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Tax bills hit mail this week

Treasurer: Expect levy increases, but some rates have gone down

Landowners can expect to receive their property tax bills in the mail either today or Thursday, according to Owyhee County Treasurer Brenda Richards.

And, with every tax year, there is some good news and some bad news for those who have to write the checks.

The first half of the tax bill is due Dec. 20, with the balance of tax bill due June 20. Richards said that bills postmarked up to Dec. 22 will be considered on time because Dec. 20 falls on a Saturday.

Richards pointed out that taxpayers should be prepared to see an increase in the solid waste fee both residential and commercial. Earlier this year, the board of county commissioners approved a five percent increase to both fees — residents will see a charge of \$42 on their bills (up from \$40 in 2007), and business owners will see a \$84 fee (up from \$80 a year ago).

Several tax levies increased this year, including all the road districts in the county and small increases for school bond

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Schools honor those who served on Veterans Day

Sgt. Aaron Davis of the Idaho National Guard salutes the flag as veterans stand at attention behind him during the Nov. 11 Veterans Day observation at Homedale Middle School. For more on veterans past and present, see pages 11-13

Reid puts Initiative on hold

Sources: Economic crisis, filibuster threat necessitates move

The threat of a filibuster has pushed a vote on the Owyhee Initiative until January and the new Congress, Initiative work group co-chair Fred Kelly Grant said Monday night.

“It appears clear that the Owyhee Initiative Bill will not be voted on in the lame duck session of Congress, but will be re-introduced by Senator Crapo in January in the new Congress,” Grant wrote in a press release Monday.

Grant said that sources in Washington, D.C., conveyed to him and the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners that a filibuster threatened by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) would take up as many as three days and that the economic crisis will take precedent over the 150-bill Omnibus Public Lands Bill.

Grant said the sources — congressional staffers and special interest group representatives — also confirmed that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has assured bill sponsors that

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Jake Roe takes reins for fourth Jordan Valley term

Jordan Valley voters chose Jake Roe by a landslide for his fourth stint as mayor earlier this month. Roe, who took the position at the tender age of 23, has seen a lot of change in the city over the course

of his years in office, he said.

Roe, who served on the city council for several years, was appointed mayor by the city council for his first term, and has won re-election three times.

When he first entered office, Jordan Valley was seeing some big changes.

“The mine closed when I first became mayor,” Roe said in a phone interview Friday. Norm

Pruitt, then mayor of the city, had been employed at the site, and left his city position when his job went away, along with the DeLamar mine, in 1995.

“We lost population, we lost city

water and sewer income. We had to reorganize to have the money to survive,” Roe recalled. Many city businesses were supported by people who had worked at

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Residents worry rate increase may impact budgets

Homedale hearing draws large crowd; city states case for repairing sewer

Residents on fixed incomes were the most vocal during Wednesday night's public hearing on Homedale's proposed sewer rate increase.

The city council is seeking to raise the base rate from \$10.46 per month to \$19.46 in order to qualify for the remaining \$1 million on a 30-year bond passed by voters in 2005 as well as generate revenue for a capital improvement fund.

City engineer Fred Ostler led a presentation outlining the urgency of raising the rates at least \$6 per month to obtain the remainder of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant, while city public works supervisor Larry Bauer reiterated that the capital improvement fund would be used to build money for future repairs.

The USDA-RD grant would finance repair of the force main from the Nevada Avenue lift station to the wastewater treatment lagoons northwest of town as well as repair crumbling 60-year-old sewer mains throughout town.

Bauer said the poor conditions of the sewer mains in town, from which rocks are

tumbling out of the deteriorating concrete pipes and making their way to the lift station, has led to numerous repairs of pumps used to send the wastewater to the lagoons. He also said that groundwater seepage — especially during irrigation season — has diluted sewer water and reduced the effectiveness of the ponds to break down contaminants in the wastewater.

After the city laid out its case, attendees in the packed room expressed both confusion and understanding about the proposed rate hikes.

Former Homedale mayor Ervin Gifford was looking for answers after seeing his water and sewer rate raise a combined five percent in October only to hear about what could be a 100 percent increase with the proposed hike.

"Prices have gone sky-high. Where am I going to get the money?" Gifford asked the council. "I can't go out here and grow money on a tree. I strongly protest this 95 or 100 percent sewer rate increase."

City officials stressed that in order to qualify for the \$1 million to help repair the force main and start the in-town rehabilitation project, base rates would have to increase \$6. Federal guidelines require that qualifying rate changes occur within the base rate, not usage rates (per-gallon charges).

Other options covering more repair were presented, but at current estimates those fixes would require money above and



Engineer explains need

City engineer Scott Ostler of Project Engineering Consultants Inc., in Nampa talks about the need to rehabilitate the Homedale sewer system Wednesday.

beyond the bond amount.

While estimates presented Wednesday showed that the remaining bond money would cover only part of the overall need for the sewer system, Ostler and Bauer both were optimistic that lower federal bond interest rates and the lagging economy could bring favorable construction bids that would give the city "more bang for its buck."

"Our hope is to let the contractor decide what is the best option for the best price," Ostler said. "I suspect will get some good prices out of that (strategy)."

"For the first phase of the sewer project, we had eight contractors with extremely

good prices, and that's why we have \$1 million left over."

Some residents suggested that the additional \$3 the city is seeking could be placed upon larger water users, such as businesses, but officials pointed out that larger families, many of whom are low income, would also be touched by that option.

One resident, Samuel Page, questioned where the rate increases would stop and pointed out that the combined five percent hike passed prior to October billing created an annual increase option for the council. Page said the trend could cause a problem with low-income families and also discourage small businesses from coming into town.

Bob Hulse, who described himself as a newcomer to the community, saw the need for the improvements. The 2½-year Homedale resident related the story of the City of Middleton running into trouble when it put off improvements until the situation reached critical mass.

"I'm on a fixed income, but I'm all for it if we need it because if we wait two or three more years, it'll cost more like it did in Middleton," the former City of Middleton employee said.

No one spoke out on two other public hearings held Wednesday. Both hearings were related to increased and new fees at Homedale Municipal Airport.

— JPB

Chamber's Homedale holiday parade set for Dec. 13

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce has set 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13 as the start time for its annual Homedale Holiday Parade.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said that a planning meeting will be held at noon Wednesday at the Bowen Parker Day CPA meeting room. The Bowen Parker Day office is located on West Wyoming Avenue across from Paul's Market.

Parker gave preliminary details for the parade during Thursday's monthly luncheon at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant. The keynote speaker was John Kee from St. Luke's Regional Medical System, who discussed the possibility of bringing a medical clinic to Homedale.

As in years past, the holiday parade will be accompanied by a drawing for gift baskets featuring items donated by Homedale businesses. There also will be an advertising supplement published by The Owyhee Avalanche ahead of the parade.

The vice president of physician services for St. Luke's, Kee was on hand to give business leaders information on the different options available for a medical clinic. District 23 legislative Reps. Stephen Hartgen and Jim Patrick also attended the meeting.

"I think we do have the ability to work with small communities to meet their needs," Kee said.

Kee, who is a 35-year veteran of the healthcare industry through St. Luke's, said that Homedale's

demographics testify that the area could support "at least" a physician and a physician's assistant.

"But you have to have the right fit and enough community support for that person," Kee said.

Enough support would equate to between 4,000 and 4,500 patient visits per year, he added.

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County enters historic pact with tribes, BLM

Federal agency, commissioners offer BLM settlement for 2006 fire

Even as the legal embers from a fire two years ago smolder, the county and the Bureau of Land Management move forward with cooperation in other areas.

A historic coordination agreement between Owyhee County, the BLM and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes was ratified during the commissioners meeting Oct. 27.

“(The agreement) further expands our coordination, but tries to reduce the monthly coordination meetings,” board chair Jerry Hoagland said.

The memorandum of understanding signed by all parties during an Oct. 22 Boise meeting puts all three groups on an equal footing during the quarterly meetings, Hoagland said. That means that the county now is a partner in the decision-making process rather than just an “interested party.” While the county has been a partner with the BLM coordination process, the same designation wasn’t afforded Owyhee in its dealings with the Shoshone-Paiute until the Oct. 22 agreement.

“It involves the county and the tribes and the BLM all on equal, government-to-government foot-

ing,” Hoagland said. “It doesn’t put us as ‘interested public’. ... They have to involve us in all their planning.”

The new coordination agreement would cut down on staff time for the tribes and the BLM because of fewer meetings, Hoagland said.

The next quarterly meeting under the new MOU is set for January in BLM’s Boise District Office in the capital city.

Hoagland said the county would like to see monthly coordination meetings with the BLM continue on issues such as recreational management plans for the Bruneau and Jarbidge areas.

“Coordination helps keep the planning processes consistent,” Hoagland said. “Any planning BLM does has to be consistent with those county plans, and that’s part of the reason we’re updating our Natural Resources Plan.”

The county commissioners held a public hearing on the Natural Resources Plan update Monday in Murphy. Only the BLM presented testimony at the hearing.

Through coordination agreements required by the Federal

Land Policy Management Act of 1976, the BLM is required to incorporate the land-use plans for the county and the tribes in any of its planning decisions.

“The BLM has to listen to the county’s comments by law,” Hoagland said. “It’s up to the Secretary of the Interior to provide the reasoning why the BLM plan is better than the county plan.”

Hoagland said that more MOUs between the county, the BLM and the tribes can be expected in preparation for life after the Owyhee Initiative takes effect. The Initiative implementation legislation is part of an omnibus public lands bill that is scheduled to see a vote from the full Senate sometime next week. Passage by the House of Representatives and the president’s signature still is required before the Initiative becomes law.

But even with all the layers of coordination now established, the BLM and the county still occasionally fail to see eye-to-eye.

Case in point is the Southside Fire that burned 139 acres of public and private land in July 2006. The county and the BLM are still haggling over compensation for extinguishing the fire.

“We’re in the process of still negotiating with that,” Hoagland said.

The BLM refuses to comment on the ongoing negotiations, but Hoagland provided insight.

“The BLM was charging the county to put it out, and the county didn’t want to really accept full responsibility,” Hoagland said.

According to Hoagland, it’s the BLM’s stance that county work crews ignited the fire while performing maintenance.

In at Nov. 10 letter, the commissioners offered to settle the issue for \$1,500, claiming that a previous area manager in the Bruneau Resource Area ignored statutory coordination responsibilities and that those violations caused delays that put the county at a disadvantage in budgeting for payment.

The \$1,500 check represents about 30 percent of the \$5,000 for which the Bureau was asking.

The offer keeps in line with an earlier letter asking the BLM to balance the cash compensation with the in-kind services Owyhee County has provided BLM during other county emergencies.

“The discussion (during a commission meeting) was we already have provided police coverage for the Chubby Spain Fire and road work on Silver City Road that BLM should have helped us with,” Hoagland said.

— JPB

Cowboy Christmas returns

Another holiday season means another visit to the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique.

The eighth annual holiday shopping opportunity takes place Saturday and Sunday at the Bruneau American Legion Hall and the Valley Mercantile Building.

The boutique will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Sales begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday after the 8:20 a.m. Cowboy Church services led by Troy VanNorman and Riata Brown.

There is no admission charge for the boutique, which will feature many talented local artisans as well as artists, vendors and craftsmen from throughout the West.

Merchandise available will include handmade, one-of-a-kind western gifts, home decor and rustic furniture, cowboy gear, hand-tooled leather work and tack, quilts, western books, crafts, western apparel and accessories, art and hand-crafted silver, copper and beaded jewelry, metal work, homemade toys and more.

Santa Claus will make a stop for photo opportunities with boys and girls in the Kids Corral.

The Cowboy Cafe will serve cinnamon rolls, hearty stews and chili, warm cornbread and desserts both days.

For more information about the gift boutique, call Anita Miller at (208) 863-8443.

Grand View church celebrates 100th anniversary at Sunday service

The Grand View Community Church will celebrate its centennial with a 10:45 a.m. church service Sunday.

The 100th anniversary celebration also will include a potluck dinner.

The church was first organized on Nov. 22,

1908 as the First Congregational Church of Grand View under the guidance of the Rev. W.C. Veazie from Salt Lake City.

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Oregon law hampers JV's effort to seat council

New ethics laws make council undesirable for many seekers

A big problem facing Jordan Valley, and many small Oregon cities, is the difficulty in finding candidates to sit on city councils, Jake Roe, the small border town's mayor, said on Friday. The 2007 adoption of additional ethics rules (under Oregon state Senate Bill 244), intended to avoid nepotism or corruption among elected officials, has made it nearly impossible for small towns to fill city council seats.

A seated city councilmember must now provide an annual statement of economic interest, and a quarterly public official disclosure form. The information required is exhaustive, and Roe said many potential city councilors simply won't jump through the bureaucratic hoops, or expose their family members to extra scrutiny, in connection with an unpaid position.

"We had three open city council positions that no one put in for,"

the mayor said. "And we have only three on the council at the present, which is the minimum for a quorum."

Three undisclosed write-in candidates were elected to the Jordan Valley council during the Nov. 4 election, but it's still unclear if the as-yet unnamed winners will accept the positions. Results from the election won't be returned to Jordan Valley from the Malheur County clerk's office until Thursday.

Those who might like to volunteer simply don't want to submit to a huge battery of tax commission questions, income sources, lobbyist returns, and "a lengthy bunch of garbage to submit, just to donate their time," Roe said.

The election earlier this month was a direct result of the new law.

"It's really hurt small towns all over the state of Oregon," he said.

