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P&Z's form riles business community

Letter from Homedale board asks for \$50 fee; council never voted on mailing form

A city councilman and business leader spoke out last week after some Homedale companies received a letter from the Planning

and Zoning commission seeking extensive information about their businesses.

Homedale Planning and Zoning

administrator Sylvia Bahem said cover letters and registration forms were mailed to businesses around Nov. 1 after she conferred

with Mayor Paul Fink and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller on the language of the forms.

Not every business in town

received the registration packet, but Chamber of Commerce

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Irrigation rate hike approved

Without much discussion or fanfare, the Homedale City Council unanimously approved a 7 percent increase in what residents will pay for irrigation water in the coming season.

The rate hike, which was approved during a Nov. 20 public hearing, reflects a 4 percent increase in the price the city will pay the South Board of Control for irrigation water. Homedale Mayor Paul Fink cited a rise in the cost to maintain the irrigation delivery system for the balance of the 7 percent increase.

The rate hike was one of three agenda items passed without opposition by the council.

Approving a recommendation by the Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission, city council members agreed to vacate the public right-of-way of the alley to the west of Paul's Market between Wyoming and Colorado avenues. Paul Zatica, the grocery store chain's founder, previously filed a request to have the alley vacated. Last month, Zatica firmly stated that he does not plan to build on the area, and will likely use it for additional employee parking.

The council also approved a special use permit for Munster's Ink, a tattoo shop on West Idaho Avenue.

— JWB

Homedale looks for developer for 7 acres



A vision for Homedale business development

An overlay on this aerial photo of the 7-acre parcel next to the Homedale airport shows how development of the area for commercial use might look. The Homedale City Council last week asked city engineer Fred Ostler to draw up a request for proposal seeking bids from developers to execute a plan for the bare land. Photo from PEC Engineering

Request for bids to construct commercial park could go out soon

With several pieces of a puzzle laid out in front of it, the City of Homedale will ask developers to figure out where to make those pieces fit on the seven acres near the airport.

At a special meeting Nov. 21, three members of the city council — Steve Schultz, Tim Downing and Bill Page — agreed to have city engineer Fred Ostler draw up a Request for Proposal (RFP), which Ostler said could be published soon.

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink didn't attend the afternoon meeting, but said Wednesday that bringing a developer on board to organize the commercial space on the east side of U.S. Highway 95 was a good idea.

"I think it's the way to go," Fink said.

Councilman Dave Downum also missed last week's meeting,

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New U.S. attorney fighting gangs has ties to Owyhee

Owyhee County representatives joined forces with colleagues from around the Treasure Valley last week to sign an agreement creating a federal prosecutor to focus on gang-related crimes in the valley.

Commission chairman Hal Tolmie, commissioner Chris Salove and county prosecuting attorney Matthew Faulks attended a Nov. 21 press conference in Gov. Jim Risch’s Statehouse office to help announce a new step in local law enforcement agencies’ fight against gangs.

“This new position, and it is a bit of an experimental type of employment arrangement, is going to give us another means and another resource at the federal level to go ahead and pursue these individuals with federal charges,” Faulks said.

Funding from the Treasure Valley Partnership and state government will provide \$100,000 to hire a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney to prosecute gang crimes in Idaho. The Treasure Valley Partnership, a coalition of county and city governments, will pay part of the salary and benefits for the position, while the state will pick up part of the salary. Funding for the position will be extended at least two years, according to the job listing posted by the U.S. Attorney’s Idaho District Office.

According to the listing, the job carries an annual salary of between \$55,000 and \$65,000. The job will include training, which will be carried out in

Columbia, S.C.

The attorney will be based out of the federal office in Boise, but Owyhee County will handle the payroll.

“Violent crime and controlled substance crime and gang crime is real here in the Treasure Valley, and this Special Assistant U.S. Attorney position gives us another tool in the criminal justice system to pursue those persons,” Faulks said.

The U.S. Attorney’s office in Boise and Faulks are coordinating the search for the new prosecutor. The application deadline is 5 p.m., Dec. 15, and the position is expected to be filled by mid-January.

Although the attorney will be on the county payroll, no Owyhee County funds will be used in the compensation.

Faulks said the attorney will spend little time in Murphy, and whoever fills the new position won’t prosecute any county cases.

But county prosecutors will continue to handle gang-related crimes.

“There has been an ongoing effort using the existing federal resources for starters and, more importantly, our local resources,” Faulks said. “The bulk of these cases are prosecuted by county prosecutors, and that will continue to be true.”

He said while the majority of the gang-related crime may occur elsewhere in the Treasure Valley, Owyhee County communities

such as Homedale and Marsing still will benefit from the new position.

“I don’t know if we would say this end of the Treasure Valley is the very center of that kind of activity, but there’s no doubt we are connected to it,” Faulks said.

“And it affects us. You’ll see a number of other small communities as part of the Treasure Valley Partnership, and I don’t know if you’d identify some of those as necessarily the center of gang activity, but they realize the gang activity and drug trade and violent crime and gun crime that goes along with that affects them. And it can spread.”

The advantage of federal charges, Faulks said, is that anyone convicted of gang-related crimes would be incarcerated in a federal prison outside Idaho. Faulks also said parole is unlikely for federal prisoners.

“Those individuals convicted will be sent to prison out of state, breaking the ties to their local gangs,” Gov. Jim Risch said during last week’s press conference.

Faulks said hiring a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney is a positive step in the ongoing battle against the spread of gangs in the valley.

“I can’t say if we’re ahead or behind the curve on pursuing this,” he said. “I don’t think gangs are as established here as they might be in some locales, but they definitely exist here.”

— JPB



Homedale Wish Tree materializes

Wish lists of area youngsters dangle from the Wish Tree at Paul’s Market in Homedale. The tree was put up Wednesday, and a wreath at the post office has more names of children in need of presents this Christmas.

Wish Tree appears in Homedale, annual casino night planned

The Beta Sigma Phi organization in Homedale has kicked off its annual Wish Tree drive.

A casino night, the clothing and toy drive’s major fund-raiser, is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cowboy Up Saloon, 2 N. Main St., in Homeedale.

Each year, a Christmas tree adorned with the names and needs of children from the Homedale School District is placed at Paul’s Market, where folks can pick a child for whom they buy warm clothing and a toy.

“All the presents are delivered by the fire department and the police department,” Wish Tree co-chair Diana Maxwell said. “The kids realize the police aren’t always bad (guys), too.”

Maxwell said the effort usual benefits about 70 to 80 families.

The toy deliveries are made in the week before Christmas

using official vehicles from both agencies. The tree went up Wednesday at Paul’s Market, and Maxwell said a wreath with more names on it will appear at the U.S. Post Office on Main Street.

