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COMMUNITY'S GRACE FELT AT OHR

Christmas party is a huge hit

The Owyhee Avalanche's annual Christmas drive for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center residents came to a festive end last week with the Homedale facility's holiday party.

Right: Residents begin to open their presents after staff members distributed the gift bags and wrapped boxes during the Christmas Eve party.

Submitted photos



OHR's dining hall was filled with residents eager to see how the community interpreted the wish list published each week in *The Owyhee Avalanche* leading to Christmas. OHR officials and *Avalanche* staff alike surmised this year's generosity set records.

Homedale to explore non-FAA airport

State oversight would mean easier improvement path, less funding help

After years of stalled improvement plans, the Homedale Municipal Airport could lose its federal status.

The Homedale City Council voted, 3-1, last month to investigate relinquishing FAA status and operate under the state's Division of Aeronautics.

The decision came days after a meeting between city, state

and federal officials.

"The state was pushing for it in the meeting," Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said of the proposed change. "The meeting was very positive.

During the council's Dec. 11 meeting, city engineer Andrew Kimmel from Great West Engineers told elected

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Marsing Disaster Auction raffle tickets going on sale in days

Volunteers, sale items wanted for Feb. 1 event

When schoolchildren return to class in Marsing on Monday, they'll have a new assignment.

Sell \$1 raffle tickets for the Marsing Disaster Auction and Sale.

The 63rd annual auction will start at the unique time of 10:13 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 1 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Marsing Elementary fourth- and fifth-graders sell raffle tickets each year.

Prizes in the \$1 raffle include:

- \$250 Marsing shopping spree donated by American Legion Post 128
- \$250 cash donated by Clausen's Painting
- Home security cameras donated by Kelly and Betty Ackerman
- 60-inch flat-screen high-

definition LCD television donated by the Usabel Family

Local merchants and disaster auction committee members sell tickets for the \$10 raffle:

- 21-cubic-foot upright convertible refrigerator/freezer donated by Parma Furniture
- Half beef cut and wrapped. Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch donates the beef, and Rod Fivecoat Auction donates the cut and wrap.
- Gun/security safe donated by White Automotive and Rhino Metals
- Savage 7mm-08 rifle with scope donated by Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino.

The annual disaster auction raises money to bolster the local disaster fund, which helps community members recover from fires or pay for funeral and hospital costs and large medical bills.

The auction always features a variety of items up for bid, and donations are accepted, too.

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Marsing council OKs no parking

During the same meeting in which officials discussed law enforcement, the Marsing City Council took the first step in establishing a no parking zone on part of Main Street.

During their Dec. 19 meeting, council members unanimously approved a resolution that will prohibit on-street parking on the south

side of Main Street east of 8th Avenue.

City engineer Kirby Cook said he will produce a map of the areas where parking is prohibited so work with the Idaho Transportation Department can begin to put up signage.

The new parking regulations can't be enforced until signage is in place.

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UI intern ready to bring Statehouse to Avalanche

Owyheean heading into first legislative session

The next Idaho Legislature convenes Monday in Boise, and The Owyhee Avalanche’s reporter will be there to follow the progress.

Michael Paz, an undergraduate student from Moscow, is the University of Idaho James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research intern for the first session of the 68th Idaho Legislature.

According to the McClure Center’s biography, Paz has a longtime passion for finding new things to learn.

He has a Film and Television degree from the University of Idaho, and he worked for ESPN+ while completing his first degree.

His interests include reading



Michael Paz

science fiction, watching NASCAR, and running a racing league on YouTube.

This legislative session will see three new lawmakers from District 23, which encompasses all of Owyhee County and the southern portions of Canyon and Ada counties.

Shawn Dygert, a retired agricultural teacher from Guffey, is a freshman member in the Idaho House of Representatives. He will start a two-year term as the District 23, Seat B representative.

Chris Bruce of Kuna is the freshman Seat A representative.

Nampa’s Todd Lakey will continue as District 23 state senator.

All three men are Republicans.

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Blood drive set as Rimrock senior project

A Rimrock High School upperclassman will hold a blood drive as her Senior Project.

Alia Aquiso’s American Red Cross blood drive will take place from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 10, at the high school.

Anyone who wants to donate blood can register by going online to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and entering Bruneau’s ZIP code, 83604, to find the Rimrock blood drive.

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HPD corporal hailed for investigation

Drive-by suspects due back in court this month

Homedale Police Cpl. Danny Zenor received a letter of commendation among professional certificates during the Dec. 11 city council meeting.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller presented Zenor and his K-9 partner, Ruger, with recertification, which is required every 14 months. Zenor and Ruger have been patrolling Homedale’s streets for five years.

Zenor, who joined HPD full-time in 2017, also received his intermediate certification under Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training.



Homedale Police Cpl. Danny Zenor (left) accepts his Idaho POST intermediate certificate from Chief Jeff Eidemiller as his K-9 partner, Ruger, looks on.

Eidemiller said Zenor received his basic certification in September 2018 and his K-9 certification in 2020.

In his seven years on the force, Zenor has undergone 800 hours of training, the chief

said.

Additionally, Eidemiller presented his officer with a letter of commendation for the investigative work that led to the arrest of three individuals allegedly connected to a Nov.

1 drive-by shooting in west Homedale.

The three suspects — 18-year-old Ian Clay Evers, 20-year-old Edgar “Eddie” Flores, and 18-year-old Aryan Rose Kampe — remain in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy. Each is being held on a \$1 million bond.

The three suspects have been charged with four felonies, including unlawful discharge of a weapon into a house, destruction of evidence, aggravated assault and a deadly weapon enhancement.

Preliminary hearings scheduled for Nov. 26 for all three were waived with a stipulation between Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney and the defense attorneys. Evers and Kampe have public defenders, with Bethany Harder representing the former, and Abby Hoskisson standing for the latter. Flores’ defense attorney is Robert P. Tilley.

None of the suspects have entered pleas.

Evers was arraigned before Third District Judge Randall S. Grove on Dec. 13. A pretrial conference is set for 9 a.m., on Jan. 24, and Grove has set a jury trial to start at 8:30 a.m., on March 19.

Flores will face felony arraignment at 9 a.m., on Jan. 24, at which time Grove will also hear a motion to reduce Flores’ bail.

Kampe made her initial court appearance on Nov. 12. An arraignment and bond reduction hearing are scheduled for 9 a.m., on Jan. 10.

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Homedale Sr. Center announces full January slate

Fun Bus ready to take riders to Nampa stops

As the Homedale Senior Center continues its 50th year at its current location, there is much more than a thrice-weekly congregate meal to enjoy inside the walls of 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center Inc., board of directors recently ratified at mission statement:

“Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for seniors in our community, by providing nutritious meals, accessible transportation and engaging activities. We are committing to foster a supportive and inclusive environment where all seniors feel valued, and connected.”

The “friendly center where all are welcomed, supported and appreciated” offers a congregate lunch with friends on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

The center’s bus takes participants to a Fit and Fall exercise class at the Wilder fire station each Tuesday and Thursday. That class runs from 10 a.m., to 10:50 a.m., twice

weekly.

Each Wednesday there’s a Coffee Ladies Group at 9 a.m., and bingo at 10:30 a.m., or folks can just drop in each day of operation to read a book or build a jigsaw puzzle in a quiet, relaxing atmosphere.

There is a thrift store on site, and the proceeds from sales help operate the senior center. The store features clothes, kitchenware, collectables, knick-knacks, books, and more. The store is also open from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on each third Saturday of the month (Jan. 15 this month) in addition to the weekly hours.

January events include:

- **11 a.m., to noon on Tuesday, Jan. 7 and Jan. 28** — Rusty and the Country Jammers live music
- **Thursday, Jan. 9** — The therapy dog visits
- **11 a.m., to noon on Tuesday, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21** — The Treasure Valley Ramblers live music
- **8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21** — Foot clinic with appointments beginning at 8:30 a.m. Foot examinations cost \$25, and ear cleanings are available for \$30. Call (208) 337-3020 or visit the senior center’s front desk to make an

appointment.

