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## Schools prepare to observe Vets Day

*A wreath laid by the Homedale American Legion Post 32 during a Memorial Day ceremony still graces the flagpole near the war memorial in City Park.*

## Veterans visit schools next week

Marsing and Homedale Elementary schools will salute military veterans Monday as part of Veterans Day observations.

Marsing Elementary's annual Veterans Day program will take place inside the school cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. Homedale Elementary will hold an assembly from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the school.

The guest speaker will be SMSgt. James McMonigal from the 124<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operation Squadron of the Idaho Air National Guard. He served tours of duty in Iraq in 2003 and 2005.

Homedale Elementary counselor Randee Garrett said students

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## Tasty trunk of treats



## Local children celebrate Halloween

*Keith Martin hands candy out during the Marsing Trunk or Treat on Wednesday in the parking lot of the Marsing High School gymnasium. More photos from Halloween in Marsing and Homedale, Pages 14-15*

# New fed lease takes money from OCD

## County could buy district building for satellite office

A federally mandated lease review has led to the relocation of the Owyhee Conservation District office and could affect the way the district can help local agricultural producers.

The OCD recently moved from a 4,000-square-foot building it owns on 19 Reich St., in Marsing to a privately owned 2,500-square-foot USDA Service Center at 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway that a district official said was

built specifically to meet federal regulations.

The OCD's office number remains (208) 896-4544.

The new lease was required because the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resource Conservation Service have local offices located in the building.

"The most frustrating part is

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## Ag services move into new digs

*Anita Johnston heads to work at the new U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in Marsing.*

# Avalanche to have election results next week

Voters in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View cast ballots for mayor and city council Tuesday night.

Results weren't available at press time, but can be found on [www.owyheepublishing.com](http://www.owyheepublishing.com) this

morning.

Homedale and Marsing voters elected a mayor and two city councilmen each.

Grand View residents voted for mayor and four city council seats. Mayor Paul Spang was running

unopposed for re-election.

Voters in Grand View, were also asked to approve two bond measures totaling \$1.6 million that would pay for the acquisition of the city's water and sewer association as well as the federally

mandated update to the municipal water system that would reduce the levels of arsenic in the water supply.

Full coverage of the election will appear in next week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

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# County creates OHV users' guide

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office recently created an informational pamphlet for off-highway vehicle (OHV) riders.

The pamphlet, titled "Riding the Owyhees An OHV Users' Guide" provides a map of roads in Owyhee County that are open to OHV use, a list of requirements and guidelines for OHV users, and a list of tips for safe and courteous OHV riding.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Detective Sgt. Jim Bish, the guide was developed to answer questions about OHV use that the sheriff's office fields almost every day, and to help users have safe, enjoyable off-road experiences in Owyhee County.

The tips were developed by analyzing past rescues executed by the sheriff's office and posse, he said.

"The tips are from previous mistakes," Bish said.

Safety tips include suggestions such as: carry a first aid kit; carry a cell phone and global positioning device; bring extra medication; plan for emergencies; and plan for bad weather.

The goal is to get the pamphlets into the hands of OHV users, to educate them and prevent future rescue situations. The guides will be available at ATV dealers, convenience stores, and other locations where OHV users



**New pamphlet includes map of trails**  
The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office recently produced a brochure to help off-highway vehicle users avoid dangerous pitfalls of the recreation in the county's open spaces.

might see them and pick one up, Bish said. Recent ordinances passed by the county commissioners

mandate citations for disobeying signs placed by the county on public lands — laws that also affect OHV riders.



**Dinner, auction helps Bruneau woman**  
More than 200 people turned out Oct. 27 for the Denise Stewart benefit dinner and auction at the Bruneau American Legion Hall. Ginny Roeder, one of the organizers for the fundraiser, said more than \$12,500 was raised to help Stewart, co-owner of the Fishin' Hole, with medical bills in the wake of a brain hemorrhage suffered in June. Submitted photo

## Public hearing slated on grant request

A public hearing on Homedale's Idaho Community Development Block Grant application will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at City Hall.

Residents can learn more about the grant application being submitted by Sage Community Resources in an attempt to garner up to \$500,000 in funds from the Idaho Department of Commerce for infrastructure improvements along a corridor in downtown Homedale.

The public hearing will outline the grant application as well as the scope of work, schedule, budget and benefits of the project.

The corridor stretches from Airport Way and its intersection with U.S. Highway 95 and East Idaho Avenue west to West 3rd Street North. The southern boundary of the redevelopment zone is the north side of Idaho Avenue. The

northern border of the area designated as slum and blighted is the north side of Owyhee Avenue.

The three objectives for this grant include:

- Aligning the intersection of U.S. 95, Airport Way and East Idaho Avenue.
- Sidewalks, curbs, gutters and lighting for a portion of East Idaho Avenue near Homedale High School.
- Sidewalks, curbs, gutters and drainage on a portion of East Owyhee Avenue between Main Street and East 1st Street North.

The draft application and application handbook are available for review at City Hall prior to the meeting. The application and handbook also will be available at the hearing.

The city will accept written and verbal comments on the proposal until the close of the hearing.

## Resource fair planned at school

A community resource fair is scheduled at Homedale Elementary School from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, so it coincides

with parent-teacher conferences.

Representatives from Boise State University, CCOA (formerly the Canyon County Organization on Aging), the National Financial Education Center, and the Community Council of Idaho will be on hand to share information and answer questions about English as a Second Language

(ESL), GEDs, weatherization, debt reduction, and senior assistance programs, including prescription assistance, Medicare education, representative payee services, visiting homemakers, senior companions, and the adopt-a-senior program.

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# Sheriff: Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning dangers

With the onset of colder weather and many people retreating to cabins for hunting trips, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is asking folks to be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

A father and his teenage daughter from Boise died in a Silver City area cabin in March after being overcome by carbon monoxide emitting from heating and light sources inside the airtight structure.

A week before the deaths of Russell and Kaila Latulippe, sheriff's Deputy Aron Streibel was credited with rescuing eight family members from a Homedale-area mobile home. The family had been using a charcoal barbecue in the living room of the trailer to heat the dwelling, which didn't have electricity.

Last week, Sheriff Gary Aman asked residents to heighten their awareness of how deadly carbon monoxide can be.

The gas is a tasteless, odorless, colorless and non-irritating by-product of the exhaust of burned fuel, including wood, gas, propane or barbecue briquettes.

The fast-acting gas causes weakness and confusion in those exposed to it, making it more difficult for a victim to escape and find fresh air.

The symptoms of overexposure to carbon monoxide include headache, nausea, weakness, dizziness, visual disturbances, changes in personality and loss of consciousness.

To prevent the build up of the gas, the sheriff says that devices such as lanterns, stoves, ovens, heaters and gas-powered tools, engines and generators should be used only in well-ventilated areas.

A barbecue or oven never should be used to heat a house.

"If the equipment says 'Do Not Use Indoors,' then don't use indoors," Aman wrote in an opinion piece warning of carbon monoxide danger after the two county incidents earlier this year.

"Good common sense is vitally important. The 'It can't happen to me' attitude will get you killed."

Aman said that victims of carbon monoxide overexposure should find fresh air immediately and seek professional medical help.

A carbon monoxide detector is a good safeguard against becoming a victim, too, he said.



Gary Aman



**Former Cattlemen's president wins pickup**  
Former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Brad Huff, right, and his wife, Mary, received the keys to their new Dodge pickup on Halloween after winning the annual OCA Heritage Foundation raffle. Submitted photo

## Past OCA president wins pickup raffle

Owyhee County cattle ranchers Brad and Mary Huff have won the 2007 Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation Dodge pickup raffle.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual drawing took place Oct. 28 at the Snaffle Bit Futurity at the Idaho Horse Park in Nampa.

Brad Huff is a past president of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board of directors. His wife, Mary, is the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Department administrator.

Raffle organizer Chris Collett said this could be the first time that a former OCA board member has won the pickup raffle, which is sponsored by The Northwest Dodge Dealers.

The Huffs took delivery of the 2007 Inferno red-colored Dodge 2500 Heavy Duty Ram on Wednesday, Collett said. The pickup is a 4-wheel-drive quad cab with a long box.

Other prizes in the drawing included two halves of beef sponsored by Commercial Tire of Grand View and Greenfield's Custom Meats in Meridian. The winners were Chad McDaniel of Caldwell and Oregon Trail Livestock Supply in Baker City, Ore.

"The Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation and the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association would like to thank everyone who helped support this year's raffle," Collett said.

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the heritage foundation, which fights to preserve property rights and multiple use access to federal lands in the county. Tickets for the raffle went on sale in February.

# Domestic abuse case nets charges in Idaho, Oregon

Authorities in Idaho and Oregon searched for a California man on Thursday evening, after his wife called out for help in Homedale from the couple's vehicle. The woman later jumped from the vehicle and was aided by Homedale police.

"We had a report of a woman hanging out of a window, screaming for help," Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

According to Sgt. Jim Bish, Chief Detective of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, the woman began yelling for help in the parking lot of Paul's Market in Homedale.

Eidemiller said that when Homedale police began looking for the man, the couple's last known direction was toward Oregon on Idaho state Highway 19. Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the call, and the Malheur County Sheriff's Office was notified and responded to the situation.

Malheur County deputies located and arrested the man, Ralph Brisbin, on Fawn Road in Malheur County.

Brisbin, 60, of Red Mountain, Calif., is being held in the Malheur County Jail in Vale on a \$5,500 bond.

He was arraigned Friday on charges of driving under the influence and violation of a restraining order. He faces a pretrial hearing on Dec. 7 and a plea hearing on Dec. 12.

Homedale police cited Brisbin for domestic battery.



Ralph Brisbin

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**Homedale Middle School’s first accelerated readers announced**  
*Homedale Middle School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness has unveiled the first batch of top-scoring readers in the school’s Accelerated Reading program. Every student in the school is enrolled in the program, which encourages fifth- through eighth-graders to read books from the school library during their time away from school. The top scorers in the first phase of this year’s program are, from left, Alandra Hartley, 110.7 points, Annabella Rios-Nunez, 152.8, Kynna Bertagnolli, 101.3, and Nadine Wright, 117.5*

# Middle school students speed up their reading

Homedale Middle School recognized the top performers in its Accelerated Reader program last week.

Four girls amassed 100 or more points in the beginning stages of the 2007 program, which encourages reading outside the classroom.

Eighth-grader Annbella Rios-Nunez, 14, was the top scorer with 152.8 points. Seventh-grader Nadine Wright, 12, scored 117.5 points. Alandra Hartley, a 10-year-old fifth-grader tallied 110.7 points, and 11-year-old sixth-grader Kynna Bertagnolli scored 101.3 points.

Readers earn points for how well they score on comprehension tests taken after they complete books. The books are in the school library, and each is marked with how many points a student can earn and the reading range for which the book is appropriate. Students take a STAR test at the beginning of the year to gauge their reading level.

HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness says each student in the school has an Accelerated Reader goal for the quarter and the school year.

“As teachers, we try to encourage the kids to reach that goal,” Asumendi-Mereness said, adding that the AR program is part of the regularly graded curriculum.

“These girls have gotten off to a great start,” the principal said of the first quarter’s top scorers.

Children are encouraged to read on their own, but also can work toward their goal by reading their books during designated Sustained Silent Reading periods. Fifth- and sixth-graders read at the beginning of the day, and seventh- and eighth-graders read after school.

— JPB



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## Nazarene church welcomes Vets Day speaker

A U.S. Army chaplain will visit Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on Sunday as part of the church's Veterans Day observance.

U.S. Army Chaplain Maj. Perry Schmitt will speak at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the church, which is located on the corner of Ustick Road and Batt Corner Road in Wilder.

The theme of his message is that faith in God sustains us in the most difficult of times and in the harshest of places.

Schmitt served in Kuwait in 1997, Bosnia in 1999, Kosovo in 2000, and has been deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom on two occasions.

Schmitt has been a U.S. Army



Perry Schmitt

chaplain for 15 years, including 11 on active duty. Currently, he serves as the 96<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command assistant chaplain in Salt Lake City.

He has received the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal for his service in Iraq.

He was chaplain for the 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The 1/25<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade received the Valorous Unit Award for meritorious service while fighting insurgents in Northern Iraq.

## Veterans Day closures

Federal and state offices will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day.

The Owyhee County Courthouse will be closed as well, along with Grand View City Hall.

Homedale and Marsing city offices will be open, but the county Division of Motor Vehicles office at Marsing City Hall will be closed.

Homedale schools will be open, as will Marsing and Jordan Valley schools. Bruneau-Grand View schools will be on an early-release schedule, while Adrian schools will be closed.

U.S. Bank branches in Homedale and Marsing will be open.

The Owyhee Avalanche offices will be open.

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## ✓ Veterans: Homedale, Marsing Elementary schools plan programs

learned about citizenship and flag etiquette last week in preparation for the assembly. She also invites veterans to attend the program.

"We want to make sure all our elementary students understand the meaning of the holiday, the symbolism of the flag and the due

respect that both the flag and our veterans deserve," Garrett said.

According to Marsing Elementary music instructor Elizabeth Lacer, the school's public Veterans Day event begins at 1:30 p.m. at 211 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.

The program includes patriotic

songs sung by Lacer's music students, who range from kindergarteners to fifth-graders. There will be a presentation, and assembled veterans will be able to address the gathering.

McMonigal also will visit with schoolchildren in their classrooms

beginning at 10 a.m.

Other Veterans Day observances will include a Sunday memorial service by the Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Veterans Day memorial service takes place at 1 p.m. Sunday at

the post at 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St., in Wilder.

A chili feed, which is free to all veterans and their families, will follow the memorial. The VFW post, named in honor of a Homedale resident killed in Vietnam, serves vets in Marsing, Homedale, Wilder, Greenleaf and Parma.

## ✓ OCD: District may have to pay rent after moving from building it owns

that it took the money that we were getting for the lease of the building, and it took it from local farmers and ranchers," OCD board vice president Jim Briggs said.

"Basically, it's taking money out of the pockets of farmers and ranchers."

But the conservation district is trying to replace the lost revenue. A county official said last week that negotiations are ongoing to possibly buy the Reich Street property to house satellite government offices.

The federal government had paid the OCD for use of the Reich Street office space, and Briggs said the district turned that money back into programs to benefit local farmers and ranchers, including the new Northwest Owyhee County Water Quality Improvement Project nutrient management program.

Briggs said the district tried to argue its case because even though the feds only required 2,500 square feet they had the option to use other square footage at Reich Street for storage. But he said a remodel to new federal specifications was cost-prohibitive, too.

The new lease agreement has been struck at more than twice the price per square foot than what was being paid for the Reich Street property, which housed offices for the OCD, the FSA, the NRCS, the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission and

the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

And now the government may require the OCD to pay rent to use the new location. The district moved its offices to preserve the continuity of communication between the interconnected agencies, OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard said.

"It wasn't a local decision," Briggs said. "Common sense was out of the equation."

The federal government requires that the leases on buildings used by its agencies must be opened to public bid every five years. Buildings must meet federal mandates for space, and Briggs said the Idaho-based owner of the new building has made a business out of constructing buildings to snap up federal lease agreements.

"Basically they wanted so many square feet for so many staff and a whole bunch of whole new requirements in the government building," Briggs said.