The deadline to return toys and clothing to either Paul’s or the post office is Dec. 13. Maxwell said people must return the gift-wrapped items to the same location where they plucked the tag off the tree.

The annual Wish Tree Casino Night fund-raiser features a minimum buy-in of \$20. Participants receive script to play black jack for prizes donated by local businesses. Maxwell said there is no limit on buy-ins.

For more information about the Wish Tree or about the casino night, call event co-chair Lori Badiola at 573-8456.

— JPB

Have a news tip?

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Marsing Lions monthly bingo begins Saturday

The Marsing Lions Club will start its benefit bingo season Saturday at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center.

The fund-raising event takes place once a month during the winter, with an early-bird session beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the regular session getting under way at 7 p.m.

The community center is located at 126 2nd St. N., in Marsing.

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Paul’s Market effort helps the troops
A grocery cart filled with items for donation to Operation Care Package is parked inside the Paul’s Market in Homedale. Homedale store manager Kevin Tycz said the drive began around Veterans Day, and will continued through Dec. 9. Paul’s teamed up with the Veterans Resource Network and the Journal Broadcast Group to round up items for care packages to send to the troops fighting overseas.

Spokane man injured in accident outside Homedale

A Spokane, Wash., man was transported by air ambulance after a one-vehicle rollover on Idaho highway 19 near the Oregon state line last week.

Tony White, 36, was driving a 1993 Chevrolet Corsica westbound on Idaho 19 a mile west of Homedale at approximately 11:15 p.m. Nov. 21 when, according to Owyhee County Sheriff’s reports, the vehicle left the roadway and overturned multiple times. It was determined that White was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash and was listed as the vehicle’s sole occupant.

“The vehicle was westbound on Highway 19, drove off the left shoulder of the road and the vehicle overturned three times,” Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Dick Freund said Monday. “The occupant was ejected.”

Grant, who investigated the crash, reported the odor of alcohol, but because of the driver’s injuries did not have the opportunity to administer tests to determine if alcohol was a factor in the crash.

According to Owyhee County Dispatch reports, Marsing Ambulance was initially dispatched to the crash, but White was eventually transported to Saint Alphonse Regional Medical Center via air-ambulance because of the severity of his injuries. Sheriff’s reports indicated that White’s injuries were considered “non-incapacitating.”

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse members and Homedale Police also responded to the crash. No citations have been issued. No update on White’s condition was available at press time.

Freund stated that Deputy Perry

— JWB

Weekend storm raises snow levels in Owyhee Mountains

A weekend winter storm dumped snow in the Owyhee Mountains, according to the latest National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) data available Monday.

Using sensors at three reporting stations in the Owyhees, the NRCS compiles detailed, hour-by-hour report of snow depth and precipitation levels.

The Mud Flat sensor showed 6.4 inches of snow as of 8 a.m. Monday. Twenty-four hours earlier, the reading indicated no precipitation. The Mud Flat sensor is located at 5,730 feet.

The South Mountain sensor showed 11.8 inches of snow by Monday morning, an increase of 7 inches from the previous day. This sensor is at 6,500 feet.

There was no data for the Reynolds Creek sensor. On Thanksgiving Day, the sensor showed 0.1 inches of snow at that location. The Reynolds Creek sensor is positioned at 5,600 feet.

The NCRS Web site provides snow data reports, which are updated hourly. For updated information, visit www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov.

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BLM panel discusses off-road sign semantics

Marsing meeting addresses clarifying usage in recreation areas, better communication between Tribes, feds

The Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) went on a field trip last week to popular off-road recreational sites throughout Owyhee County.

RAC members visited such places as Hemingway Butte, Reynolds Creek and Wilson Butte recreational sites.

The RAC is a 15-member advisory panel, which provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for approximately 5.4 million acres of federal public lands in southwestern Idaho. Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman is among the newly appointed members of the RAC.

The RAC meets three to four times each year. Membership includes a cross section of Idahoans, representing energy, tourism and commercial recreation interests, environmental, archeological or historic interests, and elected

officials, Tribes, and the public-at-large.

After viewing the areas in Owyhee County on Nov. 21, the group met at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center in Marsing for its scheduled meeting with BLM officials.

During the meeting, the RAC sought to give input on BLM projects and discussed the Owyhee Front Travel Management Plan, which seeks to regulate the use of various trails within Owyhee County.

According to Dave Wolfe, acting field manager for the BLM's Owyhee office in Marsing, the goal of the meeting was broad in scope.

"The primary goal for today was to give an introduction into what needs to occur for a travel management plan," Wolfe said.

BLM RAC coordinator MJ Byrne said that, in that respect, the meeting was a success.

"We had a very good trip, and we saw why we do travel management planning and specifics of what is going on with the Owyhee Front," Byrne said. "Owyhee County has been and continues to be a backyard for both Ada and Canyon counties."

RAC members discussed the problems of semantics with regards to legal terminology used by the BLM.

Wolfe gave examples:

"'Closed' has a legal meaning to BLM. In this context, it means (closed to) motorized vehicles," he said. "There are some semantic problems years of history have given us."

In this case, Wolfe proposed that perhaps the word 'closed' should not be used by itself, but should have qualifiers, such as "closed to mechanized vehicles, or motorized vehicles."

Wolfe said that further distinctions should be made regarding the difference between 'mechanized' vehicles, such as mountain bikes, and 'motorized' vehicles, including motorcycles and ATVs.

Wolfe also said that the natural

features of the land sometimes help to segregate different uses for different areas. For example, deep sandy areas are ideal for horses, but not appealing for mountain bikers, so the areas used for those different activities will be separated naturally by the terrain.

But, Wolfe said a possible solution is specialized designations for different uses.

"We can designate uses for trails, such as horses, mechanized, etc," he said.

During the meeting, RAC member and Owyhee County rancher, Brenda Richards, pointed out that having designated areas for motorized vehicles is necessary and inevitable.

"If you don't provide a way to get there (to recreational areas), they'll make a way to get there," Richards said.

Council member Ted Howard, cultural director for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, said that coordinating with the tribes is mandatory when it comes to land management in the Owyhees. But he said that the BLM recently has failed to communicate with the tribes.

"I represent Native American

interests. Unlike other groups present, I represent a sovereign government. The BLM has not consulted us with use since September," Howard said. "We (the tribes) only ask to be treated fairly by law."

"The BLM must consult with the tribes. They are in violation of their own regulations by not consulting with tribes."

Byrne said that a breakdown of communication is not a desired outcome, and said the BLM fully understands that communication with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes is at a completely different level of importance than between the federal agency and special interest groups or other government agencies.

"We fully recognize the importance of consultation," Byrne said. "We would like to continue to communicate (with the tribes)."

