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Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Pete and Debra Even) closed the Marsing night light parade on Friday. More photos, Page 9A

Water experts hopeful

County soil moisture near normal

Irrigation directors will get a peek into the water outlook crystal ball during the series of South Board of Control (SBOC) meetings Tuesday.

South Board manager John Eells could discuss what irrigators might expect for the next growing season during his brief water report.

Tuesday's meetings begin with the Ridgeview district directors at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem

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Winter road closures set

County commissioners have passed the annual resolution authorizing the winter closure of Silver City Road and Bachman Grade Road.

Both roads were officially closed during Monday's board meeting in Murphy.

The closures are put in place each year because of ice, snow and winter weather conditions.

Motorists who travel a closed county road and get stranded could be responsible for the cost of any rescue operation. Sheriff Perry Grant said motorists disobeying posted road closure signs could be subject to an infraction and a fine.

The resolution will remain in effect until commissioners reopen the roads, which usually occurs sometime in the spring once ice and snow melts from the road surfaces.

Signs will be posted on the portions of the roads that are closed.

Collett chosen Marsing grand marshal

Longtime senior center volunteer honored

Giving back to the Marsing community has always been important for a familiar face around the town's senior center.

So it's only fitting that Nina Collett served as grand marshal for Friday's Marsing holiday night light parade.

Chamber of Commerce president Luke Burbank asked her to lead the parade down Main Street. The

parade ended in Island Park where Mayor James Ferdinand threw the switch to light the town's Christmas tree.

Burbank said Collett has been a pillar of the Marsing community for more than 30 years.

"She was one of the original members of the Marsing Chamber

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"... Everyone in Marsing knows and loves her."

— Luke Burbank

Marsing Chamber of Commerce president

Marsing holiday night light parade grand marshal Nina Collett prepares to ride in Chamber of Commerce president Luke Burbank's car for Friday's procession.



Jordan Valley mom, daughter found dead

Deputies respond to murder-suicide near Hammett

The deaths of a 31-year-old woman and a 16-month-old girl found in a vehicle in northeastern Owyhee County have been ruled a murder-suicide.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said in a press release

that deputies from his office and Elmore County responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle parked near Indian Hill Road at 10 a.m. on Nov. 29 in the Owyhee area near Hammett.

The woman, identified as Jordan Valley resident Desiree Vistercil, was found dead in the front seat of a 2005 Ford Focus from a single gunshot wound to the head. Deputies found her infant daughter's body submerged

face-down in a 5-gallon bucket in the rear seat. There were about three gallons of water in the white container, Grant said.

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines said the child died from drowning.

"At this time, all evidence and leads point towards a homicide and a suicide," Grant said in the press release. "I do request caution due to the fact that this case is still under investigation

and this information is still very new to us."

Grant also confirmed that investigators received information that Vistercil had been battling depression.

Grant said OCSO requested law enforcement assistance from Elmore County because of the extended response time for the Owyhee deputies. An ambulance

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New county deputy departs abruptly

Former detention deputy hired as replacement

Owyhee County Sheriff's newest patrol deputy stepped down after just one day on the job.

Mike Barclay told Sheriff Perry Grant he wouldn't be able to continue on the OCSO staff after one day on the job.

He started in the Owyhee position on Nov. 28.

"He realized it would be too tough financially to continue working here, and he is looking at other options right now," Grant wrote in an email.

"He did this now instead of a month or two later so we could get on with hiring as soon as possible."

Former OCSO detention deputy Harry Packwood was hired to replace Barclay during a special meeting of county commissioners on Nov. 29.

Barclay will continue to serve as Elmore County Sheriff's chief

deputy for the time being. He ran for Elmore County Sheriff in the May primary election but lost to Mike Hollinshead, who won the right to succeed Rick Layher in the November general election.

Packwood joined the sheriff's office during the previous administration, accepting a jailer job in January 2011. He resigned from the position nine months later.

He then began working for the Montpelier police department where he obtained his peace officer certification.

Packwood then started working for the Emmett police department on Nov. 26, 2012.

He has been a reserve deputy with Owyhee County since late this summer and will now be on patrol duty in the eastern end of the county around Bruneau and Grand View.

Packwood takes the job that was held by Scott Snyder, who went to work for J.R. Simplot Co. in September.

— SC



Above: Homedale Middle School students have decorated Albertsons grocery bags, and all donations from when the bags are purchased at the store will be given back to the community as part of the Hands Around Homedale effort. Submitted photo. **Below:** Showing off some of the non-perishable items already gathered by elementary students are, from left, first-grader Kreece Powell, 7-year-old son of Ryan and Angie Powell; first-grader Annie Woodward, 6-year-old daughter of Seth and Laura Woodward; and second-grader Boston Garrett, 8, son of Korby and Nicole Garrett.

Middle-schoolers design Hands Around Homedale donor bags

Middle school students have enlisted Albertsons' help in their Hands Around Homedale efforts.

Through Dec. 15, shoppers at the town's grocery store have the opportunity, with a \$5 donation, to provide commodities for the school district's annual food drive.

Students at the elementary school and high school also are accepting food donations, which will be distributed to about 65 families later this month. By filling tags found on Wish Trees around town, community members can help give the families a merry Christmas.

Middle school counselor



Brooke Winston dropped off about 40 grocery bags — each individually decorated by an HMS student — at Albertsons last week.

Each bag contains a variety of non-perishable food, Winston said. The bags will be placed at the end of the check stands, she said.

"It's an easier way for the community to contribute to the food drive," she said.

The HMS food drive is just part of the effort. Elementary and high school students also are collecting food for the Hands Around Homedale effort.

The food will be collected and moved to the elementary school for distribution to registered families during the afternoon and evening of Dec. 15.

In addition to the Wish Tree and Hands Around Homedale, other families receive assistance from Homedale-based Silver Star Chapter 83 of Eastern Star, the Homedale FFA chapter's Gift of Green, the Homedale Police Department's Shop with a Cop, Caldwell Basque Charities (Euzkaldunak Charities), a local Grange hall and a regional real estate company.

Elementary school Randee Garrett coordinates the list of needy families each year.

Wish Tree donors have until Dec. 14 to return their gifts to the locations from which they obtained wish tags. Volunteers and first-responders will deliver the presents on Saturday, Dec. 17.

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Logan's Market checker Vicki Green (left) and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office administrative assistant and civil clerk Teri Naito sort coats to be donated to schools around the county.

Sheriff's office coat drive concludes

A drive to collect warm clothing for the county's needy has wrapped up.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and businesses in Marsing and Homedale teamed up for the campaign.

Coats, sweatshirts, scarves, hats and mittens were collected at locations throughout the county.

OCSO administrative assistant

and civil clerk Teri Naito stated that the coat drive was a resounding success.

"We ended up with two large bags of coats, which will go to four different elementary schools: Marsing, Homedale, Bruneau and Grand View," Naito wrote in an email. "Idaho Power sent a huge bag of brand-new coats for distribution to our com-

munity, which we included with the rest of the coats."

She estimates that about 400 coats were donated, and elementary school administrators will distribute the clothing to needy students in all grades through their respective school districts. Naito said one donor contributed around 100 hand-knitted wool caps.

— SC

Marsing teachers again working under contract

Sides work out career ladder pay dispute

Marsing schoolteachers have reached an agreement on a new contract for the current school year.

District superintendent Norm Stewart stated the teachers had been working under the guidelines of the 2015-16 contract that expired on June 30.

School board trustees ratified the new agreement last month.

Citing personnel reasons, Stewart told The Owyhee Avalanche that he could only provide limited information on what led to the delay.

"There was a dispute over some components of the career ladder compared to the Marsing salary agreement from the 2015-16 school year," Stewart said.

Teacher representatives at the bargaining table were Loretta Rost from the elementary school, Loma Bittick from the middle school, and Dawn Sandmeyer from the high school.

District board of trustees chair Betty Ackerman and trustee Michelle Jacobi were on the other side of the table.

Ackerman pointed out that this kind of dispute doesn't occur very often.

"It hasn't happened since I've been on the board," Ackerman said. "I don't even really remember exactly when I came on board."

Ackerman added that she could not elaborate any further than Stewart did on the details behind the dispute.

"It's kind of one of those areas that it's a little difficult to talk specifically about," Ackerman said. "Everything was very amicable all the way through. It was just a matter of getting to an agreement."

Stewart said he was pleased about the new deal with the teachers.

"I'm excited that the board and the Marsing Education Association collaborated and came to an agreement," he said. "Now we can move forward without a lack of contractual agreement."

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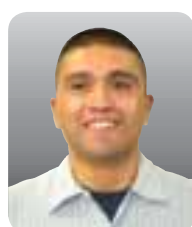
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Homedale church plans Christmas event next week

An outdoor event will launch the Homedale Bible Missionary Church Christmas events.

People are invited to drive through the church's live Nativity scene from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on

Thursday, Dec. 15.

The Nativity scene will be located on church grounds at 501 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

For more information, call Grace Miller at (208) 337-3873.



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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
11/29	0.4	1	2.1	34	18	27
11/30	0.2	2	2.0	32	19	27
12/01	0.4	n/a	2.1	31	18	24
12/02	0.3	n/a	2.0	27	9	20
12/03	0.4	2	2.1	38	21	28
12/04	0.4	1	2.1	41	23	31
12/05	0.7	5	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
11/29	0.1	2	1.7	32	25	28
11/30	0.1	1	1.6	30	25	28
12/01	0.1	2	1.7	27	21	24
12/02	0.1	2	1.6	28	19	24
12/03	0.1	2	1.7	36	26	32
12/04	0.1	1	1.8	40	17	32
12/05	0.5	4	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
11/29	0.5	5	3.2	33	22	27
11/30	0.5	4	3.2	31	24	27
12/01	0.7	5	3.4	25	20	23
12/02	0.8	5	3.4	31	17	24
12/03	0.7	5	3.4	35	27	30
12/04	0.8	4	3.5	38	17	32
12/05	1.4	10	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 27 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 152 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 27 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 195,734 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

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Correction

Idaho Community Foundation chief communications officer Jennifer Oxley stated that the ICF donated \$2,000 to the Marsing Senior Center, not \$5,000. A press release sent by Oxley to The Owyhee Avalanche listed the incorrect grant amount to purchase biodegradable food trays for the Meals on Wheels program.



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✓ **Water:** NRCS specialist, irrigation leaders like winter's potential

directors at 1:15 p.m., and the South Board at 1:30 p.m. The meetings take place downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 W. 1st St. S., in Homedale.

For more information, call (208) 337-3760.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service water specialist Ron Abramovich says conditions are shaping up well for the coming winter.

"We've got some of the colder weather coming down, and that's what we need, but we also need the moisture this winter as well," he said.

Abramovich added that the county is off to a "great start" in terms of soil moisture.

"Owyhee County is right at 99 percent of normal since October 1st," Abramovich said. "In October, those rains we had were pretty intense, and they really helped fill the void of soil moisture across most of the state."

Eells further explained that soil moisture content is a fragile factor for irrigators.

"It can go away pretty quick, but if it continues the way it is, we should be all right for soil moisture," Eells said.

Jay Chamberlin, Owyhee Irrigation District manager, said he's hearing that the Sierra Nevada range is supposed to be wetter than normal this winter.

"The concern is that we're going to be a little cooler than



Tony Gonzalez walks along South 1st Street East in downtown Homedale during the first snowfall of the season last Wednesday. There wasn't much of the white stuff and nothing stuck, but water watchers are hoping the storms will be plentiful this winter.

last year, but still warmer than the average," Chamberlin said. "So is the precipitation going to come in rainfall or snow? If it isn't snow, it doesn't equate to storage for us."

He also said storms that originate in the Sierras can greatly benefit county farmers.

"It only takes a couple of those to really make the difference for us," Chamberlin said. "That's what I'm hoping for, is those (storms) will slide up north and hit the south end of the watershed,

which hopefully would give us some snow."

Abramovich is expecting a mild La Niña weather pattern this winter. La Niña conditions typically mean cooler and wetter weather than normal.

"It was kind of borderline between neutral and La Niña, and it's probably shifting a little more towards La Niña," Abramovich said.

Eells thinks the extended forecast sounds promising, but it's still too early to say what

Mother Nature might bring.

"Right up until it hits the dam, it's only a forecast," he said. "We always hope for the best. It looks fair right now, but we could sure use the moisture."

Abramovich thinks the most important factor to consider is the storage level at the Owyhee Reservoir.

He is projecting there will be roughly 260,000 acre-feet of water behind the dam on Jan. 31.

The irrigation demand in

the Owyhee basin is 575,000 acre-feet," Abramovich said. "So they need 315,000 in stream flow between February and September from the snow and rain this winter. So, 47 percent of average stream flow is needed for just marginally adequate supplies."

On Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 27 percent full with 195,734 acre-feet of water. Water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 152 cubic feet per second. Water was flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 27 cubic feet per second.

Eells said just with what is currently in the reservoir, farmers would see a repeat of the 2014 allotment.

"We've got almost 2 acre-feet, 1.8 acre-feet now," he said. "If we didn't get anything else now, we'd still have what we started with two years ago."

At the end of the growing season this year, the reservoir had a carryover of 166,000 acre-feet of water. This was the first year since 2011 for SBOC water users to receive their full allotment of 4 acre-feet.

"We'd certainly like to get into this trend of carrying storage over, instead of working off the bottom," Chamberlin said. "Let's work off the top half like we've historically done."

— SC

✓ **Marsing:** Grand marshal thrilled about Sandbar's community-inclusive prospects

of Commerce," Burbank wrote in an email. "Nina volunteers an enormous amount of time daily with the Marsing Senior Center and Meals on Wheels. Another reason that Nina's name came to my mind is that everyone in Marsing knows and loves her."