"We had three city councilmen, after receiving the letter (informing public officials of the new policy) last year — they just quit, because they weren't going to do it."

The annual statement must include the name and address of each business in which the councilperson held a position as an officer or director, or any that a member of the councilor's family held; the name and address of each business through which the filer or member of the household did business; the name and address of the five most significant sources of income for the public official and members of the household, identifying the source and type of income and the name of the person who received it; ownership interests held by the public official or members of the household in real property, except for the principal residence, located within the geographic boundaries of the governmental agency in which the public official position is held or sought; names of each member of the household 18 years or older; the names of each relative over 18

years of age who is not a member of the household.

Other information may be required, including the name of each person to whom the filer has owed \$1,000 or more, including the date of the loan and interest rate.

The quarterly report includes an exhaustive list of gifts that must be reported — whether it's a \$50 lunch tab picked up by an organization, a \$25 plaque or what-not. If an official is presented with an award valued at more than \$150, they cannot accept it.

The League of Oregon Cities is fighting to get the legislation altered or rewritten to help smaller cities, Roe said. The LOC's success or failure may well determine the fate of small-town government throughout the state.

"It's a bunch of nonsense — I haven't got 50 cents worth of gifts for the city in 10 years," Roe said. "I think the Oregon Highway Commission may have bought our lunch, once."

New council undecided

Current vote counts on the write-in council positions for Jordan Valley, according to the Malheur County Board of Elections, are tight to the point of being uncalleable:

For position 1, current councilman Jerry White leads with five votes over Sheryl Douglas and Maria Aquila with three each.

For position 2, Lou Ann Krupp, Marvin Bowers and Maria Kershner are all tied at three each.

For position 3, Frank Beckwith and Flora Meredith are also tied at three votes each.

These are preliminary results, Malheur County Clerk Deborah DeLong cautioned. If the races for seat 2 and seat 3 remain tied after the ballots are certified on Thursday and any final absentee ballots arrive, a recount will occur.

If ties remain, the candidates will be called into a public meeting with the election board, which will choose who gets the seat, DeLong explained.

— MML

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✓ Roe: Listening and being there for business are part of the mayoral job

the mine, and with the closure, the population entered a period during which workers were re-training themselves to fill other positions, Roe said.

"We finally balanced back out in pre-mine mode, where there wasn't much going on," he said. "We don't have any real room for growth (given the city limits), and we're living with what we've got."

Being quiet isn't a bad thing

in Roe's eyes, nor has he heard complaints from residents on the town's size or lack of expansion.

"I haven't had any townspeople upset about not having growth possible," he said. "We've spoken to the Oregon Economic Committee several times to see if we could bring business in." Each time the same group of community leaders, all of whom are actively involved in business, have come forward to help.

Retired residents have largely not been as interested.

"There have been businesses shut down," Roe said. "And people sometimes say how terrible it is that a business closed. Well, sometimes the people didn't want to keep it going. When they want to quit, they do — that's normal business."

To have more services, a city has to have a bigger population than Jordan Valley's, Roe said. As

he pointed out, though, everything anyone needs is a one-hour drive away, and residents carpool, do monthly grocery shopping and simply don't engage in needless spending.

"It's a little different," Roe admits.

With better than a decade under his belt as mayor, Roe's opinion on what makes a good candidate for the position carries some weight.

"Somebody who can listen, pay attention to what's going on and donate the time; you don't get paid, you need someone who's willing to be there," he said.

In his 10-plus years of service, Roe said he's missed just two or three meetings due to unavoidable conflicts. Those years and attendance help provide a city government with an institutional memory.

— MML

✓ Taxes: Some levies, bonds rise, others drop

levies in the Grand View-Bruneau and Melba school districts. Meanwhile school levy amounts for Melba and Marsing went down.

School bond amounts in Marsing and Homedale also saw reductions.

Municipal levies for Homedale, Marsing and Grand View rose, but the county levy paid by every county landowner actually went down.

Another area where taxpayers will get a break is the convenience fee charged to pay bills by phone with a

credit or debit card. While now a free service, the cost to the taxpayer did shrink.

The Access Idaho program was initiated last year with a three percent service charge, but Richards said the non-refundable charge has fallen to 2.75 percent. Richards stressed that Access Idaho gets every cent of the service charge and that the county sees no additional revenue from the program.

Richards invites any property owner with tax questions to call the treasurer's office at 495-1158 or 337-5522.

Senior center offers flu shots

Flu shots will be available at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., on Thursday.

The shots cost \$23, and insurance can be billed.

The center will serve Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday, before closing Nov. 26-27. It will re-open on Dec. 1.

For more information, call the center at 337-3020.

Taxing District	2008	2007	Difference
County	.003330346	.003447703	-0.000117357
City Grand View	.000623497	.000655102	-0.000031605
City Homedale	.004824279	.004911790	-0.000087511
City Marsing	.003406197	.003497888	-0.000091691
Bruneau-GV SD	0	0	0
Bruneau-GV SD Bond	.002269330	.002178745	0.000090585
Castleford SD	.004301759	.001219993	0.003081766
Castleford SD Bond	0	.001507358	0
Glenns Ferry SD	.000129518	.000124204	0.000005314
Glenns Ferry SD Bond	.001239104	.001352851	-0.000113747
Homedale SD	.001527859	.001334328	0.000193531
Homedale SD Bond	.001547318	.001585263	-0.000037945
Marsing SD	.001036507	.001149540	-0.000113033
Marsing SD Bond	.000061218	.003043297	-0.002982079
Melba SD	.001246570	.001316510	-0.000069940
Melba SD Bond	.004095985	.004028925	0.000067060
Pleasant Valley SD	.000721794	.000705635	0.000016159
PV SD Bond	0	0	0
Three Creek SD	0	0	0
Three Creek SD Bond	0	0	0
Bruneau Cemetery	.000166408	.000150586	0.000015822
Mars-Hom. Cemetery	.000075414	.000073494	0.000001920
Owy. Pioneer Cem.	.000017622	.000016937	0.000000685
Riverside Cemetery	.000071489	.000066917	0.000004572
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Grand View Fire	.001610210	.001566708	0.000043502
Homedale Fire	.000840965	.000788044	0.000052921
Marsing Fire	.000148081	.000148184	-0.000000103
M/R/W Fire	.000486263	.000449697	0.000036566
Bruneau Library	.000253079	.000236619	0.000016460
E. Owyhee Library	.000276031	.000265432	0.000010599
Lizard Butte Library	.000354230	.000371247	-0.000017017
County Road	.000973803	.000324708	0.000649095
Gen Hwy	.000273961	.000261846	0.000012115
Homedale Hwy	.000291248	.000288650	0.000002598
Three Creek Road	.002351047	.002274630	0.000076417
Succor Creek Water	0	0	0
Bruneau Water	0	0	0

✓ Initiative: Vote on hold until 2009

the delay does not diminish his commitment to lead the bill to a vote when the 111th Congress convenes in January.

Sixty senators would be needed to stop Coburn's filibuster, and Senate sources said that Reid is optimistic that the new Congress will present far less trouble getting the necessary votes for cloture, which would prevent the filibuster.

"We haven't given up on the Owyhee bill," Owyhee Cattlemen's Association work group representative Dr. Chad Gibson said Monday.

"The agreement we crafted is historic, and we must keep after it until the bill gets passed."

— JPB

Your finances

Couple shouldn't sell wedding ring to wipe out debt

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have about \$20,000 in credit card bills. We're very serious about getting out of debt, and we've been thinking about selling her wedding ring we bought back in our big spending days.

It's not the original ring, but it's made up of diamonds from the original. We've been told its worth about \$30,000. Should we sell the ring to pay off our debt?
— Everett

Dear Everett,
You need to hang on to that ring. I understand how badly you guys want to get out of debt, but a wedding ring is more than just a piece of jewelry — even if it's not the exact original.

A wedding ring — whether it cost \$30 or \$30,000 — is a symbol of love and commitment, hopes and dreams, and the promises you made to each other and God on your wedding day.
You can pay off your debt by delivering pizzas part-time for a year and a half. It'll be tough, but remember it's only temporary.
Take any extra, honest work you can find. But don't ask your wife to give up her wedding ring! She may say OK now, but you'll both regret it later.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I cashed out my portfolio several months ago, because I just couldn't sleep at night with all the market swings that were happening. What do I do now that I have the cash?
— Max

Dear Max,
That's a tough one. Personally, I wouldn't have cashed out. The good thing is that you cashed out high and now you can buy low. The bad thing is the market may go even lower after you jump back in the mix!
But your biggest problem isn't your sleeping habits. It sounds to me like you got caught up in the doomsday talk and forgot to think about things from a long-term perspective.
I recommend that you go back to what I've been teaching for years. When it comes to investing,



take the long road. Don't worry about what's happening today. Don't worry about what may happen next week, next month or even six months from now. An investment is something you leave alone at least for five years.
If you look back over the history of the stock market, 97 percent of the five-year periods have made money, and ALL of the 10-year periods have made money.
We're going to be OK. The American economy will prosper in the long run!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My wife and I bought long-term care insurance 17 years ago. We're now in our 80s. We've never had to use this insurance, and we were wondering if buying it was the right thing to do.
— Ken

Dear Ken,
You bet you did the right thing! A nursing home costs \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year. That kind of money will crack and scramble a nest egg in no time flat.
I strongly recommend buying long-term care insurance by age 60 that will cover in-home care or nursing home care if needed. It's absolutely vital!
The fact that you haven't had to use the insurance is a blessing and a wonderful testament to the way you've lived your lives. God bless you both, Ken.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover* and host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. Find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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Nov. 12	48	38	.25
Nov. 13	63	38	.05
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Wish Tree drive starts soon

Homedale's annual community effort to make the holidays a little brighter will kick off soon with the deployment of Wish Trees throughout town.
Diana Maxwell, one of the organizers of the Wish Tree program through Beta Sigma Phi, has announced that the trees should begin appearing by Sunday in locations such as the Homedale Post Office, Paul's Market, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, Homedale Drug, the Homedale Drive-In, Moxie Java,

Idaho Pizza Co., and Tolmie's Ace Hardware.
Maxwell said this is at least the 10th year that the Wish Tree program has been in Homedale.
All the trees will be covered with gift requests from the children of needy families in the community. Donated presents must be returned with tags attached by Dec. 17.
Wish Tree organizers will hold their annual Casino Night fund-raiser at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 29.

The casino night, which raises money to help buy gifts for the Wish Tree participants, begins with a 6 p.m. happy hour, followed by casino games beginning at 7 p.m.
An auction will be held every hour, with participants spending the funny money won at the tables on prizes on the auction block.
The annual Hands Around Homedale food drive — another part of the community effort to help others in the holidays — will begin Dec. 1, according to coordinator Randee Garrett.

Calendar

Today

- El-Ada commodity distribution**
11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812
- DivorceCare recovery support group**
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
- Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting**
7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

Thursday

- Exercise class**
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
- Senior citizens lunch**
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
- Flu shot clinic**
\$23, call to sign up, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale (208) 337-3020
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
- Grand View-Bruneau school board meeting**
7 p.m., location varies, www.sd365.us/index.htm or (208) 834-2253
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday

- St. Luke's mobile mammography**
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View, call for appointment. (866) 381-2055
- Homedale library book sale**
Noon to 7 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Farm Bill information meeting**
1 p.m., for Malheur County producers, Lions Hall, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 889-9689, ext. 2 or ext. 3
- 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

- Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique**
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., miscellaneous gift ideas in many themes, food, Santa Claus visit, Bruneau American Legion Hall and Valley Mercantile, Bruneau (208) 863-8443
- Homedale library book sale**
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Sunday

- Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique**
8:20 a.m., Cowboy Church, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., gift boutique, Bruneau American Legion Hall and Valley Mercantile Building, Bruneau. (208) 863-8443

Marsing Gun Club turkey shoot

10 a.m., \$3.50 for members, \$4 for non-members, Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 573-3321 or (208) 573-3533

Monday

- Owyhee Board of Commissioners meeting**
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, Grand View.
- Grand View-Bruneau school board meeting**
7 p.m., Rimrock High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2253

Tuesday

- Exercise class**
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
- Senior citizens dinner**
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday

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

Friday, Nov. 28

- 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. 29

- Wish Tree Casino Night fund-raiser**
6 p.m. Happy Hour, 7 p.m. dealing begins, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale

Monday, Dec. 1

- County Board of Commissioners meeting**
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Tuesday, Dec. 2

- Exercise class**
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
- Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**
1 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale
- Gem Irrigation District board meeting**
1:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale
- South Board of Control board meeting**
1:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale
- Senior citizens dinner**
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808
- Marsing PTA meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4273
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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County historical society ready for another bazaar

The Owyhee County Historical Society Bazaar and “Charlie Brown” Christmas Tree sale is Dec. 5-6 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

The bazaar will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Dec. 5 and from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Among the items available will be the Charlie Brown trees cut from the Owyhee Mountains near Silver City and Christmas cards featuring original artwork by Wilder’s Cheryl Burril. Pro-

ceeds from the Christmas card sales benefit the Silver City Fire & Rescue Inc.

Other items for sale include books, Western crafts, jewelry, art work and collectables and other bazaar items for sale. The Mu-

seum and Museum Bookstore will be open as well. Jan Hyslop of the SCF&R will offer Christmas stationery, pottery and artwork.

There will be seasonal music provided by Blue Dove from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 5 and by

the Bob Miller band from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Other music acts also will perform.

Food will be available, and Santa will visit on Saturday.