Byrne said that a possible reason for the lack of communication is due to the expiration of an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the tribes and the BLM, and that before consultation can take place, a new MOU must be agreed upon.

— JWB

Ambulance crash, copter difficulties hamper emergency response

Last week, an emergency response was complicated by an ambulance accident and mechanical issues for an air ambulance.

Wednesday night, the Marsing

Ambulance responded to a medical call south of Marsing, in which a female subject was injured in a horse accident.

Bob Malmberg of Marsing

Ambulance responded, and then requested an air ambulance with advanced life support capabilities because of the nature of the patient's injuries. Marsing Ambulance is only staffed and equipped for basic life support functions, he said.

Mechanical problems prevented the air ambulance — from Boise — from responding.

The Marsing Ambulance contacted Canyon County Paramedics and requested they meet to transfer care of the patient near the Canyon County line. While en route to rendezvous, the Canyon County unit was involved in a vehicle crash on Nampa/Caldwell Boulevard, and was unable to respond. No injuries

were reported in the crash.

Marsing Ambulance eventually transported the patient to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.


Malmberg said Monday that the patient, whose name was withheld for medical confidentiality reasons, is at home and recovering after the incident.

— JWB

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✓ P&Z form

president Aaron Tines circulated copies of the form to businesses last week.

City councilman Steve Schultz said that the concept of a business registration form has yet to go before the council, and there's no ordinance in place to enforce it.

"I think that whole thing's a mistake," Schultz said after reviewing the letter and form late last week. "That's not the way to handle that."

Pat Shenk, owner of Homedale Drive In, said that he believes the registration form is an attempt to rectify the street vendor issue, which he says business owners brought to the city council's attention a few years ago.

"(City officials) are trying to back door all these little places that are springing up all over the street," Shenk said. "They should have thought of that when (business owners) told them to take care of the problem."

Shenk said if the city is trying to regulate the street vendors through this registration form, it would be just as practical to charge an annual \$500 vending fee for the portable businesses.

"I think \$500 rent for a year isn't out of the question," he said.

Tines confirmed that many businesses in town had received the registration forms. He said he also distributed copies of the letter to other businesses that may not have received it originally, and the chamber plans to address the

issue at its Thursday noontime meeting at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

"It was my understanding (the form) was originally supposed to be a questionnaire to see how we felt about it," Tines said. "To me, that wasn't a questionnaire."

The letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Owyhee Avalanche, asks businesses to fill out the attached business registration form and return it to City Hall with a \$50 one-time fee.

"The \$50 probably will just go into the general fund, I'm going to assume, to cover the expense of going out there and locating these businesses and where they are and sending out the form and the letter," Bahem said.

Bahem said the \$50 fee was settled on after analyzing the time involved in the process of creating a database of local businesses.

Bahem said she was unsure what recourse the city had if a business refused to pay the \$50. There is no ordinance requiring compliance.

"But if a lot of people just flat say, 'We're not going to do it,' we're going to contact our city attorney and say, 'OK, where do we go from here?'" Bahem said.

The P&Z administrator said she attempted to call then-city attorney Kathy Edwards when drafting the form, but her phone calls were never returned. Edwards resigned earlier this month.

When asked if an ordinance had to be in place in order to proceed with the letter, Bahem said:

"My personal opinion is, 'No.'

If you have to have an ordinance for this, you have to have an ordinance for anything and everything the city does."

In addition to asking for business name and address and the name and contact information of the owner, the registration form also seeks tax identification numbers, insurance information and a copy of the articles of incorporation, if applicable.

"The information that they ask for in that letter is none of their business," Shenk said. "I do believe the fire department and police department already have information that says where I'm at."

"And if they want to know, they can come ask me."

Tines agreed that the request for extensive business information was questionable.

"Tax information and articles of partnership is a little excessive for a registration form," Tines said.

Lynn Phelps, owner of Homedale Floral since 2001, said she was taken by surprise when she found the registration form in her mailbox about two weeks ago.

"I've been reading the paper, and I didn't think (the city council) had passed it or made any decision on it, and I couldn't figure out why it just comes up," Phelps said. "I didn't like the application. It asks too many personal questions (the city doesn't) need to know."

Phelps said that established businesses shouldn't be required to pay a fee to help the city get information it should already have, but perhaps new businesses

could be charged.

Schultz said the \$50 fee was an "exorbitant" price to pay to gather facts.

"I don't think you need to charge \$50 to get the information you need," Schultz said. "Basically, I believe the role of government is to provide services, not restrict people from having businesses and tax them to death."

"We're here to facilitate business."

In an article appearing in the Oct. 4 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, Bahem said she was drafting a letter and application to send to new businesses in town as a way to determine who is doing business and where. She reiterated the reasoning behind the registration concept last week, adding that the wording also was a way to make sure businesses have all the necessary licenses to operate in their field.

"If we have an alarm go off or have a problem at one of these buildings or one of these businesses, and we don't know who to contact, what happens?" Bahem asked rhetorically.

"Say a water pipe breaks or the building catches fire or there's a burglary and items stolen. We have no way of knowing who's there and who's conducting business there."

Schultz and Phelps both questioned whether the application circulated earlier this month is the way to go about gathering that information. In fact, the councilman says the city already has a database of business owners.

"I can't imagine a business not having a water bill," Schultz said. "I mean, you have to have a name and address and contact person to bill for water and sewer."

Fink said Friday that he authorized Bahem to mail the form to local businesses, but he admitted that he hadn't actually read the letter in detail until last week after some business owners contacted him about paying the \$50 fee.

"This thing was approved by the P&Z," Fink said. "I had no problem with them sending out a letter to get response from people (on their stance on a business registration form)."

Fink said that he has told City Hall staff not to accept payment of the \$50 from business owners until the City Council has a chance to address the situation. Schultz and Fink said the council would take up the issue at its Dec. 13 meeting.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

"I think it gets the business people together," Fink said of putting the matter on the city council agenda. "You can beg people to come to this meeting, and nobody ever shows up."

"If people have a problem with what's going on alongside them, if they want to change the looks of this town, then they'll come and say, 'I'm in favor of a business license,' or 'I'm not in favor of a business license.' I hope they'll come before the City Council on Dec. 13 and let us know."

— JPB

✓ 7 acres

at which Perfection Tire franchisee Kelly Rupp from Kamiah introduced himself to the council.

The mayor added that Homedale could never come up with the money to develop the area after Dave Holton withdrew his plan to relocate Snake River Lumber to the 7-acre piece of land.

Fink said Holton was going to finance the development of the parcel without city funding.

"Since that got all blown out of shape, we didn't have the money to do it and still don't have the money to do that," Fink said.

