29,261; R&B Fund-\$5,469; Dist. Court-\$356; Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$18,266; Health Dist.-\$9,316; Historical Society & Museum-\$254; I&C-\$7,796; Revaluation-\$487; Solid Waste-\$10,321; 911-\$14,617; Waterways Fund-\$99; Taxing Dist. Election Fund-\$15,674.

- Approved the minutes from the August 26, 2024 meetings.

- Approved the contract amendment one (1) with Idaho Department of Health & Welfare-Process Service for Child Support Program with an increase of \$700.00 (WC2202 & WC096500), with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the County Resolution 2024-28 – Destruction of Non-Indefinite Records: Elections.

- Approved the Sheriff’s new hire of Dawson Hammond for full-time Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$20.89 per hour, effective September 9, 2024.

- Approved the Taxing District L2 extension requests for all

- Cemetery District Commissioner Elections**
- Bruneau Cemetery District
30073 Hot Springs Road – Bruneau, ID
Commissioner Districtwide - 2 positions
 - Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District
4410 Cemetery Road – Marsing, ID
Commissioner Sub-District #1
Commissioner Sub-District #2
 - Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District
539 Morning Sun Drive – Nampa, ID
Commissioner District #2
 - Riverside Cemetery District
645 Idaho Street – Grand View, ID
Commissioner Districtwide - 1 position

- School District Trustee Elections**
- Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365
39678 State Highway 78 – Bruneau, ID
Trustee Zone #1
Trustee Zone #3
Trustee Zone #5
 - Homedale Joint School District #370
116 East Owyhee Avenue – Homedale, ID
Trustee Zone #2
Trustee Zone #4
 - Marsing Joint School District #363
209 8th Avenue West – Marsing, ID
Trustee Zone #1
Trustee Zone #3
Trustee Zone #5
 - Melba School District #136
520 Broadway Avenue – Melba, ID
Trustee Zone #5
 - Pleasant Valley School District #364
28026 Juniper Mountain Road – Pleasant Valley, ID
Trustee Zone #3
 - Three Creek Joint Elementary School District #416
49909 Three Creek Highway – Rogerson, ID
Trustee Zone #2
Trustee Zone #3

school districts within (and partially in) Owyhee County to September 14, 2024.

- At 9:40 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Aberasturi – aye, Bachman – aye, and Hoagland – aye. Motion carried. Open session was resumed at 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

September 9

- Approved the claims report as presented for \$46,827.92 - Current Expenses-\$8,277; R&B Fund-\$543; Dist. Court-\$1,976; Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$580; Probation-\$1,730; I&C-\$14,496; Revaluation-\$320; Solid Waste-\$14,432; 911-\$4,387; Interlock Device Fund-\$86.

- Approved the minutes from the September 3, 2024 meetings.

- Approved the Bruneau Water & Sewer Dist. re Region IV Development, CDBG Drawdown #14, for \$9,180.00, and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Building Permit Refund Request – Casey Reed – tabled for further information from County Building Inspector King.

- Approved the Contract-Micael McKenzie Inc. Creative for County website maintenance, with an annual fee of \$300.

carried. Open session was resumed at 10:35 a.m. No action taken.

September 16

- Approved the building permit refund request to Casey Reed, in the amount of \$1,310.00.

- Approved the claims report as presented for \$102,645.03 - Current Expenses-\$43,078; R&B Fund-\$29,194; Dist. Court-\$107; Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$9,179; Probation-\$735; Historical Society & Museum-\$783; I&C-\$750; 911-\$344; Waterways Fund-\$2,682; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$589; Capital Project Fund/ARPA-\$5,204.

- Approved the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meetings.

- Approved the BLM Good Neighbor Authority Grant Award for Maintenance & Management of Owyhee Co. Hwy System Roads as a Defense Against Large Wildland Fires (2024-2029), with an initial amount of \$150,000, and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the catering permit for The Spot Pizza for Owyhee County Museum’s Harvest Dance on September 21, 2024, for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

- Approved the County Resolution 2024-31 – Ratification of Signature for Property Use Agreement with Junayo Ranch LP for Salmon Creek Rd Bridge Repairs.

- Approved the County Resolution 2024-32 – Rescinding County Resolution 2024-29 and Approving Solid Waste Fee Increase.

- Approved the contract with Jim Desmond for \$62,500 for fiscal year 2025.

- Approved the fiscal year 2025 Life Flight Network Group Membership Agreement.

- Approved the Chairman’s signature for the Board on the fiscal year 2025 Life Flight Network Group Membership Agreement.