Collett is a fill-in driver for the town's Meals on Wheels program, and treasurer for the seniors organization.

She thinks the senior center's transformation into a community-inclusive entity like The Sandbar was one of the best things that has ever happened. The Sandbar is now a community organization that welcomes all ages for meals and activities.

"We could not survive with five or six people coming for lunch," Collett said. "We had to have a more rounded business. This way we have a parking lot. We can serve the public, and everything that we make will be funneled back into the senior

program." All of the services The Sandbar provides, including the restaurant, shuttle bus, and health care, are available to folks of any age.

"That's part of the reason why we don't call it the senior center anymore," Collett said.

She estimates that about 20 to 25 people had breakfast or lunch at The Sandbar when the business reopened on Nov. 29.

Collett served as secretary and treasurer of the Chamber off and on between 1975 and 1985.

Before retiring, Collett owned and operated Nina's Hair Care from 1975 to 2015. She also worked in the restaurant industry and in the orchards around the Sunnyslope area.

Being named parade grand marshal came as a complete surprise to Collett.

"I think it's absolutely fantastic. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd be chosen," she said.

"It's quite an honor as far as I'm concerned."

She added that Burbank is well aware of how much she appreciates the recognition.

"I already told him I was in love with him because he asked me," Collett said.

Born in Nampa, she later moved to Bruneau, and then Marsing where she married Don Collett. The couple had two sons: Mike, 53, and Dan, 49.

Mike currently lives next door to his mother in Marsing, while Dan lives off of Jump Creek Road.

Nina's grandfather, Claude Sullivan, was Owyhee County sheriff between 1937 and 1954.

Last Wednesday, Collett stated that she was looking forward to being in the spotlight during the night light parade.

"They all know me," she said. "It'll be great because I'll see all my friends."

— SC

✓ **Found:** Sheriff to provide first-responder counseling

from Glens Ferry responded.

"I also want to express my deepest condolences to the families of the deceased and my sincerest appreciation to the first-responders," Grant said.

Grant said a farmhand first noticed the vehicle from afar on the night of Nov. 28, which is listed in death notices as the date of death for the mother and child. The sheriff's office was notified Tuesday morning after farmhands investigated closer and saw a woman slumped over in the driver's seat.

Originally from Teton, Vistercil lived in the McBride Creek area near Jordan Valley.

Grant said he is working with the Nampa Police Department to set up a counseling session later this month for emergency and law enforcement personnel who responded to the incident. There were three Owyhee deputies, two Elmore County deputies, Glens Ferry Ambulance personnel and two coroner's office staff on scene, he said.

— JPB



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Dec. 8: Taco salad w/cheese, salsa, chips

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Rimrock Senior Center

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Dec. 8: Beef enchilada, tossed salad, corn-black bean rice, berry cobbler

Dec. 13: Pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, strawberry crumble

Dec. 15: Chicken fried steak, potatoes w/gravy, green beans, waldorf salad, cornmeal muffin

Death notices

MIA SAGE ALLISON, 16 months, of Jordan Valley, Ore., died Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

DWIGHT W. BLANKENSHIP, 72, of Marsing, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

AFTON JULIE HANSEN, 87, of Nyssa, Ore., and formerly of Marsing, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at a Nyssa care center. Arrangements: Accent Funeral Home, Meridian. (208) 888-5833

DESIREE VISTERCIL, 31, of Jordan Valley, Ore., died Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Driver's education information meeting set Monday at HHS

A parent meeting for the upcoming driver's education session at Homedale High School will be held Monday. Registration ends Monday, Dec. 19.

Homedale, Marsing and Wilder students at least 14½ years of age can sign up for the classes at Homedale High School.

A parent meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday inside the HHS library. The first class will be held at 4:15 p.m. on Dec. 19.

The class costs \$230, which can be paid at the HHS office. The fee

must be paid when classes begin.

A driver's education instruction permit, which costs \$21.50, can be obtained from the Division of Motor Vehicles office either in Marsing or Caldwell.

In order to get a permit, applicants must have a birth certificate, photo ID, Social Security number, proof residency, and a verification of compliance form (available at the student's high school office).

For more information, contact driver's ed instruction Luci Asumendi at (208) 850-6351.

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Coffee club

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

Preschooler story time

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

Financial education webinar

12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228

Wilson Sagehens meeting

1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting

2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.

Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

El-Ada commodity distribution

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Senior center pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Vision Church food distribution

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

HHS band holiday concert and dinner

6 p.m., dinner and carols; 6:30 p.m., concert, Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Marsing Ambulance Service meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center 218 W. Main St., Marsing.

AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Juniper removal open house

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Friday

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Grand View Lions Club meeting

11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.

Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Rimrock Community Food Pantry distribution

9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199

Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting

9 a.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Christmas bazaar

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464 or luke.ankeney@gmail.com

Homedale Farmers Market

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, Homedale. www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com

Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Family movie night

5 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Patriot Pen award banquet

6 p.m., The Sandbar, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-7780

Sunday

Marsing Gun Club Christmas shoot

10 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 941-1922, (208) 880-6543 or marsinggunclub@yahoo.com

Children's Christmas program

5:30 p.m., call; 6 p.m., performance, open to all community members, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464 or (208) 337-4757

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing Fire Department meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St.

Tuesday

Homedale Ambulance orange sale

10 a.m., \$5, downtown and Homedale Ambulance hall, 9 W. Colorado Ave. (208) 608-8381

Senior center pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Senior center bridge

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Homedale Senior Center board meeting

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

After-school program

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Library board meeting

5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Jordan Valley City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

American Legion Post 128 meeting

7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Submitting an item for community calendar

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Homedale library highlights snowmen, books

Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will have a wintertime theme Friday morning.

The 10:15 a.m. event will feature a reading of *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs. *Aaron is Cool* by P.D. Eastman will also be read.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said children will also make

paper plate snowmen, and play games involving snowmen.

The theme of Friday's Teens and Tweens session is book crafting. Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend at 4 p.m., and could also win a book in a drawing.

Saturday's Family Movie Night will be a double feature of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Finding Dory." The first movie will

be shown at 3 p.m., with the other starting at 5:30 p.m.

McMichael said an education specialist from the Public Broadcasting Service will be at the library on Friday, Dec. 16 with Curious George to talk about exploring nature.

"The children will get a chance to examine some fun things like bugs and leaves with magnifying glasses," McMichael wrote

in an email. "The children will also get to make animal tracks, and take home a magnifying glass."

Youth that attend the Dec. 16 Story Time will also be eligible to win a Curious George book and a Curious George plush toy.

All activities take place at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

4-H members never wait for New Year's to start a new year

The 2016 Owyhee County Fair is wrapped up and in the books as another success. We will look back on the 2016 4-H year with many fond memories, but now it's time to look forward to the 2017 4-H year as a blank canvas to create your masterpiece.

With the start of a new year comes the opportunity for something new and exciting. Whether it's a project that you have been a part of for many years or trying out for the first time, Owyhee County offers a large variety of 4-H projects. Each one provides unique learning experiences and is sure to have something for everyone.



Janelle Thompson

University of Idaho Extension

Division ages as of Jan. 1 are: Cloverbud 5-7, Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13 and Senior 14-18

Enrollment is open from now until March 1, so it's a great time for our Owyhee County youth to get signed up for the projects they will be showcasing during the 2017 Owyhee County Fair, which takes place Aug. 7-12.

Every year Owyhee County looks forward to supporting our youth at the fair and seeing what they have been working so hard on all year.

4-H is a great way to get youth engaged with leadership and learning as well as being involved with our local communities. This program would not be possible without our volunteers that so generously donate their time and energy to the youth of Owyhee

County. We are thankful for each and every one of them and look forward to another successful year.

Check out owyheecounty.net/extension for a full list of projects offered as well as other information to keep you up to date on changes and upcoming events and activities.

If you are having any trouble enrolling, re-enrolling, or any questions regarding 4-H please call the Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104, and we will be happy to help you.

—Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

County children ready to Christmas shop with lawmen

Local law enforcement personnel will spend part of Saturday with youth from around the county during Shop with a Cop in Canyon County.

During the 21st annual event, 10 Owyhee County children will get an opportunity to buy Christmas presents for their family during the early-morning activity at Kmart on the Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard.

Each child will receive \$150 to spend on presents. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the four children his officers will accompany receive \$25 to spend on themselves as well.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Bev White stated that the day will begin with breakfast at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Nampa on 12th Avenue Road in Nampa.

After breakfast, children from all over the Treasure Valley will climb into patrol vehicles from several agencies for a ride

— complete with lights and sirens — from St. Al's to Kmart.

"This is an event that even the citizens of Nampa look forward to," Eidemiller said. "As we go out, there will be people out on the street looking for the cars."

Eidemiller said nearly his entire staff of officers will be available to accompany the children. Each child pairs off with one law enforcement official.

"It definitely gives the officers that satisfaction of interacting with somebody on a more congenial level," the veteran lawman said. "Most of the time, especially right now, most people view contact with law enforcement as negative."

"This is an opportunity to let these kids know that the police are here to help them. We hate to see any child go without Christmas."

Two of the HPD-accompanied children are being sponsored through the Rodger Nash

Community Fund. Two individuals also have donated to send two other children to Kmart.

The sheriff's office sponsors children its child safety fund.

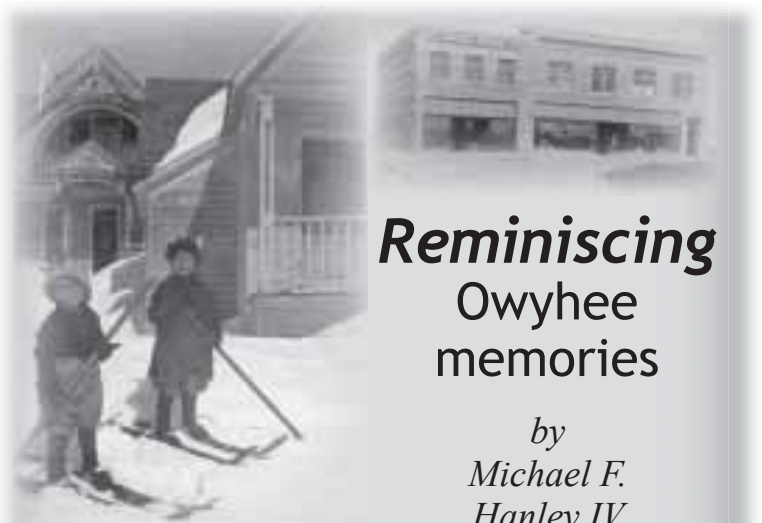
"This year it appears that we are going to have six children total between the Posse and the sheriff's office," White wrote in an email.

Eidemiller said more sponsors are encouraged to step forward to enable HPD to take more boys and girls shopping Saturday. Call City Hall at (208) 337-4641 until Friday if you want to help out.

"We want to see them happy all year," Eidemiller said. "This is an opportunity for us to interact with them on that one-to-one, personal level and show them that there is a person behind the badge and the car and that everybody is the same."

"We just want to help other people that could use the help."

— JPB and SC



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by Michael F. Hanley IV

The parade

I'm one of those people who was born a century too late and just manages to cope with the present. I missed out on the fur trade and the opening of the West, but I've seen my share of romance and adrenalin-pumping danger. I've never been attacked by hostile Indians or run up a tree by a grizzly bear, but I've participated in parades, and those who organize them are unique individuals who seldom have anything turn out as planned.

I've seen small children crash their bicycles into each other and bystanders. One time a majorette threw her baton up high only to have it hit a telephone line. She cried, and the lady who was dressed as a scantily clad Indian princess turned a crimson red when her horse stumbled and she fell out of the costume top. I never had anything in common with the blushing princess except we both paraded with horse.

Old-time stage drivers encountered spooky driving conditions, but I doubt if any encountered the hazards lurking along a modern-day parade route. The common denominator in all parades, which includes horses, is that they are designed to go at the normal gait of a horse. Of course, there are all types of horses from slow plodding draft types to high-strung thoroughbreds and Arabians. Combine the problem of different gaits with that of slow-moving units, which perform in place, causing the parade to stop and go. This causes the checked-up horses to get excited and often results in wrecks, which threaten participants and spectators alike.

The first parade I participated in outside of Jordan Valley, with my stagecoach, was at Homedale with Owyhee County Cowbelle president Virginia Stanford.

I was driving a young team of light horses, and everything was fine. Fine until a bagpipe band formed up behind us and started tuning up their instruments. I couldn't hold the horses, which were pawing at the pavement and slipping trying to get their footing to run. I let them out, and we galloped around the leading entries, turned down a side street and came up behind the pipers. We trailed them through town while they played the horses calmly followed.

The team, "Doug and Sharon," became superb leaders and led the stagecoach through many parades. Since then, Bookie and Ed, Rick and Ike, Ed and Jack, Smokey and Jimmy, Harry and Harry and Dick and Bally have all taken their turn as leaders. Perhaps, I'm a bit sentimental about past and present leaders, but their abilities have taken myself and passengers through many tense situations.

I have little control over a four- or six-horse team in a parade without leaders that I can depend on. If there is any lesson I've learned parading it is: "Always have a well-broke lead team and watch out for others and prepare for the worst ... it will happen."

— This recollection was excerpted from Jordan Valley resident Michael F. Hanley IV's book *Owyhee Graffiti Vol. II*, which is available for purchase at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Anyone interested in sharing their memories of Owyhee country life can call (208) 337-4681 for submission details.

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Left: Rian Beebe stands next to the banner she helped design after it was installed in the Homedale High School gymnasium Thursday. **Below:** Joe Martin of Signs 2 U and the Boise Wrap Co., uses a heat gun to stick one of the five panels to the wall.