During last week's discussion three of the city's four councilmen said at least two firms had expressed interest in developing a commercial area to house locations for King's Discount Stores and Perfection Tires as well as a medical arts building and possibly a bank. Steve Burton of Burton Post and Pole also has expressed interest in building a retail log furniture store and factory in that location.

No one at the meeting would divulge the names of the

developers. But King's Discount Stores president Tom King said he has had some experience developing other shopping centers where his outlets are located.

On Wednesday, Fink said King and Steve Thomas were the developers the council had in mind during its meeting. Thomas developed the mini-mall across from City Park in Homedale and also is part of the Homedale Plaza LLC group developing the motel and restaurant on the site of the old Homedale Auto Recyclers.

"We've got two people that's interested in this and want to develop the whole thing entirely," Fink said. "I think the council did a great job."

There's more to developing the area than figuring out where to squeeze lots in for the prospective businesses, though.

At last week's meeting, King reiterated two of his biggest concerns — access to the retail area from U.S. 95 and the progress of getting city services to the land.

Fink said Wednesday that U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency representative Dave Flesher will attend the Dec. 13 city council

meeting to give an update on the funding of Homedale's water and sewer improvement bonds.

Schultz told King that he was optimistic that the Idaho Transportation Department would be receptive to improving access off U.S. 95.

"They sounded pretty positive about working with us because they know the type of growth the city will see," Schultz said.

At a meeting earlier this month, the council set in motion a traffic impact study as the foundation for eventually getting the confluence of the Airport, U.S. 95 and East Idaho Avenue roadways aligned for better flow and a future traffic signal.

City engineer Fred Ostler said that the realignment for the streets and traffic signal still may be years away, and suggested a "temporary solution" financed by part of the Community Block Grant the city hopes to obtain early next year.

Downing admitted that the city should have secured the intersection before moving forward with development plans.

"Access should have been probably Step 1," Downing said.

— JPB

Scholastic representative



Adrian High School student attends student conference

Kassi Daugherty of Adrian High School recently served as the Eastern Oregon representative at the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) Fall Conference held in Seaside, Ore., on Nov. 5-6. Kassi worked with representatives from schools in 10 counties, presenting ideas on fund-raising, representing their schools and improving unity within the schools in Oregon. Photo by AHS Leadership

Read all about it in the Avalanche!

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Dec. 1: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Dec. 4: Early release. Sloppy jo or hot dog, fries, chocolate pudding, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Dec. 5: Chicken or rib-b-que/bun, potato wedges, gingerbread cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Dec. 6: Chili or beef taco pie, roll, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

- Dec. 1: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Dec. 4: Early release. Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Dec. 5: Taco burger or wiener wrap, green beans, animal crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Dec. 6: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit roll-up, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

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OCHS sells Charlie Brown trees

The Christmas spirit has hit the Owyhee County Historical Society, and that can mean only one thing — Charlie Brown Christmas trees.

Owyhee County Historical Museum curator Thom Couch said proceeds from the sale of trees benefit the building fund for the Murphy museum.

Trees are \$10 apiece and could be available as early as this weekend, Couch said.

The trees also will be sold at the historical society’s annual fund-raising Christmas bazaar, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 9-10 at the museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

In addition to the usual bazaar items, the sale includes books, jewelry, original artwork and baked goods.

There will be food available, live music and a visit from Santa.

For more information on the bazaar or the Christmas trees, call (208) 495-2319.

Obituaries

Irene L. Tyson

Irene L. Tyson, 74, of Murphy, passed away of natural causes Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, in the comforts of her home surrounded by her family. A funeral service celebrating her life was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa.

Irene was born on Nov. 6, 1932, in McAllister, Okla., to James A. and Bessie L. (Love) McCall. After moving to Vallejo, Calif., she met John Hamilton Tyson III.

Irene married John on Jan. 27, 1951, in Reno, Nev. They had two children, John H. Tyson IV and Linda L. Charters (Tyson). From California, they moved to Wyoming and then ended up in Murphy to stay.

Irene enjoyed crocheting blankets for family and friends, sewing for grandchildren, showing at the Quarter Horse shows through this last summer with her daughter and traveling across the country hauling horses.

She also enjoyed talking on the phone with her friends Kathy, Denise and Glen, watching Dancing with the Stars, meeting the old courthouse ladies once a month at the Murphy Store for lunch and working in her yard tending to her flowers.

Her husband preceded Irene in death in 1987.

She is survived by her brother Harold “Gene” McCall and wife Marie of Nampa; daughter Linda and her husband Dennis Charters, son John Tyson IV and wife, Vikki all of Murphy; grandchildren, Johnny H. Tyson V and wife April of Nampa, Amy Pinkerman and husband Toby of Meridian, and Danny Charters and wife Marie of Melba; and great-grandchildren Blayne Tyson, Anna and Carson Pinkerman, and Jessica and Tyler Charters. A special friend, Albert Van Dorn, also survives Irene.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thank you for all the care given in the last days by

Irene’s lifelong best friends Ed and Joan Mayfield and sister-in-law Linda Williams. We also want to thank Dr. Vargas and staff for their incredible care, Kathy Blickenstaff for going with her for treatments, and Hospice for their sincere love and support.

Irene was Granny to her grandkids and all their friends and the extended family at the Quarter horse shows. Although she was a tough woman, she had such a tender heart and appreciated the time she had to spend with her closest friends and family. She greatly loved her kids and grandkids and adored her great-grandchildren. Granny will never be forgotten. Her spirit will remain strong in her family and around the horses she cared for.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Owyhee County Historical Society, PO Box 67, Murphy, ID 83650 or the Melba QRU, PO Box 189, Melba, ID 83641.

Grace Belle Nestor

Grace Belle Nestor, 89, of Homedale, passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2006 at a local care center.

Grace was born on May 22, 1917 to George and Myrtle Wilks in Wolbach, Nebraska. She graduated from Wolbach high school and married John (Joe) Nestor in 1936. After being married, the two moved to Sugar City, Idaho. In 1937 they began farming in Homedale until moving to Vale, Oregon, where they farmed for four years. They later

moved to Durkee, Oregon, then to Renton, Washington, where Grace worked at Boeing Aircraft Company for eight years. After leaving Renton, Grace returned to Homedale where she lived until her death.

Grace is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Robert Campbell, son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Jane Nestor, grandchildren, Karrie Waller, Diane and Karen Campbell, grandson-in-law, Steve Moline, great-grandchildren,

Ellen and John Moline, and Joshua Waller, and many nieces and nephews.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Nestor, grandson, Randy Nestor, three sisters, and two brothers.