- **11 a.m., to noon on Thursday, Jan. 30** — Prime Time Swingers live music

The senior center is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., three days each week.

Sign up for the Fun Bus in the cafeteria. Anyone who wants to ride the bus must fill out an information sheet.

The January Fun Bus schedule includes:

- **11 a.m., Friday** — Savers store in Nampa
- **11 a.m., Monday** — Walmart
- **11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 10** — Crafters store in Nampa
- **10:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 13** — WinCo in Nampa
- **Monday, Jan. 20** — A movie trip (time and location TBA)
- **10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24** — Dollar Tree in Nampa
- **10:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 27** — Kuna Senior Center
- **11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 31** — Givens Hot Springs

Mark (a k a Doc) is the bus driver on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and he can be reached at (208) 504-6947. Bryan (a k a Dusty) drives between Friday and Monday and can be reached at (208) 409-8278.



Senior center still looking for bus sponsorships

The first step in giving the Homedale Senior Center bus its own local identity began in Steve Carver’s driveway last year. The Wilder resident, who is married to senior center board secretary Nancy Carver, volunteered his time and equipment to take off the sponsorship decals from when the Weiser Senior Center operated the bus. The senior center is still on the hunt for sponsors, coordinator Melissa Sorlien said. Advertising spots are available for a \$1,000 fee, which is renewable annually. Contact Sorlien at (208) 337-3020 or homedalesrctr04@gmail.com for more information on the sponsorships, which are tax-deductible. Submitted photo



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✓ Airport: Pilots, hangar lessees willing to pitch in and help with projects

officials that the city would not receive any funding for improvements for up to 18 months if the airport reverted to a state-funded facility.

“You’ll have more freedom with state funding, but smaller pockets,” he said.

As it is, the city is ineligible for federal funds because the airport doesn’t meet several FAA safety and security requirements. Ironically, because the airport is out of compliance, the city can’t get the funding necessary to bring it into compliance.

Kimmel said part of the struggle has been constant change in FAA planning leadership. The standstill has lasted for at least four years, he said.

Although the city had created a facility plan to qualify for large amounts of federal funding, the council has had to turn back the money each year because of the airport’s shortcomings.

Kimmel said there have been few projects accomplished with FAA money in the past 10 years. The runway was crack-sealed, and a fencing project was mounted seven years ago. But, Kimmel said, the FAA stepped in and halted the fencing project while ordering the city to create a master plan.

“Then the FAA switched

regional offices from Seattle to Helena (Mont.), and the Helena office wanted another facilities plan.”

Kimmel said the city had already signed off on a fencing construction plan when the regional office relocation nixed the project.

Because of the lack of money to fulfill the master plan, airport users are frustrated with the lack of progress in improving the riverside facility.

But during last month’s council meeting, local pilot Gregg Garrett and others talked about a willingness to bring back work days like the ones that built the airport back in the 1950s with the likes of Frankie Garrett, Jay Jackson and Ray Mansisidor turning shovels to build an airstrip in one day.

“I don’t think any pilot here cares about the runway or fence,” Garrett said. “But we do want a segmented circle.”

Another pilot, Tim Farrell, said airport drainage is an issue, too.

Kitfox Aircraft owner John McBean pointed out that many pilots who use the Homedale facility have contacts in the asphalt industry, which could make repaving the strip easier under state jurisdiction.

The asphalt runway is deteriorating, and it’s too

short to meet some of the FAA regulations, Kimmel said. The FAA also requires a wildlife fence around the facility, but operating under the state agency through the Idaho Transportation Department would erase that mandate.

“The FAA said (the facility) can’t ever meet the standards,” Kimmel said.

Christoffersen said the facility footprint can’t be changed to accommodate a longer runway because of the proximity to the river. He also pointed out that relocating the airport to make compliance easier would be a multimillion-dollar project (\$15 million when the city last explored the option three years ago, not including the relocation of private hangars and commercial buildings).

The jurisdictional change from federal to state oversight would have to be approved by both the FAA and the state Division of Aeronautics, Kimmel said.

In the meantime, upgrades and repairs remain unfulfilled.

Public works supervisor Jacob Hyer said that a segmented circle and runway resurfacing are among the direst needs.

The segmented circle work is something that airport users can pitch in to accomplish. It entails a windsock and can

also be pulled off with a rock formation to help airborne pilots approaching the airport spot the device divulging the wind’s direction.

A shallow water table near the river causing wet sub-surface conditions has eroded the runway’s pavement, resulting in cracks and the emergence of weeds. Some pilots prefer to land in dirt rather than bumpy runway. The asphalt hasn’t been rehabilitated in a decade, Hyer said.

“Believe it or not, it’s not illegal to land in the dirt,” McBean said.

The state funding mechanism provides less of a percentage of grant money than federal funding would, meaning more matching funds from the city’s airport budget, but the state division has less-strict requirements for runway thickness, Hyer said.

For example, Kimmel said, FAA officials require a runway reconstruction with complete removal of the existing infrastructure; the state would allow less-expensive rehabilitation.

Changing to state oversight also develops the possibility of an ITD crew-in-training visiting the airport to resurface the runway for a fraction of the cost, Hyer said. The city would pay for the materials, and the

state agency would provide the labor and equipment.

McBean said there are at least 100 airports throughout the state that are under the Division of Aeronautics jurisdiction.

He added that the FAA’s National Plan for Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), which fuels the requirements under which the Homedale airport is burdened, applies to facilities for airplanes the likes of which would never land in Homedale.

“(State jurisdiction) gives users more flexibility if we coordinate and work together,” he said.

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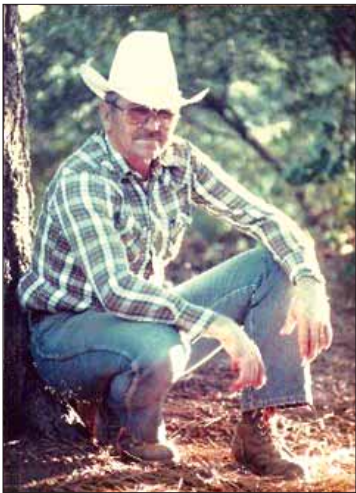
Obituary

Gary Deshazer

Gary Deshazer of Wilder, Idaho passed away from complications of kidney cancer and old age. Gary was born in Lewellen, Nebraska to Lester and Dorothy (Wolford) Deshazer. His mother Dorothy passed away a short time after childbirth. His father Lester travelled to Payette, Idaho later that year in search of work. Sometime thereafter, the family decided that Gary would remain in Nebraska and be raised by his grandparents Bud and Bessie Wolford. Gary was raised and worked as a cattle rancher in the sand hills north of Lewellen, Nebraska throughout his youth. At 18, he started his service in the US Air Force from 1956-1960. He served overseas in the Azores for an 18-month tour followed by two years stationed in Merced, California.

He married Waunita Louis Kleist in June of 1960 in Lewellen, Nebraska. They had two children, Kathy Joann and Randy Lee. Gary moved his family to Homedale, Idaho in February 1965 after being encouraged to seek work opportunities by two uncles living in the area. He held a few different jobs until going to work for the University of Idaho cattle experiment station in Caldwell, Idaho in 1969. He was the cattle feedlot manager there until his retirement in 2002.

Gary’s wife Waunita passed away due to an auto accident in October of 1977. Gary then married Sharon Brockett Savage in April of 1978. Together they finished raising a family of 5. Sharon passed away due to health complications in January 2012. After meeting at church, Gary then courted and married Roxie Barney Atkins in March 2014. They made their home south of Wilder until his death.



Gary is survived by his wife Roxie, daughter Kathy, son Randy, stepdaughter Brenda, grandchildren Lynnette, Matthew, Brandon, Jace, great-granddaughter Hazel, stepsister Dianne and multiple stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren on Roxie’s side.