Senior Project plasters school spirit on gym wall

Beebe wants to continue making impressions on Homedale's youth

Seniors strive to leave a lasting impression at their high school.

Rian Beebe made her mark on a gymnasium wall, but the 17-year-old won't get in trouble with Homedale High School administrators.

"I wanted to do something that was uplifting to the school improvements and the school spirit," Rian said of the physical portion of her Senior Project. "I'm just adding to that."

Rian's mark on her school is a vinyl poster that is 6 feet tall and more than 17 feet across. Joe Martin, lead installer for Signs 2 U and the Boise Wrap Co., spent several hours Thursday placing the five panels of artwork.

"It's like a big, big stress relief now that he's actually here," Rian said as she supervised the work.

"It's a big accomplishment because I wasn't sure if we were going to get it done."

Fans got their first look at the poster dur-



ing Thursday night's non-conference girls' basketball game against Marsing.

"I wanted to put it in the students' section (of the gym seating), so the students will feel welcome and know that everybody belongs," the daughter of Shauna and Kevin Beebe said.

The poster features the slogan "This is Our House" and the Trojans' shield with a background of a photo of the Deward Bell Stadium student section and action shots of gymnasium sports — volleyball, wrestling and boys' and girls' basketball.

Rian played volleyball for the Trojans,

but missed most of her senior season because of injury. She also was part of last spring's 3A softball state championship team and is playing basketball now.

Some of the photos in the collage were provided by The Owyhee Avalanche, but Rian also incorporated a student section photo from the football season of her freshman year.

"That student section was so good, and we were always cheering for the football team," Rian said. "That photo was taken as we were going into the playoffs, and it just kind of spoke to me."

Beebe gathered the photos and sent digital images and design ideas to Texas-based Waterboy Graphics after HHS principal Matt Holtry's recommendation. It took about six weeks to complete the project.

The project's total cost is about \$3,200. Rian said she has received donations Homedale Chiropractic Center and Tasha and Jason Miller. She also has commitments from a couple other businesses in town, but is still seeking contributions.

Call the high school at (208) 337-4613 for more information on how to help out.

Adding to the gymnasium's atmosphere ties into Rian's career ambition of becoming a physical education teacher.

Carrying a 3.7 grade-point average, the 17-year-old said she has been accepted to Boise State University. She plans to major in Physical Education with a minor in Science.

She already knows what she'd like to do once she completes her bachelor's degree in four years.

"I would like to go to school and come back and teach at Homedale. This would be my ideal career because I love Homedale," she said.

"I could see myself waking up every morning and coming into the gym to turn on the lights and being happy and helping kids be active." — JPB

HHS winter royalty named

Giulia Borghetto and Adrian Monreal were crowned Winter Formal queen and king Saturday prior to the Homedale High School varsity boys' basketball game.

Borghetto, an exchange student from Italy, is the daughter of Paolo Borghetto and Marcella Dettori. Jason and Tasha Miller serve as her host parents during her year of study in the United States.

She plans to attend college in Switzerland after completing her final year of high school back home in Italy next year.

Monreal is the son of Adrian and Marcela Monreal. He plans to attend Boise State University and study Mechanical Engineering.

The queen and king were crowned after a vote that included three candidates for each position.

Other queen candidates were:

Hannah Downum — The daughter of Dave and Callie Downum plans to study Art Education at Idaho State University.

Riley Haun — The daughter of Bill and Kelly Haun plans to study Agricultural Communications in college.

Other king candidates included:

Kendall Frelove — The son of Matt and Janelle Frelove and Adam and Jamie Bahem plans to study Business and play

football in college.

Jacob Furlott — The son of George Furlott and Nicole O'Neal plans to study Sports Science in college.

Winter princesses and princes were:

Junior — Cortnee Smith, daughter of Adam and Kim Kent and Mike Smith, and Kiefer Cooper, son of Clay and Kristi Cooper

Sophomore — Jayci Swallow, daughter of Brady and Angie Swallow, and Nathan Cornwall, son of Mark and Heather Bowen

Freshman — Lexus Franko, daughter of Jamie and Sherri Franko, and Arnulfo Llamas, son of Arnulfo and Rosa Llamas



Homedale High School Winter Formal king and queen, Adrian Monreal, left, and Giulia Borghetto.

MARSING PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING



Above: Marsing volunteer firefighter Jason Ineck drove a vintage 1962 Marsing Rural Fire District fire engine.

Right: The City of Marsing's official Christmas tree glows in Island Park after Mayor James Ferdinand flipped the switch.



Lions slate vision tests in Marsing

In fulfilling part of its mission, the Marsing Lions Club is providing vision screening for some schoolchildren today.

The screening takes place from noon to 3 p.m. at the elementary school on 8th Avenue West. First-, third- and fifth-graders will be screened with equipment on loan from the Idaho Lions Eye Bank in Boise.

"We do not diagnose, but we will recommend that the child see an eye care specialist if necessary," Lions president Jolyn Green said.

A trained screener from the Idaho Lions Eye Bank will conduct the evaluations and identify possible vision problems. Marsing Lions members will be on hand to assist, Green said.

If vision problems are detected, a notification is sent home with the student, who is also given an application for financial assistance. The Marsing Lions Club will help with the costs of doctor visit and any corrective measures necessary," Green said.

— JPB



Dawn Cahill (left) gets a cup of chili from Courtney Barber during the third annual Marsing Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization chili feed fundraiser at the Marsing Fire station.

FSA county committee election extended

The final day for producers to return U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency County Committee election ballots for Owyhee and Malheur has been moved back to Tuesday.

Three Canyon-Ada-Owyhee committee people will see their three-year terms end on Dec. 31, including Martin Jaca, whose Local Administrative Area (LAA) 7 covers Marsing, Bruneau and Grand View. Jaca was first elected to the COC in 2007 when Owyhee County had its own board before consolidation with the Canyon County office.

Others whose terms are ending include Dennis Evans, who is finishing his first term for LAA 2 (Caldwell, Notus and western Middleton), and Robin Wylie-Lindquist of LAA 3 (Middleton and Nampa).

On the Malheur COC, Adrian's Vikki Price (LAA 3 of Adrian, Nyssa and Owyhee in Oregon) and COC advisor Brian Kameshige are approaching the ends of their terms. Price is in her first term, while Kameshige has been on the board since 2008.

New terms begin Jan. 1.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote.

Committee members help FSA make program decisions.



The Marsing High School marching band warms up next to the football field before the start of the parade Friday afternoon.

OCHS BAZAAR HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Left: Jim Hyslop drags a couple of Charlie Brown Christmas trees into place Saturday morning to replenish the stock for the annual sale at the Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar. He also picked out a tree that will be placed in The Owyhee Avalanche office and under which donated gifts for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center residents will be placed.

Right: Museum worker Betsy Kendrick of Murphy demonstrates how shoppers can relax with the help of Teresa Schmitt of Healing Touch of Nampa.



Local essayists excel in VFW contest

Winners, families to be honored at Saturday banquet at The Sandbar

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter is set to salute Homedale and Marsing schoolchildren who took part in annual essay contests.

Winners in the Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065 Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests will be honored at a banquet, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday in The Sandbar restaurant in Marsing.

The Voice of Democracy entrants created an audio essay on the topic "My Responsibility to

America." The theme for Patriot's Pen essay writers was "The America I Believe in."

Angel Chavez, a senior in Ed Lee's English class at Homedale High School, took home \$100 as Post 11065 Voice of Democracy champion.

Marsing eighth-grader Hannah Sevy won \$100 as Post 11065's Patriot's Pen champion.

The Post champions advance to the next round of the competition. The Voice of Democracy national champion earns

a \$30,000 college scholarship, while the Patriot's Pen national winner receives \$5,000.

All of the local winners in the Patriot's Pen competition are eighth-graders taught by in Juanita Deleon at Marsing Middle School. Gabriela Cuevas won \$50 as runner-up, and Chance Carbonaro picked up \$30 for third.

Two students in Sandy Dario's 11th-grade class at the Marsing-based Hope House school finished in the top three of the Voice of Democracy voting.

Nikolai Ziemke (\$50) took second in the competition, and Genet Zimmerman (\$30) walked away with third.

No one hurt in wreck on icy U.S. 95

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies had to deal with slick roads because of ice and strawberries last week.

A Portland man, Jose Rios Munos, was cited for one misdemeanor and several infractions Sunday after his vehicle collided into the trailer of a UPS semi-truck traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 95.

Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said Rios Munos was driving a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban carrying several passengers when he attempted to overtake the two-

trailer semi near the top of the grade south of Marsing.

The Suburban lost traction on the icy road surface and crashed into one of the trailers.

Olsen said there were no injuries, but Rios Munos was cited for misdemeanor failure to purchase a driver's license as well as infractions for driving too fast for conditions, failure to renew vehicle registration and failure to provide proof of insurance.

Neither the truck driver, who is from Boise, nor the driver or passengers in the Suburban were injured.

Strawberries jam up Marsing traffic

An OCSO deputy reported a road hazard shortly before 11 a.m. last Wednesday after strawberry preserves apparently headed to the Hope House pantry fell off a trailer and scattered a sticky substance across Main Street in Marsing.

Olsen said several cases of the preserves tumbled off the utility trailer when the motorist driving the tow vehicle attempted to turn onto Old Bruneau Highway.

— JPB

Juniper removal open house set Thursday

BLM to share details of plan in Murphy

The Bureau of Land Management's plan to remove western juniper from Owyhee County acreage is the subject of Thursday's open house.

An open house will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Murphy to help folks examine the recently released Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH) Project draft environmental impact statement (EIS). Questions about the project also will be addressed.

The draft EIS is available for public review, and comments will be taken until Jan. 3.

The open house will be held inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

The draft EIS analyzes plans to remove western juniper that is encroaching on about 600,000 acres within a 1.5-million-acre project area of sage-grouse habitat

in Owyhee County. The project is part of an effort across the West to use collaborative, landscape-scale techniques to conserve sage-grouse habitat on public lands.

Electronic copies of the draft EIS are available via the BLM website at <http://bit.ly/2g0ncdU> and at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

Public comment will be used to prepare a final EIS and Record of Decision for the project. Send to one of these addresses:

- Email: blm_id_bruneauowyheesagegrouse@blm.gov

- Fax: 208-384-3205

- Mail: BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705-5339; Attention: Mike McGee.

All correspondence should reference "BOSH Project Draft EIS" and include "Attn: Mike McGee."

For more information, contact Mike McGee at (208) 384-3300 or by email at blm_id_bruneauowyheesagegrouse@blm.gov.

MHS to celebrate school spirit next week

Tip Off/Take Down Week for Marsing High School begins Monday and runs through Friday, Dec. 16.

MHS English Language Arts teacher Lennie Freeman said the idea is to promote and celebrate school spirit during basketball and wrestling season.

"We are planning to hold an (advisory room) door decorating contest, as well as a class competition assembly," Freeman said.

The door decorating will happen from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. Freeman has not yet set a time for the assembly, which will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15.

She added that the theme for the week is simply school spirit

and the non-conference boys' basketball games on Thursday, Dec. 15 against Parma will be a black-out game with fans encouraged to wear black. The tripleheader starts at 4:30 p.m. with the varsity game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Freeman said black rally shirts are \$8 and can be purchased in the high school office.

There will also be dress up days during the week:

Monday — #1 Fan Day for a favorite sports team

Tuesday — Ugly Sweater Day (the uglier the better)

Next Wednesday — Flannel Day

Thursday, Dec. 15 — Black Out Day

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students

- Dec. 7: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 8: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit snack, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 12: Hamburger, french fries, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 13: Pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie & fruit bar
- Dec. 14: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students

- Dec. 7: Pork chop or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 8: Ham/cheese ripper or mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, cookie, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 12: Nachos or ham/cheese sandwich, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 13: Wiener wrap or calzone, string cheese, fruit & salad bar
- Dec. 14: Hamburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students

- Dec. 7: Chef salad or crispsitos, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 8: Calzone or corn dog, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 12: Pepperoni pizza ripper or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 13: Beef taco or burrito, salad bar, fruit choice
- Dec. 14: Orange chicken or BBQ pulled pork, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing Elementary

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar

- Dec. 7: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll, buttered corn or PB&J, cheese stick & graham crackers
- Dec. 8: Hot dog, baked beans, green beans or PB&J, yogurt & animal crackers
- Dec. 12: Chicken nuggets, roll, mixed vegetables or PB&J, yogurt, chocolate chunk cookie
- Dec. 13: Chicken sandwich, steamed carrots or PB&J, cheese stick & animal crackers
- Dec. 14: Beef tacos, rice & beans, buttered corn or PB&J, yogurt & graham crackers

Marsing Middle-High

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar

- Dec. 7: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll, buttered corn or pork taco, salad bar & soup
- Dec. 8: Hot dog, baked beans, green beans or egg roll & fried rice, salad bar & soup
- Dec. 12: Chicken nuggets, roll, mixed vegetables or spicy chicken & rice, salad bar & soup, cookie
- Dec. 13: Chicken sandwich, steamed carrots or chili, salad bar & soup, cinnamon roll
- Dec. 14: Beef tacos, rice & beans, buttered corn, vegetables or sandwiches, sun chips, salad bar & soup

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- Dec. 7: Spaghetti, salad, carrots, fruit
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- Dec. 12: Chicken fried steak, potatoes/gravy, carrots, fruit
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- Dec. 14: Baked potato bar, fruit crisp, roll, fruit

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- Dec. 7: Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies, fruit
- Dec. 8: Nachos, tortilla chips, refried beans, salsa, corn, fruit
- Dec. 9: Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, fresh fruit
- Dec. 13: Chicken & noodles, romaine salad, steamed carrots, roll (Rimrock), fruit
- Dec. 14: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, roll, fruit

Vendors turn out for JV bazaar

Twenty-one vendors — one from as far away as Winnemucca, Nev. — sold at the Jordan Valley Christmas bazaar Saturday.