For more information, call the museum at 495-2122

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Courts roundup

Burglar sentenced to 3-7 years

Kristopher Bosier, 20, arrested in connection with a burglary at Owyhee Feeders on June 6, was sentenced to three years determinate, four indeterminate for burglary Friday. Third District Judge Gregory M. Culet handed down the sentence, which has a provision that could free Bosier in six months.

Bosier stole welding supplies, several truck door panels, wheels and other materials from the shop, including \$100 in coins from a pop machine on the site. Approximately \$7,500 of materials were damaged or stolen.



Kristopher Bosier

According to court records, the sentencing on Bosier includes a retained jurisdiction, which allows Culet to alter or suspend a sentence after the first 180 days. According to a state judicial Web site, under the retained jurisdiction format the prisoner is kept in a diagnostic unit of the penal system during the first two weeks of the sentence. If it is determined there that the defendant is not dangerous, Bosier will go on to the North Idaho Correctional Institution at Cottonwood.

There, he will undergo psychiatric and other testing and may participate in rehabilitation

programs. At the end of the retained jurisdiction, the judge will decide, based upon the Board of Corrections' evaluation of the defendant during the period, whether the remainder of the sentence will be suspended, or the individual will be transported to the penitentiary.



David Davis

vid L. Davis of Caldwell \$700 for a first-offense excessive DUI, though the charge was reduced to straight DUI during sentencing. Davis, who blew a .238 on his Breatha-



Garcia-Velasco

.232. Garcia-Velasco will serve 20 days in jail, lost his license for a year and will have to enter a drug and alcohol treatment program.

His 18-month parole also stipulates that he cannot possess alcohol.

A .4 blood-alcohol content is the accepted LD50 (lethal dose 50)

lyzer test, will serve 10 days' jail time and has lost his license for 180 days. He is also under a 24-month supervised probation, during which he cannot possess alcohol. Davis also must attend mandatory drug/alcohol counseling.

Abac Garcia-Velasco of Homedale was also convicted of excessive DUI. He faces fines of \$1,000 from a citation, during the testing for which his blood-alcohol content was found to be

for alcohol. LD50 is the amount of a drug present in a consumer's system at which point 50 percent of adults die.

Genaro Villa, 21, of Marsing, was found guilty of DUI as well this week, though not excessive, on a citation issued on Oct. 4.

Villa will pay fines and court costs of \$500, had his license suspended for six months, will be on probation for 18 months and served 28 days of jail time.

Excessive DUI

convictions follow citations Homedale Magistrate Court handed down two decisions on excessive DUIs this month. A driver testing at more than .08 percent blood-alcohol content is liable for DUI, if over .2 the charge is heightened with the "excessive" tag.

Judge Dan C. Grober fined Da-

Food banks prepare for holiday rush in tough time for families

Making a call for volunteers, area food banks are gearing up for Thanksgiving.

Both Marsing's Vision Community Church food bank and the Holiness Calvary Church pantry in Wilder will distribute turkeys from the Idaho Foodbank during its next distribution days.

Vision church associate pastor Derrick Farrell said that 100 turkeys will be handed out at 2 p.m. Thursday as part of the church's usual weekly giveaway. The church's pantry is located at 221 W. Main St., in Marsing and can be reached at 896-5407.

Farrell said the pantry is in good shape right now as far as food-stuffs, but donations are always welcome.

Holiness Calvary usually has

distribution days on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, but pantry volunteer Maria Fernandez said that turkeys will be handed out at 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the pantry, which is located at the corner of 3rd Street and Avenue B in Wilder.

Holiness Calvary's pantry serves Wilder and Homedale.

"We do get a lot of Homedale people when we do distribution," Fernandez said.

The church also gets volunteers from Homedale. Fernandez's grandchildren, Homedale Middle School students Mariza and Ismael Fernandez, have teamed with HMS schoolmates Cameron and Mackenzie McMichael to help out.

The Wilder food pantry also is seeking volunteers to provide labor and equipment in a potato glean-

ing expedition to about an acre of Wilder farmer Doug Gross' ground to help stock the shelves.

"Any food donations would be welcome and appreciated," Maria Fernandez said.

For more information on the Wilder pantry, call Charlotte Barnes at 482-7499.

Fernandez and Farrell both said that the economic downturn has resulted in more families coming to distribution days.

About 150 families visited the

Calvary Holiness distribution day at the end of October. The next regular distribution day is Nov. 28. Food is usually handed out between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Vision's food pantry distributes food each Thursday, and Farrell said last week's distribution day probably set a record for the number of folks standing in line.

"We open the doors at 1 p.m. to come in and sign up. People were lined up at the door at 11 a.m.," said Farrell, who has been with the

church for seven years.

"I think people are just hurting right now."

He said an average of 100 families take food donations monthly, and the church serves as many as 800 people each month.

Homedale's El-Ada office also has a food pantry, and Randee Garrett with the Homedale School District is compiling a list of needy families for the annual Hands Around Homedale food drive.

— JPB

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Folks worth knowing in Owyhee County

ROMONA ANDRUS, HOMEDALE
Quilting

Andrus quite content with quilting

Senior center benefits from woman's
passion for pastime

What started as a pastime has ballooned into a passion for Romona Andrus.

Romona began quilting 15 years ago after owning the Farmers Inn in Homedale with her first husband, Keith Fearn.

"When I retired, I decided I wanted to quilt and make a quilt for all my kids and my stepkids, and I did a few others," the 40-year Homedale-area resident said.

Romona, who married Edwin Andrus after Keith's death, made about 15 quilts fully by hand before an aching shoulder made the hobby painful.

But the pain didn't keep her from continuing. Now she puts the blocks together by hand to create the quilt top then she completes the quilting process by machine before hemming the bedcover.

A decade-and-a-half after continuing something that she had helped her mother do, Romona has made "a hundred or better".

"This little project that I've decided to do has kind of exploded," Romona said.

Indeed. She makes quilts for her grandchildren when they marry and she puts together additional quilts when great grandchildren are born.

But the prolific production has benefited more than just Romona's family. For seven years, she has donated homemade patchworks to the Homedale Senior Citizens Center for fund-raising raffles.

Her latest creation, a queen-size

"trip around the world" pattern, garnered nearly \$700 during the center's Nov. 8 holiday bazaar. Homedale's Margaret Davison was the winner.

"I just decided to do it because we needed a quilt at the bazaar to have it raffled off," Romona said.

"Last year, it brought in \$984; this year, I think it was \$695, but this year we had to work harder for our tickets."

Romona now has help in constructing quilts for the senior center benefits. She at one time made a quilt for both the bazaar raffle and the Buckaroo Breakfast raffle in August. But Marge Hartnell made last year's Buckaroo Breakfast quilt, and Romona said Hartnell will make the 2009 Buckaroo Breakfast quilt, too.

Romona's help at the senior center goes beyond stitching and hemming. She also has driven for Meals on Wheels and serves as chairman for the bazaar and answers phones at the front desk. In fact, if you've booked a seat on the senior center's van to go shopping, you've probably talked to Romona.

"You know how it is when you want volunteers," she said of her busy schedule. "You may as well get up and do it."

Just like her passion for quilting, Romona's ties to the senior center actually come from her mother, Edith Cook. Edith was the first cook for the Homedale cen-



Seventy years in the making

Homedale-area resident Romona Andrus poses with a quilt she made using blocks originally created in 1939. She finished it last summer, using material originally touched by the mother of fellow Homedale Senior Citizens Center member Agnes Smith.

ter when it opened in its current building nearly 35 years ago.

Romona's quilt-based assistance doesn't stop with the senior center, though. She also has helped fellow senior center member Agnes Smith fulfill a wish to build a quilt that Smith's mother began nearly 70 years ago.

"She gave it to me and said,

"You just do whatever you want to with it," Romona said, "So I took the box apart and put it back together and finished it."

Using material that was first put together in 1939, Romona completed the project last summer.

"That material was all good because it was kept in the drawer out of the light," she said.

It wasn't the first time Romona completed a quilt with vintage fabric. Using more 70-year-old pieces, she took three months to create a bedcover for her late husband Ed's niece.

"I worked every day on that thing," she said. "It was a nice quilt, though."

— JPB

Senior center conducts successful bazaar

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center raised more than \$1,400 during its Nov. 8 Holiday Bazaar.

The money was raised through a variety of ways, including raffles, the leasing of vending tables, proceeds from a baked goods sale and also revenue from the center's country store.

Nearly \$700 was raised through

the raffle of the quilt made by Romona Andrus. Margaret Davison of Homedale won the quilt.

"Grade school was the only other time in my life that I've ever won something," Davison said.

A drawing was held every hour during the bazaar, which ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In other drawings, David Wahs won a painting created by

Homedale artist Wanda Ferguson. Wahs donated the painting back to the senior center and it now hangs in the building's lobby.

Leslie Kube won the basket of jams and bread. Joan Brinkley won a glass bowl with Christmas lights and a T-shirt. Mike Pendergrass won a Homedale Public Library cookbook. Burl Ferguson won pillows.



Quilt-maker Romona Andrus, left, poses with Homedale Senior Citizens Center Holiday Bazaar raffle winner Margaret Davison and the Andrus-made bedcover Davison took home.

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Homedale man arrives home
Homedale native Cody Garrett raises his hands to acknowledge his family after arriving on home soil Oct. 23 at Point Mugu, Calif. Garrett was among 275 Navy Seabees returning home from a deployment in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Servicemen return from Iraq

Marine Lance Cpl. Martin Araujo Jr., the son of Linda and Martin Araujo of Grand View, has returned home from his latest tour of duty in Iraq.

A Grand View native, Araujo served eight months in his most recent deployment with the Special Forces, and returned home Nov. 6.

Late last month, Pvt. Cody Garrett, the son of Gregg and Randee Garrett of Homedale, returned to his base in Southern California after his tour in Iraq with the U.S. Navy Seabees.

Another Homedale resident, 23-year-old Jay Lopez, recently returned to an Army base in Germany after a 15-month tour in Iraq.

The OwyheeAvalanche wants to pay tribute to the men and women serving in the armed forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan. If you know of any military personnel recently returned or still serving in either country, contact the Avalanche at 337-4681 or jon@owyheecalanche.com.

Stutheit completes Marines boot camp



Pvt. Bryan M. Stutheit, son of Homedale resident Jennifer Stutheit, has completed U.S. Marine Corps boot camp.

A 2008 Homedale High School graduate, Stutheit graduated from boot camp in San Diego on Nov. 5. He trained for 13 weeks at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot (MCRD) San Diego and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

A member of Echo Company, Platoon 2108, Stutheit returns to Camp Pendleton on Nov. 25 to begin combat training.

He will be a motor transportation mechanic when he begins his time with the Marines.

Freedom of religion is number one

*by Justine Cornwall
Homedale Middle School*

There’s a loud knock on the door, and my heart skips a beat. “Open up!” Oh no! I look for a place to hide, and my mother hurries me. The door is knocked down. You have been reported for not practicing Muslism! I know you’re in here! The penalty for practicing religions other than the standard religion is death!” There police see me! “Any last words?” one of them asks, and everything goes black.

Freedom of religion is the most meaningful part of the Bill of Rights to me. It’s such a privilege to have it because freedom of religion is also freedom of beliefs. Whenever someone doesn’t

realize how lucky he or she is to live in the United States, I give them a scenario where they are being persecuted for their religion because I know that we’re fighting in Iraq to give this freedom to people there. We truly are privileged!

I’ve got a cousin fighting in Afghanistan to give people freedom of religion, and when I pray, I think of him. I know stories of people who are killed because of their religion. I’m so lucky that I can pray the way I want, I can believe in what I want, and I can have a testimony of what I know. I know people can break down and cry because of how unprivileged they are. I’m glad that I can attend my church.

This summer I visited one of my church’s temples. Learning how my church was persecuted in the past, I knew how lucky I am to be able to attend my church, and to have been legally able to go to that temple. It’s so very amazing that people have died and been seriously injured for my legal freedom. Thinking of this, I smile.

I know that some people don’t approve of my beliefs, but I’m so glad that they can’t stop me from believing them. I’m thankful for all the veterans who put their lives on the line for my freedom. I can say that I’m a member of my church, and not be in fear.

Marsing students write essays on being an American

Marsing Elementary School student Cody Kent won top prize in an essay contest judged by local veterans. Marsing fifth-graders were asked to write on the topic on why they love being American.

The top five essay writers earned U.S. Savings Bonds bought with donations from the Smit Family, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The awards were presented during a Veterans Day observance at the elementary school on Nov. 11.

Kent earned a \$200 savings bond for his “Why I Love America” essay. Jacob Reisch won the second-place prize of a \$150 bond with “Proud to be an American”, while Beatriz Montes won a \$100 bond for her third-place essay, “I Love America”, Ivy Shippy a \$75 bond for the fourth-place “Proud to be an American”, and Nancy Sevy a \$50 savings bond for fifth place with “Reasons to be Happy to be in America”.

Local Veterans volunteered to judge the essays and have selected the 5 winners. Each winner will receive a U.S. Savings Bond valued between \$200 and \$25 - depending on how they placed.

The winners were announced and honored during the Marsing Elementary School Veterans Day program last week.

Why I love America

*by Cody Kent
Marsing Elementary fifth-grader*

I love America because we have rights, which means to me that I can do whatever I want, whenever I want.

When other people come to America they can wear what they want. When people come from Mexico they can speak any language they want. I can go to any school, restaurant and store I want. So can others!

Women can vote for President

and all those things that men can do.