Gary was a tough-as-nails cowboy. He loved cattle and horses and often recounted that “I guess I just got cows on the brain.” He was as hard a working man as you will ever meet (mowed the church lawn for 20 years up until this last year at the age of 86), rarely complained, honest, a loyal husband (till death do us part through three marriages), a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He experienced tribulation and loss in his life but endured gracefully, demonstrated resilience, was a strong role model and was a solid man to the end. God bless you, Dad, and may you be at peace rejoicing in the presence of the Lord in heaven and riding herd on your Hereford cattle ranch on your favorite horse.

A memorial service will be arranged at some point in early 2025. In lieu of flowers or other support, you may donate to Love Inc. in memory of Gary.

Death notices

RODNEY ALLEN HAWES JR., 86, who was raised in Marsing, died on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024. A graveside service was held on Friday, Dec. 20, 2024 at Pioneer Cemetery, 460 E. Warm Springs Ave., Boise. A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Meridian.

BRYAN MACK JOHNSON, 61, of Marsing, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

KENNETH WILLIAM NEESER, 64, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Calendar

Today
No events scheduled

Thursday
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
Girls’ basketball camp
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., 4th through 8th-graders Homedale High School auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. No registration required.
Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘New Year’s party,’ The Gathering Place, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Friday
Savers field trip
11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Adult book club
5 p.m., ‘Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte,’ Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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.
Awana youth Bible club
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Movie & popcorn,’ ages kindergarten through high school, Valley Christian Fellowship, 37866 Hwy 78, Grand View. Information: Amber Good, (208) 585-7694

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

Tuesday
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.)
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
Rusty and the Country Jammers perform
11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Card games
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.
Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting
1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
Gem Irrigation District meeting
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
South Board of Control meeting
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
Gem Highway District meeting
6 p.m., 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581
Homedale Highway District meeting
6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.

Wednesday
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
Labor Dept. bilingual employment services
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.
Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
12:30 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.
Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Thursday, Jan. 9
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.)
Therapy dog visit
10 a.m., to 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
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 high school gym, 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

Avalanche Sports

Opportunistic Trojans claim Nyssa girls' championship

Girls enter new year with three-game win streak

Using turnovers and transition, Homedale High School took down the Nyssa Christmas Tournament championship Saturday night in Oregon.

Coach Benji Sorenson's girls' basketball team ran its winning streak to three games with victories on three successive nights to close out 2024.

The Trojans beat Council, 56-43, on Saturday to clinch the championship.

Homedale (4-5 overall) scored 22 points off turnovers and 17 points in transition to hold the Lumberjacks (3-2) at bay.

The Trojans' defense was the primary cause of Council's ball-handling woes. Belen Asumendi's team-high six steals, and five thefts from Stella Heck accounted for more than half of Homedale's 20 steals.

Tiana Sorenson blocked two more shots, and Asumendi deflected three passes.

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Pair of Huskies wrestle to second

Two Marsing High School wrestlers carried silver medals on the short ride back from the Ron Johnshoy Invitational.

Taylor Izzard and Damian Leon lost only once in the round robin competitions of their respective pods to capture second place on Dec. 21 inside Potter Gymnasium in Melba.

Izzard won his first two bouts in the A pod at 106 pounds with pinfalls in the second period, but had to settle for runner-up status.

He suffered a narrow 5-3 loss to Vallivue's Seth Rodriguez in the third round of action that served as a *de facto* championship match.

In his other two matches, Izzard pinned two other Vallivue wrestlers coached by former Homedale state champion Nash Johnson. In the first round of bouts, Izzard got Harley Johnson in 3 minutes, 25 seconds. He pinned Raiden Luna at 3:45 in the second go-round.

Leon's Round 3 defeat at the hands of New Plymouth Gabe Howard proved to be the deciding factor in the 120A pod. Howard pinned the Huskies freshman 30 seconds into the third period.

Leon rolled in his four other matches, getting three

— See *Huskies*, page 9



Juan Ponce heads to the hoop in Marsing High School's season opener against Wendell last month.

Ponce leads running, gunning Marsing

Boys caught up in high-scoring losses

minutes.

Free throws were a big part of the story. Marsing dropped in 86.3 percent of its foul shots (19-for-22).

Teagan Kinney missed only one of six free-throw attempts and scored 16 points. He and Dresden Wood (13 points) grabbed seven rebounds apiece.

Jace Chadez converted all six of his free-throw chances on the way to 11 points.

Juan Ponce led the active hands on defense, knocking away eight passes and coming away with two steals. Chadez batted away three passes and had three steals. Kinney and Wood both knocked away four passes, and Mason Conger had three pass deflections and two steals.

Kinney, Chadez, and Ponce all fouled out as Marsing was whistled 21 times.

Dec. 20: Weiser 91, Marsing 81 — Juan Ponce exploded for 32 points, knocking down seven of eight free throws and banging in five three-point goals, but the Huskies couldn't control their non-conference visitors down the stretch.

The Wolverines (6-1) poured in 31 points in the fourth quarter to double its lead. Marsing managed 26 points over the frenetic final eight

HHS wrestlers mine multiple medals in Twin Falls

Six Homedale High School boys wrestled for medals Dec. 21 in Twin Falls.

Two freshmen — Jakobe Valle and Porter Swan — squared off for Wiley Dobbs Invitational championships.

Coach Luke Crockett's squad finished sixth out of 24 teams.

Valle (16-1) was successful at 98 pounds, pinning fellow ninth-grader Nathan Hewett from Highland of Idaho Falls in 1 minute, 27 seconds.

Swan (16-2) fell to Preston unbeaten junior Krew Keller, 7-2, in the 106 title bout.

One of the four Trojans who competed for fifth-place medals came home with the prize. Freshman Braelyn Arredondo (15-5) pinned Twin Falls ninth-grader Elam Russell in 2:21.

Three other HHS wrestlers reached the fifth-place match and lost:

- **132 pounds** — Junior Lane Zehr (5-4) lost by technical fall against Elko, Nev.'s Gabriel Flores. Flores got the requisite margin of victory, 19-4, halfway through the third period.
- **138** — Another 11th-grader, Wylee Bidiman (9-4) lost when Elko senior Demetrius Ruiz secured a pin at 1:29.
- **215** — Junior Grady Walgamott (5-7) battled Kuna 11th-grader Beau Steel before bowing, 1-0, in one of the most dramatic matches of the two-day tournament.

Valle reached the championship match at 98 after a 66-second pin of Kuna's Maddox Anderson in the semifinals.

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Sports

✓ Trojans: Spread-out scoring helps Homedale win 3 games in Oregon

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Four Trojans starters scored all but two of the team's points in the tournament final.

Stephanie Quezada connected on six of 10 shots and shared the team scoring lead of 15 points. The duo popped three three-point goals apiece, too.

Sorenson hit a trey and scored 13 points, while Asumendi carded a three-pointer on the way to 11 points. Asumendi also led the team with three steals.

Heck collected seven of her team-best eight rebounds on offense, while Quezada pulled

down five of her seven boards on the defensive end.

Council's Ava Eppich went 4-for-4 from the foul line and led all scorers with 19 points. She completed a double-double with 14 rebounds.

Dec. 20: Homedale 49, Salmon River 22 — A big second quarter propelled the Trojans to a second consecutive victory in the Nyssa Christmas Tournament.

Trailing 8-5 after the first eight minutes, Homedale outscored the Savages, 27-9, in the middle of the game.

The Trojans took advantage

of Salmon River's paltry 10 percent field-goal shooting and scored 30 points either through turnovers or in transition.

"I thought the game was our best effort of the year, especially on the defensive end where we frustrated them and didn't let them get comfortable with what they wanted to do," HHS coach Benji Sorenson said.

Stella Heck led the way with 13 points and added seven rebounds.

Freshman Whitlee Burch led the board work with eight rebounds, including seven on defense.

Junior post Tiana Sorenson chipped in 10 points and ruled on defense with eight blocked shots and four rebounds.

Junior Stephanie Quezada had six rebounds, three pass deflections and three steals.

Taylor Ewing paced the Savages with seven points and nine rebounds (including six on the offensive glass).