At Grace’s request no services will be held. The family wishes that donations be made to the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 32 (Homedale, Idaho)

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— Danny

Dear Danny,
You can huff and puff, but you still can't blow my theory down. Your idea sounds good up to a point. But why on Earth would you want to spend so much on a car? Wouldn't you rather keep a bunch of that hard-earned money in your own pocket?
You can buy a car that's less than 2 years old, with 10,000 to 15,000 miles on it for about 25 percent less than buying new. I know, because I've done it. And the way cars are built today, you're still going to get 200,000 miles on the thing before it goes belly up. Forget payments and resale value, we're talking about plain old saving money here — a ton of it!
There are lots of great deals on used cars, Danny. Sometimes it takes a little more than walking around a car lot to find them, but they exist. Considering all the cash you'll save, it's definitely worth your time.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
When you make a budget, what's the difference between blow money and entertainment money?

— Carmen

Dear Carmen,
The concept of blow money is allocating cash for which you don't have to be accountable. Blow money can be for anything — tools, having your hair done or whatever else you decide.
Now, you CAN use blow money for other categories in your budget, too. Some people use it in categories like food, clothing or entertainment.
The point is that you need a portion of your budget that's a release valve — something that allows you to relieve some of life's pressure. When you've been good, budgeted and made your money behave you deserve to have a little fun!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I just received summons papers to court for a credit card debt of \$5,000. My husband doesn't know about this yet, and I'd rather



not tell him. He's already under a lot of stress from his job and our financial situation. Do I have to go to court for this and will I need a lawyer?

— Holly

Dear Holly,
First, you need to tell your husband everything. I understand that he's stressing out about things right now, but you're a couple — husband and wife, together as one. Whatever happens, you need to face it hand-in-hand and be there to support each other.

Here's what you're facing. I want you to know because information can help alleviate fear. A lawsuit has been filed against you. If you go to the courthouse they'll explain the suit in detail. Since it's a valid debt and you haven't paid, Holly, you'll lose the case.

If you choose not to go, you'll also lose — but by default. So you don't need to waste money hiring an attorney. There's a possibility, however, that the firm handling the case may be willing to settle it for payments. There would be some strict stipulations, though, and they might garnish your wages or demand the amount in full if you miss a payment.

If you want to try and negotiate a settlement, though, you must contact them BEFORE the court date.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027. For more financial advice and a special offer to our readers, please the Web site or call (888) 327-3223.

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Thursday

Marsing Senior Center Health Fair and Bazaar, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., (208) 896-4634
Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3252
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Saturday

Marsing Lions Club benefit bingo, 6:45 p.m. early-bird session, 7 p.m. start, Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing

Sunday

DivorceCare recovery support group, 9:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
Calvary Chapel Home Fellowship Bible study, 10 a.m., 532 W. California Ave., Homedale. (208) 475-3733
A Study in Heaven, 10 a.m., Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 2nd Ave. W. (208) 896-4184

Tuesday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free,

Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. (208) 880-8962
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality nitrate information open house, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, Bruneau

Thursday, Dec. 7

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

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3252
Homedale High School Drama Club production, The Clumsy Custard Horror Show, \$4 adult, \$3 students and senior citizens, 7 p.m., old high school gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave.
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Submit information on fundraisers, 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 jbrowneditor@cablone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4861.

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Marsing school choir to perform works of composer studying at BSU

The Marsing High School Choir will perform works of a local composer at 7 p.m. Friday.

The choir will perform *While the Lavenders Were Blooming*, an original piece by Mikel Bell, a senior in Music Composition at Boise State University.

In an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche, Marsing music teacher Dawn Sandmeyer wrote:

“For the past year and a half he has arranged and composed music for my band and choir. Over the summer, he composed

a song specially for my choir entitled ‘*While the Lavenders Were Blooming*.’

“It has since been published by Lighthouse Music Publications in Ontario, Canada, and the premiere of this piece will occur at our concert on Friday, December 1 here in Marsing.”

Bell is scheduled to graduate from Boise State University in May with a Bachelor’s of Music Composition and a minor in Basque Studies.

— JWB

Homedale seniors gear up for bazaar

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

For information on table rentals, call Ramona Andrus at 337-4573 or Jewell Baker at 482-7545, or call the center at 337-3020. Large table rates are \$12 and small tables are \$6.

Pat Warren and the Homedale Middle School Chorus will perform at 11:45 a.m. during the center’s luncheon on Dec. 12. Mrs. Idaho, Jane Thiel, and Sharron Ally will be at the center at noon the same day.

The center will hold its Christmas dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Dec. 16. The public is welcome, and center staff

encourages participants to bring finger food.

The senior center’s Christmas party and dinner will be held Dec. 21. Participants are asked to bring an inexpensive present for the gift exchange.

The senior center will close Dec. 25 for Christmas, but will be open Dec. 26 for its regular meal day.

Charges dismissed in stalking case

Felony stalking charges were dismissed against a Caldwell man arrested last month in Homedale.

Judge Thomas J. Ryan dismissed charges against Geoffrey Pruett at a Nov. 13 preliminary hearing.

According to Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks, a victim and a witness testified at the hearing.

“Based on the testimony, the judge did not find probable cause to go forward on the stalking

charge,” Faulks told The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday. “I would say that based on the evidence that we had come out at the hearing I can’t say that is an incorrect result. I can support it.”

Pruett, 23, of Caldwell was arrested Oct. 31 in the 300 block of West Nevada Avenue after Homedale Police received a report that the suspect was stalking a 40-year-old Homedale woman. Police discovered Pruett had a no-contact order issued against him, which made it illegal to contact the victim. Police did not release the name of the victim.

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| | Monday | Golden Corral, 2122 N. Cassia Street 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. |
| CALDWELL | Monday | Golden Dragon, 211 S. 21st Avenue 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. |

Owyhee FSA announces election deadline

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Owyhee County Committee election ballots have been mailed to all eligible voters. Ballots must be returned or postmarked by Tuesday.


All producers and spouses who live and farm in the Jordan Valley, Reynolds Creek, Murphy and Oreana areas are eligible to vote in this election.

The FSA committee is charged with administering the USDA programs and is routinely called upon to determine eligibility of applicants, set yields for loan deficiency payments and review all disaster applications. The elected person will serve a three-year term on the Owyhee County Committee, which generally meets once a month.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages all eligible voters to return ballots to the Owyhee County FSA office at P.O. Box 488 Marsing, ID 83639.

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State agencies plan open house on nitrate levels

Final meeting in Bruneau-GV area addresses water treatment options

Another open house addressing water quality concerns in the Bruneau-Grand View area will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

The open house runs from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. inside the school's cafeteria on Idaho highway 78 between Bruneau and Grand View.

The meeting, the last in a three-part series, will cover information about treatment systems for the removal of nitrate from drinking water.

Water treatment vendors will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about treatment options.