The people who fought in the wars we had did one thing that changed a lot of things. They protected our freedom. The military is still fighting and stopping wars in countries and helping others. The Presidents did many things too. George Washington led the 13 colonies to freedom. Abraham Lincoln stopped slavery.


I want to do all the things I can to help my career and maybe help others too. I have a dream to be the best person I can. I want to get a good job and have a good life.

Different kinds of people from different countries can come to America and get a wife and have as many children as they please.

America is a good place for me to live, love, laugh and play. What I love about America is that everybody always has a smile on his or her face. People should come and enjoy America. I enjoy America a lot!

More Veterans Day coverage on pages 12 and 13 of this issue of The Owyhee Avalanche

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HOMEDALE KIDS GIVE THANKS

Children show gratitude for vets' sacrifices

Air Force, Army veterans speak
at Veterans Day assemblies

Homedale schoolchildren paid tribute to local veterans with songs and writings in two different Nov. 11 ceremonies.

Nearly 20 veterans from four conflicts dating to World War II attending the assemblies at Homedale Middle School and Homedale Elementary School.

The middle school assembly, attended by Korean War veterans such as former Homedale School District clerk Jim Duncan, Vietnam veterans such as John Neil, and a contingent from the Idaho National Guard 116th Brigade Combat Team that has served in Iraq, was highlighted by speeches from Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson, a World War II-era veteran, and Air Force Sgt. Michael Barraza, who told of his deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He also spoke about his assignments throughout Europe and Asia in a career that began in 1984.

Barraza's daughter, Kellie, was one of seven HMS students who were honored by teacher Pat Warren for their essays on the Bill of Rights. Sixth-grader Justine Cornwall won a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond from the Disabled American Veterans for her top-judged "Freedom of Religion" essay.

"Justine Cornwall, I appreciate the speech you gave," Sgt. Barraza said. "Because of some of the sacrifices that these and other men before us put forth, we do have these freedoms."

Kellie Barraza, Brady Brown, Andrew Randall and Spencer Mast were honorable mentions in the contest, while Makenna Calzacorta (third place) and Kincade Kinchloe (second place) won gift certificates.

Wilson told of his preparation for the war after joining the Army in January 1945 and service with occupational forces in Okinawa in the year after the Japanese surrender eight months later.

"I really enjoyed my time in the service," Wilson said. "It's quite an honor to see the country and an honor to be in the service."

Sgt. Barraza spoke at both

assemblies and also attended last year's elementary school assembly. This year's elementary school gathering attracted about 14 veterans stretching to World War II, including some familiar faces from the 2007 event.

Barraza told the middle schoolers that he was close to retirement when the Iraq War began. He asked his superior for a dispensation to remain in the service so he could be deployed.

"I wasn't about to leave the military until I felt the job was done," he said.

Ironically, a son of middle school counselor Mark Biggs, a veteran who served as master of ceremonies for last week's HMS observation, was stationed on the same base near Kirkuk in northern Iraq when Barraza was there five years ago.

"One thing I noticed was that a lot of the Iraqi people appreciated Americans being there," the sergeant said.

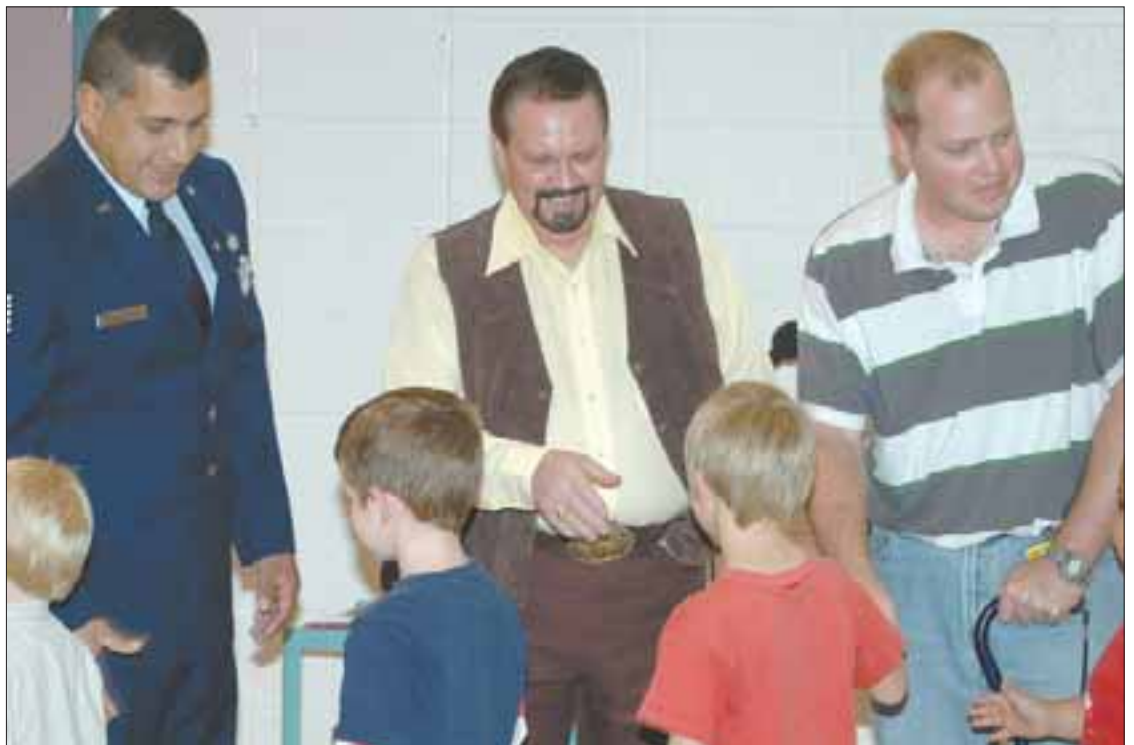
Another Iraq War veteran, Homedale newcomer Army Sgt. Scott Stritikus, also spoke during the elementary school gathering. A medic and helicopter mechanic during 13 years in the service, Stritikus now walks with the aid of a cane after he was injured by a rocket explosion in Afghanistan.

"I still don't regret it," he said. "I'm home with my family, and that's all that matters now."

Lee Savell, the district's new general music teacher who deals with elementary and middle school students, put together programs featuring patriotic songs such as "God Bless America", "The Star-Spangled Banner", "Nifty Fifty", "Grand Old Flag", "Say Something Good About America" and others.

An honor guard featuring Idaho National Guardsmen Jeff Eidemiller, Homedale's police chief, and Sgt. Aaron Davis of Boise, presented the U.S. and Idaho flags during the HMS assembly. Cub Scout Pack 409 provided the color guard during the elementary assembly.

— JPB



Line of honor

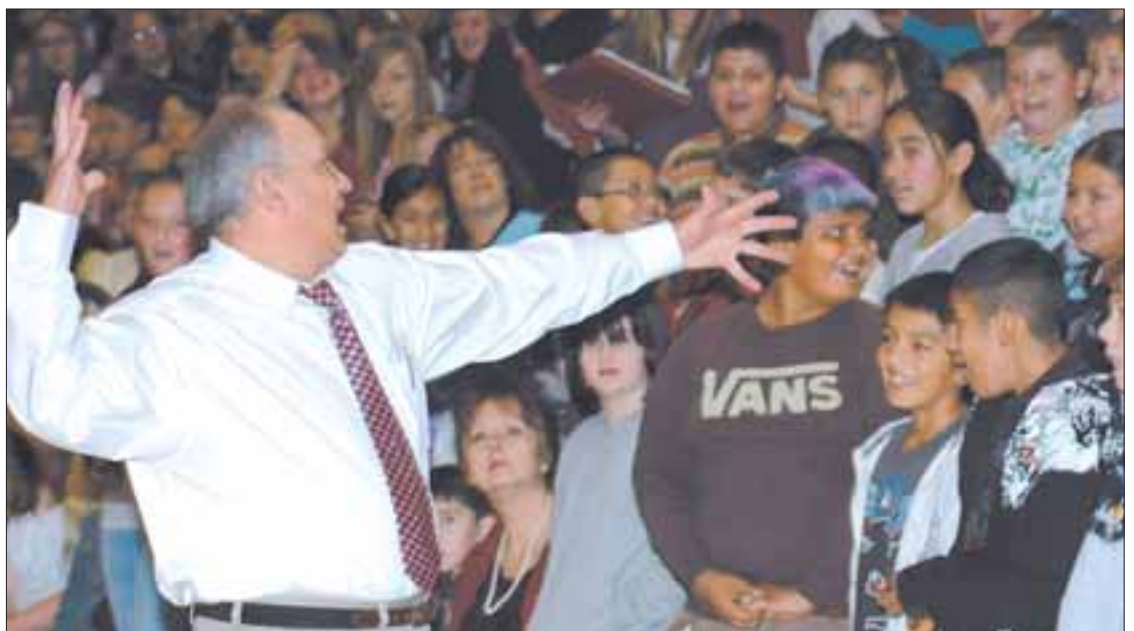
Homedale veterans, from left, Air Force Sgt. Michael Barraza (Iraq and Afghanistan), Army Cpl. Harry Pruett (Vietnam) and Army Sgt. Scott Stritikus (Iraq and Afghanistan) shake the hands of elementary schoolchildren who file past to show their appreciation for the sacrifices each man made in service to their country. The children were leaving the gymnasium at the end of the Nov. 11 assembly.



A salute to our veterans and the flags they have defended

Left: Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, who is a member of the Idaho National Guard, salutes the state flag during the opening of the Homedale Middle School Veterans Day assembly.

Right: Members of Cub Scout Pack 409 bring in the U.S. flag during color guard duty to start the Homedale Elementary School event.



Students celebrates veterans with song

Above: A fired-up Lee Savell, general music teacher for the school district, conducts a group of Homedale Middle School students through patriotic songs. **Left:** Brady Steinmetz sings full-throated during a number at the Homedale Elementary School ceremony.



Taps

With HMS counselor and Army veteran Mark Biggs stoic in the background, student Shelby Crifffield plays Taps at the end of the Nov. 11 ceremony.



MARSING VETERANS SALUTED

Elementary students roll out the red, white and blue

Hundreds turned out to honor the men and women who served their country in the armed forces on Nov. 11 at Marsing Elementary. Dozens of veterans, and a crowd exceeding 400 adults and nearly as many children, gathered in the school cafeteria for a selection of patriotic songs sung by each grade, to view hundreds of photos and clippings remembering veterans and their service, and to hear speeches in appreciation of the sacrifices made.

Students and attendees were able to meet and talk with veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Desert Storm and Iraq.

The National Guard brought a Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle, which was parked near the football field and was a great hit with the students, who were allowed to climb aboard and take a look at an American fighting machine.

The events began at 10 a.m., with veterans meeting the students in a question-and-answer period before each vet was whisked off to a classroom to share lunch with the students.

Questions ran the gamut of subjects: "Why are there so many wars?", "Is it hard in the Army?", "How much does a tank cost?", "What was it like to be a lady in the Navy?" and more, ranging from the merely curious to the insightful. The veterans managed to answer ever one with style and honesty.

Chief Master Sgt. James McMonigal of the Air National Guard showed a series of slides that answered questions about what was happening in the current war in Iraq, and tried to show the students that the armed forces do a lot more than shoot at people.

If the students seemed impressed by the size of a Bradley and the pictures of a Chinook transport helicopter, they were also very interested in meeting and hearing from the veterans.

Buz Fawcett, a Marsing Veterans of Foreign Wars member and a U.S. Army combat photographer, was impressed with the turnout and the event.

"It gets better and better every year," he said. Vets offered congratulations to the school and Liz Lacer, Marsing music teacher and the chief architect of the event for years.

Lacer was herself honored, as, unknown to her, the veterans had gotten together to purchase a plaque thanking her for her efforts in putting together the annual program. Rick Sherrow presented her the plaque for the gathered vets onstage during the concert.

Students Conner Rhodes and Allen Burchett presented the colors at the outset of the program. Following the singing of the National Anthem, the concert and presentations started in earnest.

The fifth grade performed a presentation honoring the vets; the kindergarten students sang "Yankee Doodle"; the first-graders sang "This Land is Your Land"; "The History Song" was performed by the second grade; the third grade sang the "Armed Forces Medley", which includes all the anthems of each service; the fourth grade performed "Fifty Stars"; students gave a presentation on the history of, and many versions of, the U.S. flag during the nation's existence; the fifth grade sang "When Johnny Come Marching Home"; students John Collett and Sydney Barker gave a presentation on what the Pledge of Allegiance means, line by line, prior to all standing and reciting it, and McMonigal gave his slide show to the massed crowd.

After the slides, guest speaker Col. G. Jerry Russel, Director of the Idaho State Police and a veteran, spoke in honor of all who served. Each veteran present who wished to spoke briefly as well. All expressed gratitude.

The event closed with "Taps" played on a trumpet by school advisor Dawn Sandmeyer, and "God Bless the U.S.A." sung by all present.

— MML



Spectacular turnout

Above: Rick Sherrow, who served in the U.S. Navy and is a Vietnam veteran, presents organizer and Marsing music teacher Liz Lacer with a plaque thanking her for her work in putting together the Veterans Day observances over the past years. Sherrow and other vets praised Lacer, and pointed out how lucky the school district and the community were to have someone like her.

Left: Merrill Tallman, veteran of the U.S. Navy and World War II Pacific theater, presents the awards for the top essayists at the Marsing event.

Below, from top: The event saw a standing-room-only crowd that packed the Marsing cafeteria, with hundreds of students, adults and honored veterans attending. Seated in the lower right is guest speaker Col. G. Jerry Russell, director of the Idaho State Police.