The OCD retains ownership of the Reich Street property, and Briggs said the agency is trying to find a tenant or a buyer.

"We're in negotiations with a couple parties on buying the building," Briggs said. "We'd like to get it leased out or sell it so we can put the money back into the county."

Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said last week that the county is looking at the property as a location to house a county



### Owyhee Conservation District announces poster winner

Homedale Middle School fifth-grader Miguel Salazar, middle, accepts his award after winning the Owyhee Conservation District's annual "Conservation Power"-themed poster contest. Gina Millard, right, from the district and HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness made the presentation. Salazar, 10, is a student in Wayne Skeen's class. He won \$25 and was entered into the Division III poster contest. "I just wanted to participate and find ways to limit pollution," Salazar said.

government satellite office. She said that Assessor Brett Endicott is working with the OCD to arrive at a purchase price.

"The board felt like it would be in the best interest of the county to purchase the building rather than rent or lease," Sherburn said.

Sherburn also said that District 1 Commissioner Hal Tolmie would like to get an estimate on how much it would cost to construct a building in Homedale to house the county probation office as well

as the Motor Vehicles Division. Currently the probation office is located at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and West 1<sup>st</sup> Street North. The DMV shares office space at Marsing City Hall.

— JPB

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# Obituaries

## Donna R. Byington

Donna R. Byington, 79, passed away Oct. 30, 2007 at her home in Kuna. She was born Aug. 4. 1928, in Susanville, CA., to Sydney and C.A. Byington. Donna attended school in Wilder through her junior year, she moved to Homedale, where she graduated.

Donna married W. Keith Eachus in 1947. She had a daughter, Kristy. They lived in Homedale where she was active in several community organizations. In 1971 she married Gerald Gilbertson and lived in Boise where she worked as a bookkeeper. On Dec. 30, 1983 Donna married Thurston P. Gilchrist and moved to Albany, OR until his death in 1993, she then went to Las Vegas, NV, to be with her daughter. They moved to Mesquite, NV, in 2001 and



she became “Gramma” to all the neighborhood children.

Donna settled in Kuna in 2004 and shared a home with her daughter. She has enjoyed going to yard sales, auctions and visiting with friends. Donna was

a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Kuna 10th ward.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Clarice Tetz and husband Thurston P. Gilchrist.

Donna is survived by her daughter Kristy Eachus of Kuna, her sister V. Karen Walters of Las Vegas, as well as nieces, nephews and stepchildren.

No services will be held at this time per her request. Cremation is under the direction of Aclesa Chapel in Boise, Her ashes will be spread by family at a later date.

Memorials may be made in her name to a favorite charity.

Heartfelt thank-yous go to Troy and Carol Eads, Jack and Penni Jensen, Chevie Farley and the staff at Journey’s Hospice.

## George William Roland

George William Roland, 87, of Homedale passed away October 8, 2007 at the VA Hospital in Boise.

He was born June 15, 1920 in Buffalo Springs, Texas to William M. Roland and Zona May Griffin. At the age of 17, he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked in the Silver Lake, Oregon area. He returned to Texas and during World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he obtained the rank of Sgt. George served in France and Germany. He received a Purple Heart for being wounded in action, as well as the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. After being honorably discharged from the Army, George once again returned to Texas. In the early 1950s, he moved his family to the Homedale area where he farmed until he retired.

On June 2, 1972, George married Maxine Olivia McKibben. After their retirement, they enjoyed many years of fishing, hunting, camping, and traveling. They remained married until she passed



away in 2006.

George is survived by both his and Maxine’s children: Jack and Diane Roland of Rio Rancho, NM; Rich and Doris Roland of Homedale; Roy Roland of Vancouver, WA; Gary and Sheri Roland of Great Falls, MT; Linn and Marty Boyd of Bigwater, UT; Gerald Boyd of Spokane, WA; Marilee and Mike Donovan of Brush Prairie, WA; Bruce and Susan McKibben of Nampa; and Zelda and Terry Stewart of Winters, TX. He is also survived by his sister Dixie Richardson of Athens,



TX; Maxine’s sister, Marvis Nielsen of Caldwell; stepson Michael Allen of Austin, TX; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Maxine; his parents; and his sons Ronald Roland and Larry Brown.

A memorial service to celebrate George’s life will be held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale. A dinner will follow at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

# School menus

### Homedale Elementary

- Nov. 8-9: No school.
- Nov. 12: Hamburger or fish sandwich, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- Nov. 13: Chicken tender or chicken-fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Nov. 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

### Homedale Middle

- Nov. 8: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Nov. 9: No school.
- Nov. 12: Hamburger or hot dog, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- Nov. 13: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.
- Nov. 14: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turNov.er, milk.

### Homedale High

- Nov. 8: Chicken patty or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, turNov.er, milk.
- Nov. 9: No school.
- Nov. 12: Pizza, chicken bacon melt or chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, strawberry shortcake, milk.
- Nov. 13: Beef nuggets or chicken fritters, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Nov. 14: Lasagna, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Marsing

- Nov. 8: Enchilada, rice, salad, fruit, milk, chicken fajitas, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- Nov. 9: Taco, veggie, fruit, chocolate pudding, milk, chicken sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- Nov. 12: Red Baron pizza, salad, fruit, milk, sandwiches, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- Nov. 13: Spaghetti, salad, milk, sandwiches, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- Nov. 14: Burrito, fruit, rice, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

### Bruneau

- Nov. 8: Chicken & noodles, salad, roll, cherry crisp, milk.
- Nov. 9: Finger steaks, fries, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.
- Nov. 12: Early release. Soft taco, corn, applesauce, cinnamon roll, milk.
- Nov. 13: Pizza, salad/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.
- Nov. 14: Popcorn chicken, potato wedges, veggie, fruit, milk, cookie.

## Legion to hold Turkey Shoot

Bruneau American Legion Post 83 will present a long-standing tradition Nov. 16 with its Turkey Shoot.

Admission to the 6 p.m. event is free, but there are entry fees for the different activities, which include target shooting, bingo and card games. Food and beverages also will be available.

Proceeds will go into the post’s building and maintenance fund.

According to post adjutant Bill McBride, the American Legion spent about \$7,000 for a new porch on the hall. He said the legionnaires also would like to remodel the hall and make its restrooms handicap accessible.

For more information on the Turkey Shoot — the first of two planned during the holiday season — call McBride at (208) 845-2842.

# Death notices

**FRANCES ANN MULDOON**, 75, died at home in Marsing on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007. A viewing was held Sunday, Nov. 4, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Services were held Monday, Nov. 5, at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center

**CASSIE OBETA McBRIDE**, 82, entered peacefully into rest at home on Friday, Nov. 2, 2007. Services are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252



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# Your finances

## Do homework to find right contractor to build dream home

**Dear Dave,**

My husband and I are trying to decide whether we want our own general contractor or if we should just hire a builder for our dream home.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having your own general contractor?

— Beverly

**Dear Beverly,**

Typically, in a residential situation the builder is the general contractor. The term “general contractor” just means that they manage all the sub-contractors.

One person coordinates the jobs of the carpenter, electrician, heating and air guys and so on. A good builder — or general contractor — can be your best friend on a construction project. But a bad one can make you want to pull your hair out!

Do some research and get plenty of references before choosing, Beverly. Interview a few of these guys if you want. You don’t want your dream home experience turning into a nightmare!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**

I’m engaged, and our parents are contributing financially to the wedding. But we’ve noticed that both sets are pressing their ideas of what they’d like the wedding to be like, who to invite and who to include in the wedding party. I know in the end it’s all our call, but traditionally do parents have some kind of say if they contribute money to help pay for the wedding?

— Chris

**Dear Chris,**

No. Traditionally, they take a say. And traditionally they’re a pain in the behind! But they only interfere because they’re so excited and love you so much. They want to be part of the happiness and for everything to be perfect.

As soon as they deliver a little girl, mothers start planning their daughters’ wedding. They’ve had several years to dream and form an opinion on this, and your mother has probably been planning your wedding in her mind for some time, as well.

Since this is such an emotional event, I think you and your fiancé need to have some reasonable boundaries. But you also should keep in mind that they’re just as excited — if not more — than you two are.

When you come to a disagreement tell them firmly, but gently, that you love them, but that you’re going to do things your way. If they’re footing part



of the bill, they’d have the right to decide not to pay for something, but unless there’s some moral issue involved they probably won’t act that way.

I think if you just step back and take a breath you’ll realize what a big deal this is to everyone involved. Chances are you’ll also be able to come up with some creative ways to allow them to participate without your wedding losing its identity.

My biggest suggestion to you is to make sure that you’re the buffer between your fiancé’ and the parents. Don’t let anyone push her around, and do everything you can to make sure your wedding is the day you both want it to be. There’s no reason this can’t be a fun and joyous day for all.

Best wishes!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**

What is your stance on a variable annuity as an IRA option?

— Harvey

**Dear Harvey,**

It’s a horrible option! I would NEVER do a variable annuity inside a retirement account, and here’s why.

A variable annuity is just a mutual fund wrapped in an annuity. The only reason some people get them — and pay the extra annuity fee — is because it grows tax-deferred. But here’s the catch. If you’ve got an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b), it’s already growing tax-deferred, so why pay additional money for something you’ve already got?

A variable annuity isn’t a really bad product unto itself, Harvey. It’s just way out of place in the kind of situation you’re talking about.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of a show on the new Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at [davesays.org](http://davesays.org). For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to [syndication@daveramsey.com](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

**Today**

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

**Thursday**

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting, 10 a.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544

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

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. (208) 337-3252

Owyhee Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting, 8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

**Friday**

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

**Sunday**

Veterans Day service, special guest U.S. Army Chaplain Maj. Perry Schmitt, 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, corner of Ustick Road and Batt Corner Road, Wilder

Veterans Day memorial service, 11:11 a.m., Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065, bean feed to follow, free to veterans, 208 Third St., Wilder

**Monday**

Veterans Day observed

Marsing Elementary School Veterans Day tribute, 1:30 p.m., Marsing School District cafeteria, 211 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4111, ext. 426

Homedale School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Melba School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 4 p.m., district office boardroom, 600 Broadway Ave.

**Tuesday**

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

Storytime for first- through

No OWC meeting this month

The November meeting of the Owyhee Watershed Council, which had been scheduled for Wednesday, has been canceled.

For more information, call (541) 372-5782.

third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Marsing School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. Snake River Valley Fellowship, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. Homedale. (208) 475-3733

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Wednesday**

Homedale City Council meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Marsing City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Grand View City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

**Thursday, Nov. 15**

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Friday, Nov. 16**

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

**Saturday, Nov. 17**

Homedale Senior Citizens Center Thanksgiving dance, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$3 plus finger food, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

**Sunday, Nov. 18**

Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique, free 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cowboy Church, 8:20 a.m., Bruneau American Legion Post 83 hall. (208) 863-8443

Submit information on fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays. 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 [jbrownditor@cablone.net](mailto:jbrownditor@cablone.net). For more information, call (208) 337-4681.



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## Fall leaves work to do



### Girl Scouts pitch in at Homedale park

*Members of Silver Sage Council Girl Scouts Troop 372 recently completed their monthly community service project by raking leaves at Homedale's City Park. **Top:** Bagging leaves on Oct. 25 were, from left, Alicia Raine, Jordan Stuart, Carol McMichael, Julia Correa and Tanis Lentfer. Other Girl Scouts taking part in the cleanup included Leonor Prado, Makayla Steinmetz, Riley Haun, Ashley Burks, Amaya Carter, Page Carter and advisor Brenda Stuart. The troop does community service on the fourth Thursday of each month. **Bottom:** It wasn't all work as Tanis Lentfer got to take part in an autumn ritual of playing in a pile of leaves. Photos by Karen Lentfer*



## Program prepares students for college

Homedale Middle School's seventh- and eighth-graders and their families are invited to attend GEAR UP Idaho Informational Night at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 in the cafeteria. The school describes the event as an evening of family fun, food, games and information about the GEAR UP program.

According to the State of Idaho, GEAR UP (Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared for academic experience and success beyond high school.

GEAR UP has four stated objectives:

- Increase participants' academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education.
- Increase participants' rate of high school graduation and postsecondary participation.
- Increase the educational expectations of participants.
- Increase students' and families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation requirements, and financing alternatives.

Homedale Middle School is one of 20 participating Idaho schools. Public schools teaching seventh grade where 50 percent or more of students qualified for free or reduced lunch under the National School Lunch Act were eligible to apply for GEAR UP. All students at selected schools are eligible to participate in the program, regardless of income.

Students may participate in GEAR UP from seventh grade through high school graduation. Participating students take part in at least two GEAR UP activities per year and have a parent-approved learning plan for high school.

GEAR UP students also develop post-high school plans including career goals, potential colleges to attend, and financial aid information.

## Melba School District receives state grant

The Melba School District has received a \$50,000 grant from the Idaho State Department of Education.

The Melba district plans to use the grant to create an instructional coaching program, and purchase materials to assist both students and teachers in the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) program.

Beginning in December, nine

classroom teachers, a district-designated LEP teacher, and the high school principal will take classes to enhance their skills in teaching LEP students, with a focus on daily classroom work and assessment testing. The instructors will pass on what they learn to other teachers in the district. The program will be implemented over the next two school years.

The grant is from a \$750,000 fund established to assist schools in teaching LEP students. Grant funds were available to enhance existing LEP programs in school districts struggling to meet annual yearly progress (AYP) standards for LEP students.

For more information, call the Melba School District at 495-2221.

*Catch county news in the Avalanche*



# Newest lawman feels at home already

Gordon will patrol Homedale-Marsing area for county

After years as a detention deputy, the newest addition to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office patrol division is right where he wants to be.

"After five years, it was just time to move on to doing something a little different," Isaac Gordon said. "I'm looking forward to getting out and meeting all the people of Owyhee County."

Gordon, a 23-year-old Kuna resident, was hired to fill the patrol deputy slot left vacant in Owyhee County when Perry

Grant joined the Homedale Police Department.

Gordon has been on the job about a month, and he is currently going through field training with Sgt. Gary Olsen.

"It's all been positive," Gordon said of his training. "It's been real



Isaac Gordon

informational and helpful as far as learning my way around the county."

Gordon thanked Olsen for the advice and training during the past month.

He said he'll enter the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training's 10-week basic patrol academy course in January. He'll return to patrol after March 14.

While Gordon will be based in the Homedale-Marsing area for his patrol, he said one of the reasons he sought the job was to

"breathe some fresh air" that he finds often during his recreational trips into the county.

Gordon began his law enforcement career as a jail deputy with the Lake County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office. He is originally from Healdsburg, Calif. After three years with Lake County, he moved to Idaho and took a similar job in the Ada County Jail.

But Gordon, who has been married to his wife, Jessica, about year, is happy to be back in an area that is familiar to him.

"I grew up in a small farming town," he said. "It's nice to get

back to a rural community."

Gordon has a long-term vision with the sheriff's office, and said he would like to advance in the chain of command at some point. He also plans to relocate to the country that offers many outlets for his hobbies, which include hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling and camping.

"I maybe see my wife and I moving out here and being closer to the community," he said. "The sky's the limit. I'm here for the long haul."

— JPB

# Deputy passes firearms instruction class

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has a new firearms instructor.