- Approved the Sheriff Department’s pay correction for Reserve Back Country Deputy William Dyas, from \$20.29 to \$21.29, effective September 23, 2024 and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Sheriff’s Office pay increase of Paula Rhodes from \$26.00 as the Dispatch Coordinator to \$30.00 per hour as the 911 Coordinator, effective October 1, 2024.

- Approved the Order granting Gem Irrigation District’s petition requesting modification of boundaries by 403.73 to be re-allocated from Division 1 to Division 5.

September 23

- Approved the claims report as presented for \$45,037.37 - Current Expenses-\$25,922; R&B Fund-\$15,766; Dist. Court-\$187; Probation-\$123; Historical Society & Museum-\$140; I&C-\$1,848; Solid Waste-\$939; 911-\$42.

- Approved the minutes from the September 16, 2024 meetings.

- Approved the County Certificate of Levies for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the contract with Fisher’s Technology (PADD20245727) for a printer in the Assessor’s Office, at \$251.00 per month, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the contract with Marsing School District #363 for a School Resource Officer for the 2024-2025 school year, in the

amount of \$75,000.

- Approved the Geotechnical Report for twelve (12) test pits for the Courthouse Septic, estimated cost of \$5,900, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the request from Marsing Ambulance District to City of Nampa for Opticom Preemptor Device Traffic Signal Codes.

- Approved the Idaho Department of Lands Mineral Bond Assurance for Instrument No. S00929 (1.5 acres), in the amount of \$100.00, and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Idaho Department of Lands Mineral Bond Assurance for Instrument No. S00911 (5.6 acres), in the amount of \$250.00, and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Idaho Parks & Rec Boating Safety Grant Fiscal Year 2024 Closeout Reimbursement Request, in the amount of \$23,932 (after County match in the amount of \$11,966), and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Award No. 2025-02725-1, in the amount of \$49,649.33 distributed over two (2) years, and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Assessor’s Office new hire for Marsing DMV Amy Kluchesky, at the pay rate of \$17.45 per hour, effective September 23, 2024.

- Approved the Polling Locations for November 5, 2024 (see attached for full list).

- Approved the certificates of residency 24-08 & 24-09 to College of Southern Idaho.

12/18/2024

**NOTICE
OF ASSESSMENT DUE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2024 irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o’clock p.m. on the twentieth day of December 202. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier’s check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel
Secretary
P.O. Box 9
Grand View, Idaho 83624
12/11,18/2024

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Emergency Center on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola
Secretary
208-587-2789
12/18/2024

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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No: ID-24-1000613-RM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 4/10/2025, at the hour of **9:00 AM, In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650**, the trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of **OWYHEE**, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel I: A portion of the Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence North 00°35’54” East along the East boundary of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 639.83 feet; thence North 89°13’58” West a distance of 656.86 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89°13’58” West a distance of 328.43 feet; thence North 00°37’20” East a distance of 684.15 feet to a point on the North boundary of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence South 89°15’20” East along said North boundary a distance of 328.33 feet; thence South 00°36’52” West a distance of 684.28 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Parcel II: This easement lies in the Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter and in the Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence North 00°33’48” East along the East boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 613.07 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 89°13’58” West a distance of 2106.48 feet; thence Southwesterly 28.91 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 82°49’43”, a radius of 20.00 feet and a long chord which bears South 49°21’27” West a distance of 26.46 feet; thence Northwesterly 275.05 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 262°38’53”, a radius of 60.00 feet and a long chord which bears North 40°43’45” West a distance of 90.12 feet; thence

South 89°13’58” East a distance of 2265.85 feet to a point on the said East boundary; thence South 00°33’48” West along said East boundary a distance of 50.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Current Trustee is **Robert W. McDonald, Esq.**, whose address is **108 1st Ave. South, Suite 450, Seattle, Washington 98104** and who can be reached by telephone at **(866) 925-0241**. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **5604 COUNTRY ESTATES DR, MARSING, ID 83639-8170** may be associated with said real property.

The sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on **12/16/2022**, by and among **CHAD B RADA AND KHRISTINA J RADA, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor, and **ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW**, as Trustee, and **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on **12/21/2022**, as **Instrument No. 314148** Official Records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4) (a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor’s failure to pay when due the following sum: **TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$8,430.07 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$162,311.89** Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2024.