Dec. 19: Homedale 56, Ontario, Ore., 33 — The Trojans started the Nyssa tournament with another blowout victory behind three juniors who reached double figures in scoring.

Sorenson led the way, pouring in 18 points.

Asumendi, put in 14 points, and Quezada scored 11 points.

Burch came through with nine points.

Homedale limited the Tigers to 12 points over the middle 16 minutes of the contest.

The Trojans played team ball with 15 assists, including four each from Stella Heck, Sorenson, and Quezada.

Quezada led the team with six rebounds and eight steals.

Macy Rodriguez scored 13 points to lead Ontario.

✓ HHS: Two Trojans win medals in girls' tournament

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Swan's road to the 106 final included a 4-2 win over Burley's Kian Kanekoa in the semifinals and a 12-3 major decision against Highland's Rhilan Mays in the quarterfinals.

Arredondo rallied with consolation victories against two Highland wrestlers. He pinned Derek Williams in 2:12 and stopped Mathew Hewett with a 16-1 technical fall at 3:26.

Zehr posted three victories,

pinning Minico's Corbyn Morris in 3:36 of their second-round match in the championship bracket before rallying in the consolation bracket with a 21-6 technical fall against Buhl's Dryssen Loos and a 2:27 pin of Highlands Kadin Boyce.

Bidiman's only two losses in the 138 bracket were to Ruiz, who pinned the HHS wrestler in 3:24 of their quarterfinal bout.

He reached the quarterfinals with a 16-1 tech fall at 3:48 vs.

Minico's Elias Armendarez then fought toward the consolation semis with a 46-second pin of Minico's Simon Vail.

Girls

Matti Bidiman medaled for the third time in as many high school tournaments she has entered.

She placed fourth at the Wiley Dobbs after an 11-2 major decision loss to fellow freshman Olivia Gutierrez from Jerome.

Another ninth-grader, Elizabeth Harper (3-3), lost the 120-pound fifth-place match when Mountain Home's Zoey Owens pulled off a pin in 41 seconds.

Harper posted three victories, all by pinfall, including two in the consolation bracket to reach the fifth-place match.

Bidiman logged five victories, including a 16-1 technical fall against Kimberly's Maciee Youree and a 36-second pin of Elko's Braylynn Vera.

Mikaiala Aberasturi had a busy weekend at 114 pounds before bowing out ahead of the medal round.

She pinned Glenns Ferry's Brooklyn Stephan in 1:21 then battled in the consolation bracket with three consecutive victories — pins of Elko's Natalie Boster (4:02) and Glenns Ferry's Lucy Thomas (52 seconds) and an 8-4 decision against Trojans teammate Kylee Montenegro.

Montenegro pinned Lilliana Apodaca of Elko in 2:59 for her only victory of the weekend.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Boys' basketball
Angel Contreras, sr., G
6 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals vs. Nyssa, Ore.
Inspired Portraits by Kyla



Girls' basketball
Whitlee Burch, fr., F
Averaged 5.3 points, 4.7 rebounds in Nyssa tourney
Inspired Portraits by Kyla



Wrestling
Jakobee Valle, fr., 98 pounds
Won Wiley Dobbs championship

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball Varsity Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. Gooding, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 at Payette, 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. Gooding, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 at Payette, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 6 p.m. Frsh-soph Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. Gooding, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 at Payette, noon Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 4:30 p.m.	Boys' basketball Varsity Saturday, Jan. 4 at Emmett, 3 p.m. Junior varsity Saturday, Jan. 4 at Emmett, 1:30 p.m. Frsh-soph Saturday, Jan. 4 at Emmett, noon Wrestling Coed Friday, Jan. 3 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Nyssa, Ore., 5:30 p.m.
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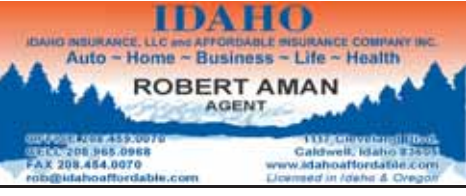
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Sports

Huskies girls survive Wendell's charge

Marsing High School held off Wendell Dec. 21 for its second consecutive girls' basketball victory.

The Huskies survived a back-and-forth first quarter and rolled out to a big lead before hanging on for a 38-35 non-conference win on their home court.

A 12-4 run through the second quarter gave Marsing (6-5) a 12-point lead.

The Trojans held the Huskies to just nine points after halftime.

Ashlyn Porter fired in three three-point shots for her nine points. She

also snagged four rebounds.

Adyson Chadez hit a long-range shot and led Marsing with 11 points. She was 4-for-5 from the free-throw line and came away with a steal and three rebounds.

Bailey Daugherty added six points and six rebounds.

Carter crashes boards in Melba's latest win

Tariah Carter swarmed the basket for a double-double of 19 points and 14 rebounds in Melba High School's 52-39 non-conference win over Fruitland on Dec. 20.

Mack Rose scored 15 points and snagged nine rebounds and three steals.

Melba (9-3) has won two games in a row.

✓ Marsing: Boys surpass 80 points again after not doing it for 15 years

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trying to run with the reigning state champions.

The Huskies scored 25 points in the first quarter, but the Archers sustained its high-scoring ability throughout an 85-64 win in a 3A Western Idaho Conference game played in Marsing.

Marsing (5-2 overall, 1-1 in conference) piled up 50 points in the first and third quarters,

but Ambrose held the Huskies to 14 points in the other 16 minutes of the contest.

Ponce continued his fiery start to the season, racking up 28 points while taking 31 shots. He knocked in three three-point goals and drained five of eight free throws. The junior also collected nine rebounds and three steals and dished three assists.

Kinney scored 14 points, and

Jace Chadez added 12 points. Wood kicked in eight points. Kinney pulled down eight rebounds, and Chadez hit a couple treys.

Levi Aristizbal collected six of his seven rebounds on defense, and Kinney snagged eight boards and knocked away four passes. Wood broke up four passes, and Ponce led the defense with three steals. Chadez had five pass defenses.

Dec. 19: Marsing 62, Payette 11 — Ponce led the way again with 19 points, piling up 15 points on five three-pointers. He was 1-for-10 from inside the perimeter on his home floor.

Chadez hit a three-pointer and missed only once on five two-point attempts to score 11 points.

Ryen Walker scored six points, and Juan Molina added

✓ Huskies: Teammates compete for the same prize in 126-pound division

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opening-round pins and a technical fall.

He pinned Vallivue's Preston Irwin at the end of the first round then got Nyssa, Ore.'s Juan Santos seven seconds before the end of their opening period.

Leon dominated Vallivue's Ethan Palmer with an 18-1 technical fall before pinning Declan Butler of Bishop Kelly

in 55 seconds.

Ray Arriaga went 3-2 to finish third in 150B. He posted three consecutive pins to start the tournament — 1:06 against Nampa Christian's Eli Nelson; 2:29 over Vallivue's Jason Dodge; and 2:55 over Rocky Mountain's Porter Price.

Dally Allen finished third at 190B when he beat Ridgevue's Boston Tuft, 10-4, in the bronze

medal bout.

Coach Juan Garcia had two wrestlers in the 126B pod, and Haidyn Carver's tournament-opening pin of Maxamus Ball (1:10) proved to be the difference between fourth place and fifth place for the Huskies teammates.

Peyton Showalter finished fourth at 175B after a round robin day. He went 2-3 with

pins against Nyssa's Layne Flaherty (2:48) and Vallivue's Ezekiel Arreola (3:15).

Ryan Baxter (285B) and Julian Ponce (144C) finished fifth in their pods.

Baxter pinned Melba's Jess Fuquay in 5:22 for his only victory of the day.