The walls were a patchwork of mementos and stories from America's servicemen and servicewomen as well as the conflicts the nation has fought throughout its history. Children, adults and the veterans themselves had a chance to learn more about those who served, and remember those who never came back.



Jordan Valley children honor veterans with song, poetry

Jordan Valley Elementary School's Veterans Day lunch and music program attracted 23 veterans on Nov. 10.

The event, which included a spaghetti lunch, was held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Kindergarteners through sixth-graders sang five songs, and the fifth- and sixth-graders recited a poem.

Jordan Valley High School

students Emma Johnson and Michelle Telleria helped the music program by singing the beginning of "Free Like Me".

First-grader Baylee Davis and third-grader Katelyn Deen sang solo parts in "Thank a Vet".

The children made donations to help defray the cost of the luncheon, which was prepared by room mothers Lavonda Raine, Cory Roe, Tracy Skinner and Trish Warn.



Schoolchildren honor veterans

Above: Jordan Valley Elementary School students sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during a Nov. 10 noontime event marking Veterans Day. Submitted photo



County all-stars play
in Shrine game

Avalanche Sports

Adrian, Jordan Valley
net HDL accolades

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Board asked to look for new coach



Dwayne Fisher

One year removed from a state playoff appearance and coming off a one-win season, Rob Kassebaum could be facing a fight for his Homedale High School football coaching job.

Without uttering Kassebaum's name, Homedale School District patron Dwayne Fisher, representing a group of concerned parents and community members, lobbied that the board of trustees find a new football coach during last week's monthly school board meeting.

"It is our strong opinion that a contract not be renewed and a new coach sought for the position who can provide unity and optimism,"

Fisher said in his presentation before a standing-room-only crowd at the district office board room.

The majority of the crowd left when board chair Kurt Shanley said that no immediate decision would be forthcoming.

Fisher said he was asked to speak for a group of people who "feel the lack of spirit and success is frightening" in Homedale sports.

"We believe a head football coach needs to lead and inspire our youth," Fisher said, adding that a coach should provide unity, recruit, inspire and give guidance and direction.

Fisher said the concerned com-

munity members came to the school board only after taking their worries "through the appropriate chain of command" without results.

But Kassebaum, who just completed his second year at the Trojans' helm after two state championship seasons at Nyssa, Ore., saw the issue of communication differently.

"I appreciate people's concerns for the success of our Homedale football program," the coach said. "My perception is that some of the issues I am hearing about second- or third-person could have been

— See *Coach*, page 16



Rob Kassebaum



Girls prepare for 2008-09 campaign

Homedale High School's Bri Cornwall flips a pass upcourt Thursday during practice.

Trojans' talent trove tests coaches' combo-making skills

Deep in veterans and rookies,
Homedale hoops starts season

Experience and potential could be vast concepts for the Homedale High School girls basketball program this season.

Of the 27 players in the three teams, 10 are seniors and 13 are freshmen. Seven of the 10 seniors are returning letter winners for second-year coach Jeremy

Chamberlain.

"This could be one of the deepest teams I have coached for a few years," Chamberlain said.

There are a dozen players on the varsity squad, and Chamberlain seems to be feeling pressure to

"We are extremely competitive in practice, which will help us

down the road," he said. "A huge challenge for me will be figuring out how to get all of the girls on the floor."

The returning letter winners include Kendall Rupp, Rachelle Christoffersen, Mikal Mackenzie, Hannah Johnson, Bri Cornwall, Ashley Thomson and Sierra Aberasturi.

Many of those seniors have

— See *Trojans*, page 16

Rimrock girls open with rout

Balanced scoring carried Rimrock High School to a victory in its girls' basketball season opener Friday in Bruneau.

Anna Cantrell led the way with 10 points as the Raiders crushed Horseshoe Bend, 48-17.

Rimrock outscored the Mustangs, 14-0, in the first quarter and shut out Horseshoe Bend

for the final eight minutes of the first half.

Shoni Gennette scored nine points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Teammate Randie Denton hit a pair of 3-point goals as part of her eight points.

Three players scored four points apiece for Horseshoe Bend.

JV's McBride named HDL coach of year

Antelopes earn sportsmanship award

A quick start received just rewards at season's end last week when Tim McBride from Jordan Valley High School was named the High Desert League football coach of the year.

McBride led the Mustangs to a second-place finish in the HDL before a first-round exit in the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

Adrian (9-3), which lost to its archrival Jordan Valley in the final regular-season game and had to settle for third place in the HDL, was voted the league's sportsmanship award.

The Antelopes also bowed out of the state playoffs in the opening round.

Jordan Valley and Adrian are linked throughout the all-league voting. While HDL player of the year Dallen Davies of league champion Crane was the first-

team quarterback, the Antelopes' Blake Ishida and Jordan Valley's Alek Quintero shared the second-team honor. Ishida threw for 1,705 yards and 23 touchdowns against only two interceptions. He also scored 10 TDs on the ground.

Jordan Valley fullback Bryce Kershner was placed on the second team.

Adrian's Levi Jones was an honorable mention at running back/tailback after finishing at the third-best rusher on his own team. Jones scored four touchdowns, but gained just 242 yards.

The Antelopes averaged 170.8 yards per game on the ground behind blocking from the likes of second-team guard JJ Stephens and second-team center Chance Woods.

Jordan Valley's Dusty Easterday was one of three first-team guards, and linemate Garrett Williams was honorable mention at center.

Koehl Trautman, one of Quintero's favorite target in the

— See *HDL*, page 16

Sports

Owyhee senior players ready for Shrine game

8-man, 11-man tilts planned

Six seniors from Owyhee County high schools will showcase their football talents one last time this season at the 13th annual District III Shrine All-Star Football Games.

The games, sponsored by El Korah Shrine, are scheduled for Nov. 29 at Thunder Stadium on the Eagle High School campus.

Homedale's Mitch Quintana and Marsing's Sean Finley will participate in the 11-man all-star game as part of the West squad.

The 11-man game kicks off at 2 p.m. Quintana is listed as a wide receiver on the West roster, while Finley is tabbed to play linebacker.

Both competed on both sides of the ball during the season.

The eight-man game will get things started at 11 a.m., and Rimrock High School will have a strong contingent on hand.

Raiders leader Jim Clark is listed as a coach on the East team's roster, and he will oversee the play of Rimrock seniors TJ Snyder, Sam Richardson, Alex Meyers and Antonio (Tony) Ayala.

In all 41 high schools will be represented in the two games.

Tickets will be available at the gate. Adults will be admitted for \$12 and students through the age of 18 get in for \$6. Proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children as well as to cover the transportation costs for Idaho children to and from the hospitals.



Sean Finley



Mitch Quintana



Homedale Middle School cross country shows off hardware
The Homedale Middle School cross country team finished second at its district meet this season. The team includes:
Front row, from left: Alfonso Barbosa and Cole Twedt
Back row, from left: Esteban Lejardi, Alicia Ramirez, Lauren Craft, Brooke Armenta, Ricard Ramirez, Jed Jones and Logan Moore

MARSING
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BASKETBALL

Boys basketball
Varsity
Monday, Nov. 24 at Parma Jamboree, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 4 at Glenss Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 4 at Glenss Ferry, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Thursday, Dec. 4 at Glenss Ferry, 4:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Varsity
Friday, Nov. 21 at Glenss Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
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Boys basketball
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Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 4, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Thursday, Dec. 4, home vs. Parma, 4:45 p.m.

Girls basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Nov. 20, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Nov. 20, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Thursday, Nov. 20, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.

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Sports

✓ Trojans: Home opener comes Thursday against 2A Nampa Christian

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played key roles in the team's success over the past two seasons. As juniors, they posted a 4-4 record in the 3A Snake River Valley conference and finished 10-12 overall after a two-and-out performance in the 3A District III Tournament.
The other three seniors are either playing their first year of varsity ball or returning after a season lost to injury.
Aubrey McCutchen and Anamaria Salas join the squad from the junior varsity ranks, and Erika

Shanley is back after missing the 2007-08 season with an injury.
The two juniors in the program — Jessica Eubanks and Kortney Stansell — also will play with the varsity.
“They both fit into our scheme very well and will be big assets as the season goes,” Chamberlain said.
Even the juniors seem to give Chamberlain myriad possibilities — and possibly flexibility.
“Each night a different combination of players seem to be at ‘best fit’,” the coach said. “I think

it could take a few games to get it all sorted out and get some type of rotation going.”
That mix-and-match experimentation started Tuesday on the road against Parma. The home opener is 7:30 p.m. Thursday against another 2A Western Idaho Conference opponent, Nampa Christian.
Chamberlain admits that the deep roster, even with the presence of tall volleyball players Mackenzie, 5-foot-8, and 5-9 Christoffersen, doesn't necessarily equate to height that might be

necessary to battle on the glass.
“Rebounding is a huge concern right now, and could be the biggest challenge that faces our team,” Chamberlain said. “I think most nights we will be giving up height across the floor, no matter who is in the lineup.
“It will be interesting to see how we respond to bigger and more physical teams that we will face.”
As for the rest of the program, there is an abundance of freshmen and only two sophomores, which means freshman coach Loma

Bittick will have to share athletes with junior varsity skipper Kevin Cornwall.
“We are short on numbers in our middle grades, but the ones we have are focused and will be ready to go,” Chamberlain said. “You will see a scenario where we are either bringing a few freshmen up to play JV ball, or swinging them on both teams.
“It may take some time to figure out who will play where. It's a real challenge for our coaching staff.”
— JPB

✓ HDL: Big offenses rewarded with slew of all-league slots

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Jordan Valley air attack, shared the first-team all-league end slot with George Ellsworth, who led the Antelopes with 33 catches, 831 yards and 10 TDs.
Zac Fillmore, another big-play receiver for the Mustangs, was a second-team end.
Adrian's Blake Purnell converted only three of eight point-after attempts and missed his only field goal try, but was

honorable mention kicker.
Kyle Dondero was named second-team punter after averaging 35.2 yards per punt, including a long kick of 65 yards.
Easterday was a second-team pick for the defensive line, while Stephens was honorable mention after a season in which he racked up 17 solo tackles, 16 assists and 3.5 tackles for loss.
Trautman represented Jordan Valley as a first-team defensive

end, and Ellsworth was a second-teamer after recording the second-highest number of tackles on the Antelopes.
Ellsworth had 44 solo tackles and 36 assists to go along with two pass breakups and a forced fumble.
Top Adrian tackler Dondero and Jordan Valley's Kershner were first-team linebackers. Dondero racked up 46 solo stops and broke up three passes.

Kyle Osborn and Quintero were tabbed first-team defensive backs. Osborn had two interceptions on the year, and returned one of them for a touchdown. He also made 23 stops from his DB position.
Brandon Mackenzie of Jordan Valley was a second-teamer at defensive back, while Levi Jones of Adrian earned honorable mention with one pick, a team-high five pass defenses, 23 solo tackles and 16 assists.

Adrian, JV players dot High Desert volleyball

The top three teams in the High Desert League volleyball standings shared all the berths in on the all-league first team.
Crane's Lily Valentine was tabbed player of the year, but Adrian and Jordan Valley also had two first-team players apiece.
Madison Shira and McKenzie Purnell represented the Antelopes, while Jordan Valley landed Kayla Cuvelier and Nickie Naegle.
Andrea Sherk of Adrian and Jordan Valley's Catie Kershner were placed on the second team.
The Mustangs' Emma Johnson and Terra Rust from the Antelopes were honorable mentions.

✓ Coach: Kassebaum willing to talk about fans' concerns

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addressed by talking to me when the issue was of concern.
“I do not begrudge people who are doing what they believe is in the best interests of their kids. I just wish it was approached differently.”
The coach regretted that the issue had to be aired in the media, saying, “I still invite anyone with specific concerns to meet with me.”

Kassebaum is coming off a 1-7 season in which the team missed out on a return trip to the 3A state playoffs after a lopsided loss to Payette. Seven of the teams that beat Homedale qualified for their respective state playoffs, with Parma (2A) and Fruitland (3A) both playing for state championships this weekend and Nampa Christian bowing out in the 2A semifinals.

Kassebaum would not comment on how the strength of schedule affected the final outcome of the season.
In his first year at the reins, the coach led Homedale to its first state playoff appearance since 2003. The Trojans were shut out by Buhl in the first round of the 2007 postseason.
This marks the second known time in the past four years that the

school board has had a controversial coaching issue laid at its feet. Eighteen coaches were either not retained or resigned in the spring of 2005.
Fisher told the board that worries over Homedale engendering a reputation as a community that's hard on coaches are misplaced.
“We have a reputation — for excellence,” Fisher said.
— JPB and MML

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Marsing plans P&Z panel

Marsing is expected to have a zoning commission soon. The commission was authorized by the Marsing City Council earlier this month, when a resolution to form the zoning panel was passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Herman has begun a search for community residents willing to serve on the commission. In addition, the Marsing City Council is considering a comprehensive liquor ordinance that would combine several regulations currently on the books.

Youth center underway

Officers have been elected to serve on the newly formed Marsing Youth Center board. Kevin Grimme has been elected chairman of the group, which is planning a teen recreation center for Marsing. Dave Magers has been elected co-chairman. Dan Collett was elected secretary. Members of the organization’s adult advisory board include Vera Pascoe, Nene Magers, Joanne Thomas, Kenny Longwill and Mike Moysard, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office deputy. The group is planning to renovate the Island Park building, which is vacant. A complete plan for the project is expected to be ready for review at the next Marsing City Council meeting on Nov. 22.