Cpl. Chris Even passed a Handgun/Shotgun Instructor Development class conducted by the Law Enforcement Activities Division of the National Rifle Association the first week of October, according to the sheriff's office.

According to the NRA, its classes prepare law enforcement personnel to "teach their officers how to be safe, effective, and timely in the use of their firearms and tactics, and to win the lethal encounter."

The one-week class was held in Cañon City, Colo., and included

44 hours of classroom and range instruction. The course covered many topics with a view toward instructing other law enforcement officers, including accurate shot placement, multiple threats, decision-making, shooting while moving, identifying threats and firing in reduced light, tactical use of cover, transitioning from shotgun to handgun, and malfunction clearing.

The class also gave instruction



Chris Even

on how to create firing range training programs geared toward an agency's specific needs.

In order to qualify for the training school, Even had to demonstrate the ability to consistently fire 6-inch shot groupings with a handgun at 15 yards. At the conclusion of the course, Even was required to pass both a written exam and a shooting skills proficiency course.

Even, an eight-year sheriff's office veteran, is now qualified to instruct fellow officers in the use of handguns and shotguns. Even joins Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron, Sgt. Gary Olsen, and Deputy Darryl Crandall as OCSO

personnel qualified to do so.

Cameron and Even agreed that Even would likely be the primary range officer.

"Eventually, I'll probably take over as range master and instructor," Even said.

"Chris has demonstrated a knack and ability to assist other officers," Cameron said. "We're going to exploit that and benefit from it."

Cameron said that instruction would be a shared responsibility among the qualified instructors, however. The varied experience and perspective of multiple instructors will keep the officers from becoming complacent and enhance safety through critical oversight of instruction and range practices, he said.

— RTH

## Rimrock student to speak at Bruneau library

The Bruneau Valley Library continues its "Bruneau and Beyond" Wednesday speaker series on Nov. 14 when Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School senior Kyle Lahtinen about his experiences in England, Ireland, and Wales as an ambassador with the People to People program.

"Bruneau and Beyond" is usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, but organizers moved the free event up one week this month to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving preparations.

The program starts at noon with lunch served by the library board. The speaker's presentation follows.

There is no cost for the program, but those planning to attend should contact library director Clara Morris by Monday, so that the library can have an accurate head count for lunch.

The program will be at the library, 32078 Ruth St. in Bruneau. If the number of registrants exceeds the library's capacity, the presentation will be moved to the Bruneau Community Church on Hyde Street. Notice will be posted at the library should the location be moved.

The library was closed for extensive cleanup last week after a malfunctioning water heater

flooded the building. Morris discovered the rushing water on Monday, Oct. 29, which library board member Ginny Roeder said was a stroke of luck because the flooding had begun sometime during the weekend, and the library is usually closed until Tuesday each week. Roeder expected the damage and cleanup to be covered by the library's insurance.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

For more information, or to register for the program, call (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345.

### Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the State of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The written comment deadline is November 28, 2007, unless otherwise listed. (Temp & Prop) indicates the rule is both temporary and proposed.

**\*\* Indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.**

**IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

**16-0309-0707, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits.** (Temp & Prop) Removes reference to Medicaid-covered dental services which will now be provided by the insurance contractor.

**16-0310-0705, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits.** (Temp & Prop) Adds Medicaid-covered dental services and procedure codes to the rule to assure continuity of service coverage for those on the Enhanced Plan.

**\*\*16-0310-0706, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits.** (Temp & Prop) Aligns the rules related to personal assistance services and fiscal intermediary services provided under the HCBS Waiver for the Aged and Disabled (A&D) with the statutory changes made by HB 167.

**THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED:**

**IDAPA 14 - Board of Registration of Professional Geologists**  
14-0101-0702, Rules of Procedure of the Board of Registration of Professional Geologists

**PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DOCKETS:**

**IDAPA 18 - Department of Insurance**  
18-0151-0701, Adoption of the 2006 International Fire Code

**IDAPA 26 - Department of Parks and Recreation**  
26-0130-0701, Idaho Safe Boating Rules

**IDAPA 35 - Idaho State Tax Commission**  
35-0103-0702, Property Tax Administrative Rules

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, November 7, 2007, Volume 07-11 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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# Murphy business sets bar for safe food handling



## County business honored for food safety

Murphy General Store co-owner Todd Kern accepts the Southwest District Health Food Merit Award for Owyhee County from Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chair Dick Freund as Dennis Morrison, Southwest District environmental health specialist, left, and Guy Manley, Southwest District consumer protection supervisor, right, look on. Submitted photo

## Café wins Southwest District merit award for third time

An outpost for diners on Idaho highway 78 recently received distinction for its safe handling of food.

The Murphy General Store, located on the highway in Murphy, won its third Food Establishment Merit Award from Southwest District Health officials.

Last month, Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chair Dick Freund and representatives from SWDH's Consumer Protection Division presented store co-owner Todd Kern with the 2007 Food Establishment Merit Award for Owyhee County.

Southwest District Health had presented the awards at a September event to mark National Food Safety Month, but Kern was unable to attend at that time, according to a district press release.

This is the eighth year that Southwest District Health has presented the Food Merit Awards to a food establishment in Owyhee, Adams, Washington, Payette and Gem counties; and to one establishment each in Caldwell, Nampa and rural Canyon County.

The Food Merit Awards emphasize the importance of food safety practices and honor those in the restaurant and foodservice industry who are conscientious food handlers. Since 1999, only 64 of the 219 food establishments nominated have won awards.

Murphy General Store has won the award three times.

Kern purchased the store and restaurant with co-owner, Kenneth Hurt, 11 years ago and competed for the award with 71 full-time food establishments operating in Owyhee County.

Kern said he was pleased to receive the award because, "it's a tough business without much recognition," he said. "I gained my food service experience from my mom and from six years in the Marine Corps."

When asked what he likes best about operating the Murphy General Store, he replied, "Definitely the people. I have had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world."

Kern has some of his guests sign the backs of chairs inside his restaurant, where he also displays the brands of local cattlemen.

He said it was fitting that Freund was part of the group presenting his plaque.

"I'm glad Dick Freund is here today, because he actually made the tables in the restaurant," he said.

Murphy General Store joined seven other food establishments in the district as Food Merit Award winners. The other winners include: Gem In and Out in Caldwell; Burger King in Nampa; Parma Senior Citizens in rural Canyon County; Queen's Castle Subway, New Meadows; Gem Valley Arctic Circle in Emmett;



## Eatery earns third award

Murphy General Store co-owner Todd Kern displays the third food handling safety award his business has earned from Southwest District Health. Submitted photo

Gateway Café in Cambridge; and Taco Time in Payette.

Also nominated in Owyhee County were the Idaho Hotel in Silver City, Taco Time in Homedale, and the Whitehouse Drive-In in Marsing.

"In presenting the Food Merit Awards, we honor the best of the best in food establishments," Southwest District Health director Gene Gunderson said. "They personify what all restaurants should strive to achieve in clean and safe food handling," Gunderson said.

According to Gunderson, environmental health specialists from Southwest District Health inspect 1,086 operating food establishments in Southwest Idaho each year for food safety and sanitation by using a rating scale that highlights those establishments that take special precautions to guard against food contamination and food-borne illnesses. Nominations for the award are based on past food inspection reports, performance and food safety measures during the previous 24-month period.


"Southwest District Health's Consumer Protection Program works closely with these food establishments on food safety education and training," Southwest District consumer protection supervisor Guy Manley said. "These awards provide the Health District the opportunity to show our appreciation for the commitment of these food handlers and their employees."

Food-borne illness is a preventable public health challenge that affects millions of Americans annually. While the food supply in the United States is one of the safest in the world, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 76 million people get sick, more than 325,000 are hospitalized, and 5,000 Americans die each year from food-borne illness.



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## Bruneau Cattle, EPA settle

An Owyhee County cattle feedlot has agreed to pay a \$40,000 penalty for violating the federal Clean Water Act.

The Environmental Protection Agency announced Oct. 29 that the Bruneau Cattle Co., settled the federal government’s allegations of discharge of runoff from pens at owner Eric Davis’ feedlot on Jack’s Creek Road near Bruneau.

The EPA said that a February 2006 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System inspection of the feedlot uncovered numerous instances of discharge into the South Side Canal in the previous five years. The canal and Jack’s Creek flows into C.J. Strike Reservoir, which drains into the Snake River.

Davis disputes the EPA’s allegations of “numerous” discharge events, but he also told The Associated Press that the settlement was a matter of economics.

He said he could have paid tens of thousands dollars more had the case gone to court.

The EPA said that Bruneau Cattle Co., had more than 4,000 head of cattle at the location but no containment to prevent runoff of process wastewater.

In a press release the EPA said that — in addition to paying a penalty — the Bruneau Cattle Co., has agreed to undertake various measures to ensure that wastewater is land-applied at agronomic rates and is not discharged to surface waters.

## Senior menus

### Homedale center

Nov. 7: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice, beverage.

Nov. 8: Chinese beef & broccoli, fried rice, beverage.

Nov. 13: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll, beverage.

Nov. 14: Beef tips over noodles, broccoli, beverage.

### Marsing center

Nov. 7: Breakfast to order or roast beef, potatoes/gravy, mixed

vegetables, salad, pears, soup, dessert, beverage.

Nov. 8: Ham, peas, rice, sweet potatoes, applesauce, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Nov. 12: Breakfast or order or soup & sandwich.

Nov. 13: Spaghetti, green beans, peaches, tossed salad, garlic bread, soup, dessert, beverage.

Nov. 14: Breakfast or order or liver & onions or hot dogs, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

# Malheur ranchers address cattle disease near Jordan

The recent trichonomiasis outbreak in the Jordan Valley was at the top of the agenda for last week’s fall meeting of the Malheur County Cattlemen’s Association (MCCA).

During the meeting held Oct. 22 in Ontario, Ore., Roger Huffman from the Oregon Brand Inspection discussed the spread of the disease. The cattlemen set a resolution that was presented to the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association’s fall meeting, which concluded in Redmond, Ore., on Saturday.

According to the University of California at Davis, trichonomiasis, commonly referred to as “trich,” is a venereal disease in cattle, caused by protozoan organism similar to an amoeba, that can dramatically lower calf crops in affected herds.

The resolution written by Bob Skinner encouraged the pursuit of legislation or rules to prevent the sale of bulls from contact herds until that herd is tested free of trichomoniasis by the appropriate Oregon Department of Agriculture veterinarian. Because the disease is spread by infected bulls, and infected bulls show no symptoms, testing of bulls in known infection areas is important to prevent the disease from spreading to healthy herds.

In other business at the meeting, Wannie Mackenzie took the gavel as president of the association, while Grant Baugh and Anna-Marie Chamberlain retained their positions of treasurer and secretary, respectively. The association is seeking applicants for vice president.

Chamberlain, representing the Malheur County Extension Office of Oregon State University, told those gathered about the Feedlot Futurity program through Beef Northwest. This is an arrangement where ranchers retain ownership of their calves rather than selling at the yearling stage or younger.

Guest speakers included the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Greg Jones, the Malheur County Trap-

per. Jones told the group that he had shot approximately 820 coyotes in the past year hunting by plane. He said that producers experiencing coyote problems could chip in with other area ranchers to pay for his services. Jones also said that Malheur County is one of three areas in Oregon where cougars have been designated a problem species. He has been granted license to take 12 mountain lions per year for the next three years to help control the problem.

Dave Henderson of the BLM talked about the fire situation in the county, saying that there were around 75 fires, which burned a total of 150,000 acres.

Frank O’Leary of the Oregon Rangeland Trust described the group’s goal of protecting and preserving ecologically significant lands through conservation easements.

Andy Bentz from the Malheur County Sheriff’s Office told the group about the August discovery and seizure of a marijuana grow.

## Raffle under way to finance Homedale senior trip

Homedale High School seniors are selling raffle tickets to earn money for an alcohol-free graduation party and class trip.

A Nintendo Wii game console

and other prizes will be given away at a drawing Monday at the girls basketball jamboree at the high school gymnasium.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for

\$20.

For more information, contact Robyn Tolmie at 337-4644. The seniors have not yet decided on a destination for the trip.

## Honor rolls

### Homedale Middle School

**Eighth grade**

**Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average)** — Anthony Adams, Justine Calzacorta, Dominic Christiansen, Amanda Cook, Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Rachel Gonzalez, Clay Johnson, Raven Kelly, Ashley Leslie, Lane Matteson, Laurien Mavey and Phaedra Stevenson

**High honors (3.99 to 3.50)** — Nahum Bermudez, Casey Christoffersen, Trey Corta, Veronica D’Alessio, Kate Eaton, Holly Gallagher, Carissa Gardner, Cristina Gonzalez, Bodie Hyer, Ana Juan, Kylie Kushlan, Cody Lynde, Zachary Mereness, Mariah Moore, Aubrey Nash, Bryce Osborn, Jenny Prado, Wendy Prado, Katie Price, Kyle Purdom, Brett Ryska, Angel Salazar Jr., Janette Salazar and Brenda Vega

**Honors (3.49 to 3.0)** — Ra-becka Gay-Krasko, Ashley Downum, Zachary Lowder, Danny Magdaleno, Levi McCutchen, Adrian Amezquita, Seth Bayes, Yanelli Gaspar, Isaac Lopez, Austin Chase, Kimberly McAbee, Janett Hurtado, Nicholas Sutterfield, Adriana Albor, Annabella Rios-Nunez and Brian Folwell

**Seventh grade**

**Highest honors (4.0 GPA)** — Elizabeth Albor, Samantha Christoffersen, Garrett Davis, Debra Esparza, Robert Evans, Elizabeth Farrell, Malina Geerston, Emilee Hann, Derek Hellman, Nicole Keller, Ramon Kelly, Reed Maggard, Jacob Murray, Gabrielle Nash, Veronica Sanchez and Cole Twedt

**High honors (3.99 to 3.50)** — Alexandra Abbott, Hailee Aberasturi, Graviela Albor, Perla Albor, Melissa Borja, Jordan Brady, Gene Bush, Mikal Culver, Chad Dugan, Mariza Fernandez, Hayden Krzesnik, Ruben Lomeli, Mariah Mackie, Roberto Martinez, Jacqueline Martinez, Mikel Mavey, Mackenzie McMichael, Shelby McRae, Miranda Miklancic, Cayetano Montes, Ariana Rice, Heathier Romriell, Corbin Schamber, Kylie Schoonover, Erin Shenk, Mickayla Taggart, Whitney Uria, Stephanie Villarreal, Morgan Willis and Nadine Wright

**Honors (3.49 to 3.0)** — Alejandro Albor, Calvin Black, Abdiel Camargo, Rebecca Coffman, Shelby Criffield (Reyes), Connor Davis, Jeremy Dillon, Valeria Garcia, Kenneth Harper,

Marcelino Hernandez, Leavell Hicks, Christian Hurtado, Gage Love, Michael Magdaleno, Ricardo Martinez, Bradley McCain, Carlos Mendoza, Braxton Morris, Gustavo Neri, Nicholas Ryska, Patricia Smith, Antonio Sturgeon, Caitlin Troxel, Brenda Uriarte, Taylor Vandeventer and Mariela Vega