On sale inside the Lions Hall was a variety of items, including homemade jelly, Lipsence, Christmas crafts and décor, handmade jewelry, western décor and clothing, candles and more.

Children made Christmas ornaments at a booth manned by students from the Jordan Valley High School Drama class.

Santa was on hand for photos, and hearty food such as shish kabobs, French dip sandwiches and clam chowder was available.

Winnemucca resident Shawn Dixon traveled one of the farthest distances and sold handmade purses and bags. The youngest vendors were Claire Collins and Haile Burch selling handmade headbands and snowball fight kits.



Allisyn Reynolds, playing the part of the elf at the Jordan Valley High School Drama class bazaar booth, holds Jackson Anderson on Saturday. Photo by Tara Echave

El-Ada accepting Toys for Tots

Visit from Santa slated for later this month

Folks wanting to donate new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots campaign have until Friday to deliver them to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office in Homedale.

The office at 15 W. Colorado is open from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Items from the Toys for Tots drive will be distributed between Dec. 21 and Dec. 23.

Later this month, the county El-

Ada location will offer a chance for boys and girls to have their photo taken with Santa.

From noon to 2 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 23, Santa will be at the El-Ada location for children to give him their Christmas wish lists, and sit for a photo.

Owyhee County El-Ada coordinator Olga Valero stated that the office will close at noon on Dec. 23 for Santa's special appearance.

"It's for everybody. We're going to hand out cupcakes. We're going to hand out hot chocolate. They're going to be able to take pictures with Santa, and we're going to do cookies," Valero said. "It's just going to be a little get-together so we can celebrate the season."

Parents who registered their children for the program will still be able to pick up toys from noon to 2 p.m. on Dec. 23.

El-Ada also has a limited supply of warm clothing that can be picked up during Santa's appearance.

A donation drive for winter clothing continues, too.

"We would love, especially right now, donations with coats, mittens, hats, and blankets," Valero said.

She added that donations of food, personal hygiene items, or cash are always welcome.

For more information on El-Ada and the programs it offers, call (208) 337-4812.

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Homedale FFA auction exceeds goal

The Homedale FFA chapter recently wrapped up its biggest fundraiser of the year, the Harvest Auction.

More than 150 chapter members, parents, and community members gathered at the high school to support the chapter's yearly activities.

The chapter made more than \$15,000, exceeding this year's goal and surpassing the 2015 total.

The proceeds from the Nov. 10 event will go towards transportation costs, registration fees for conventions and conferences, and supplies for contests and events for the rest of the year.

For two months leading up to the auction, the auction planning committee spent countless hours calling local businesses and com-

munity supporters to request donations of items to go in the live and silent auctions and the "balloon pop" raffle. More than 60 chapter members were "sold" for eight hours of labor each.

The FFA chapter expressed thanks for the many generous donations from our supporters and to the alumni chapter for help preparing dinner and gathering donations.

The Harvest Auction was chapter president Riley Haun's senior project, and she would like to thank everyone who supported the chapter and helped make her goals by donating items, supporting the auction, and attending the event. The chapter would also like to thank J.B. Salutregui for donating his auctioneering services for this event.

Idaho Power recognizes Marsing Elementary artist

A Marsing Elementary School pupil is among award recipients in Idaho Power Co.'s 2016 student art contest.

Katelyn Sevy, 9, was the western regional runner-up for third- through fifth-graders in the "Ways to Save" category.

Katelyn is a fourth grader in Loretta Rost's class.

The annual art contest is held during Energy Awareness Month,

and the public utility received more than 2,200 entries from students who live in its service area in Idaho and Oregon.

The sixth annual competition is designed to bring energy education into the classroom and inspire kindergarteners through 12th-graders and their families to think about their energy use.

Katelyn will receive her award Tuesday at school.



Shoppers of all ages at Homedale Sr. Center bazaar



Top: Remington Chapman, the 18-month-old daughter of Nampa residents Kylie and Chris Chapman, finds something she likes at an ornament booth operated by Shirley Neville of Homedale. Above: Dolly Carpenter checks out some merchandise at Homedale resident Barbara Cooper's booth as Barbara's husband, Guy, looks on.

Dinner concert to help HHS musicians get to Seattle festival

A holiday dinner concert featuring the Homedale school band and choir has been rescheduled.

The event, which will feature a dinner and Christmas carols before the concert, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The dinner and carols start at 6 p.m., and the concert follows at 6:30 p.m.

General admission into the HHS main gymnasium bleachers is free. Dinner tickets are \$10 each, and patrons will be seated at tables on the gym floor. The menu includes soup, salad and rolls.

In addition to the concert, there

will be a bake sale featuring several varieties of cookies and a silent auction. The bake sale items will be provided by the families of seventh- through 12th-grade band members. The auction will include themed baskets provided by students, local businesses and music boosters. Some of the basket themes include chocolate, coffee and spa day.

Music director John Zieske will lead performances by the jazz band, the fifth-grade band, the sixth-grade band, the high school choir and the seventh- through 12th-grade band.

The entire ensemble will perform together to wrap up the evening.

Proceeds will help send the band and choir to the Heritage Festival in Seattle in April and also help maintain the school's musical instruments.

The holiday dinner concert was originally scheduled for Thursday. For more information, contact Zieske at jzieske@homedaleschools.org, visit the music department's Facebook page or www.homedalemusicdepartment.weebly.com.

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Homedale Ambulance continues holiday orange sale Monday

A Homedale holiday tradition will have a different beneficiary for the second year in a row.

Homedale Ambulance crewmembers will once again sell bags of oranges Monday with proceeds from the holiday event going into the organization's equipment fund.

The sale is the same fundraiser that the Homedale Fire Department has held for years, but in 2015 the volunteer firefighters asked if the ambulance crew would like to coordinate the sale.

Sales chair Teresa Ryska stated that the fundraiser will probably benefit the ambulance service from now on.

"They are doing their own fundraiser. They have their dinner every year," Ryska said. "They just handed it over to us. I understood that it is going to be from now on."

The HFD prime rib and oyster

feed is traditionally held each September.

Ryska added that some of the volunteer firefighters will still help with Monday's sale.

Bags containing about eight oranges each will be sold for \$5 beginning at 10 a.m. at the ambulance hall, 9 W. Colorado Ave., across the street from the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall where the orange sale has taken place in previous years.

Signs will be posted at the Idaho Avenue-Main Street intersection as well as the intersection of South Main Street and West Colorado Avenue.

Ryska said the ambulance crews will continue the firefighters' tradition of visiting downtown businesses Monday to sell oranges.

For more information, call Ryska at (208) 608-8381.

— SC



MRW volunteers do their part at OCHS bazaar

Above: Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire volunteers Louis Monson (left) and Jack Young tend to the chili shortly before opening up to the masses during Saturday's Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar at the museum in Murphy.

Right: Homedale resident Meril Ebbers (right) checks out the shotgun the winning ticket for which MRW officials will draw Friday as Marsing High School sophomore Brody Gaertner, who was helping at the booth, looks on. Tickets are \$5 apiece and are still available by calling Monson at (208) 495-2154.



Friends church plans Christmas events

Bazaar, no-rehearsal program this weekend

Saturday's inaugural bazaar kicks off the Homedale Friends Community Church Christmas events.

The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the church at 17434 Hwy. 95 just north of Homedale over the Snake River.

Pastor Luke Ankeny invites community members to come out in search of "unique, last-minute gifts," such as Christmas stockings, decorations, magnets, home décor, woolen mittens, crochet items, rugs, cards, goat's milk soap, jewelry, wreaths, Scentsy products, edible Christmas décor, furniture, bags and blankets.

Ankeny said the bazaar has attracted several vendors already, but there are more tables available. Space rental costs \$10, and can be reserved by calling the church at (208) 337-3464.

The church will present a no-rehearsal Children's Christmas

Program at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

"This event is open for the entire community to attend and we would love to have you join us on Sunday," Ankeny said in a press release.

Those wanting to participate can show up at 5:30 p.m. when parts and costumes will be handed out.

For more information on the event, call the church or Mary Sonke at (208) 337-4757.

The church invites the community to is Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24.

Ankeny said the event is chance for the church family and community to come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and reflect on the hope, peace, joy, and love we have in Him.

Christmas Day worship will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25.

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Driver charged with DUI after nearly hitting HPD car

A Marsing man faces a felony drunk driving charge after running a Homedale Police officer off the road last month.

Jose P. Mendoza's preliminary hearing was scheduled for Monday in Murphy after deadline.

Mendoza has been charged with a felony count of driving under the influence and a misdemeanor count of carrying an alcoholic

beverage in a vehicle.

The DUI is at least the third for Mendoza, and his blood-alcohol concentration was measured at .214, nearly three times the legal limit of .08, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

HPD Officer Shane Witt arrested the 31-year-old man before 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 21 in the vicinity of Idaho highway 78 and Main Street

in Marsing.

Eidemiller said Witt was en route to provide backup for an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy on a call in Marsing when he encountered Mendoza driving in the wrong lane of travel on Idaho 78.

"The officer had to leave the roadway to avoid a collision," Eidemiller said.

Eidemiller said Witt was uninjured and his patrol vehicle was not damaged.

Speeder arrested for pot possession

Witt took a Nampa man into custody shortly after midnight on Nov. 28 as he was wrapping up a speeding citation on U.S. Highway 95 north of town.

Eidemiller said Witt was about to hand 29-year-old Israel Jr. Silva a speeding ticket when the officer detected the odor of marijuana in the man's vehicle.

Silva was booked into Owyhee County Jail on misdemeanor charges of possessing less than 3 ounces of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia with the intent to use. — JPB

Man gets jail time for indecent exposure

A Marsing man originally charged with felony sexual assault has been sentenced on two misdemeanors.

Robert Charles Troxel Jr. entered guilty pleas to misdemeanors of indecent exposure and disturbing the peace in October. He was sentenced on Nov. 21 in a hearing before Magistrate Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

The court dismissed a felony charge of sexual abuse of a minor younger than 16 in September.

Troxel must serve 10 days in jail and pay court fees and fines of \$603.

Grober credited Troxel for two days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after his arrest in March, and suspended the remainder of a six-month jail sentence.

Reward posted for info on arson

A reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for a Memorial Day weekend arson fire in Givens.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office announced a \$500 reward Monday, more than six months after the fire broke out on the door

of a residence near milepost 10 on Idaho highway 78.

Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said Monday afternoon that Deputy State Fire Marshal Allen Perry ruled the fire as arson about 13 hours after passers-by spotted a burning door and began battling the blaze with a garden hose be-

fore 2 a.m. on May 29.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire volunteer s extinguished the fire.

The homeowner was out of state when the fire broke out.

Anyone with information that could help the investigation can call Sgt. Jeff Wasson at (208) 495-1154 or (208) 337-4222.

Marsing man sentenced for third DUI

A Marsing man can avoid up to 10 years in prison if he completes a rider program after his driving under the influence conviction.

Geoffrey Stewart Hoadley, 49, received sentencing for felony DUI on Nov. 23 before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery charged Hoadley with felony DUI and attempt to elude a law

enforcement officer as well as misdemeanor resisting arrest in June. Ryan dismissed the two misdemeanors.

Hoadley entered a guilty plea to the DUI charge in September. The charge rose to a felony because it was Hoadley's third offense. He was convicted of DUI in Owyhee County in 2010 and in Canyon County in 2003.

While Ryan imposed a prison

sentence of four to 10 years, he also retained jurisdiction, meaning Hoadley has a chance to stay out of prison after participating in an Idaho Department of Correction rider program. He was transferred to state custody after the hearing, but Ryan gave him credit for 79 days already spent in jail.

Hoadley also must pay \$290.50 in court costs and fines as well as \$100 in restitution.

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First-year Homedale coach Chad Mann (center) talks to his team in a timeout during Saturday's non-conference game against Melba.

Third quarter keys Mann's first HHS victory

Boys blank Melba in quarter, but get shut out on foul line in Saturday matinee loss

Kendall Freelove didn't miss a shot in the second half Friday to spark Homedale High School's first boys' basketball win of the season.

The senior hit a three-point shot and drained four baskets overall to score nine of the

Trojans' 15 points in a pivotal third quarter at home against Nampa Christian as coach Chad Mann got his first victory, 64-54, in front of a home crowd.

Freelove's performance broke open a close non-conference game, and Homedale (1-2

overall) survived a fourth-quarter shootout.

Freelove scored a basket in the fourth quarter to cap his 13-point night, but it was Jordan Van Es (eight of his 10 points) and Homedale's free-throw shooters who fueled a 29-point final eight minutes.

Carson Brown converted seven of 10 free throws in the quarter, and Homedale went

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Trojans bring Marsing girls' start to a stop



Homedale JV defeats Huskies

Marsing's Ashley Loucks drives against Homedale's Leire Juarros during a non-conference junior varsity game played Thursday on the Trojans' floor. Homedale prevailed, 50-35. Photo by Dan Pease

Josey Hall dominated the post for a career-high 17 points and seven rebounds Thursday as Homedale High School sent Marsing to its first loss of the season.

The Huskies shot a frigid 7-for-35 (20 percent) from the Trojans' gymnasium floor in a 44-28 non-conference setback.

Marsing (3-1 overall) had won the first three games of coach Jake Dugger's first full season as head coach.