High school senior earns DAR award, century honor

Ann Akichika, daughter of Paul and Clara Akichika, Homedale, has been selected at Homedale High School for the 1983-84 Daughters of American Revolution award. Akichika, a senior at Homedale High School, also has been named the school’s top Century III Leader according to Dean Vance, counselor. The 17-year-old student is now eligible to compete with other local winners from around the state for one of two \$1,500 scholarships and an all-expense-paid trip to the Century III Leaders National Conference, March 2-5, 1984, in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. STATE WINNERS will compete for the national winner’s prize of an additional \$10,000 scholarship.

Chamber to invite city officials soon

Homedale’s Chamber of Commerce is working on a project that is designed to improve communications with the City Council. And, the second phase of that project began taking shape last week during the chamber’s weekly noon luncheon meeting. The first phase was chamber president Mike Blankenship’s appointment of a three-member committee to serve as a liaison group, representing the merchants at the monthly City Council meetings. MEMBERS of the liaison group are Duane Emery of Owyhee Auto Supply, Bill Cegnar of Owyhee Veterinary Clinic and Joe Paulin of Homedale Dry Cleaners.

Eastern Star news

Silver Star Chapter 83 OES met Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, for the birthday night and to honor their Charter members. Worthy Matron Ferne Jesenko and Worthy Patron John Jackson presiding. There were 31 visitors from other chapters. Past Grand Matron Hulda Sanders and Past Grand Patron Leon Rosa, Betty Thierhouse, Associate Grand Conductress were introduced. Five Grand Representatives were introduced. Seven Grand Committee members were presented. Nine Charter members were introduced including Marjorie Vance, Margaret Buck, Jewell Scott, Ruby Orton, Amy Adams, Adelaide and Joseph Bennett, Sterling Ott and Lorain Upton. Five 50 year members introduced were Marjorie Vance, Edna Wilson, Mabel and Leon Rosa and Anna McCann.

50 years ago

November 20, 1958

Mercury drops to 10 above Monday

Winter weather has definitely set in with snow beginning to fall in the higher elevations. Skies the past week have been cloudy with cold winds, scattered showers and the possibility of snow any day prevailing. Temperatures are gradually dropping. The mercury dropped to 10 Monday. Frosty mornings and fog along the river has occurred quite frequently.

Shyla Thompson, Larry Smith reign at carnival

A large number of Homedale citizens and most of the high school students turned out to help make the 1958-59 carnival a success. Highlight of the carnival, held Saturday night, was the crowning of the carnival king and queen. Junior candidates Shyla Thompson and Larry Smith were crowned by Linda Porter to reign over the festivities. The other candidates, in the order in which they finished, were sophomores, Carol Jordan and Rodney Leslie; seniors, Jean Cearly and Laron Waite; freshmen, Diana Uranga and Alfred Eiguren.

Wranglers hold turkey dinner; elect new officers

Bill Kershner was elected president of the Owyhee Wranglers at their annual turkey dinner Thursday night at the Tango club. Don Carver was elected vice president; Mrs. Barbara Raasch, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Kershner, treasurer; Mrs. Donna Eason, publicity chairman; and Grant Eason, parade chairman. Outgoing officers are Homer King, president; Melvin Raasch, vice president; Mrs. Edna King, secretary; and Mrs. Eason, treasurer.

Morfitt store remodeled; grand opening planned

Morfitt Stores at Homedale and Marsing, which have been enlarged and completely remodeled, will hold their grand opening Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25 and 26. They plan to be closed Sunday and Monday to prepare for the two big days, according to Ed Manning, manager of the local store. Hot dogs, cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be served all day Tuesday. The first 300 women to enter the stores Wednesday will receive orchids flown here from Hawaii. The size of the local store has been increased from 3250 square feet of floor space to 7500 square feet, which is about 130 per cent larger, Mr. Manning said. The Marsing store has been increased from 50x60 feet to 50x95 feet. Each store has an automatic exit door, and features the most modern fixtures available including new counters, attractive tiled floors and refrigeration cases.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Hattie Pierce entertained with a party at her home Friday. Attending were Mrs. Midge Zurcher, Lillie Faris, Pearl Percy, Mary Mace, Anna Gravatt, Elsie Dewey, Liza McGuire, Alma Schu and Dorothy Shirtz, Caldwell. Mrs. Pierce attended a party Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Betty Combs. Six couples enjoyed dancing at the Miramar ballroom in Boise Saturday night after which they had dinner. The occasion was a belated celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Keith Eachus’ 11th wedding anniversary. Others in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kniefel, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tolmie, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lineberger and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marston. Mrs. O. R. Hammer, Kennewick, Wash., visited this week with her aunt Mrs. Iola Potter. Mr. Kennewick will join her here for Thanksgiving after which they will return home. Mr. and Mrs. Cy Radcliffe left Tuesday for the state of Washington where he was scheduled to speak at Puyallup November 19 and at Wenatchee November 20. They plan to spend the weekend at Victoria, B. C.

140 years ago

November 14, 1868

THE AGONY IS OVER. The great national battle has been fought, and a majority of the American people have proclaimed that Ulysess S. Grant shall be President of these United States for four years, from the 4th day of March, 1869. We could have willed it otherwise, but the voice of the people should be the law of the land; we so regard it, and with as much cheerfulness as one could reasonably be expected to possess under the circumstances, we “accept the situation,” and acquiesce in their decision. If Gen. Grant performs the duties pertaining to his high office honestly and well, we are all gainers thereby; and if, on the contrary, as we have some reason to fear, he is made to fool and dupe of ambitious demagogues and designing men, who would crush out the last surviving spark of liberty and gloat over their country’s ruin, to secure their own aggrandizement, those who blindly placed him in the position will be forced to assist in bearing the burthen of the growing out of their own action. We hope for better things and candidly believe that Grant is a far honester and better man than many of his political advisers, and if he possesses a tithe of the patriotism claimed for him by his party friends, the policy of his administration will take some of them by surprise. If that coolness, honesty and determination which have been heralded as his leading virtues, are to control his official conduct, all may yet be well. We shall await with some degree of anxiety to see what class of men are to compose the new Cabinet, they are the straws which will indicate the character of the incoming administration. If he selects such statesmen as Seward, Fessenden, Trumbull, and others of like ilk, as advisers, we shall have cause to hope for the future. On the other hand, if the Washburne-Butler stripe of wicked, blathering, third-rate politicians are to be chosen, then well may we despair.

THE COUNTY DEBT. From time to time, we propose to deal specifically with this subject. The history of our county, which is very young, can be written in a few words; and we propose to write it and show the taxpayers the causes of the county debt and suggest the remedies, which, in our judgment are very simple. Funding the county debt, as some are fond of saying should be done, is not the proper way — is not the most honest way of getting out of our imaginary financial difficulties. We say imaginary, because we do not consider that the debt of this county is of such huge proportions as to frighten any one with an ordinary financial brain. Our county is young — has just commenced to assume strength and symmetry, her immense resources are just beginning to be seen — and but few can tell the grand developments that will be made in coming years. It is too early in the history of Owyhee county to talk about funding her debt — too early in her history to cast the slight tarnish upon her fair escutcheon, when there is not the shadow of necessity for it, as we think we can distinctly show to any unbiased mind. We consider the method of funding a debt somewhat disreputable — it is certainly forcing her creditors to terms which may be, of course is, against their will; it is forcing them to accept the violation of a special contract and therefore cannot be proper or just. All of which we will try to show to the taxpayers and all who are interested in the property of our county, and to which we would call the especial attention of our Legislators-elect from this county.

STREETS. By reference to the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners at its last session we observe an order appointing a Committee to view out a proposed street, between Washington and Jordan. This matter has been neglected too long. The want of cross streets in a place as large as Silver is actually shameful. Travel coming in from the North, on either of the principal streets, is necessarily compelled to traverse almost the entire length of the town to find a cross street, and those we have, are so narrow as to scarcely admit the passage of a single vehicle. This thing ought to be remedied.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

The Tibetan dog reincarnation

In Tibetan lore each Lama (like the Dali) has a Temple dog. When a Lama dies, it is believed that he is reincarnated as another Temple dog. Thus he would serve two lifetimes of strict adherence to ritual worship, chanting, meditating, sacrifice, no TV, no dessert and no squeaky bone toy.

Sid saw Buster abandoned on the highway. At first she thought he was a porcupine. Covered with burrs, leaves and sticks, his hair matted in dreadlocks, he was a pitiful sight, but ... he was a dog!

She pulled over, opened the door and picked up Buster. It was a hot Saturday afternoon in southern Pennsylvania. Sid drove back to the State Police Barracks and asked the location of the Humane Society.

“Don’t have one in Fulton County,” said the policeman.

“A dog catcher?” she asked.

“I saw his wife at the grocery store. He’s gone for the weekend. Be back Tuesday,” replied the officer cheerfully.

“Is there some place I could ask about a lost dog report? Like a radio station or newspaper?”

“Nope. But you could take him to the pound in Adams County. Just don’t tell them you’re from Fulton County or they won’t take him!”

He gave Sid a pair of plastic handcuffs so she could take Buster out to pee. Bent at the waist, grasping the stiff handcuff leash she looked like a beachcomber dusting the lawn with a giant hairball.

At a strip mall in Chambersburg, she bought a leash, harness, crate and dog food. This was how she arrived at her destination, the house of a friend who promptly said, “You can’t leave it here!” She put him in his crate, from which he escaped three times, the last of which was from the crate duct-taped, bungee-corded, locked and put in the garage ... in 15 minutes! Houdini couldn’t have done it better. They all agreed that Buster had adopted Sid.

Later at the dog wash, the attendant recognized the flea-bitten, moth-ridden, canine flannel rag mop as a Lhasa Apso, a revered Tibetan Temple Guard Dog. Trying to recreate his recent history, they concluded that after his first life as a Lama, followed by his reincarnation as a lama’s dog, both lives spent under strict monastic guidelines, he had finally escaped!

“Free at last! Free at last!” he must have been chanting when Sid picked him up on the highway, handcuffed him, crated him, then the final indignity, had him neutered!

Which just goes to show you that the grass ain’t always greener on the other side of the Dali!

— *Can’t get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features, merchandise and his new book, “The World According to ... Baxter Black Quips, Quirks & Quotes”.*

Joe Aman, Publisher

Out of hibernation Enough, already



In less than eight weeks, the newly elected officials will take office in Owyhee County.

New faces will include a county commissioner, a new prosecutor, and a new sheriff.

Without any doubt, the race for sheriff created the most attention in decades of local elections, and continues to cause more talk than it warrants. From both camps we still continue to hear rumors and accusations and charges. Enough, already.

We congratulate Daryl Crandall on his victory, and wish him well in managing this awesome job and responsibility.

Crandall will make changes to the office. But these changes must be in conformance with state and federal laws.

The rumor that the newly elected sheriff plans to fire most or all of the current deputies is a case in point. Our information shows should he choose to do so, he would be in violation of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and it could cost the county taxpayers upwards of a half-million dollars for each officer fired without cause. And, in many — if not all

— instances, the courts have ordered reinstatement of such officers to their jobs.

This county cannot afford an expense of this magnitude. Such action could cost the county in excess of the amount it presently collects for its entire budget for two years.

In the interest of the county, we hope Crandall will take outgoing Sheriff Gary Aman’s offers to help him with the transition to his new office. It would make his job easier, especially in his early months at the helm.

For those of us who supported Aman in the race, it’s time to let the battle scars heal, move on, get over the fact that our candidate lost, and to accept Crandall as our sheriff-elect.

Likewise, it’s time for Crandall’s supporters to get over the hype of victory and prepare for the business of making certain that law enforcement continues to be a solid force in the county.

As TV personality Red Green so often aptly puts it, “Remember, we’re all in this together”.

Let’s act like it.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



What day is it, or does it matter?

It is 5 a.m. as the China Airlines 747 touches down at Beijing International Airport. We had left Los Angeles at 1:40 a.m. the previous day. The flight was a very long 12 hours and Beijing is 15 hours ahead of Los Angeles. So let’s see. That means in Idaho it’s ... With about two hours of sleep my mind isn’t functioning well enough to deal with such numbers and it really isn’t important, anyway.

There are 19 people in our group, just about the only Westerners on the plane. Thirteen are from Southern California. Five, including Sara, her sister Sherri, her brother Loren, his wife, Lorel, and me, are from Idaho. One, my niece, Diana, is from Phoenix.

The Beijing airport, which opened in March, is the largest in the world. But at 5 a.m. there doesn’t seem to be any more people around than you would find at Portland or SeaTac. There are only about two dozen people waiting to catch the underground train from the International terminal to the baggage area. The 350 Chinese on our flight apparently have to go through a different procedure to get back in the country.

We pick up our baggage (no customs checks as far as we can tell) and meet Chris, our guide for the Beijing portion of our trip. He is in his early 30s. Chris isn’t his real name, but it’s more convenient for us to pronounce than his Chinese name. Lilly is a cute little twenty-something girl who will be documenting our tour with video and still camera in the hopes that we will buy copies from her. Lilly doesn’t speak much English.

It’s about 6 a.m. by the time we get on the bus. The airport is about 20 miles from downtown Beijing. The highway, like the airport, is brand new. And although there is between 16 million and 20 million people in Beijing, depending on who you ask, there isn’t too much traffic on this particular road this early in the day.