**Sixth grade**

**Highest honors (4.0 GPA)** — Tell Hyer, Trey Lane, Shelby Lee and Esteban Lejardi

**High honors (3.99 to 3.50)** — Leslie Albor, Lydia Aman, Antonia Banda, Kynna Bertagnolli, Benjamin Cardenas, Angel Cardenas, Lizett Chavez, Katie Deal, Jedidiah Jones, Stephanie Kennedy, Destiny Long, Logan Moore, Noah Munster, Kaylee Rupp, Eric Sanchez, Cheyenne Steinmetz, Kathryn Thatcher and Edmy Vega

**Honors (3.49 to 3.0)** — Stephanie Aguilera, Cameron Brandhagen, Maria Castro, Lauren Craft, Magdalena Escutia, Britt Eubanks, Alisandro Garcia, Danny Gomez, Quincy Hall, Nathan Leslie, Riley Maggard-Qualls, Erik Martinez, Ryan McDermott, Emylee Obregon, Victoria Thom-

as and Brenda V. Vega

**Fifth grade**

**Highest honors (4.0 GPA)** — Bailey Adams, Brooke Armenta, Kellie Barraza, Sierra Bowman, Justine, Cornwall, Alec Egurrola, Ismael Fernandez, Quinton Fry, Kerigan Morris, Victoria Nash, Delaney Phariss, Miguel Salazar and Daniel Silva

**High honors (3.99 to 3.50)** — Brady Brown, Orrin “Coy” Gardner, Alandra Hartley, Jennifer Hernandez, Paige Pippen, Amos Aguilera, Andrew Martinez, Morgan Nash, Elise Shenk, Sierra Renteria, Colton Grimm, Spencer Mast, Carlie Purdom, Brandon Sheley, Vanessa Zenor, Alejandra Almaraz, Makenzie Anderson, Rosio Ojeda, Fabiola Mendez, Cody Mitchell and Samantha Vasquez

**Honors (3.49 to 3.0)** — Roni Black, McKenna Calzacorta, Jacob Carr, Rosa Contreras, Maria Cortez, Monique Davis, Silvia Delgadillo, Sarah Dixon, Devin Fisher, Isabelle Fogg, Marissa Guzman, Julissa Hurtado, Jose Ibarra, Marcos Jaramillo, Kyler Landa, Yahaira Lomeli, Dillon Lowder, Erika Miklancic, Marcos Padilla, Alicia Ramirez, Trevor Romans, Jaime Sotelo and McKenzie Sutterfield

### Jordan Valley

**High honors**

**Seventh grade** — Tyrell Warn

**Eighth grade** — Meagan Fillmore, Haley Hebison and Jordan Matteri

**10th grade** — Bryce Kershner, Brandon Mackenzie, Sonny Mackenzie and Mattie Wroten

**11th grade** — Kayla Cuvelier, Emma Johnson, Catie Kershner, Nickie Naegle and Alek Quintero

**12th grade** — Athena Beckwith, Elisa Eiguren, Annie Mackenzie and Jessie White

**Honors**

**Seventh grade** — Tom Nelson

**Ninth grade** — Matt Gleason, Taylor Lucas, Shelly Payne and Garrett Williams

**10th grade** — Anne-Marie Eiguren, Katrina Moran and Michelle Telleria

**11th grade** — Cole Scown

**12th grade** — Tim Eiguren and Trent Richardson

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## JV FFA news

by Anne Marie Eiguren and  
Bryce Kershner

On Sept. 19, students from several different Ag classes at Jordan Valley High School attended the dairy judging at Scotty Payne's Dairy in Vale, Ore. For many it was their first experience in judging and everyone had a great time. Catie Kershner placed fourth overall and our advanced team placed fifth.

The Intro to Ag class had spent two weeks talking about the dairy industry and dairy cattle confirmation. They were all excited to put their hard earned knowledge to use. We were all treated to hamburgers, baked beans and all the milk we could drink while we waited for results. Although the weather was poor and it was pouring rain, we all had a fun and educational time. A special thank you to Scotty Payne and crew for allowing us come use his dairy. Thank you to the whole Payne family for providing us lunch.

On Sept. 24, students from Nick Usabel's Intro to Ag class attend the Snake River District Beginning Leadership Conference in Nyssa.

The conference is held every year for freshmen or first-year FFA members. At the conference, students learn about FFA, what it has to offer, and the benefits of joining. They also learn about the proper dress code for FFA and the opportunity to travel to state and national conventions.

On Oct. 25, the FFA took a haunting, fun-filled trip to the Haunted World in Nampa. The whole school was invited to attend, as well as Kelsi Skinner and Tara Echave as additional chaperones. We were later treated to an interview and learned what resources it took to run the Haunted World, when they start planning for the next year, and the amount of work put into each scare.

Upcoming events and fundraisers for the FFA are quickly approaching. Currently the chapter is holding a pallet and battery drive, which will continue through the school year. Anyone with spare pallets or old batteries, please drop them off at the Ag shop. The chapter starts its annual fruit sale this month. Everyone can look forward to great tasting oranges, grapefruit, and apples.

## FFA members become slaves for day

Homedale's FFA chapter held its annual harvest auction at the Basque Center in Homedale on Sept. 29, and the donated labor of 37 FFA members was sold to raise money for chapter programs and events.

The auctioned members each put eight hours of labor up for sale.

Donated items, including jewelry, gift certificates and onions, among other things, also were auctioned off.

Attendees were treated to a dinner consisting of pulled pork, salad and dessert. The Homedale FFA chapter is grateful to everyone who took part in the auction to raise money to help cover state and national competition travel expenses, as well as fund community service projects like the Gift of Green and Meat the Need.



### Auction helps FFA

Slave labor wasn't the only thing on the auction block at the recent Homedale FFA auction. Chapter president Mat Hansen, left, holds up some merchandise as auctioneers Jeff Christoffersen and Gregg Garrett prepare to do their duty. Submitted photo

Special thanks go to Travis Hyer for preparing the pig for the auction dinner, to Jeff Christoffersen and Gregg Garrett

for their assistance auctioning sale items, and to everyone who donated items to the sale and assisted with the event.

## National FFA bestows award on Former ag director, local farmer

Homedale-area farmer and former Idaho state Department of Agriculture director Pat Takasugi was honored last week at the national FFA convention.

The national FFA organization presented Takasugi with the Honorary American FFA Degree during its recent 80th annual convention in Indianapolis.

According to a press release announcing Takasugi's honor, the award is given to those who



Pat Takasugi

advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

Members of the National FFA Board of Directors approved Takasugi's nomination for the award. In Indianapolis, the Wilder farmer received a certificate and a medal.

According the nomination form submitted by state FFA advisor Allison J. L. Touchstone, Takasugi has been an "avid supporter" of agricultural education and the FFA for more than 30 years in Idaho and around the nation.

The owner of Takasugi Seed Farms in Wilder, he began farming in 1977 and served as a delegate for the American Farm Bureau Federation as well as a member and officer of both the Canyon County and Idaho Farm Bureau Federations.

He served 10 years as the director of the state Department of Agriculture and served as president and a member of the board of directors for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

"Mr. Takasugi is a valuable asset to agriculture because he is not only an accomplished leader in agricultural organizations throughout the state and nation, he is a farmer," Touchstone wrote.

"He understands the needs of the Idaho and American farmer and represents those needs while promoting the importance of agriculture throughout all of his affiliations."

Takasugi brought the agricul-

tural industry to students and teachers in talks held throughout his tenure as state director, Touchstone wrote, and he worked to develop and provide resources for agricultural education programs statewide.

Takasugi earned the Idaho Honorary State FFA Degree in 2004.

"Idaho agriculture has seldom seen so vocal, eloquent and dedicated a supporter on the state and national level, and Idaho agriculture, agricultural education and the Idaho FFA Association are better for the work Mr. Takasugi has done on their behalf," Touchstone wrote.

In addition to his accomplishments in the agricultural industry, Touchstone outlined other aspects of Takasugi's life:

- After attending Boise State University, the University of Idaho and The College of Idaho, Takasugi earned a degree in Political Science in 1971 while completing the Farm Business Management program.

- He's a military veteran, reaching the rank of U.S. Army captain while serving on active duty from 1971 to 1976 and as a reservist from 1976 to 1981.

- Community service includes president of the Japanese American Citizens League; reserve sergeant of the Canyon County Sheriff's Office; delegate, chairman and committeeman for the Canyon County Republican Central Committee; and deacon of Golden Gate Baptist Church.

- Recognitions include: Idaho Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher; Idaho Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer; Idaho Crop Improvement Association Outstanding Service Award; The College of Idaho Distinguished Alumni Service Award; and Idaho Co-op Hall of Fame.

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# Homedale helps bring in the harvest



## Amalgamated’s Homedale site wraps up another year of collection

*Sugar beet trucks are lined up waiting a turn at the piler recently at the Homedale receiving station for the Amalgamated Sugar Co. After a short period of storage in Homedale, the beets will be trucked to the company’s Nampa processing plant.*

# Sugar beet yield expected to exceed average

Officials from the Amalgamated Sugar Co. are expecting a better than average yield from the Owyhee County sugar beet harvest this fall.

Clark Millard, agricultural manager at Amalgamated’s Nampa plant, said estimates call for about 19,200 tons of sugar beets to be delivered to the Homedale receiving station before the end of the harvest, which came last week.

The Homedale receiving station opened Oct. 15 and is open about 12 hours a day. Millard said the station can handle up to 150 trucks per day, and each truck can carry as many as 14 tons of sugar beets.

There are 600 acres of sugar beet farmland in the 10-mile area from which trucks will deliver the crop to Homedale, Millard said.

The 32-tons-per-acre yield for

the 2007 season betters the five-year average for the area by 2 tons per acre, Millard said.

Each truck that visits the Homedale dump is weighed as it enters the receiving site, which sits on the west side of U.S. Highway 95 between East Idaho Avenue and Industrial Road. Once the truck’s payload of sugar beets is transferred by conveyor belt — or piler — onto the massive collection of beets in the middle of the yard, the truck is weighed again to determine how many pounds of beets were delivered.

Millard said a sample of each delivery is sent to the company’s processing factory in Paul to examine the beets for the presence of dirt and foreign objects and also to determine the sugar percentage in the beets.

Homedale is just one of 26

receiving stations set up by Amalgamated Sugar between Glens Ferry and Hermiston, Ore. The sugar beets stored at the Homedale site will be shipped to the company’s Nampa processing plant.

There also are factories in Paul and Twin Falls, Millard said. The company’s Nyssa, Ore., processor was closed last year.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service Web site, Owyhee County farmers planted 4,800 acres of sugar beets in 2006, with all but 100 of the acres going to harvest.

The 2006 yield was 30.4 tons per acre, resulting in 143,000 tons of sugar beets with a sugar content of 16.77 percent.

— JPB



## Journey begins for beets

*Sugar beets start moving toward the conveyor belt after being dumped from a truck.*



## Homedale holds just the tip of sugar beet iceberg

*An Amalgamated Sugar Co., official expects an Owyhee County sugar beet yield of 32 tons per acre. The Homedale receiving station collects harvest from only about 600 acres in the immediate area. Last year, more than 4,500 acres of sugar beets were harvested in the county.*

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# Trick or treaters haunt Homedale



## Close race results in 2 costume winners

With a tough decision, Homedale City Hall staff decided to change the way the town’s best Halloween costume is selected.

City Clerk Alice Pegram said the judges split on which outfit was the best one worn in the City Hall lobby during last week’s Safe-n-Sane Halloween celebration. The winners were 16-month-old Jaden Walker, dressed as a Jack (or Jaden)-in-the-box, and 4-year-old Amelia Anne Brown, who was dressed as a peacock.

The split vote led to city staff deciding that the contest would award a boy and a girl each year. Jaden and Amelia both will have their photos hanging in the City Hall lobby for the next year. Both children were to receive a bowl of goodies, too. Amelia was the winner last year as well.

Jaden, whose mother graduated from Homedale High School, lives in Caldwell. He is the son of Joseph and Denise Walker, and his grandparents are Rita and Bob Doughty of Homedale, and Susan Walker of Nampa. Amelia lives in Nampa. She’s the daughter of Jon and Cindy Brown.

“I think it went well,” Pegram said of the fourth annual Safe-n-Sane celebration. “It’s a wonderful thing for the parents the kids to experience.”



**Homedale costume winners named**  
*Top: Jaden Walker, 16 months, as “Jaden” in the Box.*  
*Bottom: Amelia Anne Brown, 4, as a peacock.*



## Homedale celebration draws out creativity

*Clockwise from top: Homedale City Councilman Tim Downing holds his 2-year-old son Jaxon “Captain Jack” Dines.*

*Jo Howell, appropriately dressed as a trick-or-treat candy basket containing a Hershey’s Kiss, hands out candy at Paul’s Market.*

*Some groups had themes, such as Homedale children Corbin Joiner, 6, as a Star Wars storm trooper; and Jaymz Joiner, 7, as Darth Vader. Syera Joiner, 3, was just a princess, not Princess Leia, but fit in with the cute bunch just the same.*

*Homedale’s Samantha Mendoza, 4, won the final cakewalk at Paul’s Market on Wednesday.*

*Homedale resident Carolyn Munster and her children dash across West Idaho Avenue on their quest to find more participating merchants.*



# Marsing monsters enjoy event



### Large crowd descends on Trunk or Treat

A long line of trick-or-treaters and their parents showed up to collect candy from more than 20 participants during Wednesday's second annual Trunk or Treat and indoor carnival in Marsing. Event organizer Kym Bowers said the turnout was so great that reinforcements of donated candy had to be procured.



### Pumpkin tic-tac-toe

R.J. Bibbey, 6, of Marsing fires a Hula Hoop toward a pumpkin in an oversized game of tic-tac-toe. The activity was one of many stops during the carnival held in conjunction with



### Cute skunk

Seven-month-old Kira Nulle sits in her dad's lap as they wait for her photo at the carnival.



### Marsing folks show flair for costumes, art

Above: Nicia Lootens, left, and Mary Jo Gonzalez dressed up and invaded the Marsing school lunchroom on Halloween in an attempt to embarrass their sons, Trevor Lootens and Joey Burril. "We've been planning it all summer. It's a way of paying our children back for all the trouble they've caused us," the two moms joked. Below: Megan McRae, 10, of Marsing puts the finishing touches on her mini-pumpkin during a gourd-painting activity at the Marsing Trunk or Treat carnival inside the high school gymnasium.



### Sweet future in store for telemarketer

'Telemarketer' Jacob Larsen, 9, of Marsing gets his palm read by fortune teller Peyton Kinney during the Marsing Trunk or Treat on Wednesday in the Marsing High School gymnasium parking lot.

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## Antelopes face tough opening test

Adrian High School hasn't played a football game in two weeks, and — judging from the team's first-round opponent in the 1A Oregon state playoffs — the Antelopes could use the rest.

Second-year coach Paul Shenk's squad travels to Marcola, Ore., to face unbeaten Mohawk in a Saturday afternoon game. Mohawk won the Mountain West league title with a 54-8 trouncing of McKenzie on Friday as Brody Wilkins scored three touchdowns, including one on a 97-yard run, and threw for another.

Mohawk has been in the state playoffs every year since 2003. Adrian is making its second appearance in three seasons and only its third trip since 1999.