Coach Joe Betancourt's Trojans erased the Huskies' early lead and blew the game open with a 21-7 second-quarter run. Homedale had the advantage, 30-17, at the break.

Faith Jacobson scored 12 points as Homedale (3-2) picked up its second consecutive victory.

The Trojans converted only 17 of 51 shots from two-point range, but scored eight second-chance points behind Hall's five offensive rebounds and three offensive boards each from Jacobson and

Ambyr VanWinkle.

Ashley Burks helped stifle the Huskies' second chances with seven defensive rebounds among her eight boards.

After getting at least one scorer in double digits in each of its first three games, Marsing had only five players in the scoring column total against Homedale.

Sheyanne Glorfield drained a pair of three-point goals, but was 3-for-15 from the field during a team-high nine-point performance.

Elsa Margarito knocked down Marsing's other trey en route to seven points.

Mackenzie Farrens continued as the Huskies' leading rebounder with eight boards, including six on the Marsing end of the floor. Glorfield, Margarito, Gabriela Rodriguez and Emma Heitz snagged three boards each.

Farrens also notched three blocked shots.

Huskies' wrestling season starts right

Coach envisions string of state qualifiers from strong duals team

Jon Nelson entered Saturday's first wrestling tournament of the season with great optimism, and his Marsing High School charges did nothing to squelch his hopes.



"All in all, Adonis Stelzried it was just a great weekend, and my freshmen did great," the fifth-year coach said after the East-West Duals in Wendell.

Freshman 132-pounder Adonis Stelzried and juniors Joseph Ineck

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MHS boys retain flair for drama

Jose Ponce didn't see a lot of floor time last season, but the Marsing High School senior seems to be making up for lost time already.

Carrying over from last season the Huskies' propensity for heart-stopping plays, Ponce went 1-for-2 on buzzer-beating chances. He hit a three-point goal Nov. 29 to close the first half in Marsing's 59-51 non-conference win over visiting Payette.

His 22-footer rimmed out at the end of Friday's night's 47-45 non-conference loss to reigning 3A state champion Parma.

Marsing (2-1 overall) built eight-point leads at the end of the first half and heading into the fourth quarter, but the Panthers rallied behind their ability to score.

"Parma came out — showed why they are defending state 3A champs — and hit two quick 3s at the start of the fourth," Little said. "We battled back and forth throughout the fourth."

Parma took the lead on a free

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Sports



Above: Homedale High School softball coach Larry Corta hugs his daughter Tristan (right) after presenting her a 3A state championship ring as assistant coach Steve Nash (left) looks on. **Right:** The 2016 Trojans flash their rings. A few had two to show off. Photos by Dan Pease

HHS SOFTBALL PLAYERS GET RINGS — AGAIN



Many new faces greet Homedale's new wrestling coach

Most state qualifiers have left program

After eight seasons as an assistant, Jake Levinski is ready to record his legacy on the walls of the Homedale High School wrestling room.

He has volunteered under both Toby Johnson and Ryan Nash, but Levinski now has the lead chair on the mat, and he also has a virtual clean slate with which to work.

And he has a different background to apply to that work.

"I grew up wrestling in Minnesota where wrestling is aggressive

and intense," the Homedale Middle School teacher and athletic director said. "My goal is to bring an aggressive and intense grinding style to Homedale."

Alex Willson will be stationed next to Levinski as an assistant coach during this weekend's Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore. Both men were part of the middle school coaching staff a year ago.

Only two of the Trojans' seven



Jake Levinski

2016 3A state tournament qualifiers are returning this season, giving Levinski the proverbial unformed clay to shape.

"I believe in fundamentals of the sport. I believe a person must be pushed beyond — far beyond — their comfort zone in the practice room. They need to know where they are going to break (mentally), then build from there," the former Boise State University walk-on said.

He understands that while there is an individual struggle on the mat, there is still room for the team concept.

"I believe that a team needs to take care of each other, support each other in good times and bad,"

Levinski said. "A team needs to celebrate the successes and learn from the hard times and failures. Hard times and failures will come; they must be learned from. A coach must lead by example."

Homedale's two returning state qualifiers are sophomores. Jorge Vega competed at 106 pounds last season, and Jaegar Rose was a 126-pounder a year ago.

Three state qualifiers — Trojans all-time victories leader and 2016 state champion Nash Johnson, third-place wrestler John Collett and Swiss exchange student Julian Hartmann — graduated in the spring, while 120-pounder Anthony Beckman and 126-pounder Caleb Meligan did not come out

for the team this season.

Returning seniors Wyatt Dorshey (285), Shane Keller (152) and Tanner Miller (145).

Outside of junior Brayden Miller (160) and newcomers Bodee Walker (a senior at 182) and Josh Cerkwright (a junior at 145), the majority of athletes on the Trojans' roster this season are freshmen and sophomores.

The sophomores include: Kaden Binford (120), Robert Nix (180), and Alec Chavez (285).

Freshmen are Wyatt James (106), Michael Babcock (126), Caleb Vargas (136), Jose Flores (120) and Brady Trout (160).

— JPB

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Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Baker, Ore., 8:30 p.m. (MST)
Junior varsity

Thursday, Dec. 8 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Melba, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Baker, Ore., 7 p.m. (MST)
Frosh-soph

Thursday, Dec. 8 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Baker, Ore., 5:30 p.m. (MST)

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 8, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity

Thursday, Dec. 8, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Weiser, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
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Friday, Dec. 9 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Marsing tri-meet with Adrian, 5:30 p.m.

Go Trojans!

Sports

Adrian prepares for own basketball tournaments

Boys start winless; fifth-ranked girls rally in season opener

Adrian High School's basketball teams prepared for its annual Tip-Off Tournament with non-league clashes last week.

The Adrian boys, coached by Nolan Shira for the second season, open their tournament at 7:30 p.m. Friday in search of their first win of the season against the Nyssa junior varsity. The Antelopes' second game will be played at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Longtime girls' coach Gene Mills is back for another year. The Antelopes continued the season Tuesday after deadline against Notus.

Adrian's girls also play the Nyssa JV on Friday to start the Tip-Off Tournament and conclude the home meet with a 1 p.m.

game Saturday.

Friday boys: Prairie City 59, Adrian 39 — The Panthers lead, 36-17, at halftime as Adrian (0-2 overall) shot just 22 percent (14-for-61) from the field.

Ryker Murrey led Adrian with 11 points, while Kenny Purnell chimed in with six points and a co-team-high nine rebounds.

Kevin Rodriguez also grabbed nine boards, while Warren DeMark, a sophomore transfer from Homedale, scored six points.

Dorran Wilson hit on 13 of 19 field-goal attempts, including a pair of three-point shots, to score 30 points for Prairie City. Teammate Levi Burke added 13 points.

The Panthers scored 25 points off 24 Adrian turnovers.

Thursday boys: Notus 39, Adrian 17 — The Antelopes opened the season with their third consecutive loss to the Pirates from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

Adrian shot just 12 percent from the field

(5-for-39) and was out-rebounded, 18-8, on its end of the floor.

The teams combined for 34 turnovers in the season opener for both schools.

The visiting Pirates lead, 21-8, at halftime after holding Adrian to a free throw in the second quarter. The Antelopes converted seven of 10 foul shots (70 percent).

Jacob Godina paced Notus with 11 points to lead all scorers. Teammate Caleb Zimmerman had three steals and nine points.

Miller DeMark, a 6-foot, 4-inch junior wing who transferred from Homedale, scored five points to lead Adrian. His brother Warren had four steals, four rebounds and two points.

Kevin Rodriguez, a 6-4 senior post, knocked down half of his shots for four points.

Former Homedale subvarsity coach Craig DeMark serves as Shira's assistant coach.

Rodriguez is one of four seniors on the squad this year. Purnell, a 6-2 post, and guards Murrey (5-10) and Roberto Ramirez (5-6) round out the upperclassmen.

Friday girls: Adrian 46, Prairie City 19 — The Antelopes, ranked No. 5 in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll, put a slow start behind them with a 22-2 second-quarter run and posted a non-league rout on the road.

The Panthers owned a 9-6 advantage after the first eight minutes, but were stymied by 20 percent shooting (8-for-39) and 29 turnovers.

Harper/Huntington transfer Shyanne Allaire, a 5-8 senior forward/post, led the Antelopes with 12 points. Three other starters — seniors Carlee Morton and Selina Villarreal and junior Morgan Bayes — scored six points each.

Adrian returns five seniors in all with guard/forward Anna Hutchings, guard Lauren Barraza and wing/post Mariah McLay back in the fold.

Antelopes' Furtado wrestles to season-opening crown

Marcus Furtado won a championship to lead Adrian High School's season-opening wrestling effort Friday.

Furtado went 3-0 in the Enterprise Kickoff, beating Shane Lund of the hometown team, 7-5, to nail down the crown at 120 pounds.

Furtado's road to the title began with a pinfall of freshman teammate Wade Bond, who finished fourth at the weight.

Two other Antelopes finished as runners-up.

At 145 pounds, Enrique Delgado posted a pin and a decision to start is tournament then lost his final

match to Hermiston's Parker Jones. Jones prevailed in an 85-second pinfall.

Drake Marquez pinned Joseph's Gavin Baldwin at the end of the opening round of their 195-pound match before losing to Elgin's Donovan Tate by pinfall.

Eduardo Munoz placed third

at 145 pounds when he pinned Enterprise's Dylan Staigle in 3:19.

Logan Griffin rebounded from two losses to pin Hermiston's Clemente Cardenas at the 2:43 mark to finish third at 132.

Pepper Beed split his four 285-pound matches. He pinned

Imbler's John Foster in 20 seconds then wrapped up a third-place outing with a pin of Enterprise's Drew Widener at the 1:49 mark.

Daniel Price lost a first-round match to teammate Enrique Delgado, but finished fourth after Joseph's Guaylen Snyder retired with an injury.

✓ HHS: Mustangs shake off slow start with barrage of three-pointers

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11-for-16 overall down the stretch. Brown led all scorers with 16 points.

Mason Kincheloe did most of his damage in the first half, knocking down a three-pointer en route to 15 points.

Saturday: Melba 49, Homedale 40 — An early blitz of three-point goals and a decided advantage in free-throw opportunities down the stretch helped the Mustangs to a matinee victory on the Trojans' floor.

The Trojans never visited the free-throw line in the non-conference game.

Homedale held Melba scoreless in the third quarter and — thanks to Brown's three-point goal and buckets from Kincheloe and freshman Nelson Lomeli — the Trojans tied the game, 29-29, heading into the final quarter.

The two teams waged a battle of treys over the final eight minutes (five of the quarter's six field goals were from behind the line), but Melba was the only team to visit the foul line in that span, converting 11 of 14 opportunities to make the

difference in the game.

The Mustangs struggled to find the basket early, missing their first seven shots and not scoring until Beau Bromgard hit a pair of free throws to cut Homedale's lead in half, 4-2, with 5 minutes, 21 seconds left in the first quarter. Bromgard was 4-for-6 from the line and scored 10 points.

Kobe Phillips hit three of his four first-quarter three-pointers over the final 2:19 to propel the Mustangs to a 19-13 lead after eight minutes. Part of a barrage of seven treys from Melba, Phillips led all scorers with 18 points.

After Homedale cut the lead to a point, 19-18, on Van Es' three-pointer, Melba fueled an 8-2 run with Trojans turnovers. Jake Hansen's trey with 93 seconds left in the half game the Mustangs a 27-20 lead before Frelove banked in a jump shot to stop the streak.

Brown hit two three-pointers in seven attempts and led Homedale with 10 points. Lomeli scored all eight of his points — including two treys — in the second half. Kincheloe scored seven points

Nov. 29: Cole Valley Christian 73, Homedale 63 — Nathaniel Fehringer scored 12 of his 14 points in the final eight minutes as the Chargers pulled away in Mann's debut as Trojans' coach.

Scott Matlock scored six points in the third quarter to help Homedale pull to within in four points, 47-43, heading into the fourth quarter at home.

The Trojans committed 24 turnovers, but rallied to score 20 points in the final period behind three-point goals from Eddie Rodriguez, Kincheloe and Brown.

Homedale shot 44.4 percent from the floor (20-for-45).

Brown hit on all six of his free throws in the first quarter, but Homedale managed to sink just 12 of their final 19.

Brown scored 20 points in his varsity debut, while Kincheloe logged 11 of his 14 points after halftime. Rodriguez scored nine points.

Cole Valley's Tyler Krogh hit a pair of treys en route to 13 points, and Nathan Wetzel finished with 16 points.



Right: Jordan Van Es concentrates as he floats the baseline for a successful jump shot in the first half Saturday against Melba.

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Sports

✓ Wrestling: Gonazalez, Hall return with another trip to State on their itinerary

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(145) and Mason Hall (220) won all five of their matches as Marsing captured two dual meets and beat Declo wrestlers in four of seven matches.

Before heading to Wendell, Nelson figured his club should fare better in dual meets this season because numbers are increasing and the weight classes those bodies populate are becoming more diverse.

"It's an extremely good group of kids," Nelson said. "I've had good kids in the past, but, all around, it's a good group of kids. The freshmen are in there wanting to learn."

Hall and Ineck are two of four 2A state tournament qualifiers returning for the Huskies this season. Senior Oscar Gonzalez (152 or 160) and junior Jaden Kinney (170) are the other returning state qualifiers.

Marsing sent six to State last season, but Jesse Hay Smith has moved out of the district, and Ben Gerthung is sitting out his senior season after hurting his knee during the football season.

Other key returners

Hall finished fourth in Pocatello last winter, and Nelson says the junior has the potential to go farther.

"(Former MHS wrestlers) Brad Labit and Noah Grossman are helping out, so Mason is getting a lot of competition in the room, and he's wrestling real good," Nelson said. "He's probably the most athletic 220-pounder in the state."