Like Baxter, Ponce won only his first bout of the tournament, stopping Jiraiya Olson of

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week



Boys' basketball
Teagan Kinney, sr., G
12.7 points, 8 rebounds in 3 games before break



Girls' basketball
Ashlyn Porter, sr., G
9 points, 4 rebounds vs. Wendell



Wrestling
Ryan Baxter, jr., 285 pounds
Finished fifth at Johnshoy Invitational

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 4 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 4 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Dec. 28 at Wendell, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Saturday, Dec. 28 at Wendell, 1:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Saturday, Dec. 28 at Wendell, noon

Wrestling
Boys
Saturday, Dec. 28 at Juston Wolfe Invitational, Glenns Ferry



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Commentary

Protecting Idaho businesses
Feds overreach with reinstated reporting rule

In Idaho, we take immense pride in being the least-regulated state in the nation, which has led to unprecedented economic growth and job creation. The federal government could take a page from our book by repealing the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA), which puts unnecessary regulation on the backs of Idaho’s small businesses.

As Idaho’s Secretary of State, I have the privilege of working closely with our business community, both big and small. My office oversees Idaho’s business registration system, which has fostered trust and transparency, allowing businesses to engage confidently with one another. Most of these are small businesses that are the lifeblood of Idaho’s economy and the cornerstone of our communities. For decades, our system has worked to strengthen our economy and protect our business community.

Through the new CTA, a federal deadline is looming that would impact nearly every small business in Idaho. On Dec. 23, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a nationwide injunction and stay, putting the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) back on track with a mandate that all small business owners report detailed “beneficial ownership information” to the federal government by today. Failure to comply could result in steep fines or, worse — accusations of aiding criminal activities like terrorism.

The intent behind the CTA and these new reporting requirements is to combat money laundering, terrorism, and other crimes. While addressing these threats is important, this program goes too far. It assumes guilt rather than innocence, treating every small business owner as a potential criminal unless they prove otherwise.

Since these regulations were announced, our office has heard from thousands of Idaho’s small business owners who are confused and frustrated. They struggle to make sense of the program’s requirements and how they apply to their businesses. This level of uncertainty is unacceptable, especially when it concerns their livelihoods.

— See *Overreach*, Page 11

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State
Republican

McGrane was elected Idaho’s twenty-eighth Secretary of State and took office on Jan. 2, 2023. McGrane served as elected Clerk of Ada County from 2019 to 2022. McGrane holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy, a juris doctorate, and a Master of Public Administration. As a fourth-generation Idahoan, Phil has dedicated his career to making elections in the state of Idaho accessible, secure and transparent.



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.

Agriculture in the stores
New tools answer consumers’ questions about their food

The agricultural industry has a growing challenge — and a budding opportunity to solve it. According to a recent study, only 24 percent of U.S. adults have a high degree of trust in the information they get about how their food is produced. For Generation Z, that figure falls to 17 percent.

As younger generations begin developing lifelong shopping habits, they are showing an ever-greater interest in how agricultural products make it to their tables.

But farming hasn’t entirely overcome its challenges with transparency. Consumers typically have little more to go on than their vendors’ word — even butchers, fishmongers, and greengrocers often lack reliable information.

Add to that two generations of a steady rotation of new dietary fads and nutritional recommendations, and many consumers ended up confused about what they were putting on their plates.

But we are entering a new era of transparency. Veterinary medical and technological tools can now promote healthier animals, more sustainable farming, and a higher degree of traceability — to the benefit of farmers and consumers alike.

For U.S. agriculture to continue thriving, it needs to build public confidence. According to a recent survey, nearly two in three consumers believe more transparency is needed in the animal protein industry, especially when it comes to meat and seafood products. In choosing to purchase specific products, the same share of consumers regard sustainability and animal welfare as important factors.

Fortunately, gathering data and information on these topics is becoming easier than ever before.

Jeroen van de Ven, DVM
Merck Animal Health

Van de Ven is vice president, global marketing and technology solutions, at Merck Animal Health. This column originally ran in the Detroit News.



Let’s start with tracing food back to its origins. Technologies like DNA TraceBack are fostering real transparency within the food system, using DNA-based technology to cut through the complexity of supply chains and provide traceability from farm to table. Platforms like these provide verifiable information for producers, processors, and retailers.

Meanwhile, advancements in medicines, technologies, and treatments have greatly improved animal welfare in recent years. Healthier animals yield more protein using fewer resources — improving the sustainability of the production process.

For instance, some technologies use sensors to record images and sound, while measuring an animal’s heart rate and physical vitality. Sophisticated software tools are being applied to analyze the data. Using these tools is known as “precision livestock farming,” and it helps farmers provide animals with

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Commentary

Financial management

Written goals, plans make resolutions easier to keep

Dear Dave,
Do you have any advice for sticking with your goals and New Year’s resolutions? I always have great things in mind to shoot for in December, but then they always seem to fall by the wayside before spring.

— Rae

Dear Rae,
Believe it or not, setting goals and making them happen is easier than most people think. You just need to keep a few guidelines in mind at the beginning of the process.
The first guideline is to be specific. What do you want to achieve? And be super specific when you answer that question. Things like “eat healthier” or “read more”

are too vague. Instead, try something like “cut eating out to twice a week” or “read for at least 30 minutes every night before bed.” Also, look out for any roadblocks that could keep you from reaching your goal, and make a plan to knock them out of the way.
No. 2: Make your goals measurable. A goal like “lose weight” has no target attached to it. But “lose 20 pounds” has a clear finish line. You can also break your goal-setting into bite-size chunks. Give yourself daily, weekly and monthly steps to take. Focus on those, and when you accomplish one, tackle the next.
Three, set a time limit. You need a finish line, so take your goal, create a plan and break it all the way down into daily



activities. Then, give yourself a deadline. You might say, “I want to lose 25 pounds by Dec. 31, 2025.” To lose those 25 pounds by your deadline, figure out things like how many times you need to work

out each week and how many calories to eat in a day.
No. 4: Make sure the goals are yours. Trying to achieve someone else’s goals for your life never works. Why? Because working hard is hard work. You won’t have the drive to stick with it if it’s something you aren’t not passionate about.
Finally, set your goals down in writing. Something special happens when you write down specific goals. Seeing them plainly in front of you hammers it home in a way nothing else will. There’s a reason God said, “Write the vision, and make it plain,” in Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV). Get those goals down on paper, along with all the steps it’ll take to make them happen.
And hey, don’t beat yourself

up if you get a little off track, Rae. Keep your chin up and your eyes on the prize. As long as you stay focused on the end goal and keep taking steps — even small ones in the right direction — you’ll eventually turn those goals into reality.
— 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.

Idaho Range Livestock Symposium returns on Tuesday

The Idaho Range Livestock Symposium will be held at the Owyhee County Community Center at the county fairgrounds in Homedale on Tuesday. We have a great lineup of topics and speakers.
Symposium sign-in is 9 a.m., and the program runs from 9:30 a.m., to 3 p.m.



Scott Jensen

Virtual fencing is one of the most promising tools for livestock grazing management on rangelands to be developed in a long time. Three different individuals managing livestock grazing on rangelands from across Idaho will share their “real world” experiences with virtual fencing.
Juniper encroachment in rangelands is an ongoing issue across southern Idaho. Multiple projects have begun to chip away at the juniper issue. Dr. Jon Bates will discuss the ecological benefits of juniper

University of Idaho Extension
per control.
Invasive annual grasses such as medusahead and cheatgrass continue to threaten our rangelands. Last year, we discussed a collaborative Oregon State University/University of Idaho study using dormant-season grazing to reduce these grasses. This year, we have invited Dr. Harry Quicke from Envu to discuss herbicide options for control.
Dr. Lauren Christensen,

University of Idaho veterinarian, will discuss herd health concerns and intervention during calving season. Dr. Christensen is a very engaging speaker with excellent knowledge and experience in all aspects of beef cattle health.
University of Idaho Extension researchers will share results from a targeted grazing study conducted in Southeast Idaho. Just what can we expect in animal performance when using cattle to help manage annual grasses? There are some very interesting find-

ings.
Cost is \$10 and pre-registration is required. The complete flyer can be found and registration completed at uidaho.edu/rangesymposium. We hope to see you there!
— Marsing resident and former University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator Scott Jensen is Area Extension Educator-Range out of the College of Natural Resources, IWC 242, 322 E. Front St., Boise, and can be reached at (208) 364-4623.