Adrian (4-4) meets an Indians squad (9-0) that has beaten opponents by an average score of 50-15. Mohawk's biggest game of the year came in a 68-22 rout of visiting Siletz Valley on Oct. 26. The team has scored fewer than 50 points only twice this season.

Adrian is averaging 41.5 points a game, but also has been held to 12 points in two games this year.

Mohawk has won 31 of its past 33 games, including the 2005 state championship. The Indians' only loss since the 2005 regular season is a 48-20 setback to Perrydale in last year's state semifinals.

## Adrian returns to State

Antelopes face  
St. Paul in first  
final-site match

The community turned out in force Saturday to propel Adrian High School to another appearance in the 1A Oregon volleyball state tournament.

"It's always nice to host a state playoff match, and our community was super supportive," Antelopes coach Aimee Goss said.

"The crowd really helps make it an exciting win."

Powered by 18 kills from 6-foot-1 senior Paige Branstiter, the Antelopes outplayed Prospect in a three-game sweep, 25-16, 25-23, 25-20.

Adrian (25-4), which finished third at the state tournament last year, opens the eight-team state tournament at 2:15 p.m. MST against Casco League champion St. Paul (21-4).

The state tournament is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

An All-State player as a sophomore and junior, Branstiter also paced the Antelopes' defense against Prospect with five blocks.

"We did a nice job on the net, finishing with 10 block kills, and that does a lot to stop the other team's attack," Goss said. "Again tonight, the beam and the bench pulled together very nicely to



### Purnell helps Adrian reach Forest Grove

McKenzie Purnell spikes the ball over a defender during a recent Adrian volleyball victory. Photo by Bob Radford

help us continue on in the state playoffs."

Senior Kassi Daugherty served six aces and dished nine assists. She also had eight digs.

While Goss said Prospect's service game was formidable, Adrian answered with some strikes of its own. Branstiter served four aces, while Terra Rust had two aces, and McKenzie Purnell and Andrea Shenk served one each.

Purnell also had four blocks, five kills and four digs.

St. Paul reached the state tournament final site by beating visiting Cove, 27-25, 25-12, 25-13, on Saturday.

The Buckaroos have won

four consecutive matches, while Adrian is riding a seven-match win streak and has won 13 of its past 14 matches.

A victory over St. Paul would put Adrian in the semifinals at 9:30 p.m. MST on Friday against the winner of the first-round match between Griswold and Lowell.

Adrian lost to Griswold in the semifinals last year before beating Mohawk for third place.

An opening-round loss Friday puts the Antelopes in the losers bracket for a 10 a.m. match Saturday.

The championship match is scheduled for 7 p.m. MST on Saturday.

## Rimrock athletes tackle Nike run

Apparently the cross country athletes at Rimrock High School can't get enough of the sport.

Raiders coach Kermit Tate has announced that his team will compete in the prestigious Nike Team National regional race Saturday at Eagle Island State Park.



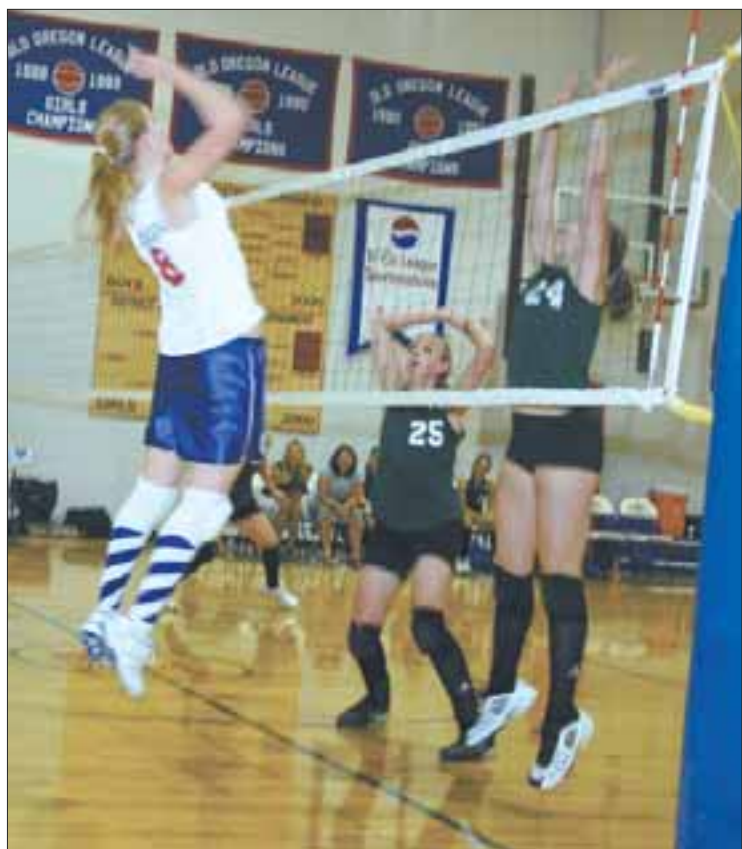
Kermit Tate

The top runners from Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana will traverse the same course used in the Bob Firman Invitational earlier this year for a shot at competing in the national championship race. Both teams and individuals can move on to the national.

Rimrock will compete in a 3:50 p.m. race for schools with 800 and fewer students.

"I asked the guys if they wanted one last race," Tate said. "They said, 'Yeah, we're doing this,' and we're back in practice mode."

—JPB



### Cuvelier leads effort

Kayla Cuvelier, shown during her all-district performance against Adrian, racked up 13 kills Wednesday in Jordan Valley's first-round loss in the state playoffs. JVHS photography

## Mistakes undo Jordan Valley

A change of strategy by the opponent Wednesday helped end Jordan Valley High School's volleyball season.

The 2006 1A Oregon state champions roared back from a deep deficit in Game 4, but lost to visiting Condon-Wheeler, 23-25, 25-14, 21-25, 26-24, 15-13, in an opening-round state playoff match.

The Mustangs, who ended the season 12-5 overall, were making their third consecutive appearance in the state playoffs.

"We had a great season, and I am really proud of our girls," Jordan Valley coach Jacque Naegle said. "When we started out this year, we heard a lot about how we were going to struggle because we lost so many seniors last year.

"The girls made a goal of making it back to State, and that is what they did. This is the third year for our team to make it, and I couldn't be more proud of our girls."

All-District 8 player Kayla Cuvelier collected 13 kills and two digs for the Mustangs, who won the first game of the match in narrow fashion.

The tide of the match turned in the second game when Condon-Wheeler solved Jordan Valley's defense.

"We took the court in the second game and just started making some mental errors on our defense," Naegle said.

"Condon Wheeler could not get a kill by hitting the ball, and they started doing a lot of tipping. We were getting caught setting back on our heels and not covering the floor very well."

Jessie White had 11 kills, an assist, a block and a dig for Jordan Valley, which jumped ahead after Game 3.

Condon-Wheeler looked poised to storm away with the match in the fourth game after the third seed from District 6 rolled out to a 23-13 advantage.

But, two points from elimination, Jordan Valley rallied to force extra points in the frame.

"I was really proud of our girls in the fourth game," Naegle said.

"We had dug ourselves a big hole, and we came back to tie the game and then ended up losing it by some poor defense on our part."

Naegle said her squad grabbed an early lead in the deciding game, but Condon-Wheeler took advantage of more mistakes to rally.

Catie Kershner set a season-high 29 assists in the five games for Jordan Valley. She also served a team-high 11 points.

Nickie Naegle, an all-tournament selection at the district level, had 25 assists Wednesday night to go with three kills and three digs.

Another all-district pick, Elisa Eiguren, carded eight kills and served eight points.



Sports

Marsing Optimist football wraps up season

The Marsing Lions Optimist Football program put a wrap on its season recently by playing host to the Sectional NFL Pepsi Punt Pass and Kick competition as well as holding a year-end awards banquet.

The PPK event was held Oct. 20 at the Marsing High School football field, and 33 winners from Local competitions held earlier in the process vied for a chance to move on to the next round.

Boys and girls ranging in age from 8 to 15 showcased their talents in punting, passing and place kicking, with scores based on distance and accuracy.

The Marsing Sectional champions were:

Devin Herberg, 8-9 boys; Jeremy Alverado, 10-11 boys; Jason Galligan 12-13 boys; Reed Johnson 14-15 boys; Cassidy Tiegs, 8-9 girls; Emily Hamlin, 10-11 girls; Kimberly Foster,

12-13 girls; Peyton Kinney, 14-15 girls.

The scores of the Marsing Sectional champions will be scores compared with other Sectional winners from the Pacific Northwest, and the top scorers will advance to compete in the Seattle Team Championships at a Seattle Seahawks game next month.

The scores of the Seattle Team champions will be compared to other Team level winners from across the nation, and the top scorers will compete at the Super Bowl in February.

Marsing Optimist banquet

The Marsing Lions Optimist football program finished the season with an awards banquet for all the players and cheerleaders.

Seventy-six football players turned out to play football, and 21 girls participated in the

cheerleading program. During the ceremony, all players and cheerleaders received a trophy for their efforts during the year.

Aaron Benion, Marsing Lions Optimist Football commissioner said: “We had a great year. The teams played some great ball and showed a great amount of improvement. The community has really stepped up to support the Marsing Lions Football and Cheer program, and the payoff will be in the leaders of tomorrow.”

The Lions football team finished the season with a 3-4 record, the Marsing Hardware Raptors finished at 7-0, and the Kendall Electric Tigers and Transgroup Maverick flag teams finished the season rolling over the other flag teams.

The Marsing Lions football program is associated with the Boise Optimist Football program, which includes Boise,



**Marsing Optimist crowns PPK champs**  
*These athletes are now eligible to qualify for the Seattle Team Championship of the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition. **Back row, from left:** Reed Johnson, Kimberly Foster, Jeremy Alverado and Jason Galligan. **Front row, from left:** Peyton Kinney, Emily Hamlin, Cassidy Tiegs and Devin Herberg. Submitted photo*

Meridian, Eagle, Star, Kuna, Nampa, Mountain Home, McCall, Emmett, Horseshoe Bend, Wood River and Glenns Ferry.

The program includes flag football for boys and girls 7 and 8 years old, full contact football for ages 9-12, and cheerleading for ages 4 through 12.

Raiders land on All-WIC

The recent 1A Western Idaho Conference all-star voting took a little sting out of the way the Rimrock High School volleyball season ended.

Raiders coach Lonni Smith said four players earned All-WIC nods, while three of the team’s seniors were voted onto the District III senior all-star team.

Sophomore Anna Cantrell and senior Shelby Chandler were placed on the first-team All-WIC squad, while sophomore Jackie Thurman landed on the second team and senior Ellie Cantrell was an honorable mention pick.

Chandler, Ellie Cantrell and Sadie Timmons made the 1A District III senior all-star team.

The Raiders made what Smith characterized as a “semi-early exit” from the 1A District III Tournament in Emmett.

Rimrock swept Meadows Valley of the Long Pin Conference, but were knocked from the championship running by Council with a 3-2 loss. The Lumberjacks qualified for last weekend’s 1A state tournament in Lewiston.

Rimrock was knocked out of the double-elimination district tournament with a straight-game loss to Cascade.

“It certainly wasn’t the ending we were looking for, but sometimes those things just happen,” Smith said. “It just seemed like we couldn’t pull everything together for any length of time, and our own errors were what ultimately cost us.”

PREP FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Homedale offense								
Final								
Passing	G	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	YPG	TDs
Eric Engum	5	20	50	3	.400	357	71.4	2
Ryan Ryska	8	28	59	3	.475	236	29.5	0
Kenny Esparza	2	0	2	0	.000	0	0.0	0
Emilio Cuellar	1	0	1	0	.000	0	0.0	0
Totals	9	48	112	6	.429	593	65.9	2
Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	YPC	YPG	TDs	Long	
Rodrigo Villarreal	9	106	564	5.9	70.5	5	51	
Micheal Wilhelm	7	77	416	5.4	59.4	2	32	
Daniel Valadez	9	70	272	3.9	30.2	2	26	
Trent Acree	5	29	94	3.2	18.8	1	16	
Ryan Ryska	8	42	23	0.7	3.7	1	12	
Alex Mereness	3	11	22	2.0	7.3	1	17	
Kevin Mercado	5	18	17	0.9	3.4	0	8	
Eric Engum	5	29	10	0.3	2.5	1	11	
Emilio Cuellar	2	1	-1	-1.0	-0.5	0	-1	
Sam Hart	1	1	-2	-2.0	-2.0	0	-2	
Totals	9	278	851	3.1	94.6	8	32T	
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	YPR	YPG	TDs	Long	
Zach Tolmie	9	9	218	24.2	24.2	1	53T	
Trent Acree	9	8	123	15.0	15.0	1	31	
Grant Sweet	9	9	106	12.1	12.1	0	18	
Rodrigo Villarreal	9	11	79	7.2	8.8	0	23	
Micheal Wilhelm	8	5	64	12.8	8.0	0	20	
Daniel Valadez	9	4	58	12.3	5.3	0	22	
Emilio Cuellar	2	1	10	10.0	10.0	0	10	
Austin Ferguson	9	1	6	6.0	0.7	0	6	
Totals	9	48	664	13.8	73.8	2	53T	
Scoring	G	TD	FG	PAT	2-PAT	Saf.	Total	Avg.
Rodrigo Villarreal	9	6	0	14	0	0	50	5.6
Ryan Ryska	9	2	0	0	1	0	14	2.0
Daniel Valadez	9	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.3
Micheal Wilhelm	8	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.5
Trent Acree	9	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.3
Eric Engum	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.2
Alex Mereness	8	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.8
Zach Tolmie	9	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.7
Joey Cline	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.2
Amador Cortinas	9	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.2
Totals	9	18	0	14	1	1	126	14.0

Rimrock offense								
Final								
Passing	G	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	YPG	TDs
Nate Hofer	9	25	44	1	.568	411	45.7	6
TJ Snyder	7	9	37	0	.243	115	16.4	2
Billy Smith	1	1	3	0	.333	14	14.0	0
Totals	9	35	84	1	.417	540	60.0	8
Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	YPC	YPG	TDs		
Ricardo Araujo	9	169	1586	9.4	176.2	23		
TJ Snyder	9	64	315	4.9	35.0	4		
Nate Hofer	9	37	162	4.4	18.0	5		
Francisco Garcia	5	30	159	5.3	31.8	1		
Tony Ayala	2	13	42	3.2	21.0	0		
Kody Schiermeier	3	5	13	2.6	4.3	0		
Totals	9	318	2277	7.2	253.0	33		
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	YPR	YPG	TDs		
Sam Richardson	9	12	254	21.2	28.2	5		
Brian Simper	9	9	111	12.3	12.3	2		
Ricardo Araujo	9	9	105	11.7	35.0	1		
Alberto Ontiveros	1	1	21	21.0	21.0	0		
Stetson Dick	1	1	14	14.0	14.0	0		
Billy Smith	7	3	19	6.3	2.7	0		
Totals	9	35	524	15.0	58.2	8		
Scoring	G	TD	FG	PAT	2-PAT	Saf.	Total	Avg.
Ricardo Araujo	9	27	0	0	7	0	176	19.6
Sam Richardson	9	6	0	0	4	1	44	5.5
TJ Snyder	9	6	0	0	3	0	42	4.7
Nate Hofer	9	5	0	0	4	0	38	4.8
Brian Simper	9	2	0	0	4	0	20	2.2
Francisco Garcia	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.0
Carlos Salinas	9	0	0	2	2	0	6	0.7
Jose Araujo	9	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.2
Totals	9	47	0	2	24	2	336	37.3

Huskies hoops holds parents night

The Marsing High School boys basketball program will hold a parents meeting at 7 p.m. today in Room 109 at the high school. Practice for the 2007-08 season

begins Friday at the high school gym. The Huskies’ first game is at home Nov. 27 against 3A Payette.