The open house is presented by several agencies, including the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Agriculture Department, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, Southwest District Health and the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

A long-term solution to the nitrate problem includes treating the water to remove the nitrate. Treatment technologies that remove nitrate include reverse osmosis, anion-exchange, and distillation. Each type of system has advantages and disadvantages, and no single system will correct all water quality problems.

Water treatment system vendors are listed in the yellow pages under "Water Filtration & Purification Equipment." Treatment systems are also available at some department stores for the do-it-yourself installers.

When you purchase a system, be clear about the type of system that you need, and ask for a guarantee that the system will remove nitrate contamination. Vendors will also be on hand at the December meeting to answer questions about the types of water treatment devices that are available for home use.

If the level of nitrate in your water is higher than 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L), the most important thing to do is to make sure that your family uses an alternative source of water for drinking, cooking and mixing baby formula. Don't boil the water. Boiling the water before drinking it does not remove nitrate. In fact, it causes some of the water to evaporate, which increases the nitrate concentration.

The open house series has been held in recent months to address water quality problems in the area in an effort to agencies, is hosting this final open house. The goal of these actions will be to minimize inputs of nitrogen into

shallow ground water. This can be accomplished by implementing best management practices (BMPs), including:

- Wells should not be located close to or downslope from possible sources of high nitrogen. Analysis of data from a farmstead well study conducted at Kansas State University shows that when sources of nitrogen such as septic systems; fertilizer storage, handling, and cleanup; livestock facilities; and silos were more than 400 feet from the well, the risk of high nitrate was minimized.
- Careful management of nitrogen sources within several hundred feet of the well is important. When nitrogen fertilizer is stored, handled, or equipment is cleaned near the well, any spill should be cleaned up immediately. Equipment used for fertilizing should be cleaned in fields where fertilizer is applied. One pound of nitrogen can contaminate 12,000 gallons of water to the level of the drinking water standard for nitrate.
- Septic systems potentially contribute nitrate year-round. Advanced wastewater systems are available to reduce nitrogen. Regular septic system maintenance will help ensure these systems continue to work as designed. Shallow systems with good perennial grass cover help utilize some nitrogen and minimize losses to ground water.
- Nitrogen from livestock facilities and plow-down of alfalfa may pose the greatest risk for nitrate contamination in the area. Livestock facilities must be designed to convey runoff away from the well. Lots must be cleaned regularly and wastes applied to cropland at agronomic rates. Nitrogen release from alfalfa may be as high as 400 pounds per acre over a two to three year period and can supply sufficient nitrogen for crop growth.
- When planning nitrogen rates for a crop, it is important to consider all potential nitrogen sources. These include previous legume crops, applied organic material such as manure, residual nitrate in the soil, and nitrogen in irrigation water. All of these sources contribute to the total nitrogen needs of a crop. When more nitrogen is present in the soil than is removed by the crop, the excess may be lost to ground water and reach wells.

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Birthday

Teacher, former students reunite during celebration in Homedale

The 90th birthday celebration for Anna Mary Curtis held Oct. 29, 2006, in Homedale turned into a school reunion of sorts.

Gertrude (Brandau) McMann, Curtis' former grade school teacher, also attended the celebration at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

McMann taught Curtis and her sisters at the Wilson Schoolhouse southeast of Givens Hot Springs in the 1920s.

She began her teaching career at age 19.

Also attending the celebration were Curtis' sisters, including Berniece (Caldwell) Johnston Austad of Nampa, Beatrice (Johnston) Boston of Boise and Irene (Johnston) Markley of Homedale.

The birthday party was attended by about 100 friends and relatives.



Teacher, students reunite for birthday
Gertrude (Brandau) McMann, in white, is surrounded by four students she taught in grade school, including, from left, Berniece (Caldwell) Johnston Austad, Beatrice (Johnston) Boston, Irene (Johnston) Markley and Anna Mary (Johnston) Curtis. Submitted photo

Curtis' five children, Kelly, Craig, Marilyn (Curtis) Evans, hosted the celebration. Kent and Rocky Curtis and

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Veteran Homedale teacher cited for years of service

The Homedale School District board of trustees recognized longtime educator Leslie Parker at its November meeting by giving her an employee Award of Excellence for her performance, dedication and “positive calming presence.”

“Mrs. Parker has strong leadership skills and a positive, calming presence that has benefited her students, her grade level team of teachers and our school,” Homedale Elementary School Principal Scott Freeby wrote in a letter to Homedale School administration.

Parker has been employed by the Homedale School District for 24 years. Her first 9 years were spent teaching 5th and 6th grade. During that time, she made the career development moves necessary to become a school counselor.

After a one-year internship, Parker became the district’s first school counselor. She served as school counselor for 13 years.

At her request, Parker left her counseling position to teach 3rd grade, which she has done the past two school years.

“As I think about Mrs. Parker’s career to date, the most interesting



Elementary teacher recognized
Homedale Elementary School teacher Leslie Parker, right, accepts the November Award of Excellence from Homedale School Board chairman Kurt Shanley during the trustees’ meeting earlier this month. Submitted photo

change is from school counselor to classroom teacher two years ago,” Freeby wrote. “At this time of increased accountability and change in American public schools, Mrs. Parker requested that change.”

In addition to her regular

teaching load, Parker also serves as grade level representative to the school building team, which brings with extra meetings and duty of facilitating level team meetings.

—JWB

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Homedale drama club harnesses dedicated talent

Classic rock songs, lasagna highlight next week’s high school performance

Last Wednesday, Homedale High School was empty except for a small, dedicated group of young thespians, gathered to rehearse in the school’s aged gymnasium. The objective: Tackling a farcical comedy titled, *The Clumsy Custard Horror Show* by William Gleason.

“They do this 100 percent on their own time,” said advisor Brenda Paxton, who oversees the Drama Club. Paxton’s “day job” is being an economics teacher at the high school.

Paxton said the school used to feature a for-credit drama class, but that class is not offered now. Paxton said that she was in favor of eliminating the for-credit class because not all who took the class were as dedicated as the players with whom she now works.

During last week’s rehearsal, actors and actresses practiced lines and blocked fight scenes, while the club’s self-proclaimed “sound genius,” Dayton Syme, hammered away at a laptop computer loaded with Mp3 files of “Foxy Lady” by Jimi Hendrix and “Space Cowboy” by Steve Miller, which he orchestrated as musical cues for different scenes.

“I’ll probably use that for Scotty,” Syme said of the Hendrix clip. Syme went on to explain that the audio file is used to introduce the “swashbuckler” of the play, portrayed by senior Scott Thatcher.

Syme clarified that “Space Cowboy” would be the play’s “love theme.”