✓ Food: Precision livestock farming can give consumers data they seek

From Page 10
appropriate nutrition and veterinary care.
In addition to helping improve animal health and welfare, monitoring technologies enable farmers to reduce disease outbreaks. About a fifth of the world’s animal protein is lost to disease every year — enough to feed 1.6 billion people. And globally, for every two cattle vaccinated to prevent disease, one fewer person goes hungry.
Stopping outbreaks is another way farmers raise livestock with fewer resources and less waste. The

more resources used to raise cattle or poultry, the greater the strain on the environment.
Precision livestock farming also gives agriculturalists the kind of information consumers want. For example, a farmer can know exact quantities of resources going into raising a flock of chickens, and how those numbers compare to previous flocks. Data like water use per chicken, feed intake per chicken, or even environmental conditions within poultry houses are now quantifiable.
When it comes to cattle, this technology can

monitor milk production and composition, along with the quality of meat. Letting consumers trace how animals were raised will make it easier to align dietary choices with values.
As global meat consumption continues to rise, farmers are working continuously to be more efficient. Consumers, meanwhile, have the option to choose brands that demonstrate high standards of animal health, welfare, and sustainable farming.
Combined, these practices will benefit our planet for generations to come.

✓ Overreach: Sen. Risch legislation would repeal onerous requirement

From Page 10
The federal government’s roll-out of this program has been marked by confusion and frustration. Neither state governments nor our federal counterparts seem to fully understand the complexities of the new requirements fully, yet Secretaries of State across the country are tasked with notifying businesses of these obligations. Many of us feel this role is uncomfortable and unjust.
Adding to the frustration, a U.S. District Court issued

a nationwide injunction halting the implementation of the CTA, which the Biden Administration successfully appealed. Idaho businesses deserve a permanent remedy from this overbearing federal overreach.
I’m encouraged by Idaho Sen. Jim Risch’s sponsorship of Senate Bill 4297, Repealing the Big Brother Overreach Act. I hope other states will join in this effort. There is still time to course-correct and alleviate this program’s unnecessary burden on

small businesses. I believe in Idaho’s congressional delegation and their ability to stand up for the interests of our state’s business community.
Small business owners deserve respect, trust, and support — not suspicion and fear. It’s time for the federal government to focus on policies that empower our business community to thrive, not ones that hinder their success. Let’s work together to ensure Idaho remains a place where small businesses can continue to prosper and drive our state’s incredible growth.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 5, 2000

Point...

Rimrock Raider Mila Basabe works through Melba Mustang defense during last week's Melba Christmas Tournament. Basabe led the Raiders with 15 points for the third place victory.



Local athlete honored with champions

Homedale High School senior Jessica Zatica dined with several athletic champions to receive the Harry LeMoyne Award presented to her during the induction ceremony of this year's class of Hall of Fame inductees.

Zatica was a guest at the Humanitarian Bowl and the Breakfast of Champions last Wednesday and had the honor of escorting baseball Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew, who was awarded athlete of the century, along with downhill skier Picabo Street. The late Wilma Rudolph, Tony Gwynn and Tom Landry were also inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Zatica was nominated by Homedale High School for her excellence in service, leadership, academics and athletics through the Idaho High School Activities Association.

Zatica is a two-time, all-conference first-team selection in volleyball and helped the Trojans become two-time WIC champions. She was chosen in 1998 for the BSU All-Camp Team and MVP for the Timbermen Tournament team. Zatica is a scholar athlete, involved in club volleyball with Club Idaho.

Trojans place third at Fruitland tourney

The Weiser Wolverines held the Homedale Trojans in a tight non-conference boys' basketball game Dec. 21, taking a third-quarter edge for an 84-70 victory. The Trojans came back from a 52-48 loss to Ontario in the first round of the Fruitland Christmas tournament last week to take a huge 70-29 victory over Gooding for the third-place title.

Andrew Endicott led Homedale with 19 points on three field goals against Weiser.

Mustangs secure High Desert title, beat Huskies

The Jordan Valley Mustangs ran away with a 58-30 victory over Crane to seal the High Desert Shootout title on Dec. 18 and made a fourth-quarter jump to defeat the Marsing Huskies 61-50 on Dec. 22.

Sam Mackenzie scored 15 points, and Jeff Anderson added 11 for the team's third tournament title this season.

Mike Freese added nine points for the Mustangs. Marsing traveled to Jordan Valley to meet the Mustangs in a physical non-conference basketball game. Jordan Valley improved to 9-0.

Marsing controlled the first three quarters of the game, leading 25-23 at halftime.

Sam Mackenzie, who led the Mustangs with 16 points, poured in 10 of his points in the fourth, while Josh Bruce scored six of his 10 in the fourth quarter to help secure the win.

40 years ago

January 2, 1985



Pictured with some of the many gifts that were dropped off at the Owyhee Chronicle office for the Caring and Sharing program sponsored by the Homedale Mayor and City Council are (from left) Councilman Tom Murray Jr., Owyhee Chronicle staff member Clara Branen, and Mayor Paul Fink.

Fire district election date is February 18

The Murphy area is much closer to complete fire protection with the anticipated establishment of a Murphy-Reynolds Creek fire protection area.

A public hearing was held on Dec. 24 by the county commissioners. Several persons opposed the proposed fire area, but for the most part, the response was very supportive, Owyhee County Clerk Barbara Jayo said. An election by the voters will occur on February 18, and with acceptance, the commissioners would establish a fire board for Murphy and the outlying areas.

The new fire district would not come a minute too soon, according to Joe VanWassenhove of the Marsing Fire District. Without an established fire district, the only vehicle that Marsing may bring in on fires is a "brush buggy," a small four-wheel-drive truck with 250 gallons of water. One man constructed a water tanker and pump that was used on the Jacobsen Mill fire. VanWassenhove said the combination of the buggy and the tanker helped save around \$40,000 in property at the fire several months ago.

Still, if a large fire occurred in the Givens Hot Springs locality, the Marsing department would be legally unable to travel there, he said.



Rick Shanley and John Krzesnik, new owners of the Homedale Feed Co.

New Homedale Feed owners to expand

New and bigger things are in the offing in 1985 at the Homedale Feed Co. as the new partnership of Rick Shanley and John Krzesnik take on the management. The business transferred ownership officially the second week of December, and the new owners plan immediate expansion, including the relocation of a 14-fleet Caldwell-based trucking company employing 18 people to the Homedale Feed Co. site.

Rick Shanley Trucking, Inc. will conjugate with the Homedale Feed operation as soon as a new 50 x 100 ft. truck shop can be constructed. The established trucking business will continue to offer transport services to areas covering the entire Northwest.

150 years ago

January 2, 1875

A Christmas Sleighride.

Dr. Colmache is the possessor of a tip-top rig, consisting of a splendid horse, elegant harness, nice sleigh, fine buffalo robes and other appurtenances. On Christmas day he invited Jerry Philip to take a drive with him to the Mountain, and away they went. The doctor is a very good driver and they reached Fairview without any mishap. After making a number of Christmas calls, they started on their return to Silver, when Jerry requested the doctor to let him take the reins, representing that he was an "experienced driver," and hinting that, with him hold of the ribbons, there would be no danger of upsetting. Jerry was accordingly permitted to take the reins. All went well enough till they got about half way round the grade above the South Chariot mill, when over went the sleigh, and away went Dr. Colmache end over end, never letting up till he landed ker-thump on his back in front of Charley Miller's residence, fully a quarter of a mile from where the capsized took place. The jar caused by the doctor falling in such close proximity to the house brought Mrs. Miller to the door in time to see him making strenuous efforts to regain his perpendicularity. The lady asked the man of pills what he was doing there and he replied that he had come to make a Christmas call. She then asked him where his horse was, and he told her that he came the cut-off down the hill on foot. Finally regaining his feet, he limped into the house and made his "call," after which he returned to the scene of the turnover, where Jerry had been holding the horse about an hour and was almost frozen to death. Jerry says that, as a grand and lofty tumbler, Dr. Colmache cannot be beat.