By: Robert W. McDonald, Esq., Trustee **TS No: ID-24-1000613-RM** IDSPub #0225510
11/27;12/04,11,18/2024

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on January 14, 2025, the period of redemption for delinquent entries, shall expire. Idaho law authorizes the Board to take back the water from the land so that it is no longer appurtenant to your property. The Board decided at its October board meeting to take back the water rights appurtenant to the property described below and leave you with title to the property without any water rights I.C. §43-716. The property described below may be redeemed on or before January 14, 2025, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Direct any inquiries to Gem Irrigation at the above address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Delinquent Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment
Forest & Sharon Abbott	Part NESE, 3N5W Sec. 7,	2021-2024	\$ 861.46
German Martinez	Pt.SWSW, Sec. 4-2N-4W	2016-2024	\$2,602.73
Chasm I LLC	Sec 15 T3N R5WPT. NW¼ NE¼	2021-2024	\$3,651.27
Ignacio & Martha Castillo	Pt. W1/2 NWNE, Sec. 15-3N-5W	2019-2024	\$6,593.93

Dated this 26th day of November 2024

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer
12/04,11,18,25/2024

LIEN SALE

Unit # M-6, Will Pryor, 4030 River Resort Dr. #22, Homedale, ID 83628. Unit includes misc. household items, fishing gear, and small furniture

Unit # M-15, Brittany Bailey, 58 Hoadley Dr., Wilder, ID 83676. Unit includes misc. hotusehold items

Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale on Saturday, December 21st. Bidding opens on Wednesday, December 11th at 9am and closes on Saturday the 21st at 1pm
12/11,18/2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801) IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KERMIT EDWIN TATE JR., DECEASED

CASE NO. CV37-24-00267
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the attorney of the appointed personal representative of the above- named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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

DATED this 26th day of

November, 2024.

Ellis Eifert Attorney
TEL: (208)405-0486
FAX: (208) 549-7353
Idaho State Bar No. 9173
Attorney for the Applicant
409 S Jackson St Moscow, ID 83843
12/18,25/2024;01/01/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

57-12106
J.R. SIMPLOT COMPANY
PO BOX 27
BOISE, ID 83707-0027
Point of Diversion SWSW S35 T07S R02E OWYHEE County Source SHOOFLY CREEK Tributary SNAKE RIVER
Use: STOCKWATER
07/01 to 12/31; 0.06 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.06 CFS
Date Filed: 09-30-2024
P l a c e O f U s e :
STOCKWATER
T06S R04E S29 NESE
T06S R04E S30 SESE
T06S R04E S31 L2 (SWNW)
T07S R02E S26 SENE
T07S R03E S1 SWNE
T07S R03E S9 NESW
T07S R03E S10 NWSE, SESE
T07S R03E S11 NWNW
T07S R03E S13 NENE, NWNW
T07S R03E S14 NENW
T07S R03E S16 NWSE
T07S R03E S17 NENE, NENW
T07S R03E S20 NENE
T07S R03E S21 SWSW
T07S R03E S23 SESW

T07S R03E S26 NWNE
T07S R03E S27 NESE
T07S R03E S29 NWSW, NWSE
T07S R03E S31 SESE
T07S R03E S33 NESW
T07S R04E S6 L1 (NENE)
T08S R03E S4 NWSE
T08S R03E S5 SWNE

This application proposes to appropriate trust water and will be evaluated in compliance with Section 42-203C, Idaho Code, and IDWR’s Water Appropriation Rules, IDAPA 37.03.08.

The applicant asserts that the proposed use should be approved within the area of the Amended Snake River Basin Moratorium Order because the use will be non-consumptive.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/6/2025. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

MATHEW WEAVER,
Director
12/18,25/2024

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THIS WEEK?

Schools' holiday break begins Monday

Avalanche under special deadlines for two weeks

The upcoming Christmas holiday will affect the business hours of government offices and others next week.

Most Owyhee County offices will be closed next Wednesday for Christmas, but there are two government departments that will see different scheduling.

The Division of Motor Vehicles branch in the Grand View satellite office will be open Thursday, Dec. 26 and Thursday, Jan. 2 to make up for being closed next Wednesday and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The rest of the DMV branches — in Marsing and Murphy — will be closed on the holiday for the next two weeks.

The county treasurer's office will be closed both next Wednesday and Dec. 26

The rest of the Owyhee County Courthouse offices in Murphy will be closed for the next two Wednesdays for the holidays.

The rest of the county offices in Murphy and Marsing will be closed only Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

- Christmas break for all school districts serving Owyhee country children begins Monday, and students will return to class on Monday, Jan. 6. The school districts include Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, Jordan Valley, Adrian, the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency and COSSA Academy, and Melba.