Thatcher, who could be considered the play’s leading male, said it was his third year performing. He said that although he enjoys acting, he would probably pursue a more sure-fire career in the entertainment field such as production.

Leading lady Becky Thomson

(Princess Prince) said she doesn’t plan to make a career of acting, but rather hopes to pursue a major in elementary education after high school. However, she is no stranger to the stage, having studied tap, ballet and jazz dance since the age of 4.

Paxton spoke highly of the dedicated members of her budding troupe, who spend their own time for rehearsals and production. Paxton said that the club is completely self-funded. Money from play admissions help purchase sets, props, costumes and lighting. Paxton said this year the club received a “generous donation” from Terry Holloway, but the club still subsists on meager finances.

“Frankly, we do it for no money,” Paxton said.

The set that forms the backdrop for the upcoming play is built from years-old sheets of particleboard, held up by 2-by-4s. The ancient electrical system that is used to illuminate the stage is plagued with electrical shorts and only works intermittently.

None of these material shortcomings has dampened the enthusiasm of the cast or crew.

“We keep it real simple,” Paxton said. She said part of her inspiration for spartan theatrical designs came from watching the Kiev Ballet in New York. Paxton said she and her group use creativity and desire to overcome



Attending to the princess
Kelsey Thatcher, playing “Alphasia” (standing), attends to “Princess” Becky Thomson during a rehearsal of the Homedale High School Drama Club’s newest production last week inside the school’s old gymnasium. Members of drama club practice “100 percent on their own time,” advisor Brenda Paxton said.

technical obstacles, and this year have enlisted the help of the school’s art department to create the settings for the play.

For the drama club, the rubber meets the road with 7 p.m. performances Dec. 7-9 inside the old gymnasium at the high school. The Dec. 9 production is a dinner theater setting featuring a lasagna

dinner. Seating for that show is limited to 50, Paxton said.

Admission for the Dec. 7-8 shows is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. The dinner theater admission is \$8 and

includes the meal. For more information contact Paxton at the high school, 337-4613.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

November 25, 1981

New 4-H club formed

A new 4-H club was formed in Homedale, with 18 members and 4 leaders. It is a miscellaneous club, with members taking Rocketry, Model Airplanes, Pocket Pets, Cooking, Embroidery, Crochet, Tole Painting, and Photography.

At the meeting, the name “Homedale Misc.” was picked, and officers were elected:

President — Margi Middleton, Vice-president — Ted Aspiazue, Secretary — Rusty Middleton, Treasurer — Blas Uberuaga, Sergeant of arms — Tony Uberuga, and Reporter — Alan Middleton.

Leaders are Allene Middleton, Monica Uberuaga, Pat Looten and Ruth Walker. Group meeting are held the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Varsity girls capture victory

In Varsity girls basketball action last week, the Homedale Trojans captured their first victory, as they stomped the Nampa Christian Trojans 37-27.

The Homedale girls, however, got off to a slow start as Nampa Christian took an early lead in the first quarter, 10-6. But the halftime score indicated that the remaining game would be a battle for the top.

When the girls returned for the second half, Homedale came back strong to grab the lead for good, ending the game with a 37-27 win.

Pam Kubosumi led the Homedale scorers with 13 points. Julie VanBeek was high-point scorer for Nampa Christian, with 10 points, and also pulled down 16 rebounds.

Thursday night the Homedale Trojans were up for a tough game as the Melba Mustangs traveled to Homedale to defeat the Trojans 59-29.

The Mustangs began a shooting streak early in the game, and the Trojans were unable to stop them. Teri Metzger put up 12 points for Homedale, to lead in scoring, and Stephanie Shenk led the Mustangs with 13.

The Trojans now stand with a 1-4 season record.

Express mail comes to Homedale

Guaranteed next-day service is now being offered by the Postal Service to many major cities, Postmaster Joyce Turner said last Monday.

Turner said this special service is offered from Homedale to Twin Falls, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Spokane, Pasco, Eugene, Phoenix, Portland, Salem, Medford, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Bend, Grants Pass and Seattle.

All other points nationwide may be delivered with a second-day delivery.

Turner said at present there are some local firms utilizing the service for important papers, such as payrolls, blueprints, etc.

Customers interested in the Express Mail next-day service may obtain further information and rates at the post office.

Homedale locals

The Gem Priscilla Club met at the home of Emma Earnest recently, with nine members attending.

Barbara Johnson of Boise visited her mother-in-law, Bessie Johnson, last Tuesday.

Gladys Josephson spent a recent week with her son, Leonard Josephson and family, Boise. Her son was in St. Luke’s hospital following surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce spent the weekend at Paul where they helped their daughter, Marlene, celebrate her birthday anniversary and visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Page.

Visitors at the Senior Citizens dinner last Tuesday were Barbara Johnson, Boise, daughter-in-law Bessie Johnson; L. L. (Pat) Gardner, Wilder, Charlotte Piatte and children, McCall, guests of Fred and Martha Lawrence; Cenith Huckabee, Wilder; Nels Pederson, Homedale; Ione and Volney Hickox, Wilder guests of Lucille and Orville Butler; Dewey and Florence Doss, Pocatello, guests of Porter Lees.

50 years ago

November 29, 1956

Football banquet honors members of Trojan squad

J. A. “Babe” Brown, athletic director of the College of Idaho, Caldwell, urged Homedale’s class B SRV football champions to apply the lessons of cooperation and teamwork learned on the football field to their later life and they will invariably be met with success.

Coach Brown, dean of Idaho coaches, urged this course of action Tuesday night at a football banquet, given by the Homedale chamber of commerce for the football squad, coaches and yell leaders.

He also stressed that there is no indispensable man, and coaches are forever looking for players with ability, willingness to learn, and an attitude of cooperation toward the team.

He complimented the Trojan squad and its coaches for a successful season.

Everett Van Slyke was toastmaster. Mayor Les Carter welcomed the players, their fathers, chamber members and guests. He was introduced by Frank Matteson, president of the chamber. Mr. Matteson gave recognition to Norman Tolmie as chairman of the ticket sales, and to Stan and Faye Thompson and their helpers, including a group of senior girls, for preparing and serving the banquet, which was held at the Washington grade school auditorium.

Toastmaster Van Slyke introduced Coach Bell, his assistant, Ted Shannon, and Supt. Of Schools Charles Zollinger.

Mr. Matteson presented awards on behalf of the chamber of commerce to fathers of lettermen on the football squad, including Harrison Dunn, Phillip Neef, Ross Lane, Ted Thompson, Ray Aberasturi and Lester Parker, all of whom were present and to O. C. Carson, Rufus Uranga (2), John Earl Pickrel, Edwin Stansell, Merill Brinkerhoff, Wesley Myers, Mrs. Charlotte (Kershner) Pierce, Walter Taggart, Vernon C. Reynolds, H. L. Brooks and Lewis Kushlan.