OUR JUDGES.

Last week we made mention of the fact that Hon. M. E. Hollister had been nominated by the President for the Chief Justiceship of Idaho Territory, and at the same time we expressed the hope that the nomination would be confirmed. We have since also learned that John Clark, of North Idaho, has been nominated for Associate Justice, to fill the place to be made vacant by the proposed appointment of Judge Hollister to the Chief Justiceship. It is understood that Senator Jones, of Nevada, secured this nomination for Mr. Clark, they having been misting partners at one time in California, and warm personal friends. We know nothing of Mr. Clark, and would much rather have seen Judge Prickett appointed to the position. So far as we know neither of the nominations has yet been confirmed, although they most likely will be immediately upon the reassembling of Congress next week.

THE NEW YEAR, 1875.

Another year has been labeled and filed away in the archives of the past, and another chapter of our lives, whether for good or evil, is placed on "perpetual record." It has been a year of successes to come, reverence to others. To all, it has brought its sorrow or its joy. Many of our loved and cherished friends have solved the problem of eternity, and the coming year will unfold the same mystery to many who are now filled with high hopes and aspirations. It is the time when the thoughtful will take counsel with themselves, and brighten up the good resolutions they may have often made, and take a new departure in the drama of life. Trusting that, no matter what may have been the vicimitudes of the past, the future may be bright and cheering, we greet all our friends and patrons, and wish them a "Happy New Year."

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On January 22, 2025 beginning at 9:30 am, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, The Commission will hear application Z25-10 filed by **Lawsen Matteson** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to divide a previously permitted second dwelling to create two individual parcels from this 11.62 acre parcel located at 1526 Hill Road, Homedale. The subject parcel, RP04N06W256750, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SESW¼ of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:00 am, The Commission will hear application Z25-09 filed by **Dellon & Ruth Smith** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to convert an existing shop into a second dwelling on a 5.62 acre parcel located at 8682 State Hwy 78, Marsing. The subject parcel, RP02N04W364120, is in a residential zone in a portion of the SWNW¼ of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am, The Commission will hear application Z25-07 filed by **Ryan Nash** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to construct a second single-family dwelling on a 9.85 acre parcel located at 2927 Durango Drive, Homedale. The subject parcel, RP03N05W054220, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SENW¼ of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, The Commission will hear application Z25-08 filed by **Ulises Barbosa** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a 1-lot residential subdivision on a 4.83 acre parcel located south of 12660 Rocky Top Lane, Melba. The subject parcel, RP01S03W143230, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SWNW¼ of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. The proposed projects are available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.

01/01/2025

BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 2024 Synopsis
November 4

- Approved the claims report as presented for \$161,327.04: Current Expenses-\$71,389;R&B Fund-\$45,769; Dist. Court-\$580; Fair, County-\$27; Fair, Grounds and Buildings-\$229; Probation-\$1,933; Historical Society & Museum-\$342; I&C-\$6,399; Pest-\$3,500; Revaluation-\$1,081; Solid Waste-\$27,259; Waterways Fund-\$1,780; Off Hwy Vehicles-

\$988; Capital Project Fund/ ARPA-\$50.

- Approved the minutes from the October 28th, 2024 meeting.

- Approved the Thank You Letter to Anna Ousley for her time on the County Fair Board and acceptance of resignation.

- Approved the County Resolution 2024-37- Temporary Closure of Hyde St for Bruneau Cowboy Christmas.

- Approved a quote from Crossfire Fencing in the amount \$7,321 for a fence around the new parking lot at the County Fairgrounds.

- Approved the revised estimate from CS Techs in the amount of \$4,257.71 for a replacement ice machine for the County Jail.

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Indigent Healthcare Solutions for jail indigent health care pricing.

- Approved the Tax Cancellation for parcel RP03N05W240710 in the amount of \$624.71.

- At 11:32 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 11:45 a.m. No action taken.

- At 11:46 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 11:59 a.m. No action taken.

- At 12:02 p.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (b) personnel. Open session was resumed at 12:15 p.m. No action taken.

- At 12:15 p.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (b) personnel. Open session was resumed at 12:37 p.m. No action taken.

- Approved the catering permit for Swanky Saloon for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas on November 9 & 10, 2024 for the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Bachman opposed.

- Approved the catering permit for Y Knot Winery for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas on November 9 & 10, 2024 for the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Bachman opposed.

November 12

- Approved the claims report as presented for \$108,296.42: Current Expenses-\$17,036; R&B Fund-\$5,024; Dist. Court-\$5,393; Probation-\$218; Historical Society & Museum-\$100; I&C-\$1,332; Revaluation-\$513; Solid Waste-\$45; Waterways Fund-\$301; Capital Project Fund/ ARPA-\$78,334.

- Approved the minutes from the November 4th, 2024 meeting.

- Approved the Owyhee County Juvenile Corrections 2024 Annual Report for October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

- Approved the Chairman’s signature for the Board on the Owyhee County Juvenile Corrections 2024 Annual Report for October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

- Approved County Resolution 2024-38 – Transfer of Fiscal Year 2024.

- Approved nomination of Commissioner Aberasturi for the Gem Plan Board of Trustees Elected Official Member At-large. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Commissioner Aberasturi abstained. Motion carried.

- Approved the Chairman’s signature for the Board on the nomination of Commissioner Aberasturi for the Gem Plan Board of Trustees Elected Official

Member At-large.

- Approved the letter of support for Josh Uriarte as a Member of BLM Public Land Rule.

- Approved the Johnson Controls Proposal & Service Agreement for a new fire alarm panel in the County Jail in the amount of \$11,893 and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the tax cancellation for parcel RPD0040008003A in the amount of \$603.46, due to exemption being removed in error.

- Approved the tax cancellation for parcel RPD06000000100 in the amount of \$160.12, due to exemption being originally only partially applied.

- Approved the tax cancellation for twenty-four (24) parcels in the amount of \$15,136.56, due to homeowner’s exemptions being turned in after Abstract, in accordance with House Bill 562.

November 18

- Approved the claims report as presented in the amount of \$152,138.70: Current Expenses-\$53,162; R&B Fund-\$3,034; Dist. Court-\$742; Probation-\$40; Historical Society & Museum-\$1,107; I&C-\$750; Weeds-\$7,650; 911-\$6,467; Waterways Fund-\$970; Elections, Taxing District Fund-\$50,000; Self-Insurance Fund-\$28,217.

- Approved the catering permit for beer only for The Spot Pizza for the County Historical Society Committee Christmas Tree Lighting at the County Museum & Library on November 22, 2024, for 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Approved the County Resolution 2024-40 Terminating Disaster Declaration for Salmon Creek Road Bridge.

- Approved the Mountain Home Auto Ranch Applications for Certificate of Title for three (3) new Ford Pickups – CO8277346, CO8277347, & CO8277348 – in the amount of \$47,372 each for a total of \$142,116.00.

- Approved the Solid Waste partial cancellation for the property tax reduction program for parcel MHDMM004015005B in the amount of \$32.50.

- At 9:40 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 9:47 a.m. No action taken.

- Approved County Resolution 2024-39 – Resolution to Re-open Budget.

November 25

- Amended the agenda to add under ‘Old Business’ the remaining two (2) Ford Pickup Applications for Certificate of Title with Mountain Home Auto Ranch.

- Approved the Mountain Home Auto Ranch Applications for Certificate of Title for two (2) new Ford Pickups – CO8277336 & CO8277337 – in the amount of \$47,372 each for a total of \$94,744.00.

- Approved the claims report as presented in the amount of \$208,330.33: Current Expenses-\$34,902; R&B Fund-\$7,755; Dist. Court-\$156; Fair, Grounds and Buildings-\$126; I&C-\$552; Solid Waste-\$22; Waterways Fund-\$407; Elections, Taxing District Fund-\$450; Capital Project Fund/ ARPA-\$163,961.

- Approved the minutes from the November 12th, 2024 meeting.

- Approved the minutes from the November 18th, 2024 meeting.

- Approved the Juvenile Justice

Annual Financial Report.