Keep up with Owyhee country sports in the Avalanche



# Bruneau-Grand View marches against drugs

## Anti-drug group visits Bruneau, GV schools for Red Ribbon Week

Rimrock High School's Idaho Drug-Free Youth chapter visited Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools on Oct. 25, in conjunction with the annual anti-drug Red Ribbon Week activities.

All 30 IDFY members visited and participated in the Red Ribbon parade with children from the elementary schools.

The IDFY group presented drug awareness information to the young students, and members Ellie Cantrell, Shelby Chandler, Lois Fisher, Kody Schiermeier, and T.J. Snyder performed a skit.

The Rimrock IDFY chapter plans to make the elementary school visits an annual part of Red Ribbon Week.



**Bruneau children decorate deputy's truck**  
*Children from Bruneau Elementary add a little color to an Owyhee County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle during Red Ribbon Week festivities. Photo by Kristi Schiermeier*



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**Rimrock students pass anti-drug message to elementary children**  
*Top:* Members of Rimrock High School's Idaho Drug Free Youth chapter, including, from left, Hernan Hernandez, Brittney Myers, Katie Johnson and Laura Smith, help Bruneau Elementary schoolchildren in an energizer activity during Red Ribbon Week.  
*Middle:* Rimrock High School Idaho Drug Free Youth members Ariel Turner, left, and Natasha Anselment help Grand View Elementary students parade a long red ribbon through town as part of Red Ribbon Week activities. Owyhee County Sheriff Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron keeps a watch out for traffic in the background.  
*Bottom:* The red ribbon wound through town in an annual ritual calling attention to Red Ribbon Week in the Bruneau-Grand View area. The parade took more than an hour to complete.  
*Photos by Kristi Schiermeier*



# With honors

## The players

### Band

#### Kelsey Thatcher

**School:** Homedale  
**Year:** Junior  
**Parents:** Mark and De Ann Thatcher  
**Instrument:** Clarinet  
**Accomplishments:** Member of 2007 Boise State University honor band  
**Noteworthy:** She began learning trumpet this year for marching band and pep band.  
**After high school:** Study to become a special education teacher, but “I definitely want to keep music in my life.”  
**Kachelmier’s comment:** She is also very strong academically. She has a gentle tone, and it is very consistent throughout the various ranges of the clarinet.

### Choir

#### Jennifer Dixon

**School:** Homedale  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Parents:** Kelley and Denise Dixon  
**Position:** First soprano  
**Accomplishments:** Second year on Treasure Valley Honor Choir  
**Noteworthy:** Singing since third grade ... Has performed with Opera Idaho ... Often sings National Anthem at Trojans basketball and football games ... Homedale cheerleader ... teaches beginning piano at Homedale Community Center  
**After high school:** Attend Lionel Hampton School of Music at University of Idaho and major in voice  
**Kachelmier’s comment:** She has a lovely, lyric voice with a great deal of resonance.

#### Sabrina Howes

**School:** Homedale  
**Year:** Senior  
**Parents:** Chris Howes and Sonja Pierce  
**Position:** First alto  
**Accomplishments:** Second year on Treasure Valley Honor Choir ... received an excellent rating during last year’s Vocal Solo Contest  
**Noteworthy:** Active in band and choir ... served as marching band’s trombone soloist  
**After high school:** Attend college for music, studying literature or trombone or singing to become a music teacher or choir conductor  
**Kachelmier’s comment:** Sabrina also has a clear, resonant voice with a nice rich sound in the lower register.

#### Kirsi Thatcher

**School:** Homedale  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Parents:** Mark and De Ann Thatcher  
**Position:** First soprano  
**Accomplishments:** Received superior rating at last year’s Solo Competition  
**Noteworthy:** Part of the Homedale music program since seventh grade ... sings in church choir ... Active in band and choir ... served as marching band’s trombone soloist  
**After high school:** Attend BYU-Idaho in Rexburg and major in singing  
**Kachelmier’s comment:** She is a very hard worker, who pays great attention to detail and excels academically. She has a very pure, gentle voice.

#### Carmen Zatica

**School:** Homedale  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Parents:** Steve and Theresa Zatica  
**Position:** Second soprano  
**Accomplishments:** Second year on Treasure Valley Honor Choir  
**Noteworthy:** Singing in school choir since seventh grade ... Very visible in sports, playing volleyball, basketball and softball  
**After high school:** Attend college to study music or nursing  
**Kachelmier’s comment:** She has great vocal consistency between chest and head voice and has very good pitch.



### Musicians take Brandt stage next week

Five members of the Homedale High School music program have been selected to perform as part of the Treasure Valley Honor Meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 at the Brandt Center in Nampa. The group includes, standing from left, Sabrina Howes, Jennifer Dixon, Carmen Zatica and Kirsi Thatcher. Seated is clarinetist Kelsey Thatcher.

## Homedale students make grade

### Four singers, musician to perform at Treasure Valley Honor Meet

Proving that the population of a school can’t hinder its students’ productivity, Homedale High School will send five performers to next week’s Treasure Valley Honor Meet.

Four singers and a musician from the Trojans’ resurgent music program will perform in a concert for the honor band and choir at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 at Brandt Center on the Northwest Nazarene University campus in Nampa.

The two-day honors music event begins Wednesday with workshops.

The Homedale contingent includes choir members Jennifer Dixon, Sabrina Howes, Kirsi Thatcher and Carmen Zatica. Kelsey Thatcher will represent Homedale as a clarinetist on the band. This is the second year on the choir for Dixon, Howes and Zatica.

“It’s great to see our kids succeed in so many areas,” second-year Homedale music director Karla Kachelmier said.

The artists earned spots on the honor meet roster through auditions held at Middleton High School. The choir members learned they had been selected after Oct. 22 tryouts. The musicians auditioned on Oct. 29 in Middleton.

“There were nerves, and I was kind of intimidated,” Kelsey Thatcher said. “But it was a good experience.”

Her audition included performing the chromatic scale and playing an entire piece.

According to Kachelmier, selection for the honor meet qualifies a singer or musician to return to the choir or band each year until he or she graduates from high school. Talent is pooled from throughout the valley, stretching as far west as Ontario, Ore.

Kelsey Thatcher said she decided to go out for the Treasure Valley Honor Band this year to bolster her chops for the Boise State Honor Band. The junior was selected for that band last spring and hopes to rejoin the ensemble next year.

The Homedale choir members had to endure a grueling audition during which they were judged not only on their singing ability, but also their voice range and even how they stood.

“You had to be in a high school choir, and they were picky about posture,” Zatica said.

Each girl sang “American the Beautiful,” so judges could sort out for which voice parts she was best suited.

Each hopeful also had to sight read and sing two scales.

A junior, Zatica pulled off a stunning achievement, earning a spot as soprano 2. There were only six spots in the choir for that voice position. Soprano 2 is the second-highest vocal position in a choir.

“It’s very exciting,” Zatica said of finding out that she had made the grade. “I started squealing and crying.”

Zatica, who plays several sports for Homedale, said she wasn’t sure if she would have time to go out for the choir, but she wanted to try because her brother, Brandon, was an honor choir member during his senior year at Homedale.

She said hearing stories from Howes and Dixon, who are both returning to the choir, also helped push her toward trying out.

Now, her involvement in the music program has caused her to rethink college plans.

“I originally wanted to go to school for athletics and become a nurse,” she said, “but since Miss K got here, I’ve enjoyed music. I’m a little torn.”

Dixon and Kirsi Thatcher were selected to spots in the 32-member soprano 1 lineup of the choir. Soprano 1 singers have the highest voices in a group.

Howes will sing alto next week.

Members of the Homedale contingent credited Kachelmier for pushing them to try out for the honor meet.

“I’ve always liked singing, so I decided to try choir,” Kirsi Thatcher said. “Miss K helped me prepare for it because I was nervous.”

Once selected for the ensembles, the musicians and singers began rehearsals on Mondays at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. Kachelmier said there also will be some all-day rehearsals before next week’s concert.

“The first practice is cool,” Kirsi Thatcher said. “You just walk into this room with all these people who can really, really sing, and it’s amazing.”

Dixon said the honor meet celebrates the diversity in the valley.

“You have all these kids coming from different walks of life and they’re united in song,” she said.



# Homedale band rides crest of rejuvenation

Marching band wins festival awards; fundraisers planned this month

The reclamation project continues for the Homedale school music program, but things are looking up after a month of competition.

Second-year music director Karla Kachelmier announced during last month's Fall Concert at Homedale Middle School that four high school students have been chosen for the Treasure Valley Honor Choir.

Senior Sabrina Howes, an alto, and sophomore Jennifer Dixon, a soprano, will return for the Treasure Valley Honor Meet. They'll be joined by freshman soprano Kirsie Thatcher and sophomore soprano Carmen Zatica.

Zatica and Taylor Thomas were featured sopranos during the Shaker hymn "Simple Gifts," which opened the high school choir's portion of the fall performance.

Last week, junior Kelsey Thatcher was accepted into the Treasure Valley Honor Meet band as a clarinetist.

The Honor Meet, which includes workshops and a performance, is scheduled for Wednesday and Nov. 15 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

The selection of five Homedale High School musicians to the Treasure Valley Honor Meet is just the latest in a steady stream of triumphs for the music program during its second year under Kachelmier.

"I came when the music program here wasn't at its highest," Dixon said. "It's really growing."

All of the Homedale participants for the Treasure Valley Honor Meet echoed Dixon is saying that they are proud to be part of the group working hard to restore the music tradition in the program.

"I'm very proud of the progress we made this season, and I am hoping that this community will begin to understand the contributions that a strong marching band and music program bring to the school and to community events," Kachelmier said.

Kachelmier's arrival has been no small part of the turnaround in the music room at the high school.

"It's a lot more fun because people are more pumped up about it," Thatcher said.

The program showed off its latest spoils in the lobby outside the HMS gymnasium during last month's Fall Concert performance.

The marching band scored 630.8 points on a scale of 1,000 on Oct. 20 in the 2A division of the District III Marching Competition at Bronco Stadium in Boise. As a first-year entrant, Homedale was allowed to compete one division lower than its classification, and the Trojans marching band was the only outfit in the 2A ranks.

Kachelmier said the sweepstakes band from the meet — Nampa High School — scored 936.5 points. The overall score was based on how bands performed in various categories, such as music ensemble — 400 points; visual ensemble — 200; general effect — 300; percussion — 50; and auxiliary (or color guard) — 50.

Homedale still is trying to put together enough participants for a color guard. The group will switch to winter guard mode with the end of the marching season.

"Due to a lack of visibility of what this idiom truly is, we are struggling to produce a team," Kachelmier said, adding that a color guard would have brought "30 points or more" to the band's score at the District III meet.

"Color guard is responsible for presenting the color, dance, dramatics, etc., of a marching show. They use flags, rifles and sabers during performance."

Kachelmier said the winter guard is the color guard without the marching band. Presumably, the winter guard could perform during halftime of basketball games much like spirit squads do.

Before closing the competition season with the District III meet, Homedale tackled the Battle of the Marchin' Machines competition Oct. 15 at Ontario High School in Oregon.

The Trojans went head-to-head with small-school powerhouse Weiser and other bands from all classifications. Weiser won the small-school championship, and Skyview of Nampa took home the large band title.

The competition season began Oct. 6 at a U.S. Scholastic Band Association event at Caldwell High School. The 44-member marching band marched in the 2A division, and being the only squad in the class, Homedale won the team trophy.

The Fall Concert featured the fifth- and sixth-grade bands as well as the seventh-/eighth-grade choir and high school choir. Kachelmier conducted, and Homedale Elementary music instructor Jeff Long served as piano accompanist.

The music program has several events scheduled in the coming weeks to celebrate the program and raise funds.

- The band and choir will rake leaves Nov. 17. E-mail Kachelmier at [kkachelmier@homedaleschools.org](mailto:kkachelmier@homedaleschools.org) for more information.

- The second annual spaghetti feed and auction for the grades 7-12 band and choir will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the HMS cafeteria.

Both the leaf-raking and spaghetti feed and auction will raise money for the program's trip to Disneyland for Magic Music Days.



## Trojans choir, band show off their chops

**Top:** Homedale School District music director Karla Kachelmier conducts the Homedale Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade choir during the recent Fall Concert. **Above:** The seventh- and eighth-grade choir sings "The Water is Wide" during their Oct. 25 performance. **Right:** High school choir members Carmen Zatica and Taylor Thomas sing the second soprano part of "Simple Gifts." **Right, bottom:** The trophies and plaques garnered by the Homedale marching band this season.



Kachelmier said the Disneyland event includes workshops that send the students into the recording studio with top Disney music producers. The students will record music and learn about studio musicianship, among other aspects.

"I can personally endorse this because I have participated in these workshops, and they're fantastic."

• Holiday concerts are scheduled for Dec. 11 for the middle school (7 p.m. HMS gym) and Dec. 13 for the high school (7 p.m., high school gym).

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# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense

### The train wreck

We all face our own addictions: to chocolate, horse training clinics or chewing tobacco. Lonnie’s curse was whiskey. With the help of AA and a loving family, he finally put his demon behind him. But those who know the problem appreciate that the demon waits just around the corner.

Lonnie worked for the BNSF Railroad. He and his pardner Paco were called out in the middle of the night to help with a train derailment. Normally Lonnie would have picked Paco up and given him a ride since Paco’s wife worked nights and had their car. Problem was, Lonnie’s car wouldn’t start.

Lonnie had a loving daughter named Lisa who still lived at home. She had a good job, but also the wisdom of a child raised by a compromised parent. Her pride and joy was a classic Thunderbird, 2-seater, painted baby blue. And in spite of her love for her father, she refused to allow him to drive it even after he had been sober for a year. But tonight was an emergency, he explained. His boss had insisted he come. It was 40 miles away. He needed to borrow his daughter’s little Thunderbird. He pleaded with her and promised he’d be careful.

Whether it was a change of heart or a one o’clock in the morning mental fog, she consented. Lonnie picked up Paco and off they went. As they approached the area, they encountered an unrelated four-locomotive coal train slowly headed west. Lonnie came alongside. The two-lane highway was only 100 feet from the tracks. The big headlight on the locomotive cut a bright spot out of the black night. Suddenly, the engineer hit the whistle!

The sound waves made Lonnie’s lips blubber and melted the wax in his ears. Rising from between the tracks and the highway, like a herd of bats from an underground cave, 32 head of mixed quality bovine swept into the path of, well, actually over the top of, Lisa’s precious baby blue sports car!

In less time than it takes to get trampled by stampeding buffalo, they tromped and shredded the vehicle into a self-propelled mass of broken glass and crumpled tin foil.

Lonnie crawled out, looking at the dented, hoof printed, cow-pied hood, smashed windshield and one working headlight that pointed crazily up into the night sky like a rabid coon hunter.