It will be a day or two before we comprehend just how

big Beijing is. But we begin getting clues as we near the heart of the city. We pass mile after mile of high-rise apartments and office buildings — virtually all built in the past 15 years. And the fact that the Olympics have come and gone doesn’t seem to have slowed the work. Construction cranes dot the landscape for as far as we can see. The city is waking up as we enter the core area. Now the traffic is much heavier. I am surprised at the number of cars — I was expecting more bicycles and scooters. In this respect, Beijing is different than most Chinese cities.

Our bus drops us off on a tree-lined thoroughfare. The first attraction of the day isn’t open yet, so Chris herds us into a KFC that serves something recognizable as coffee. My niece, Diana, takes out her digital camera to take a photo and a Chinese girl who is cleaning tables starts yelling “no pictures!!!” Apparently KFC has trade secrets to protect. I go upstairs to use the rest rooms. I pass a couple of middle-aged guys in ill-fitting gray police or military-type uniforms. I can’t tell if they are guarding something or just hanging out. The temperature in the rest room is hotter than the coffee.

With some caffeine in our systems, Chris leads across a street. Off to our right is a huge temple-like building that looks like it has been there for several centuries. A little to the left of the temple is a modern building resembling the College of Idaho Library built on a scale 20 times larger.

We are carried along by a throng of Chinese — down a flight of steps, through a tunnel under a busy street and up the steps at the other end. We emerge onto the vast expanse of one of the world’s most famous (or infamous) landmarks.

We are standing in Tiananmen Square.

— *Go to www.theowyheeavalanche.com to link to some of Wayne’s previous columns on his Internet blog. You’ll find the link in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page.*

***Let your voice be heard in the Avalanche.
Write a letter to the editor***

Commentary



Letter to the editor

With election over, healing process can begin in Owyhee County

Now that the election cycle has ended in Owyhee County, one would think that all is well. My sources tell me that is not the case within the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

It appears that a few of the “officers” are still making waves. To those of you, and especially to those who bragged that “I won’t work for Daryl Crandall”, if you feel that way, then you too should move on. Your day in the sun has run its course as did Aman’s. The voters mandated that they wanted change and not the same old policies and interactions of the past. There are many of us in the county that want to see a healing process and not this bitter sniping and bickering continue.

I asked Sheriff Aman to “please help Daryl Crandall transition and to give him the help he deserves in taking

the sheriff’s office over seamlessly”. It remains to be seen if that occurs.

Gary can put an end to the divisiveness, if he wants it that way.

I wish Gary Aman and his family the best in whatever adventure they pursue.

For me, Owyhee County represents a vast, beautiful, bountiful and wonderfully independent place to make a living and live. I will now divest my holdings, acquired in Canyon County because I didn’t like what was going on in Owyhee County, and return those resources to the operations I maintain in Owyhee County. I’m ready to embrace the new days ahead. It can be exciting.

Don Barnhill
Murphy

Accuracy In Media

Media ignoring prognosticators help Fed covers up crisis

By Cliff Kincaid

Our “adversary” media have been extremely deferential toward those promoting the looting of the American tax-payers during the ongoing economic and financial crisis. However, Bloomberg News should be congratulated for filing suit against the Federal Reserve in an effort to disclose the securities the central bank is accepting on behalf of American taxpayers as collateral for \$1.5 trillion of loans to banks such as Goldman Sachs.

“The American taxpayer is entitled to know the risks, costs and methodology associated with the unprecedented government bailout of the U.S. financial industry,” said Matthew Winkler, the editor-in-chief of Bloomberg News.

Another way that the media can begin to fix the blame for the financial meltdown is to cover the views of those who predicted the crisis and understand how it happened.

Consider the debate that financial analyst, and president of brokerage firm Euro Pacific Capital, Inc., Peter Schiff had with former Reagan Economic Policy Advisory Board member Arthur Laffer on CNBC back on Aug. 29, 2006. Schiff predicted the deep recession that is now underway and made mention of China’s role in our unfolding economic troubles.

Laffer’s talk about our economic policies “working beautifully” makes him look utterly ridiculous in today’s climate. “The United States economy has never been in better shape,” he declared.

The China connection to Goldman Sachs figures prominently in the current crisis. Because China owned \$376 billion of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae paper, it played a big role in the financial crisis, and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, with his own personal and financial ties to China, admittedly tried to reassure the Chinese through this process that their investments would be protected. They are being “protected” in the sense that the American taxpayers are now on the hook for these government mortgage companies, which have been nationalized.

On top of this, Paulson, a former CEO of Goldman Sachs, made sure, as part of the bailout legislation, that

he could bail out Chinese banks holding other troubled U.S. assets.

Schiff, who blows the whistle on these schemes, is not very popular in the media, which have been telling us consistently that things would get better after Wall Street was bailed out. But Schiff, an economic advisor for Ron Paul’s 2008 presidential campaign, was on Bloomberg on Oct. 28 talking about how the problems will get worse if we continue to follow the current tax, spend and bailout policies. His basic message is that the U.S. is broke and that the situation will get worse under an Obama administration because of its commitment to more federal interference and involvement in the economy.

Nevertheless, during this discussion, a week before the election, Schiff predicted an Obama victory because “nobody is going to vote for four more years of this” and voters “are going to grasp at straws and vote for anybody who promises change.” But the change is phony, he warned. Obama “will put several nails in the coffin,” he said. “We’re going to get more of the same, only worse.”

Leaving aside the \$1.8 trillion cost of the bailout and other socialist-style schemes that have been undertaken in the current crisis, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation reports that the total federal burden on U.S. taxpayers is now approaching \$54 trillion — a cost of \$175,000 per person. The Peterson Foundation seeks to educate the public and the press about the U.S. financial situation. It’s fine to educate people. But what about prosecuting those federal officials who brought the U.S. to the brink of financial apocalypse?

During an Oct. 13 Fox News discussion of the mismanaged companies now going bankrupt or seeking federal bailouts, the subject of prosecuting somebody actually came up. Host Jaime Colby asked, “Where are the criminal prosecutions because I think their pictures should be hanging up in the post office?” Schiff, a guest on the show, went beyond the corporate executives and urged the prosecution of former Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan, who told the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Oct. 23 that he had “made a

mistake” in his stewardship of the economy. This is after he received an \$8.5 million advance on his 2007 memoir, *The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World*.

This is quite an adventure.

In March, as the mortgage crisis was beginning to build, Newsbusters.org noted that Greenspan’s wife, NBC reporter Andrea Mitchell, had done a story conveniently ignoring her husband’s role in the unfolding debacle. Greenspan and Mitchell are a Washington “power couple,” which means they have plenty of social contacts who help protect them from criticism or even scrutiny. This is how Washington works.

This crisis has conflict of interest written all over it, not only in regard to media coverage but the role of current and former Goldman Sachs executives, including Paulson, who sparked the panic and has since authorized \$10 billion in bailout money to his old firm. Treasury assistant secretary Neel Kashkari, a former Goldman Sachs banker, now runs the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) authorized under the bailout plan.

As bad as it is, the situation could get far worse. At the House hearing, Rep. Jim Cooper, a more conservative Democrat from Tennessee, brandished a copy of the official Financial Report of the United States Government, which outlines the \$54 trillion fiscal gap, primarily unfunded liabilities, that America faces if the government doesn’t change course. “Why is this document so hidden? Because it contains such bad news,” Cooper said. “On your watch,” he said to Greenspan and the other witnesses, “did you do anything to publicize this report, to make sure that everybody in America knew the real story about the real numbers for America?”

The answers were pathetic. Greenspan replied that he had tried to get the information inserted into the government’s “forecasting structure,” whatever that is. The “solutions,” of course, included much higher taxes, massive benefit cuts, the printing of more Federal Reserve paper money, or national bankruptcy.

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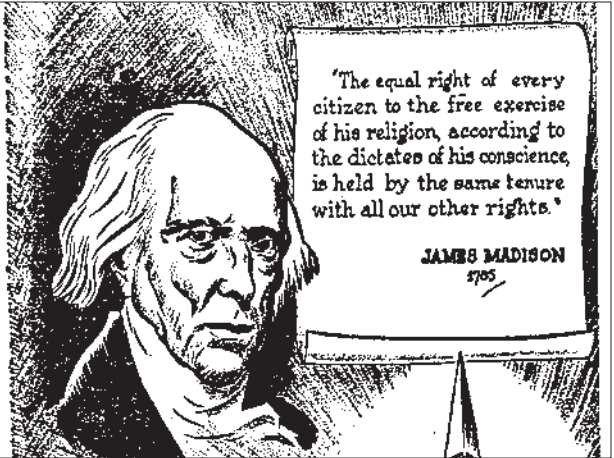
Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer’s address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Letters can be e-mailed to owyheeavalanche@cableone.net or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call (208) 337-4681.



Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2008
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO
Present were Commissioner’s Hoagland, Freund and Tolmie, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Prosecutor Faulks, Sheriff Aman, Mary Huff, Fred Grant, Jim Desmond, Jon Brown and Betty Stappler.
Bids were opened for remodel of the Marsing Annex. Bids were received from Boyce Construction, Wright Brothers, and Gene Shurtleff Construction. The bid will be awarded on November 10th.

Discussion was held on a prescriptive easement through the Fair Grounds to private property. Mr. Echeverria was advised he should submit a written request.
The Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Agreement Memorandum of Understanding was approved.
The following action was taken on pending Indigent & Charity cases: Liens were approved on 08-39, 08-40, 08-41, 08-42, 08-43. Findings were approved on 08-25, 08-38 denied pursuant to I.C. 31-3505-4(b). 08-33 and 08-43 were approved with reimbursement.
Approved payment of outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$46,294, Road & Bridge \$11,567, District Court \$24,713, Probation \$1,287, Indigent & Charity \$24,713, Pest \$86, Revaluation \$400, Solid Waste \$320, Tort \$2,255, 911 \$37.
Discussion was held on the nine person committee for the City of Marsing Proposed Impact Area. The Commissioners will meet with Marsing City Council members on Monday to appoint three at large members.

The Board recessed until Friday November 7th to canvass the ballots.
Canvass of the ballots was conducted for the 2008 General Election. An abstract is attached to the long form minutes.
The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk’s office.
/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
Attest:/s/Charlotte Sherburn
11/19/08

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV08-0864 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: VENTURA MARTINEZ SANCHEZ, Legal Name of Child
A Petition to change the name of Ventura Martinez Sanchez, born May 31, 2003, in Nampa, Idaho, residing at 107 Montana, Homedale, Idaho 83628, has been filed in Owyhee County, Magistrate Court, Homedale, Idaho. The name will change to Ventura Sanchez Martinez because Sanchez is my maiden name and Martinez is my husband’s last name and it should be the mother’s maiden name first and the father’s last name second and it is turned around on the birth certificate. The child’s father is living and his address is 107 Montana, Homedale, Idaho 83628.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse

in Homedale, Idaho. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
DATED This the 31st day of October, 2008.
Charlotte Sherburn
Owyhee County Clerk
By Lena Johnson
Deputy Court Clerk
Erik Johnson - ISB#4704, Attorney at Law, IDAHO LEGAL AID SERVICES, INC., 1104 Blaine Street, P.O. Box 1116, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-1116. (208) 454-2591 FAX (208) 454-2593, Attorney for Petitioner Griselda Sanchez.
11/5,12,19,26/08

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
A Petition to change the name of Troy Robert Stine Jr., born September 1, 1990, in Tampa, Florida, residing at PO Box 542, Grand View, has been filed in Owyhee County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to TJ Snyder, I want to change my name because my step-parent raised me.
The petitioner’s father is living and his address is Don’t Know Don’t Know, Don’t Know, Don’t Know.
The petitioner’s mother is living and her address is PO Box 542, Grand View, Idaho 83624.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o’clock a.m. on 12/15/2008 at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: 10/31/2008
Charlotte Sherburn
Owyhee County Clerk
By: Lena Johnson
Deputy Court Clerk
11/12,19,26;12/3/08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-08-0605 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF IDAHO

In The Matter of The Estate of BADEN E. CRAWFORD, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Crawford has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 5 day of November, 2008.

THE HUNTLEY LAW FIRM, PLLC
/c/Victoria M. Loegering, 4932, on behalf of the Personal Representative, The Huntley Law Firm, PLLC, The Carnegie Library, 815 W. Washington St., PO Box 2188, Boise, ID 83702, 208-388-1230 Fax 208-388-0234, email: vloegering@huntleylaw.com, Attorney for Estate.
11/12,19,26/08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-08-0860 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF IDAHO

In The Matter of The Estates of JOHN ALFRED GLIDDEN and MARY ANNA HELEN GLIDDEN Aka MOLLIE H. GLIDDEN, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ray C. Glidden has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 7 day of November, 2008.
THE HUNTLEY LAW FIRM, PLLC
/c/Victoria M. Loegering, 4932, on behalf of the Personal Representative, The Huntley Law Firm, PLLC, The Carnegie Library, 815 W. Washington St., PO Box 2188, Boise, ID 83702, 208-388-1230 Fax 208-388-0234, email: vloegering@huntleylaw.com, Attorney for Estate.
11/12,19,26/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee (the “Trustee”), will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described Real Property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows:
Lots 7 and 8 in Block 2 of Moler’s Addition to Marsing, according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho, (the “Real Property”).
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described Real Property but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 914 Franklin Street, Marsing, ID 83639, may sometimes be associated with said Real Property.