The coach said Hall may have been a victim of his own success and Marsing's low numbers last season. Only two of his sophomore season matches went the three-round distance, and Hall posted a 41-9 record.

"Last year his biggest problem was he didn't have anyone in the room (to compete against) and his conditioning wasn't great," Nelson said.

The coach is just as optimistic about Gonzalez, who missed a state medal by one victory last season, as he is about Hall.

"I look for a lot of good out of (Gonzalez) this year," Nelson said. "I think he can place at State."

Ditto for Joseph Ineck and Kinney, Nelson says.

"There's no reason that, if they stay healthy and wrestle to their potential, that they shouldn't place at State," he said.

Sophomores Hayden Kish (138) and Kadin Goins (145) return for their second year with the program.

Nelson has high hopes for other young wrestlers, too, such as Stelzried and fellow freshman 126-pounder Anthony Sugai.

"Adonis and Anthony are a couple more freshmen who are really tough," Nelson said. "They have a lot of athleticism; they just need more technique."

"The little Ineck (freshman 113-pounder Justin) is really coming around, but he doesn't have a choice but to wrestle," Nelson joked.

And Nelson says there's more to come as the community's wrestling program builds. Jake Astorquia is in the process of starting a youth program to feed the established middle school team, which has nine athletes this season.

"The future just looks awesome," Nelson said. "The middle school has a kid that's just phenomenal."

"If the youth program goes the way I hope it goes — and we're getting a lot of good feedback — I could have 18 to 20 to 25 wrestlers within the next five years."

Marsing also picked up a wrestler from Class 5A Vallivue with the transfer of 160-pound sophomore Dawson Walker.

"He's a hard worker in the room, and he's got some pretty good skills to get started as a sophomore," Nelson said. "He's obviously got some mat time, and he's pretty darn tough."

Nelson figures his middleweight wrestlers — Joseph Ineck, Gonzalez, Dawson and Kinney — can all make the state tournament.

— JPB



State-ranked Mustangs open season with victory

Sophomore Emilee Burch (right) battles two McDermitt, Nev., players for the ball during Jordan Valley High School's 54-45 non-league girls' basketball victory last Wednesday at home. The Mustangs, coached by Kelsi Skinner, are ranked eighth in the first 1A Oregon coaches' poll, which was released Monday. Jordan Valley's next game is at 6 p.m. on Friday at Notus. Photo by Tara Echave

Jordan Valley boys start season with non-league loss

JJ Echave dribbles in the key against McDermitt, Nev.'s interior defense during Jordan Valley High School's non-league season-opening 56-30 boys' basketball loss at home. Echave is one of three seniors on coach Clint Fillmore's team this year, joining Garrett Youren and Kasen Skinner. Jordan Valley visits Notus at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Photo by Tara Echave



Rimrock girls post 1A WIC win

Boys start 0-2

The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team opened the conference season with a narrow victory Thursday.

Continuing the habit of winning every other game for coach Todd Jensen, the Raiders squeezed past Greenleaf Friends Academy for a 32-28 1A Western Idaho Conference victory in Canyon

County.

The Raiders (4-3 overall, 1-0 in conference) lost 37-25 in a non-conference game at Hansen on Saturday and played another out-of-conference game in Bruneau on Tuesday after deadline against Cascade.

The Raiders travel to Nevada to compete in the Jackpot tournament Friday and Saturday.

The Rimrock boys' squad

opened its second season under the tutelage of co-coaches Will and Wylee Aquiso with two non-conference losses last week.

The Raiders fell, 46-27, to Owyhee, Nev., at home on Nov. 29.

Rimrock lost on the road, 47-39, to Hagerman on Friday and met Canyon Springs in a non-conference home game after deadline on Tuesday in Bruneau.



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Sports

Huskies hammer Patriots at home

Typical formula: Several scorers and a Farrens double-double

Three-point goals from Sheyanne Glorfield helped spark a strong third quarter Friday night for Marsing High School.

Three Huskies reached double figures, and a 17-3 run to start the second half triggered a 56-37 non-conference rout of visiting Liberty Charter.

Glorfield dropped three three-point goals and led all players with 17 points. Mackenzie Farrens notched another double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds. She hit six of nine shots from the floor before fouling out.

Emma Heitz missed on just one of her six free-throw attempts and also put in 15 for Marsing (4-1 overall before a rematch against Liberty Charter in Nampa on Monday after deadline).

The Patriots' Julia Corkish scored 13 points.

Marsing's dominant third quarter broke open a game the Huskies led, 22-20, at halftime.



Gabriela Rodriguez uncorks a jump shot during Friday's non-conference victory over visiting Liberty Charter. Photo by Dan Pease

✓ MHS boys: Coach knows 3s won't last

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throw with 10 seconds to go.

"Overall, it was a good defensive effort," Little said. "We still need to improve on containing penetration. We gave up some easy penetration buckets as we started the game down 11-2."

"We also put them on the line 17 times, which hurt us."

Sophomore Enrique Quebrado went 4-for-7 from behind the three-point line and led Marsing with 14 points. Ponce had three treys as part of his 11 points.

Dakota Hardy hit a pair of three-pointers for the bulk of his seven points, while Nick Lankow and Tre Ponce grabbed four rebounds each.

Marsing committed only seven turnovers.

Saturday: Marsing 63, Wendell 32 — Senior Tyler Simonson's breakout performance of 10 points and seven rebounds highlighted a balanced effort for the Huskies in a non-conference home victory.

"We established an inside presence early, which is something we have been emphasizing the last few days," Little said.

The coach said the inside game was necessary because opposing defenses won't allow the Huskies to shoot nearly 50 percent from beyond the three-point line as had been the case in the season's first two games.

The Huskies' taller players — Nick Lankow and Tre Ponce (six rebounds each) and Sam Galligan (five rebounds — helped control the boards against the Trojans.



Tyler Wood (left) muscled his way to the net against Payette. Photo by Dan Pease

Galligan led all scorers with 13 points. Landry Villa did all his offensive damage on the free-throw line, going 10-for-14 as Marsing converted 21 of 34 foul shots.

Jose Ponce hit a pair of three-pointers for the bulk of his eight points, and Tre Ponce also scored eight.

Wendell's Eric Matos tallied 11 points.

Nov. 29: Marsing 59, Payette 51 — The Huskies opened the season at home with an exciting vic-

tory over the Pirates from the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

"This was a good team win for us," Little said. "We played together, unselfish and relentless."

"Being the first game of the season, there are lots of things to work on, but it is nice getting the first win out of the gates."

Payette, which swept the season series with the Huskies last year by an average margin of 16.5 points, lost its 11th consecutive game. Bryant Gerdes led the Pirates with 18 points.

Fueled by Jose Ponce's buzzer-beater — one of four treys for him — the Huskies emerged from the locker room and outscored the Pirates, 10-5, in the third quarter.

"We controlled the game in the second half," Little said. "We played with discipline on both ends of the court."

Quebrado led all scorers 19 points, while senior teammate Dakota Hardy scored 11 points and junior Tyler Wood added eight.

Quebrado led the team with six rebounds

"The boys earned the win with their hard work and discipline," Little said.

Quebrado and Hardy dropped three three-pointers each as the Huskies converted on 10 of 25 attempts (40 percent) to offset a 33.3 percent (8-for-24) showing from inside the line.

Ponce had a team-high five assists, while Quebrado had three assists and three steals.

Sophomore Dwight Sevy hit both of his free throws, snagged two defensive rebounds and logged two steals.

MARSING HUSKIES

Returning Wrestling State Qualifiers



Mason Hall, jr., 220 lbs.
Finished fourth at Pocatello



Oscar Gonzalez, sr., 152 lbs.
Won tournament opener last year



Joseph Ineck, jr., 145 lbs.
26-second pin in
138-lb. consolation match



Jaden Kinney, jr., 170 lbs.
Consolation match pin at 160 lbs.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Dec. 8 at Wilder, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 vs. Richfield, Small School Kickoff, Mtn. View H.S., Meridian, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Dec. 8 at Wilder, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 vs. Mtn. View frosh, Small School Kickoff, Mtn. View H.S., Meridian, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Liberty Charter, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Friday, Dec. 9, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Dec. 9, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Thursday, Dec. 8 at Parma tri-meet with Vale, Ore., 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 10 a.m.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Imaginary interview with animal rights extremists

Let me welcome you to our unending discussion with animal rites extremists (AN RITES) on the Unintended Consequences of Unwanted Horses in the U.S., including wild horses.

TOPIC 1: From 2008, when horse slaughter ceased in the U.S., to 2016, 1,151,000 head have been exported to Mexico and Canada for slaughter for human consumption, primarily in Europe. Is it more humane to transport unwanted horses far away for slaughter, or closer?

AN RITES: We expect within 20 years (another 2 million horses exported for slaughter), people all over the world will quit eating horsemeat.

TOPIC 2: In your survey of 1,000 random U.S. citizens, 80 percent declared to be anti-slaughter. Less than 2 percent (2 million) actually own a horse; 978 people you surveyed did not own a horse; 20 did. Random surveys in the U.S. show that 97 percent eat meat; 3 percent are vegetarians. If you wanted to get a good recipe for vegetables, who would you ask?

AN RITES: That's like comparing apples to oranges.

TOPIC 3: This fall, the board advising the Bureau of Land Management on its Wild Horse and Burro Program voted 8-1 to allow euthanasia to control over-population of the 67,000 burros and feral horses today. 27,000 would be an acceptable number to maintain the ecosystem. Today, the BLM spends nearly \$50 million annually for upkeep. In 10 years since the slaughter ban, adoptions, rescues, chemical neutering, pleading and even your contributions have not slowed the Unwanted Horse problem. Why have the AN RITES taken opposition to the BLM's plan to save itself?

AN RITES: You don't get it. Do all of you "animal users" think reason and common sense, even unintended consequences, mean anything to urban America? It's not worth one sad-eyed puppy in the commercials.

TOPIC 4: When they shut down horse slaughter plants in 2007, almost every equine-related association predicted dire consequences. They have all come true, and they've all been to the detriment of America's horses. In good conscience, how much longer can you contribute to this ongoing tragedy?

AN RITES: As long as the money keeps rollin' in! Nope, I'm just kiddin'! Really, as long as we can convince the urban donors to feel sorry for other people's horses we've got it made. Oh, and we can't thank enough the truck drivers, sale barns and Indian tribes that still keep the unwanted horse population under control by hauling them out of the country; 150,000 last year! If it weren't for them we'd be in one "heck of a wreck!"

TOPIC 5: What do you think has been your greatest asset?

AN RITES: Cowardly politicians.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books, DVDs and his new Christmas book, "Tinsel, Mistletoe and Reindeer Bait!", and other books, CDs and DVDs.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Community, service, projects



It has been a very dark week both locally and across the nation and world from unspeakable tragedies to head-scratching conduct by winners and losers in the presidential election.

Fortunately, there are plenty of people and organizations in Owyhee County to help fight back the darkness with delightful displays of kindness and community spirit.

After the week just endured, I think everybody could use a little Christmas spirit, and our communities certainly have it.

The Charlie Brown Christmas tree Jim Hyslop of the Owyhee County Historical Society donated at Saturday's Christmas Bazaar in Murphy puts the final touches on the start of another Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center resident gift drive at The Owyhee Avalanche office.

The Last Chance Saloon also had its annual auction and benefit night for the OHR residents, too.

Homedale Elementary School counselor Randee Garrett is coordinating another Hands Around Homedale effort. Sixty-five families will receive help this Christmas through the school's districtwide food drive, Saturday's Shop with

a Cop, the Homedale FFA chapter's Gift of Green, Eastern Star's Silver Star Chapter, the Wish Tree and the folks at the Upper Pleasant Ridge Grange in Canyon County.

Grange halls are rare anymore, but Homedale Elementary teacher Melanie Harper and her husband Barney are members of the Upper Pleasant Ridge chapter that has adopted a family this season.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies and Posse members also will take part in the Shop with a Cop event on Saturday.

These efforts, and those in Marsing with the Giving Tree and the sheriff's office coat drive through Pruett Tire Factory and Logans Market, provide avenues for everyday people to reach out and help the less fortunate.

Vision Community Church in Marsing, led by pastor Benji Graves, continues with its food pantry and is sponsoring a holiday dinner open to everyone. There are other food pantries to help, too, including the El-Ada Community Partnership Owyhee County pantry in Homedale and the Rimrock pantry spearheaded by the

— See *Community*, Page 7B

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Make a difference for homeless veterans



No veteran who has served our nation should return home to face homelessness, yet it is happening. Based on statistics from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reports there were 49,933 homeless veterans on a single night in January 2014. While the VA finds that homelessness among veterans is declining, work remains to end the homelessness of those who have given so much for us.

This fall, I had the opportunity to participate in the 21st annual Southeast Idaho Homeless Stand Down where I was able to work alongside community volunteers sorting items that would help the homeless veterans in East Idaho prepare for the cold winter ahead. It is very encouraging to see the strong turnout in our communities to help our homeless and veterans. The VA also hosts homeless stand downs at facilities around the country (<https://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp>). The Boise VA Medical Center held an event in October at which veterans had access to medical screenings, food, haircuts and other items. When people put their lives on the line for our freedom and then come back with difficulties, it is imperative that we recognize what they face and help overcome it. It is crucial that our government offers these service members support and that our communities come together to help these veterans back on their feet.

I am a strong supporter of federal programs aimed at helping our homeless veterans:

- The VA collaborates with HUD to run the supportive housing program called HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH). HUD-VASH provides rental assistance vouchers that homeless veterans may use toward rent in privately owned housing.