“She’ll never believe it,” Lonnie cried, “She’ll think I fell off the wagon!”

Paco thought a minute and conceded, “Yer right. I was here, and I don’t believe it either!”

Wayne Cornell

## Not important ...

*but possibly of interest*

### Leave it for the neighbor



Autumn is when I have to pick up our neighbors’ leaves.

When we moved to our house 16 years ago, there were no trees with leaves in our backyard. There were some trees with leaves in the adjoining yards, but they were fairly small and did most of their shedding on their own sides of the fences. That made it nice in the fall because I didn’t have to do much raking and bagging.

Over the years, we’ve added some leafy trees to our backyard. There’s a Mountain Ash and a Burr Oak that is growing a lot faster than anticipated, as well as a recently added flowering pear and a small Dogwood. There’s also a Honey Locust near the kitchen door.

Now it might seem like we would have a lot of leaves to rake. But if it were only the leaves from our trees, it would not be a problem. The Ash and the Oak are the first to shed, and they lose everything in a very short period of time. I can pick up all the leaves in maybe an hour. The other trees drop their leaves later, but they all come down about the same time and since the trees are smaller, there’s not much clean up.

My neighbors’ trees are the cause of our problems.

On the north side of the house, right next to our property line, is the huge Unknown Tree. It started as a volunteer shoot not long before we moved here. Now, it is about 50 feet tall and still growing. Most of its branches hang over into our yard. In the fall, the tree is loaded with seed pods. When the wind blows, most of the seeds fly our direction. They clog the rain gutters of our house and burrow into the lawn. About the same time, the tree starts losing its leaves (which also get in the gutters). It also drop the “sticks” to which the leaves were attached, which fall separately and make a heck of a racket when hit with a power mower.

Meanwhile, the trees belonging to the neighbors on our east boundary kick into gear. First the big Maple (I would not plant a Maple if it were the only tree type left on Earth) spends a couple of weeks dropping all of its seed pods. Then the leaves start falling. They come down at a leisurely rate for about two weeks, leaving me pondering whether to pick them up periodically or all at once at the end.

But the worst comes last.

Also in our eastern neighbor’s yard, but hanging over the back fence into our yard, is a Box Elder tree. In the summer, the Box Elder drips a black, oily substance all over the concrete pad where Annie the Beagle’s pen is located. In late summer, tens of thousands of insects, which hatch out of white webs on the tree branches, fly into our yard, attach themselves to the sunny side of our house and wait for someone to open a door so they can come inside. The bugs do not bite or make any noise or eat much. They just hang around making love to each other so there will be another, larger generation of benign bugs the following year.

The Box Elder bugs are still all over the place when the seeds start falling off the tree. These, added to the Maple seeds and the seeds from the Unknown Tree mean I will be battling tree sprouts in our lawn throughout next summer

The Box Elder is the last to drop its leaves. It waits until it either rains or snows so the wet and/or frozen leaves will be almost impossible to pick up until they dry out in the spring.

The guy who wrote the song about autumn leaves falling outside his window probably could wax romantic because he knew his neighbor would be the one who would have to pick ’em up.

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington

### Farm Bill sows seeds of success



*by Sen. Mike Crapo*

For almost 75 years, the federal government has worked with U.S. agriculture producers to keep domestic food supplies robust and affordable, preserve food security and promote a globally competitive commodity market. Major agriculture legislation occurred a few times every decade from the 1930s through the 1970s. In 1973, it took the form of an omnibus “farm bill.” The 2007 Farm Bill is the latest iteration of this multi-program legislation that provides policymakers the opportunity to comprehensively address federal farm policy.

Everyone in the farm-to-market supply chain in Idaho knows the critical nature of the Farm Bill. People outside the agriculture industry are gaining better understanding of the scope of this legislation, which affects our nation’s food supply, global competitiveness and our environment. After more than a year of hearings and town hall meetings in Idaho, I took various criticisms and praise of the 2002 Farm Bill that I gathered to my colleagues in Congress. This input helped us forge ahead with policy improvements as our nation faces ever-changing social, environmental and economic realities.

As with any substantial legislative effort, the end product is never exactly what any one person would prefer. There are parts that will be considered in the Senate with which I disagree, but, overall, Idaho benefits from program extensions and creation or adjustment of others.

Specific examples include:

- Specialty crop programs: Idaho is a national leader in specialty crops, particularly potatoes, onions, cherries and mint. The Specialty Crop Block Grant program would be increased to \$270 million over five years from the current \$44.5 million annually. Also included in the bill: \$200 million for pest and disease threats and \$80 million for research.
- Commodities: Wheat, barley, sugar, wool and pulse crop support would continue with some increases. Pulse crops would become eligible for Counter-Cyclical Program assistance.
- Water: The legislation includes a \$2 million Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer pilot program to assist with regional water conservation and quality. The Noninsured Assistance Program would provide coverage for aquaculture producers impacted by drought.
- Conservation: Conservation programs are continued and enhanced. The Conservation Title includes a framework for environmental services markets and improvements to the Conservation Stewardship Program. Unfortunately,

— See **Farm Bill**, next page



# Commentary

## Letters to the editor

### Tax commission sets record straight on county valuations

I would like to verify that there has been fictitious information flowing around Owyhee County.

Our office has been informed that rumors have circulated indicating that the recent increase in valuation for Owyhee County properties has been the direct result of utilization of sales from Ada County or the City of Boise. This is not true. My staff has used sales from Owyhee County to determine the market values for Owyhee County properties. This has been an active market over the past year, providing adequate data to determine values.

Steve Fiscus  
Administrator, Division of County Support  
Idaho State Tax Commission

### Pilot offers eyewitness proof that temps are rising worldwide

Everyone is talking about global warming. I can attest to the fact that, yes, we all do have higher temperatures.

I base that statement on my recent trip to Siberia in Russia, where it was 100 degrees in July.

Steve Richards  
Homedale

## ✓ Farm Bill: Several programs crucial to Idaho ag on the agenda

*From previous page*

the bill doesn’t provide adequate funding for conservation programs to meet program demands. I’ll continue to work for investments in working lands conservation such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP).

- Energy: Significant investment in energy programs would assist producers with efforts that support energy independence.
- Changes to Project SEARCH would allow financially distressed rural communities in Idaho and nationwide access to increased federal assistance.
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP): I worked to include Idaho’s schools in FFVP; the new bill includes \$1.1 billion to enable all states to participate. Expanding this program nationwide will further the effort to provide healthy food choices for our children.
- Tax Title: Already approved by the Senate Finance Committee, the Tax Title includes my efforts to improve the Endangered Species Act through tax incentives for landowners to assist species recovery. Additionally, this legislation provides participants the option of a tax credit instead of Conservation Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program and GRP payments.

Work remains to improve conservation program funding and a new Average Crop Revenue option. However, the legislation builds upon past Farm Bills, and will keep the U.S. focused on helping American agriculture producers toward success. Their success guarantees a secure food supply, competitive global trade and energized businesses that families can be proud of and that will thrive from one generation to the next.

— Mike Crapo is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho. For a more comprehensive explanation of separate provisions in 2007 Farm Bill, visit his Web site at <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

## Accuracy In Media Anti-war media miss the big picture

*by Roger Aronoff*

With President Bush and Vice President Cheney warning that Iran must not be permitted to obtain nuclear weapons, our media have shifted their focus from Iraq. The shift is apparent in the decision by many reporters to make a controversy out of the fact that Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York, the Democratic frontrunner, voted for a resolution declaring the Iranian Revolutionary Guards to be a terrorist force. The resolution states a simple truth, but it has been interpreted by the anti-war media and the far-left in the Democratic Party as war-mongering and saber-rattling.

The media are moving into a position of hardened opposition to an emerging bipartisan consensus that something has to be done militarily about the Iranian threat to the region and the world. The anti-war media, in short, are alive and well, and they can complicate efforts to deal not only with Iran, a clear danger to the region and the world, but with the global radical Islamic menace.

In reality, of course, one cannot separate Iraq from Iran. A successful outcome in Iraq depends on containing Iran and ultimately achieving regime change in Tehran.

But the media, from their perspective, have to realize that they have failed to defeat the administration’s Iraq policy. That explains their focus on Iran.

The administration’s Iraq policy got a second life from Gen. David Petraeus, who delivered forceful testimony before Congress about progress there. His call for more time and patience was viewed by some as a political maneuver coordinated with the White House, but the evidence on the ground, as well as media reports from unlikely sources, suggest that Petraeus was telling the truth.

One of the latest to confirm military progress is journalist and historian Victor Davis Hanson. Just back from Iraq, he reports sharp reductions in violence and growing cooperation between Iraqis and American troops. Americans are “asked by Iraqis in the ‘Sunni Triangle’ to join them to defeat the very terrorists and the locals once championed,” he reports in a remarkable assessment.

The media’s anti-war bias on Iraq re-emerged when the retired lieutenant general in charge of forces in Iraq for most of the first year in Iraq, Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, garnered headlines by blasting the Bush administration. He called its policy “catastrophically flawed” and said the U.S. was “living a nightmare with no end in sight.” Interestingly, the speech was delivered before a group called Military Reporters and Editors.

Less attention, however, was given to his conclusion that leaving Iraq is not an option and that America has no choice but to continue its efforts. “A precipitous withdrawal will unquestionably lead to chaos that would endanger the stability of the greater Middle East,” said Sanchez. “If this occurs it would have significant adverse effects on the international community. Coalition and American force presence will be required at some level for the foreseeable future.”

He added that “As a nation we must recognize that the enemy we face is committed to destroying our way of life,” and that we are at risk because of our lack of unity.

Even less attention was devoted to his criticism of the media. However, it comprised the first 40 percent of his speech and was equally harsh. While singling out a few reporters as exceptions for the quality of their journalism, such as John Burns of the New York Times and Joe Galloway of McClatchy Newspapers, he was merciless to the majority of them. He sounded like a member in good standing of Accuracy In Media when he said we should demand “tough reporting that relies upon integrity, objectivity and fairness to give accurate and thorough accounts that strengthen our freedom of the press and, in turn, our democracy.”

However, Sanchez said, “For some, it seems that as long

as you get a front-page story there is little or no regard for the ‘collateral damage’ you will cause. Personal reputations have no value, and you report with total impunity and are rarely held accountable for unethical conduct.” He accused others of “unscrupulous reporting that was solely focused on supporting your agenda and preconceived notions of what our military had done.”

Sanchez may have been talking about himself. He was in charge of the military from June 2003 through mid-2004, a little over a year, and the abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib in Iraq occurred on his watch. The media claimed credit for uncovering that abuse when military authorities were the first to investigate it. Sanchez believes that he was unfairly singled out and, for that reason, was not given his fourth star as a general.

While dishing out criticism, Sanchez came in for some of his own. Republican presidential candidate John McCain believes that Sanchez should have been more candid to him and others in Congress when asked about conditions in Iraq when he was in command. According to McCain, Sanchez “was asked in several hearings about the strategy, and he not only didn’t complain about it — in all due respect again — but he supported it.”

Not surprisingly, our media played down Sanchez’s criticism of the media. The New York Times didn’t bother mentioning any of it. The Washington Post saved Sanchez’s criticism of the media for the very last paragraph of its article about his speech. NBC News covered Sanchez’s criticism of the administration but not of the press.

Beyond Iraq and Iran, however, lies the question of what the U.S. will do about the global threat from radical Islam. Here, our media seem to be AWOL, unaware or unconcerned about the fact that the enemy is based in Iraq, Iran and scores of other countries.

On the same day that Sanchez gave his speech, the nature of the enemy was demonstrated when the AP reported that “a bomb planted among toys in a cart left near a children’s playground” had killed one civilian and wounded 17, including five children.

The incident occurred in Iraq, but it is indicative of the threat that faces the U.S. and many other nations. Why are these Islamists targeting children by planting bombs among their toys? In this case, can our anti-war media come to their senses long enough to acknowledge that preparing to confront these forces of evil is not necessarily a Bush-Cheney plot?

For the time being, it is apparent that many in our media want to do whatever they can to prevent a military strike on Iran. That explains their constant focus on which of the presidential candidates favor anything that can be conceived as laying the groundwork for such a strike. Clearly it would be preferable for regime change in Iran to come from within the country. But our anti-war media oppose any confrontation with Iran, just as they have sought to undermine and defeat the Bush administration’s policy on Iraq.

Our media, however, should look beyond Iraq and Iran to the broader war with radical Islam. After all, stabilizing Iraq and even eliminating the possibility of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons will not guarantee international peace and security. The threat in both of those countries is global in scope and never rests.

In short, our media have to ask the candidates, Democrats and Republicans: how do you intend on winning the world war we find ourselves in? How do you intend to assure America’s survival and defeat the global Jihad?

And please don’t tell us the answer is that U.S. officials need to make more appearances on Al-Jazeera.

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# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

### November 3, 1982

#### Contract let to complete Highway 95

Senator Steve Symms and Congressman Larry Craig recently received word from Washington that a Boise construction firm, Western Construction, Inc., has been selected to complete the grading of Highway 95 outside of Marsing.

Symms, who is chairman of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee, has been urging the Department of Transportation to speed up work on this important project so that the highway will be open to motorists as soon as possible.

Actual work on this stage of the project will begin as soon as the preliminary paperwork and preconstruction steps are completed — possibly within two weeks, according to the Federal Highway Administration project officer.

#### Trojans to head for quarterfinals at Moscow

Moscow, Idaho is the destination of the Homedale Trojan football squad, cheerleaders and fans, as they head north to face Lapwai next Saturday at the Kibbie Dome on the University of Idaho campus.

The game will be the 1982 Trojans first in the State A-3 quarterfinal championship playoffs.

The Trojans earned the undisputed Western Idaho Conference crown and the district’s top seed by tromping the Fruitland Grizzlies 34-6 last Friday night.

The Fruitland defeat left the Trojans undefeated except for the season opener with Weiser.

Senior running back Bill Maxwell gained 176 yards for the Trojans on the Grizzly field, scoring two touchdowns. Defensively, Maxwell made 13 tackles, a blocked punt and a pass deflection.

David Kubosumi scored on a four-yard sprint in the second quarter, as did Gary Kushlan, going 14 yards. Both touchdowns were executed by passes from quarterback Mike Matteson.

#### 33 win Homedale Bucks during Saturday’s event

Winners of \$300 worth of Homedale Bucks were drawn from the barrel full of entries last Saturday afternoon.

The drawing was held in conjunction with the Homedale Chamber of Commerce’s “Spooktacular Sale.” The Homedale bucks are paper worth \$1.00 in trade at any Homedale business.

Lucky winners included: \$50 Lynn Flaming, Homedale; \$25 Edith Cook, Wilder and Lela Aspiazu, Homedale; \$10 Anita Johnston, Homedale; Norine Cooper, Homedale; Debbie Ford, Homedale; Kenneth Moss, Wilder; Linda Griffith, Homedale; Rayme Linder, Homedale; Franziska Woodburn, Homedale; Gloria Schoonover, Homedale; Susan Winter, Homedale; and Phil Maupin, Homedale.