- Approved the Chairman’s Signature for the Board on the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report.

- Approved the janitorial services annual contract with Lora Woodward for the County Justice Center, in the amount of \$30 per hour.

- Approved the County Resolution 2024-41 – Resolution to Sell Owyhee County Sheriff’s 1973 Pinzgauer Truck Through a Public Auction on an Online Platform.

- Approved a vote for Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi as the Gem Plan Board of Trustees Member-at-Large, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the ID Public Safety Communications Staff authorization to remove the Tower at the Museum.

- Approved the M2Automation proposal for Marsing DMV security upgrades for the total amount of \$29,489.96, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

- Approved the Sheriff’s new hire of Nathan Gruver for full-time Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$21.29 per hour, effective December 2, 2024.

- Approved the solid waste cancellation for parcel RP01N03W170606 in the amount of \$65.00, due to this being a bare ground parcel and should not have the solid waste tax.

- Approved the tax cancellation for parcel RP01N03W200041 in the amount of \$686.40, due to exemption being removed in error.

- Approved the tax cancellation for seventeen (17) parcels in the amount of \$8,741.82, due to homeowner’s exemptions being turned in after Abstract, in accordance with House Bill 562.

- Approved certificates of residency 24-10 and 24-11 to the College of Southern Idaho.

- Approved the homeowners tax reduction credit for two (2) parcels due to it being removed in error after a merge and split in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, in the amount of \$1,012.89.

- Approved the homeowner’s exemption on parcel RP01N03W200041 for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of 713.70 and fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$761.08.

- Approved the homeowner’s exemption on parcel RPD0040008003A for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$417.02 and fiscal year 2023 in the amount of 545.62.

01/01/2025

LIEN SALE
Will Pryor. 4030 River Resort Drive #22, Homedale, ID 83628, WWII era Willy’s Jeep. Serial No. 57548 21968
Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Auction will close at 1pm on

Saturday, January 11th 2025
01/01,08/2025

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV37-24-00389
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE COURT
IN RE: JACQUELIN ANN SOTELO

A petition to change the name of, Jacquelin Ann Sotelo, now residing in the city of Homedale, State of Idaho, County of Owyhee. This notice has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, State of Idaho. The name change will be to, “Jacquelin Ann Montgomery.” The reason for the name change will be to establish her identity, to reflect her relationship to Jason Montgomery (Step-Father), and Brenna Montgomery (biological mother).

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:45 o’clock a.m., On January 21, 2025, at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 ID-78, Murphy, Idaho; 83650. This hearing will be held in front of the Honorable Judge Shane Darrington. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the proposed name change.

Date: 12/5/2024
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
12/25/2024;01/01,08,15/2025

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.
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Idaho State Bar No. 9173
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12/18,25/2024;01/01/2025



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LEGAL NOTICE
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1
ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 01, 2023	\$700,000
RECEIPTS	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property Tax Levy	\$113,535
Sale Of Assets	\$30,000
Interest Income	\$25,216
All Other Local Receipts Or Transfers In	\$19,082
Total Local Funding	\$187,833
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway User Revenue	\$854,259
Sales Tax/Inventory Replacement Tax	\$129,357
Sales Tax / Revenue Sharing	\$18,343
All Other State Receipts Or Transfers	\$806,711
Total State Funding	\$1,808,670
FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Federal-Aid Rural	\$0
Total Federal Funding	\$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,996,503
DISBURSEMENTS	
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	
Roads	\$278,511
Bridges, Culverts And Storm Drainage	\$50,404
Other	\$0
Total Reconstruction, Replacement	\$328,915
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip Sealing Or Seal Coating	\$445,660
Patching	\$14,505
Winter Maintenance	\$5,273
Grading/Blading	\$0
Bridge	\$0
Other	\$406
Total Routine Maintenance	\$465,844
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment Purchase	\$40,000
Equipment Lease/Purchase	\$110,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$69,991
Other	\$0
Total Equipment	\$219,991
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative Salaries And Expenses	\$237,889
OTHER EXPENDITURES	
Professional Services - Audit, Clerical And Legal	\$5,000
Professional Services - Engineering	\$5,000
Payments to Other Local Government	\$0
Total Other	\$10,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,262,639
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$700,000
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,397,257
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR SPECIFIC FUTURE PROJECTS	\$700,000
FUNDS RETAINED FOR GENERAL FUNDS AND OPERATIONS	\$697,257
ENDING BALANCE	\$0

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Gypsy Jackson library celebrates New Year’s, Emily Bronte’s writing

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library reopens Thursday in time for a Teens and Tweens New Year’s party.

The Teens and Tweens program, which is open to boys and girls ages 10-17, will be held from 5 p.m., to 6 p.m., inside The Gathering Place (formerly known as the Homedale Community Room), 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

On Friday, the library’s adult book club will discuss Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. The club meeting begins at 5 p.m., at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers, which runs from 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Monday at the library will feature a birthday bash.

Kelsey Tooke will read the story.

The library will play host to an adult beginning modern calligraphy class from 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 10.

Participants will learn how to get started in the craft to make greeting cards and more.

The cost is \$5, and materials are provided.

Call the library at (208) 337-4228 or drop by to sign up.

Oreana Catholic Mass schedule announced

Catholic Mass returns to a tiny Oreana chapel later this month.

St. Paul’s Parish has released the 2025 Mass schedule for Our Lady Queen of Heaven, which is located on Oreana Loop Road.

Mass is celebrated at 10 a.m., usually on the second Saturday of every month this year:

- Jan. 11
- Feb. 8

- March 8
- April 26
- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- Aug. 9
- Sept. 13
- Oct. 11
- Nov. 8
- Dec. 13

For more information, call St. Paul’s Parish in Nampa at (208) 466-7031.

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✓ Auction: Raffle tickets available; sale items sought

To contribute to the auction as a volunteer or by donating an item, call a committee member:

- Sheila Carter, (208) 337-2100
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For information and photos of auction items, visit www.marsingdisasterauction.org.

In addition to handmade quilts, home baked goods, canned goods, coats, jackets and other apparel, gift baskets, art, tools, toys and gift certificates to local businesses, there are some specific highlights heading to the auction block:

- Basque chorizos from

Hill’s Premium Meats and M&W Market

- 60-volt DeWalt Chainsaw from Marsing Hardware and Pump
- Gift basket from Idaho Central Credit Union
- Girls’ and boys’ .22-caliber rifle from Matteson’s
- Two one-year subscriptions to The Owyhee Avalanche
- Traeger grill from Valley-wide/Valley Ag
- 24-gun Rhino safe from Showalter Construction
- A bouquet of flowers each month for a year from Caldwell Floral
- Two Marsing Fire Department crab feed tickets
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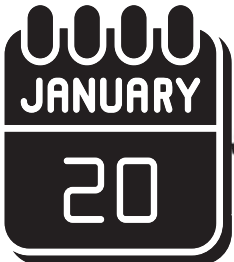
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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices daily
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, buttered carrots, chocolate chunk cookie
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, mixed vegetables

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Daily: Cereal option and PB&J, vegetable and fruit choices
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, marinara sauce cup, buttered corn, snickerdoodle cookie
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Pop Tarts, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, spring roll, seasoned green beans, fortune cookie

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items each day
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Home style chicken strips, crinkle fries *Grab ‘n’ go:* Chicken bacon salad
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, sausage

patty, whole grain toast **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries *Grab ‘n’ go:* Chicken Caesar salad
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Malibu chicken sandwich, Tater Tots *Grab ‘n’ go:* Chicken Caesar wrap

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
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)
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, peaches **Lunch:** Cheesy mac with nuggets, steamed carrots **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mini pepperoni pizza, Tater Tots
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, sliced apples **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Turkey and cheese sandwich
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffles, banana **Lunch:** Mini corn pups, green beans, chocolate chunk cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza stuffwich, curly fries

Bruneau-Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit juice/fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Beef tacos with tortillas, refried beans, romaine salad, baby carrots
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Egg and hash brown **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo with garlic bread, garden spinach, peas

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