The HUB food pantry in the Marsing School District office will be closed next Wednesday and Jan. 1.

- The holidays will mean a chance that The Owyhee Avalanche subscribers will receive their newspapers earlier than the publication date. But that also means deadlines will be altered for the next two weeks.

The Avalanche will mail the Dec. 25 edition and the Jan. 1 edition on the Monday before the publication date (Dec. 23 and Dec. 30), so there's a chance — postal service-dependent as it is — that the newspapers will show up on the respective Tuesdays in some areas.

The deadline for legal notices, display and classified advertising, and news and community items will be noon on Thursday, Dec. 19 and Dec. 26.

- City halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan.

1. • Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale will be closed on Tuesday and next Wednesday for the Christmas holiday, and the building will be closed on Jan. 1 for New Year's.

Lizard Butte Library in Marsing is also closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 27 for Christmas and Dec. 31 through Jan. 3 for New Year's.

The Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

- The Homedale Senior Center will be closed all next week for Christmas and again on Jan. 1 for New Year's. The center is usually open Tuesday through Thursday each week.

The Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View, which is always closed on Wednesdays, will be closed on Christmas Eve next week.

The Sandbar Community Room at Marsing City Hall, the location for congregate meals during the week, will be closed Tuesday and next Wednesday and again on Jan. 1.

- The US Bank branch in Homedale is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

- Post offices throughout Owyhee County also closed next Wednesday and Jan. 1.

- Republic Services garbage pick-up in Marsing and Homedale will be delayed by one day each week because of Christmas and New Year's.

- Albertsons may close early Tuesday for Christmas Eve, and the store is closed Christmas Day. The Homedale grocery store will close at 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve and at 8 p.m., on New Year's Day.

The Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertsons is closed next Wednesday and Jan. 1. It will close at 5 p.m., on Dec. 31.

Homedale Drug and its liquor store are closed both next Wednesday and Jan. 1. The store will observe regular hours on Dec. 31.

Matteson's convenience store in Homedale will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The store will close at 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve.

M&W Market in Marsing, which also houses a liquor store, will be open from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Tuesday. The store closes for Christmas Day. It's open until 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve and from 8 a.m., to 6 p.m., on New Year's Day.



Euzkaldunak Charities comes through again

Homedale brothers Dennis (left) and Ric Uria used a trailer and one of Ric's business pickups to deliver meat to Homedale Elementary School last Wednesday to provide the protein for the annual Hands Around Homedale food drive. The delivery was the annual contribution from the Euzkaldunak Charities, or Caldwell Basque Charities, in which many members of the Homedale Basque community are active.

Caldwell Basque group helps several county causes again

Hands Around Homedale, others receive annual meat donations

The Euzkaldunak Charities organization is Caldwell-based, but several members of the Homedale Basque community bring its influence across the Snake River each Christmas.

Homedale brothers Dennis and Ric Uria last Wednesday delivered part of the \$15,000 in food items that the Caldwell Basque Charities group purchased this year.

Using a trailer and one of Ric's business pickups — he owns Uria Pump and Owyhee Sewer — the men delivered meat and cheese to Homedale Elementary School, the Homedale Friends Community Church, the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, and Hope House in Marsing.

The elementary school portion of chicken, hot dogs, ham-

burger, lunchmeat, and cheese will be used to help build care packages for the Hands Around Homedale food drive for school district families.

Those care packages will be distributed later this week at the elementary school. The Wish Tree gifts that community members have provided will also be delivered to the families this weekend.

The lunchmeat and cheese is a departure from previous Euzkaldunak meat donations, Ric Uria said.

"With hams and turkeys, if you gave it to elderly people it was more than they could actually eat," he said. "A lot of younger people don't cook, so we just started doing the other (meats: hot dogs and lunchmeat)."

The Caldwell group also

donates protein to a food bank in Parma, Hope's Door in Caldwell, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell, and another church in Nampa.

The organization's biggest fundraiser is the annual Basque dinner and dance, which will take place next month at O'Connor Fieldhouse in Caldwell.

The dance raises money not only for the annual meat donation but to pay for medical expenses and to help parents travel when their children receive cancer treatment or burn treatment. Money is also used to help pay for rent, utilities, clothing, groceries, fuel and more.

Chair for this year's dance is Taylor Landa, and co-chair is Matt Larzelier. Both men are Homedale High School graduates.

— JPB

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