Winning \$5.00 prizes were Mike Busse, Rosalie Chambers both of Wilder; Wanda Hall, Linda Perkins, Lucille Bredy, Jr. Belveal, Fay Orr, Johnny Ford, Terry Belveal, Alvin Woodburn, Glenyce Maupin, Mike Johnston, Carol Branen, Frank Orr, Opal Nash, Bonnie Farley, Nancy Belknap, Lenor McNew, Kristeen Frank and Barbara Cooper all of Homedale.

#### Garbage rates effective Dec. 1

Effective December 1, Homedale city residents will be paying an additional \$4.00 with their water and sewer bill. The new fee is for the handling of garbage and the bid for the mandatory service was awarded Monday, Oct. 25 by the Homedale City Council.

City Clerk, Marie Badiola, said the bid was awarded to Marv’s Sanitation of Homedale. The only other bidder was Browning Ferris Industries.

Marv’s Sanitation owner, Marvin Hill, will receive \$3.50 and the city will receive 50¢ for billing and collecting, Badiola said.

The issue of the mandatory service has been debated and argued at council meetings for several years, and on August 11, the council passed the ordinance, Number 233.

## 50 years ago

### November 7, 1957

#### Bob Logan aid fund grows; \$232 deposited at bank

A total of \$232 has been deposited this week at the Homedale bank in the Bob Logan aid fund, according to Richard Frazier, superintendent of schools.

These donations include contributions from the Homedale volunteer firemen, \$100; Homedale Kiwanis, \$100, and several direct donations, Mr. Frazier said.

A goal of \$1,500 was set last week when the fund was organized by various local organizations. A tentative deadline was set for December 10.

Those wishing to make a direct donation are welcome to mail their contribution or leave it at the bank. All organizations are welcome to participate in reaching the quota.

#### Plans underway to repair city wells

A total of \$3,534.97 in claims was paid at the regular city council meeting Monday evening at the city hall. It was reported that plans are underway to repair the city wells in order that they may pump up to their capacity.

#### Farm Bureau elects officers for coming year

The Owyhee County Farm Bureau elected officers for the coming year following a potluck turkey dinner at the IOOF hall Monday evening. Elected were: David Phelps, chairman; Everett Larsen, Marsing, first vice chairman; Rolf Geerston, second vice chairman; Harold Glanzman, secretary-treasurer; Roger Howard, Marsing, and Clarence Nelson, county board members; and Mrs. Henry Sweep, women’s chairman.

The county officers gave the Homedale group the opportunity to elect their officers at the meeting. Elected were: Dean Brandon, chairman; Glenn Faulks, vice chairman; Mrs. Glenn Faulks, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Henry Sweep, ladies chairman, Pete Rathbone and Manford Stimmel, board members.

Delegates were elected to attend the State Farm Bureau convention at Pocatello November 21-23. Elected were: Roger Howard and David Phelps, Clarence Nelson and Ross Evans were chosen alternates. Delegates to the women’s meeting were: Mrs. Henry Sweep and Mrs. Reuben Call. Mrs. Roger Howard and Mrs. Glenn Faulks were chosen as alternates.

The Homedale Farm Bureau group donated \$30 to the Bob Logan fund.

Following the business portion, Mrs. Fanny Beebe gave an inspirational reading, “The Maker of Crosses.” Bill Anders, Marsing, spoke briefly on phases of the labor unions as he saw it in North Idaho.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Fanny Beebe and Harold Glanzman.

#### Homedale locals

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Hattie Pierce were Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cotton and daughter Delores, Boise; Mrs. Clark Percy and children and Mrs. Pearl Percy. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland McGuire and daughter, Garrison, Minn., called on Mrs. Pierce Monday morning on their way home after visiting a week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Judy Tolmie, Boise, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stimmel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Pegram, Othello, Wash., arrived Monday and spent the day with her mother Mrs. Dorothy Coutts at Caldwell. They spent the night at the Harvey Pegram home. The trip was made upon the death of her father Skivington Coutts, who died Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Pegram, Othello, arrived here Wednesday to attend funeral services for Mr. Coutts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burchard, Alaska, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Burchard, Nampa, and families were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Burchard, Friday evening.

Mrs. Harry Townsend entertained the textile painters Wednesday afternoon. Those attending were Mrs. Phoebe Orr, Mrs. Fay Orr, and Mrs. Wilbur Vance.

## 140 years ago

### November 2, 1867

GENERAL CROOK’S CAMPAIGN.

EDS. OWYHEE AVALANCHE: On the 3d of September I sent you a batch of matter for swearing at from “Camp No. 3,” of the Goose Lake Campaign — said camp in Camas Prairie, on the Drew Road east of the north end of the Lake. All the scouts were employed in determining the destination of the abundant ‘sign’ that is “Whether the Snake that made the track was going north or coming back.”

Darragh and scouts had been sent north to the Abert Lake country, McIntosh and McKay’s to the mountains west of Goose Lake. During the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> the main command left the prairie, came out through a canon to the north-west seven miles to Goose Lake Valley, crossed over to the mountains west and camped in the timbered valley of Kelly’s Creek. Twenty miles altogether of this night’s march. The 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> were passed by the Command at this camp. On the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Archy and McKay came in with four scalps, and reported the probable whereabouts of others, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> started for the place and a two days’ scout. Went along, but saw nothing except fine mountain scenery and considerable game. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Command moved up the creek fifteen miles, where we found it encamped and Darragh returned. He had trailed a party of Indians into the tules round the Abert lakes, and after figuring round two or three days, had to abandon the hunt. He found two respectably sized lakes in addition to what are noted on the maps. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, the entire Command marched together northwest through the mountains — passing through a beautiful valley six miles in length, with as fine a stream of water running through it into Abert Lake as I ever saw; swarming with brook trout. “McKay Valley” may be known by two rocky buttes in the center. Camped on a branch of said stream after fifteen miles travel today. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, a short march (six miles) north — Indian sign and fresh in the vicinity. Seemed to tend to the southeast. A part of Darragh’s Indians sent that way with several days rations. The balance of the Command (on the 12<sup>th</sup>) struck off to the southwest, through the mountains, twelve miles, and camped high up on the nice stream aforesaid. The General had become satisfied by this time that the Indians he had “lost” had gone south, but concluded to split the Command and go in opposite directions.

TRIP TO GOLD RUN DISTRICT. HUMBOLDT CO., NEVADA. EDS. AVALANCHE: We left Silver City per Hill Beachey Stage line on Friday, Sept. 27, 1867, at about six o’clock P.M. and notwithstanding the ominous fact that it was an unlucky day, traveled all night without any serious drawback and arrived at the usual stopping place for breakfast; which (the breakfast I mean) we surrounded in the manner usual to common mortals and started on. Now, if nearly everybody in Owyhee had not arrived there in very much the same manner that we departed on that eventful occasion, I would now and here enter into a minute description of the frowning cloud-capped mountains and delightful deserts that we did pass through and the trials, tribulations and hairbreadth escapes that we did not, and would harrow up their souls with tales of horror; but as it is I shall merely remark that we jogged along with very good roads till we arrived at Oreana, Humboldt County, Nevada.

Oreana is a hamlet of about half a dozen houses, a very fair hotel and quite respectable smelting works. It is situated on the Humboldt River bottom, is very dusty in dry weather, exceedingly slippery and muddy in wet weather and dirty at all times; in summer it has myriads of flies; gnats and mosquitos, not to mention other vermin; is hot and sultry, with cool nights and at present is quite sickly, the prevailing diseases being fevers of various kinds; and taken altogether it is by no means a pleasant place to reside in. At the smelting works the ore is melted in a couple of furnaces and the bullion drawn off and run into pigs weighing about 100 lbs. each; these are subsequently remelted in calcining furnaces and the antimony and other base metals evaporated, leaving nothing but gold, silver and lead.







# Public notices



**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
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A Notice is hereby given that, First American Title Insurance Company the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 1/4/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey St., known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, ID, 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 and personal property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Parcel I Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot One (1), Section Three (3) Township Two (2) North, Range Four (4) West, Boise Meridian; thence West along the South line, 247 feet; thence Northwest along ditch line 108 feet; thence Northeast along the South line of the Patton Subdivision 439 feet, to a point on the East line of said Lot One (1); thence South along the East line, 379 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel II Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Three (3), Township (2) North, Range four (4) West of Boise Meridian; thence 267

feet South along the East line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence in a Northwesterly direction 364 feet to a point on the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest quarter that is West along said North line 250 feet from the point of beginning; thence East along said line 250 feet to the point of beginning. 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 that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 317 Patton St Marsing, ID 83639-0000 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Ralph R Robinson, a married individual, sole and separate, as grantors, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of “MERS” Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Lender American Home Mortgage, as Beneficiary, dated 7/20/2006, recorded 7/24/2006, as Instrument No. 257372, and re-recorded -, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. 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 when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 7/20/2007. The monthly installments for principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1075.20, due per month for the months of 6/1/2007 through 1/4/2008, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$112,655.25, plus accruing interest at the rate of 9.25% per annum from 5/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 9/4/2007 First American Title Insurance Company Dee Ortega, authorized signatory c/o Executive Trustee Services, Inc. 15455 San Fernando Mission Blvd. #208, Mission Hills, CA 91345 Phone: (818) 837-2300 Sale Line: (714) 259-7850 ASAP# 897519  
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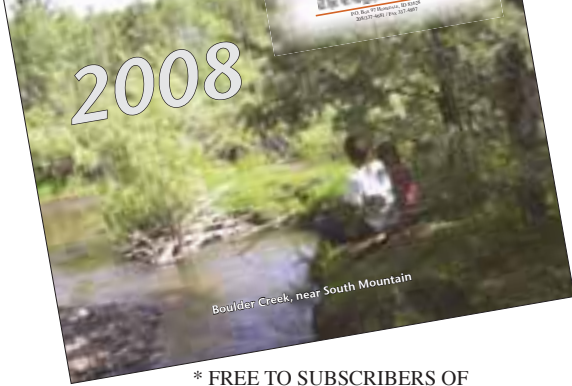
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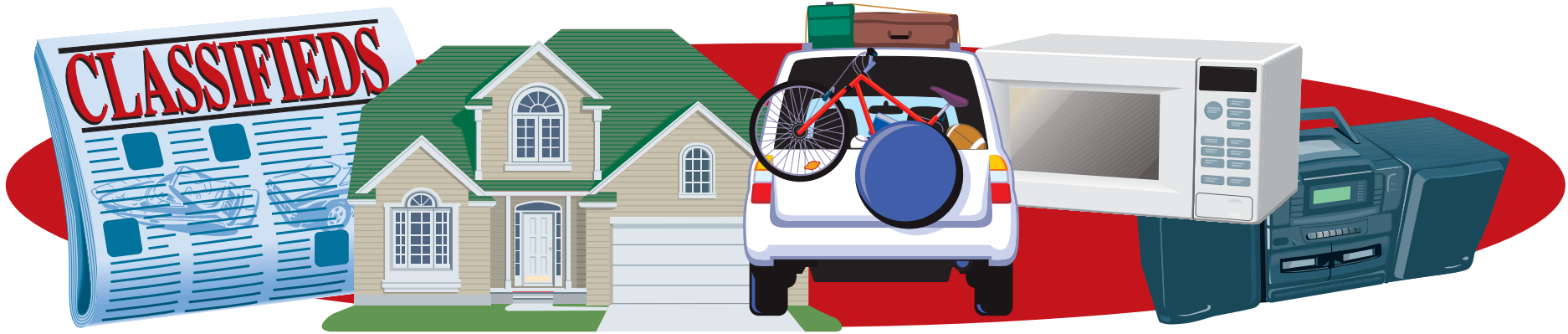
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<div>Western Family 12 oz. <b>\$1.99</b> Bacon ea.</div> <div>Western Family 32 oz. <b>\$6.99</b> Cheese ea.</div> <div>Johnsonville <b>\$2.79</b> Link Sausage ea.</div>	<div>Oscar Mayer 12 oz. <b>\$1.09</b> Bologna ea.</div> <div>John Morrell <b>\$2.49</b> Smokies ea.</div> <div>Beef <b>\$2.49</b> Bottom Round Steak lb.</div>	<div><b>\$1.09</b> Celery ea.</div> <div><b>59¢</b> Radishes ea.</div> <div><b>69¢</b> Green Onions ea.</div>	<div><b>2 for \$5</b> Dole Salad Kits</div> <div><b>2 for \$1</b> Cucumbers</div> <div><b>\$1.79</b> 8 oz. Whole Mushrooms ea.</div>
<div><b>Western Family Pineapple</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>99¢</b> ea. 20 oz.</div> <div><b>\$3.49</b> Western Family Gallon 2%-1%-Skim Milk ea.</div>	<div><b>Del Monte Vegetables</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>79¢</b> ea. 14-15.25 oz.</div> <div><b>\$1.29</b> 29 oz. Libby Pumpkin ea.</div>	<div><b>Coca Cola Products</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>2 for \$9</b> 12pk 12oz Cans</div> <div><b>\$1.29</b> 2 Liter Bottle Coke Products ea.</div>	<div><b>Keystone Beer</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>\$9.99</b> ea. 24pk 12oz Cans</div> <div><b>\$12.99</b> 18pk 12oz Cans Miller Lite &amp; MGD Beer ea.</div>
<div><b>Western Family Whip Light Cream Topping 7 oz.</b> <b>\$1.19</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Darigold Sour Cream Pint</b> <b>\$1.59</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Western Family Light Corn Syrup 32 oz.</b> <b>\$2.59</b> ea.</div> <div><b>C&amp;H Powdered &amp; Brown Sugar 32 oz.</b> <b>\$1.39</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Crisco Oil 48 oz.</b> <b>\$3.49</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Banquet Frozen Dinners Asst'd</b> <b>\$1.19</b> ea.</div>	<div><b>Nabisco Premium Saltines 16 oz.</b> <b>\$2.39</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Del Monte Fruit 15-15.25 oz.</b> <b>\$1.29</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Western Family Foil Pack Mixes &amp; Gravy</b> <b>4 for \$1</b></div> <div><b>Cool Whip 8 oz.</b> <b>\$1.29</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Hot-Lean-Croissant Pockets</b> <b>\$2.59</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Friskies Canned Cat Food 5.5 oz.</b> <b>39¢</b> ea.</div>	<div><b>Pillsbury Cake Mixes 18.25-18.9 oz.</b> <b>\$1.09</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Lipton Rice N' Sauce &amp; Noodles N'Sauce 4.3-5.5 oz.</b> <b>\$1.19</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Western Family Egg Noodles 22 oz.</b> <b>\$1.89</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Tide Liquid Detergent 100 oz.</b> <b>\$7.59</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Bounty Paper Towels 8 Roll</b> <b>\$8.69</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Cascade Dishwasher Detergent 75 oz.</b> <b>\$4.39</b> ea.</div>	<div><b>Western Family Italian &amp; Ranch Dressing Mix .6-1.13 oz.</b> <b>29¢</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Gatorade 32 oz.</b> <b>\$1.29</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Yuban &amp; Maxwell House Coffee 33-36 oz.</b> <b>\$8.99</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Chinet Paper Plates 15-44 ct.</b> <b>\$2.89</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Frito Lay Munchies 9 oz.</b> <b>\$2.29</b> ea.</div> <div><b>Doritos Tortilla &amp; Ruffle Potato Chips 11.5-13 oz.</b> <b>\$2.79</b> ea.</div>

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