The awards were miniature gold footballs.

Graham, Jr. named commander of American Legion

The American Legion elected officers for the coming year at their regular meeting Wednesday, November 21, with 34 members attending.

J. M. Graham, Jr., was elected commander; Paul Zatica, first vice commander; Joe Itano, Wilder, second vice commander; K. Painter, adjutant; Franklin Prince, Wilder, re-elected chaplain; Gerald Condra, sergeant at arms; Joe Eiguren finance officer; and Bert Adams, re-elected post historian.

It was reported that the two membership drive teams, captained by Bert Adams and Monty Worden, has tied. It was previously planned that the losing team treat the entire post to an oyster dinner but because of the tie, the commander appointed Mr. Worden in charge of the dinner to choose anyone that could be available to help him with the plans.

All legionnaires and veterans are welcome to attend the oyster dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, at the Legion Hall.

Reasons were stressed on why the legion should take part in the various important activities such as Boys State and high school oratorical contests and others. It was through one of the oratorical contests that Frank Church, who was elected Untied States senator, won a scholarship to further his education and become what he is today.

Discussion was held on sponsoring a trap shoot to help increase the funds so that it may be possible for the legion to continue taking part in activities so important and vital to our country. A committee was chosen to meet with the local rod and gun club to make the arrangements for the facilities and the cost of sponsoring such a trap shoot.

A visitor, Francis Butterfield, Payette, vice-commander of the third district of the American Legion, spoke a short while on the importance of belonging to the legion and explained what the legion is. A post service officer from Caldwell was also visitor.

140 years ago

November 24, 1866

POORMAN. The steamer Pacific, which sailed on the 7th inst., took to San Francisco 174 cases of Poorman ore. This ore is of a peculiar formation and cannot be successfully worked at the mills in Owyhee. It is very rich – much of it will yield \$20,000 per ton. It is expected that the ore will be sent to Swansea, England, as it is thought that the tin and copper contained in it will pay the expense of transportation. It is said that the necessary retorts and reducing apparatus have already been erected in Norwich, Massachusetts. If this be true, the ore will probably be sent there instead of England. Such ore as this will give our Eastern friends an idea of the “Western wilds,” and if sent to England will make “Johnny’s” eyes open wide with wonder. It’s no use, Johnny, “stand from wonder,” and give your American cousin “a show.”

GONE TO CALIFORNIA. Hon. M. G. Lonney has been sojourning several days in Owyhee, and left for California Thursday on the Chico Stage. Mat was a member of the Territorial Legislature, from Boise County, last winter, and if not the most brilliant, was perhaps as honest as any member of the Legislature of a thousand relief bills. He will return during the winter, but says he has had all the glory he wants in the way of political office in Idaho.

NEUTRAL GROUND. Not exactly a Gretna Green, but a place out of the reach of law exists in Jordan Valley. The land is within the geographical limits of the State of Oregon, but so far from any county organization, that for any practical purpose, where the rights of individuals are at stake, or when crime has been committed, it might as well belong to the most remote empire on Earth. No licenses or taxes are sought to be collected, as far as we are informed. Merchants, peddlers and bar-keepers can ply their vocations with impunity without bearing any of the burdens to which their neighbors are subjected in assisting to keep up the expenses of the Government, and, on the other hand, are afforded no relief at the hands of the law, in case wrong is committed against them, and are free from punishment for their own offenses. The Governor of Oregon should at once appoint peace officers — a Justice of the Peace and Constable at all events, and a term of a court of record once or twice a year at some central locality in the valley would be an accommodation to which the people are entitled. If this cannot be done, then all that part of Oregon lying east of the Burnt River settlement and south of Snake River, embracing Jordan Valley, White Horse Valley, Camp Smith and Camp Warner, should be attached to Idaho, where it naturally belongs. Baker City, the county seat Baker County, Oregon, to which they belong, is about two hundred miles from these settlements, entirely out of the way of all travel, over a dreary waste of mountains and sage plains. Any point in California, Nevada or Idaho would be more acceptable to these people than Baker City, as tri-weekly stages are running regularly though Nevada to and from California and Idaho, and passing entirely through Jordan Valley and in close proximity to the other points. Give them a Justice of the Peace, Governor, or they will have reason to secede.

CHANGE OF STAGE TIME. The Humboldt and Boise stages, due last night, as per old arrangement, will not arrive till to-day — the former, perhaps, not till very late in the night. The proprietors of the lines are fixing up a winter schedule which is not sufficiently complete yet to definitely announce. Owing to the desperate condition of the road between here and Jordan Valley, the Humboldt Stage has been making the connection down the creek for some time — the out stage leaving Ruby about 4 p.m., the one coming in arriving in the night and remaining over. The mail contract gives them a good margin, and they may take more time during the winter — at least, some variation will be effected soon.

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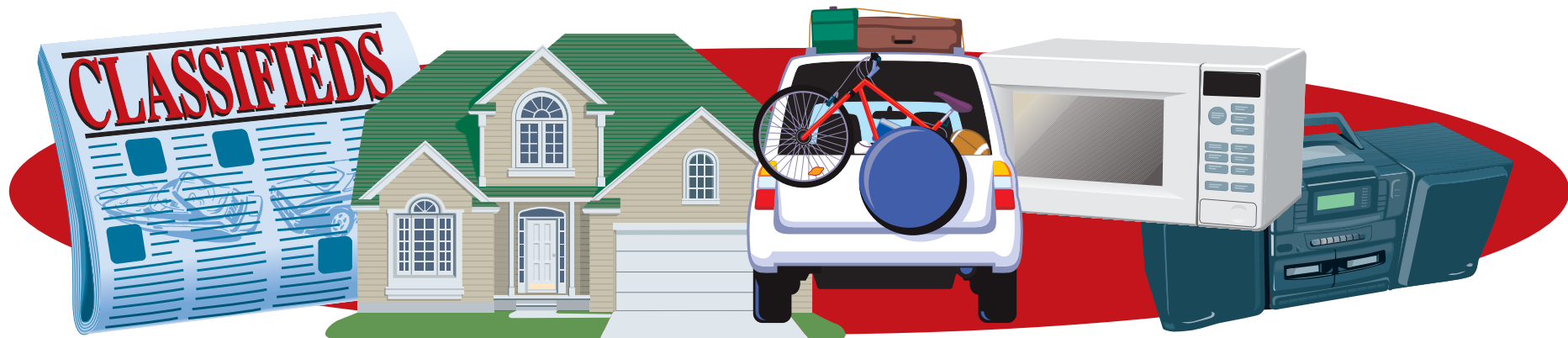
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