- Additionally, the VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program helps veterans and their families avoid becoming homeless by finding more accommodating living situations. It also helps those who have recently become homeless.

- The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem program helps non-profit organizations and state, local and tribal governments develop and operate transitional housing

for veterans.

- The Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans program is designed to "provide residential, interdisciplinary clinical care for sheltered and homeless veterans with multiple challenges, illnesses or rehabilitative care needs."

This is just some of the assistance available. Information on these and other federal programs to provide assistance with housing, employment, health care and criminal justice can be accessed on the VA's website at: www.va.gov. Additionally, I encourage homeless or soon-to-be homeless veterans to reach out to the VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877) 4AID-VET (877-424-3838) for programs that can help. My staff also stands at the ready should a veteran require assistance with VA benefits or other federal programs. Please contact one of my regional offices:

Idaho State Office (Boise) (208) 334-1776; South-Central Idaho (Twin Falls) (208) 734-2515; North Idaho (Coeur d'Alene) (208) 664-5490; Eastern Idaho, North (Idaho Falls) (208) 522-9779; North-Central Idaho (Lewiston) (208) 743-1492; Eastern Idaho, South (Pocatello) (208) 236-6775.

The VA's webpage addressing homelessness reads, "No Veteran Should Be Without a Place to Call Home." I could not agree more. Together, our communities can continue to make a difference. The massive effort put forth in organizing the 21st annual Southeast Idaho Homeless Stand Down and the Homeless Veterans Stand Down event in Boise are examples of Idahoans' steadfast commitment to restore honor and dignity to veterans and their families experiencing difficulties such as homelessness. I look forward to being a part of more events like these in the future and wish to extend my sincere thanks to those dedicated to serving veterans in this capacity.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He won re-election for his fourth six-year term in the Nov. 8 election and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Commentary

Financial management

Stay away from credit cards, regardless of gimmicks

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are building a home, and we found a great entertainment center we both love. It costs \$6,000, and the dealer said he would give us 10 percent off if we take out a store credit card. We have the cash to buy the piece, but we were wondering if it would be a good idea to get the card and use it for the entertainment center and Christmas gifts, then pay it off immediately.

— Tyler

Dear Tyler,

I hate to burst your bubble, but I'm pretty skeptical about this idea. I know it sounds good on the surface, but the problem is the vast majority of people don't have the discipline to follow through on a plan like this. Another issue is a lot of places like this hit you with

a fee when you pay off the card, the thing runs over, then you get another fee, and so on.

I'd just call the manager out of his office and let him know that unless he discounts the entertainment center \$600 I'm going to his competitor. No, there's no way I'd take out a stupid credit card at this place whether I had the cash on hand or not.

Tyler, you need to learn right now it's a bad idea to play with snakes. Stop screwing around with debt products, OK? Everyone thinks they're the exception to the rule or they're somehow winning or getting rich by doing stuff like this, but it doesn't work. They're trying to hook you, man!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We have three preschool



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grandchildren, and they get tons of stuff for Christmas every year. We're in really good shape financially and would like to do something for their future this year instead of giving a toy that

might get thrown in the corner. Do you have any suggestions?

— Valerie

Dear Valerie,

I'd do both. You don't want to be those grandparents who only hand envelopes at Christmas to 4-year-olds. No, they need things to play with. They're kids, and they should be allowed to act like kids and be happy at Christmas. The good news is you can do both without spending an arm and a leg.

In addition to a few special toys, perhaps you could work with their parents to launch Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) for them. This would get their college funds started, and it's what we do. We use mutual funds in their ESAs, where each child is allowed to have up to \$2,000 contributed in their name per year.

The beauty of the ESA with the mutual fund inside is that it's growing completely tax-free. You have to name a custodian of the account until the child turns 18, and that could be you guys or their parents. Just make sure that together you don't over-fund the ESAs and cause yourselves tax problems.

Merry Christmas, Valerie!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

Americans for Limited Government

Jill Stein's desperation presidential play taints Dems, too

by Natalia Castro

Green Party presidential nominee Jill Stein and the Democratic Party have not given up yet. The most recent push against President-elect Donald Trump has been the call for recounts in critical states, in hopes to delegitimize the entire election process and hopefully remove Trump from power altogether. Unfortunately for Jill Stein, the leader in this effort, this charade only represents the hypocrisy and despair within a flailing opposition that cannot accept reality.

Stein has tapped into a Democratic political base furious with the election results and eager to fund a recount in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Stein told CNN's Anderson Cooper that "What we have are predictors that if tampering took place, it would most likely be discovered in the three states where we are looking."

This allegation of fraud has allowed Stein to raise close to \$7 million for recount efforts, and comes despite the fact that, for example, Michigan uses all-paper ballots or that, generally, electronic voting machines are not even connected to the Internet.

Stein is not expanding the Democratic base at all, but rather only energizing radical Democrats unhappy with election results. These are the same Democrats who were enraged when Donald Trump warned that he might not accept the election results. Now even Hillary Clinton's team pathetically announced on Nov. 26 that they will be assisting in recount efforts.

The hypocrisy within the party is clear. Despite once noting that it was "horrifying" to imagine Trump demanding a recount in the event of presumed fraud, the Clinton team is urging for a recount even after the New York Times of Nov. 26 reported that the Clintons staff has admitted to having "little hope of success in any of the three states, and said it had seen no 'actionable evidence' of vote-hacking that might taint the results or otherwise provide new grounds for challenging Donald J. Trump's victory."

Unfortunately for Stein and the Democratic Party, this recount effort stains the group not just as hypocrites but as desperate as well. The three states Stein has chosen to pursue make it clear how out of touch the Democrats have become with everyday Americans' needs and is simply fighting for power.

Pennsylvania Department of State spokeswoman Wanda Murren explained in the Philadelphia Inquirer that "the deadline under the law for a voter-initiated recount at the county level had been Monday, Nov. 21. Many counties missed it, but nearly half have already certified their results, precluding recounts there." Even the state's Democratic Secretary of State Pedro Cortes has announced there is no evidence of any form of vote tampering; making a recount both unnecessary and probably impossible because Stein will lack a key witness when she lands in court.

In Wisconsin, a recount was allowed, but local municipalities were granted authority over the process of recounting the votes. For Stein, even this was insufficient as some areas

did not choose to count by hand. Now a recount could cost the state and taxpayers \$3.5 million. But to further extend the election process, Stein has now placed a lawsuit against both Wisconsin and Pennsylvania that could slow down the recounts, and prevent the electors from being named prior to the Electoral College's meeting on Dec. 19.

In the meantime, Michigan has finally certified its election results, declaring Donald Trump the victor, and awarding him the state's 16 electors.

Stein and the Democratic Party know they need all three of these states to somehow overturn the election, and so now they are acting desperately. Even without Pennsylvania, Trump would still have the necessary electoral votes from all the other states to become president. That is why Stein's strategy calls for halting or slowing all three states' votes from being counted in time, denying either candidate the 270 Electoral College threshold for victory on Dec. 19, and throwing the election into the House of Representatives, where Trump would likely prevail anyway.

This leaves the Democrats, Clinton and Stein acting desperately. Rather than accepting the elections results like they urged Trump to, they are fighting a losing battle, suing states and costing taxpayers. Stein is not acting nobly for the fervent Never Trumpers now rioting in the streets. She is undermining the electoral process that has worked effectively in this country for more than 200 years.

— Natalia Castro is a contributing editor at *Americans for Limited Government*.

✓ Community: Owyhee County residents team up to help less fortunate neighbors

From Page 6B

Knight Community Church in Grand View and helping the needy in Oreana, Grand View and Bruneau.

The spirit of the season can help reduce any bitterness or pessimism that arose after the recently completed presidential election.

Watching folks in Owyhee's communities make sure everyone has a great Christmas bolsters the idea that there is a lot more unity in our midst than the leaders of both major political parties would lead us to believe.

But kindness extends past the Christmas season, too.

Jolyn Green is a busy person these days. She's one of the movers and shakers in Marsing's Giving Tree effort, but

she also has responsibilities as Lions Club president.

The Lions Club is bringing the Idaho Lions Club Eye Bank vision screening equipment to the elementary school today to check the eyesight of many schoolchildren.

Then there is the annual influx of goodwill that is inherent in the required Senior Projects each upperclassman in each Idaho and Oregon high school must complete in order to graduate.

Homedale seniors Rian Beebe and Megan Maxwell chose to give back for their physical projects.

The town and school are better for those students' decisions — just like the entire county is uplifted when folks decide to help out at any time of year.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

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

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 11, 1991

Stan Zatica named IEC chairman

Stan Zatica of Homedale has been elected as chairman of the board of the Idaho Employer's Council, the largest business association in the state and one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest.

Zatica was named to replace Wayne Anderson, former president of the Idaho Power Co., during an October conference of the 650-member organization in Sun Valley, according to Roger Doughty, IEC president.

Doughty said Zatica will serve a two-year term on the 20-member board, and will chair quarterly executive committee meetings for the non-profit association of business.

The IEC, or IEC Management Resource Group as it's also called, is headquartered in Boise. It includes major Idaho businesses like Albertson's, Intermountain Gas, Ore-Ida Foods, Idaho Power and others. It functions as an adjunct personnel or resource department for members, according to Doughty.

Its services include help with the development of policies and procedures for compliance with state and federal laws. It also provides training for managers, performs employee opinion surveys and helps with benefits administration, Doughty said.

Saxton family moves here from Virginia

Earlier this year, Colin and Janine Saxton had no inkling that they would be moving to Homedale with their two young daughters this fall.

They were living in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where Colin was finishing his studies for a master's degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary & College. Thereafter, he was scheduled to start his doctoral program in New Jersey.

"And we just felt that wasn't what we were supposed to do, kind of at the last minute," he said. But many ministerial vacancies had already been filled, they discovered when they contacted church officials and the Yearly Meeting office of the Friends Church.

So, said Janine, "we waited for the right door to open," while they prayed and did what they could to find the place where they were intended to go.

Members of their church were praying here, too, they reported, for a family to fill a ministerial vacancy that had developed. When they became aware of the opening at the Homedale Friends Church, they indicated they experienced "a real strong sense of God's calling."

"We were interested in a rural setting, and we were really excited about what the people here were doing," Colin added. So they came, arriving on Oct. 1 and settling into the parsonage adjoining the Homedale Friends Church.

Marsing boys win tourney

Basketball season is under way for the Marsing boys' varsity team who are 2-2 in pre-season play.

The team won the High Desert Shootout, a two-day tournament in Jordan Valley this weekend, by defeating Harper Friday evening and McDermitt Saturday night in the championship game.

Coach Curt Clark said he is not sure how his team will do in league play.

He said they lost a close one to Melba and were "steamrolled" by Wilder earlier in the season.

"We're really young," he said.

The Huskies take on Nampa Christian at home Thursday night and travel to Melba Saturday.

Marsing girls edge past Homedale team

The Marsing varsity girls basketball team edged past Homedale 47-46 Thursday night for their first win of the season.

According to coach Carol Henggeler, the win was a confidence-booster for the team, who she said has been playing well all season.

Lachelle Loucks, senior, was the high scorer for the Huskies with 17 points. Debbie Webb scored 13.

50 years ago

December 1, 1966

Eagle Court of Honor set for Tuesday night

A special Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

During the ceremonies three Eagle ranks will be given to Barry Fujishin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fujishin of Ridgeview, Gary Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett of Central Cove, and Gary Yamamoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamamoto. The Eagle rank is the highest in the Boy Scout program and to receive this honor the scouts must achieve a total of 21 merit badges including the 10 required merit badges.

These scouts are the first Eagles to receive this rank under the leadership of George Kubosumi, Scout Master, and Anton Jereb, assistant, who have been the leaders for the past four years.

Other merit badges and promotions will also be awarded during the evening and a guest speaker will be present.

Parents of the Scouts and the general public are invited to attend, according to Scout Master Kubosumi.

Kubosumi also announced that the Scouts will not sell Christmas trees this year.

Sage Creek 4-H elects officers

The first meeting of the Sage Creek 4-H was held at the home of leader Robert Bauer, on Tuesday.

New and former members were welcomed, and Bill Allred, County Extension Agent, was introduced.

Achievement awards from the past year were presented, and the 4-H calendars, compliments of Norsedco Inc. of Marsing, were given out.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year are: president, Vickie Howell; vice-president, Jackie Walker; secretary-treasurer, Larry Bauer; historians, Tresa Middleton and Jackie Walker; reporter, Diane Takasugi; and sergeant-at-arms, Kenny Kubosumi.

Area youths are coloring contest prizewinners

The winners of the Christmas Coloring Contest sponsored by the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Division were chosen today by the judges. Over 1,000 entrants were received at the Chamber office from all over Treasure Valley.

A first-, second- and third-place prize was awarded in each division; \$20.00 for first, \$15.00 for second, and \$10.00 for third.

Winners in the 6 and under division were: 1st place – Albert Lozano, 6 yrs. old, Marsing; 2nd place – Chris Kubosumi, 6 yrs. old, Homedale; 3rd place – Jeannette Beckman, 4 yrs. old, Parma.

Winners in the 7-9 age group were: 1st place – Roberta Arima, 8 yrs. old, Homedale; 2nd place – Jeannie Lorensen, 9 yrs. old, Caldwell; and 3rd place – Carol Kirkpatrick, 7 yrs. old Nampa

Winners of the 10-12 age group were: 1st place – Vicki Andrews, 12 yrs. old, Caldwell, 2nd place – Nola J. Cole, 11 yrs. old, Payette, and 3rd place – Jane Summer, 10 yrs. old, Weiser.

The winning pictures will be on display at the Chamber of Commerce office until Monday, December 13. All winners will be asked to come to the Chamber office Saturday, December 10, at 11 a.m. to pick up their prizes.

Wayne Breshears completes basic

Seaman Recruit Wayne D. Breshears, 18, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Breshears of Route 1, Homedale, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instructions under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship, military drill and other subjects.

140 years ago

December 2, 1876

CHAOS – The Presidential question seems to be involved in greater confusion and uncertainty than ever. No human mind is capable of foreseeing what results may possibly be figured out in the proceedings at Washington for the coming few weeks. The squabbling that has taken place in Oregon and several other States, over the proceedings of the Electoral College, only makes "confusion worse confounded" and renders the prospect of a decisive result even more dubious than at any previous stage of the contest. The count of votes in South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana and the result arrived at give evidence of the most bare-faced and nefarious swindling, and Congress seems determined to take the matter in hand and have full and thorough investigation. The gigantic frauds, concocted with a view to defeating the will of the people, will be unearthed there cannot be the shadow of a doubt. The testimony of many prominent Northern citizens, who witnessed the machinations of the returning board of Louisiana, leaves no room for doubt on this point. It would have been well if the nation could have been spared the disagreeable spectacle that has been witnessed in these "doubtful" States during the past few weeks. The high-banded outrages, perpetrated at the Capital of South Carolina, where military authority has assumed to be the arbiter where the rights and privileges of the people only are concerned, is a crime against civil liberty and ought to meet with the condemnations of every honest and intelligent citizen. Such an invasion of representative privileges never would have occurred if the nation had been fortunate enough to have a statesman in the Presidential Chair, and all good citizens will hope that the country will emerge from the crisis through which we are now passing, by a peaceful solution of the question at issue and the absence of any further high-handed usurpatory acts, such as those they have been called upon to witness. The salvation of the country depends upon prevalence of wise council. There is a wide field for speculation upon the dangers of the situation, but there is at every prospect, at the same time, that the means will not be wanting to defeat the treasonable machinations of the usurpers and despoilers.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JOTTINGS – Editor Idaho Avalanche: Although "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," we still "lay the flattering unction to our souls" that before long work will be resumed in this camp and the boys will have a few dollars where with to buy ribbons for their girls and tobacco for their pipes.

Last Thursday evening we had a very pleasant revival of the merry-making of last winter in the form of a social dance, gotten up by the fair sex of our rather small community.

Colonel Lacy with his usual liberality, loaned his commodious and well lighted hall for the occasion; and a double amount of gratitude is due Mr. C. Sprowls who very kindly made the journey from the ranch of McLafferty & Co. to supply the music, which he discoursed with his usual ability. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Redsull and their four daughters, Mrs. Buttles and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Connors and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Sjowal and family, Messrs. Bell, Bowyer, Booth, Brickie, Christie, Palmer, Vinton and Colonel Lacy. Miss Lizzie Connor, her company was missed very much.

We are much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Sjowal, Mr. Lacy and Dr. Booth for refreshments. Dancing was kept up until about 1:30 o'clock in the morning and then all returned to their homes apparently well pleased with their evening's entertainment.

Some time ago Messrs. Vincent and Vinton sent 4,200 pounds of ore from two of the mines here to San Francisco and are anxiously awaiting the result of the smelting thereof as it will, in all probability, prove a good advertisement for the camp.

Dum Spiro Spero

Public notices

NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT BY OWYHEE COUNTY IDAHO OF 2007 CHALLENGER MOWER FROM WILSON EQUIPMENT IN WHITE CITY OREGON FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$69,500.00

Notice is hereby provided by Owyhee County, in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2808(2), of declaration of only one vendor reasonably available for purchase of said equipment. This declaration is made under provisions of subparagraph (v): "The purchase of public works construction, services or personal property for which it is determined there is no functional equivalent;" and (viii): "Where competitive solicitation is impractical, disadvantageous or unreasonable under the circumstances." Owyhee County Clerk Angela Barkell
12/7,14/2016

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2016 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2016. 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,
PO Box 9, Grand View, Idaho
83624

12/7,14/2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with IDAPA 15.10.01.011.05 ("ISLD Rule" 011.05), the Idaho State Liquor Division (ISLD) hereby gives public notice that it will be relocating the existing contract store located at: 215 Main Street, Grand View, Idaho. The store will continue to be operated as a Contract Store as defined in ISLD Rule 004. Desired location of said Contract store is described as: Within the Grandview, Idaho trade area

Anyone interested in being considered to operate a Contract Store in the Grand View area may acquire an application by contacting the Idaho State Liquor Division:

Idaho State Liquor Division,
Attention: Gwynna Jensen, PO
Box 727, Emmett, Id. 83617 Or
email to gwynna.jensen@liquor.
idaho.gov

Applications will be considered by the ISLD Director in accordance with ISLD Rule 011.06. Completed applications must be received by no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 16th, 2017 and returned to Gwynna Jensen at above address or email address.

12/7,14/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2016-1154H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of HARRY J. ZANKS and LEORA U. ZANKS, Deceased Persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All

persons having claims against the said decedents are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho 83606.

DATED this 30 day of November, 2016.

LEORA Z. SUMMERS,
Personal Representative
12/7,14,21/2016

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On March 14, 2017, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, CHARLES C. JUST, ATTORNEY AT LAW, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the High Line Canal.

E X C E P T I N G THEREFROM

Any portion thereof which may lie within the East 330 feet of said Government Lot 3.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **HC 79 Box 420 n/k/a 12946 Bailey Road, Melba, Idaho**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Eric J. Fritzlter and Angela M. Fritzlter, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with North American Mortgage Company as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119; Modification Agreement recorded September 26, 2006, as Instrument No. 258249; Modification Agreement recorded April 14, 2009, as Instrument No. 267932; Modification Agreement recorded 12-07-2012, as Instrument No. 279354, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association, recorded June 19, 2008, as Instrument No. 265399, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS

ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$706.39 for the months of May 2016 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$107,462.86 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 4.1250% from April 1, 2016, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2016.

Taegan N. Curzon, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106 11/23,30;12/7,14/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 14, 2016 File No.: 8077.20137 Sale date and time (local time): March 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1620 Hill Road Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Everett Bud Jones & V. Pauline Jones, husband and wife Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Company Original beneficiary: KeyBank National Association Recording date: 05/14/2007 Recorder's instrument number: 260961 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 14, 2016: \$76,488.73 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. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Situated in the County of Owyhee and State of Idaho: In Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 25: That part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter lying West of the "D" Canal of the Gem Irrigation District more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 25 being the true point of beginning; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes West a distance of 344.9 feet to the centerline of the "D" Canal; thence South 48 degrees 05 minutes East a distance of 308 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 282.3 feet to the true point of beginning. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: Situated in the County of Owyhee and State of Idaho: In Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 25: That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter lying West of the "D" Canal of the Gem Irrigation District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast (shown of record as Southwest) Quarter, Section 25 being the True Point of Beginning; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes West a distance of 344.9 feet to the centerline of the "D" Canal; thence South 48 degrees 05 minutes East a distance of 308 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 282.3 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Jones, Everett (TS# 8077.20137) 1002.289367-File No. 11/30;12/7,14,21/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 9, 2016 File No.: 8296.20496 Sale date and time (local time): March 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1 West California Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Justin W Kelleher, a married man as his sole and separate estate Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for HomeStreet Bank, a Washington State Chartered Savings Bank, successors and assigns Recording date: 12/31/2013 Recorder's instrument number: 282952 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 9, 2016: \$127,796.73 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. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder

for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 57 of the Amended Plat of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Kelleher, Justin W. (TS# 8296.20496) 1002.289318-File No. 11/30;12/7,14,21/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IDAHO

Code 45-1506 Today's date: October 31, 2016 File No.: 7345.29401 Sale date and time (local time): March 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location: In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 Property address: 750 West Main Street Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Michael G. Rice and Jenell A. Rice, husband and wife Original trustee: Alliance Title and Escrow Corporation Original beneficiary: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Recording date: 03/19/2013 Recorder's instrument number: 280366 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 31, 2016: \$59,596.53 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. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: In Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho Section 34: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence East 25 feet along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence leaving the South Boundary North 0 degrees 49'20" West 33 feet to the initial point of this description; thence continuing North 0 degrees 49'20" West 153 feet to a point; thence North 90 degrees East 100.00 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 49'20" East, 153 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees West 100 feet to the initial point of this description. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Rice, Michael and Jennell (TS# 7345.29401) 1002.289206-File No. 11/16,23,30;12/7/16

Public notices

NOTICE

Market Road Storage abandoned storage sale on 12/17/2016 at 9-10am, 4595 E Market Rd, Homedale, Idaho 83628.

Linda Malmberg #7, PO Box 399, Marsing, ID 83639. Unit contains household items. To be auctioned as whole lot.
12/7,14/2016

R03W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 4.5 CFS
Total Diversion: 4.5 CFS
Date Filed: 9/6/2016
Place of Use: STOCKWATER

T01S R03W S9 NENE SWNE SENE SENW NESW NWSE T01S R03W S10 NENW NWNW SWNW

Applicant proposes to construct two wells in two of the nine locations.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of

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GARY SPACKMAN, Director
12/7,14/2016

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12/7/2016

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Gift Drive Ends December 21st

M1: Zip-up grey jacket xlg, black or grey sweats 1x, music: Andre Rieu, Jim Reeves, polka
 M2: Sweat pants grey or black 1x, non-skid socks 10-12, drawing easel, colored pencils, drawing paper, gel pens, adult color book, Old Spice aftershave
 M3: Pullover shirts 2x, sweat pant dark blue 2x, aftershave: Old Spice, Copenhagen, Jovan Mush
 M4: Long sleeve pullover shirt 3x, sweat pant 3x, Brut aftershave, DVD player, western movies, BSU gear
 M5: Polo style shirts 3x, sweat pant 3x, history books, baseball books
 M6: Winter coat (Levi) lrg, Wrangler jeans 31/34, CD player, music CDs Dokken, Scorpions, rock-n-roll, baseball cap
 M7: Hershey's Kisses, Calendar (scenic), soft throw blanket, DVD players w/western movies
 M8: Polo style shirts 2x, nylon pants jogging 2x, socks black 10-12, western calendar, western music CDs, solar system ceiling projector
 M9: Western style long sleeve button up shirts 2x, sweat pant 2x, T-shirts xlg, crew socks 10-12, baseball caps
 M10: Western style button up shirts 2x, Wrangler jeans 38/30 stretch waist band, T-shirts 2x, western/action movies, sunflower seeds
 M11: Long sleeve pullover shirts 2x, sweat pants 2x, western books on CD, western calendar, cologne
 M12: Button up dress shirts long sleeve (m), dress slacks 32/32, western style piggy bank

F1: Pullover tops long sleeve (m), sweat pants (s), Silver Jeans (5), beanie or headband, skier hat/scarf
 F2: Large print books, Louis LaMour, western biographies, dictionary
 F3: Sweater/long sleeve button up blouses 1x, black slacks 16, bra 40C, camis xlg, White Diamonds perfume, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray
 F4: Sweater/blouses 2x, jeans elastic waist 1x, camis xlg, slippers 8, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray
 F5: Sweaters (m), long sleeve pullover blouses (m), leggings (m), camis (m), 2 piece PJs, throw blanket, stuffed animal
 F6: Blouses xlg, sweats 1x, camis xlg, fuzzy socks 6-10, relaxation CDs, soft plush stuffed animal
 F7: Button up blouse sweaters (m), slacks elastic waist (m), camis (m), ankle socks 7-10, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, box chocolates
 F8: Blouses (m), slacks (m), word search, earrings, french vanilla Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, markers, velvet posters, water bottle
 F9: Pullover blouses/sweat shirt xlg, slacks xlg, camis (l), crew socks 8-10, stuffed animal, throw blanket
 F10: Blouses long sleeve (l), slacks elastic waist (l), knee high socks 9-10, jewelry box, Bath/Body Works lotion /spray
 F11: Sweaters long sleeve blouses (m), yoga pants (l), PJs 2 piece, camis (m), non-skid socks (l), soft like realistic baby doll, spill proof cups
 F12: Long sleeve button up blouses 2x, slacks elastic waist 2x, boot style slippers 8, chocolates, pink/peach/coral lipstick & nail polish
 F13: Pullover blouses 4x, slacks elastic waist 4x, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, cherry blossom, Cera Ve moisturizing cream, fingerless gloves, nail polish, shawl or scarves, BSU gear
 F14: Button up long sleeve blouses 1x, slacks or sweats 1x, night gown xlg, fuzzy socks 9-10, throw blanket, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray
 F15: Long sleeve blouse w/vest 2x, slacks 2x, fuzzy socks 8-10, CDs old country music: Loretta Lynn, George Jones
 F16: Ladies Poncho lrg, fuzzy socks 7-10, chocolates, baby wipe warmer
 F17: Moo-moo style night gowns (m), fuzzy socks 7-10, Bath/Body Works lotion/spray, realistic looking doll or animal
 F18: Sweat tops 4x, sweat pants 3x, York Peppermint chocolates, throw blanket (blue)
 F19: Pullover blouses (m), slacks (m), throw blanket
 F20: Blouses long sleeve button up 2x, slacks elastic waist 2x, throw blanket, plain M&Ms, Louis LaMour short story collection volume 1
 F21: Sweat shirts 2x, Wranglers 44x32, chocolates, slip on shoes 7.5
 F22: Long sleeve blouses 3x, jean/slacks elastic waist 3x, throw blanket, PJs 3x, BSU gear
 F23: Long sleeve pull over blouse (l), slacks/sweats 14, sports bra (l), camis (l), earrings, purse filled with compact, fake money, kleenex, hair brush, etc.

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