The Trustee’s sale shall be made pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust (defined below) to satisfy the obligation secured thereby. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance. The Deed of Trust referred to herein was executed by JAMES REED AGGAS, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of Syringa Bank, as Beneficiary, dated November 20, 2003 and recorded November 21, 2003, as Instrument No. 245949, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho, (“Deed of Trust”). Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. has been appointed as Successor Trustee, pursuant to Appointment of Successor Trustee dated September 5, 2008, and recorded October 6, 2008, as Instrument No. 266426 records of Owyhee County, Idaho.
THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET 38,048.13 irrigable acres	
REVENUE	
Operation & Maintenance	\$1,789,873
Construction	3,660
Old Gem Expanded Water Rights Acs	70,680
Interest Receivable	90,000
Penalties Receivable	5,853
Total	\$1,960,066
EXPENSES	
South Board of Control	\$1,954,356
Construction	3,660
Directors’ Fees	1,200
Liability Insurance	800
Office	50
Total	\$1,960,066
ASSESSMENT CHARGES	
O&M Assessment per/ac	\$48.90
Construction	.10
Total Assessment per/ac	\$49.00
Connie Chadez Secretary-Treasurer 11/12,19/08	

REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE GRANTOR IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The defaults for which this sale is to be made are failure to pay:
(i) the regular monthly interest payments, as set forth and required by the Deed of Trust and Note, due on May 20, 2008, and thereafter on the 20th day of each month until the date of sale or reinstatement;
(ii) late fees;
(iii) allowed liens to be filed against the property; and
(iv) foreclosure costs, trustee’s fees and attorneys fees incurred by Beneficiary.
In addition, the Grantor has:
(i) failed to pay taxes encumbering the Real Property.
The original loan amount was \$49,690.00 with interest due thereon at the initial rate of 5.00% per annum, as evidenced by the Home Equity Masterline Consumer Open-End Agreement dated November 20, 2003 (“Note”), executed by Grantor payable to Beneficiary. The principal balance due on the Note as of August 25, 2008 is \$49,544.86.
The balance owing as of August 25, 2008, on the Note secured by the Deed of Trust (collectively “Loan Documents”) is \$50,749.46, including principal, accrued interest, late charges, but excluding Beneficiary’s collection costs, delinquent property taxes, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations under the Loan Documents or in connection with this sale, such as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees, as authorized in the Loan Documents.
DATED this 10th day of November, 2008.
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp
Successor Trustee
By: /s/Bobbi Oldfield
Its: Asst. Secretary
Sheila R. Schwager
HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP, P.O. Box 1617, Boise, Idaho 83701, Telephone: (208) 344-6000
11/19,26;12/3,10/08

SUMMONS CASE NO. CV-DR-08-16790 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA
LORI DENISE RILEY, Plaintiff,
Vs.
KEITH EUGENE BURSON, Defendant.

TO: KEITH EUGENE BURSON, THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT
You have been sued by Lori Denise Riley, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Ada County, Idaho, Case No. CV DR 08-16790. The nature of the claim against you is a Compliant for Divorce.
Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to the time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 200 W. Front St., Boise, Idaho, (208) 287-6900 and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney Audrey Numbers at 611 W. Hays, Boise, Idaho, (208) 424-0800.
A copy of the Summons and Compliant can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court of the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
DATED: Sept. 5, 2008
Ada County District Court
By /s/J. Daniel Navano
Deputy Clerk
J. Randall
11/12,19,26;12/3/08

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
Ron Rush and Judy Gabert of 18314 Madison Rd, Nampa, ID 83687 filed Application No. 74047 to transfer 1 water right with a 1977 priority date from the Snake River for 2.18 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to split their 19.3 acres and 0.39 cfs from the original right, and add a point of diversion from the Snake River. Water will be used at the current place of use 0.4 miles south of the Snake River and 6.5 miles west of Melba.
For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with detail provided under “new water right applications.” Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before December 8, 2008. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR., Director
11/19,26/08

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 4, 2009, at the hour of eleven o’clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 5 as shown on the plat of Ferry Heights Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, recorded March 26, 2001 as Instrument No. 235410, Owyhee County records.

Together with a 14.29% interest in Good Day Road as shown on the plat of Ferry Heights Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, recorded March 26, 2001 as Instrument No. 235410, Owyhee County records.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, information concerning the location of the property may be obtained from Mark D. Perison, P.A., 314 S. 9th Street, Suite 300, Boise, Idaho, (208) 331-1200.

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 EDWARD D. FRISBIE and BARBARA J. FRISBIE, husband and wife, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS MORTGAGE FUND, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company, “as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series “A” Debenture Holders,” as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on May 16, 2008, as Instrument No. 265046, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated May 15, 2008, in the amount of \$907.53 per month for August 2008 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$62,000.00 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) per annum from August 9, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from September 29, 2008, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 30 day of October, 2008.

By: /s/ Mark D. Perison – of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, P.O.

Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6575.
(208) 331-1200
11/12,19,26;12/3/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On March 4, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Lot 3 of Block 1 of BIG SKY ESTATES NO. 1, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593, in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **604 Selway Drive, Homedale, ID aka 604 Selway, Homedale, ID aka 604 E. Selway Dr., Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Javier Gonzalez and Stephanie M. Gonzalez, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded July 28, 2006, as Instrument No. 257413, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp. Home Equity Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-8, recorded October 28, 2008, as Instrument No. 266592, in the records of said County.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$506.69 for the months of July 2008 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust

is \$67,834.46 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.25% from June 1, 2008, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

Dated this 28th day of October, 2008.

Sumerli Lynch
Trust Officer for
JUST LAW, INC., PO Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405
(208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106. Thank you.
11/5,12,19,26/08

SECOND ANOTHER SUMMONS CASE NO. CV08-0819 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff,

Vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ARCHIE H. SNYDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF FLORA DOLPHINE LAMB; DONALD LAMB, a single person; TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, an Idaho corporation; STATE OF IDAHO; and RONI M. ATKINS, as personal representative of the estates of ARCHIE H. SNYDER and FLORA DOLPHINE LAMB, Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Archie H. Snyder; Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Flora Dolphine Lamb; and Donald Lamb, a single person.

YOU ARE HREEBY NOTIFIED That in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Second Another Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Amended Complaint.

A copy of the Amended Complaint is served with this Second Another Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10 (a) (1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Amended

Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Amended Complaint and other defenses you may claim.

3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff’s attorney, as designated below.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED This 17th day of October, 2008.

CHARLOTTE SHERBURN, Clerk
By: Trina Aman, Deputy Clerk

Susan E. Wiebe, Attorney at Law, 802 Arthur, Caldwell, ID 83606. 208-454-8771 Fax 208-454-9075. ISB#3919, Attorney for Plaintiff
10/29;11/5.12,19/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On **Monday, March 16, 2009** at the hour of **11:00 o’clock A.M.**, of said day, **on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650**, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

**Parcel I
Lots 5, 6 and 7 in Block 41, and the South 10 feet of Lot 4, in Block 41 of Bruneau Townsite, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.**

**Parcel II
Lots 8, 9 and 10 in Block 41, Bruneau Townsite, Bruneau, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.**

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **28595 and 28601 N. Benham Ave., Bruneau, ID 83604**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any

bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

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 Lisa L. Miller, a single woman, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Boyd Campbell, a married man as his sole and separate property as Beneficiary, recorded June 23, 2004 as Instrument No. 248231, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. 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 failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$139,500.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated June 21, 2004. Payments are in default for the months of June 2008 thru & including October 2008 in the amount of \$1,043.07 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of October 17, 2008 is \$125,227.33 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 6.5% per annum. The per diem is \$22.301. In addition to the above, there is also due delinquent real property taxes for the second half of 2007, together with penalty and interest, and any other real property taxes that may become delinquent during this foreclosure; and any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$125,227.33, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 11, 2008
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: 947-1554
11/19,26;12/3,10/08

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Owyhee County Church Directory



**Knight Community Church
Grand View**

Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Knight's Neighborhood:
(Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm

**Crossroads
Assembly of God
Wilder**

Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening Worship 6pm
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

**Assembly of God
Church
Homedale**

15 West Montana, 337-4458
Pastor George Greenwood
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm

**Friends Community
Church
Wilder - Homedale**

17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

**Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic Church**

1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell
459-3653
Mass:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am
Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm
Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Homedale - 337-4248**

Sunday Services 10am
Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor
Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am
Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm
Visitors Always Welcome!

**Chapel of Hope
Hope House, Marsing**

Look for the Blue Church
South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House
Welcoming Families, especially those with
special needs children.
Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767
Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747
Sunday Services at 10 am

**Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints**

Homedale
708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112
Bishop Alan McRae
Bishop Ronald Spencer
Sunday 1st Ward 9am
Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm

**Homedale Baptist
Church
Homedale**

212 S. 1st W.
Sunday School 10am & 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Wednesday Evening 7pm
Pastor James Huls

**Wilder Church of God
Wilder**

205 A St. E, 482-7839
Pastor Ray Gerthung
Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Service 11am
Sunday Eve. 6:00pm
Wed. Eve. 7:00pm

**Mountain View
Church of the Nazarene**

26515 Ustick Road, Wilder
337-3151
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm



**MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY
Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing**

221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho
Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez
896-5552 or 371-3516
Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm
Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)

**Iglesia Evangelica
Wilder**

317 3rd st.,
Pastor Ramiro Reyes
10 am Sunday School
11 am Service
482-7484
Bilingual

**Marsing Church of Christ
Marsing**

932 Franklin, Marsing

Minister Gib Nelson
Sunday Bible Study 10am
Sunday Worship 11am

**Christian Church
Homedale**

110 W. Montana, 337-3626
Pastor Maurice Jones
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Church school 9:45

**Bible Missionary Church
Homedale**

West Idaho, 337-3425
Pastor Ron Franklin
Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30

**Assembly of God Church
Marsing**

139 Kerry, 965-1650
Pastor Rick Sherrow
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm

**Lizard Butte Baptist Church
Marsing**

Pastor David London
116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059
Sunday worship:
Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm
Sunday school 10 am-10:55am
Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm

**Nazarene Church
Marsing**

Pastor Bill O'Connor
896-4184
12 2nd Avenue West
Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm
Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm
Sunday School - 9:45am
Mid Week TLC Groups

Trinity Holiness Church

Homedale
119 N. Main
Pastor Samuel Page
337-5021
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Thursday Evening 7:30pm

**Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints**

Marsing
215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151
Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m.
Bishop Lakey
Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m.
Bishop Payne

**Vision Community Church
Marsing**

221 West Main Marsing, Idaho
208-896-5407
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Church
Wilder**

Corner of 4th St. & B Ave.
880-8751
Pastor June Fothergill
Sunday Services 9:30am

**First
Presbyterian Church
Homedale**

320 N. 6th W., 337-3060
Pastor Marianne Paul
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday School 11am

**Calvary Holiness Church
Wilder**

Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon

**Seventh Day Adventist
Homedale**

16613 Garnet Rd.,
880-0902 or 453-9289
Pastor Chuck Dimick
Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am
Worship 11am
Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm

**Iglesia Bautista
Palabra de Esperanza
Homedale**

711 W. Idaho, 463-9569
Pastor Jose Diaz
Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am

**Our Lady Queen of Heaven
Catholic Church - Oreana**

2008 Mass Schedule -
the following Saturdays at 9:30am
Jan. 26 - Feb. 23 - March 8 - April 12
May 10 - June 28 - July 12 - Aug. 16
Sept. 27 - Oct. 11 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27
All are welcome! For more information, call
St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031

**Amistad Cristiana de Wilder
UMC**

Esquina de 4 y calle B
Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm
El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm
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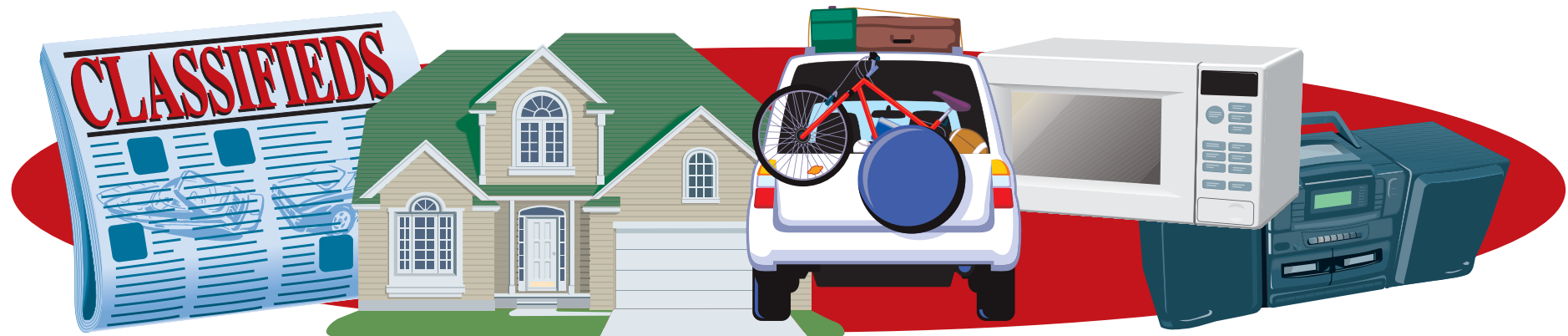
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Homedale, 1 & 2 bdrm apartments avail. Rent from \$395-\$550 plus deposit. Allen Property Mgmt 467-2132
40x60 shop 20 ft ceilings. For ag storage, commercial or contractor. Office, bthrm, sits on .25 ac, Homedale area, \$600/mo + dep. *Discounts available* 208-573-1704
Marsing Storage, Inc., Hwy 55 & Van Rd. Boat & RVs welcome. Call 867-2466, 830-1641

FARM AND RANCH
Looking for pasture. Situation wanted for winter, 45 pair of fall cows. 208-550-2200, 208-257-3591
X-mas mini ponies. AMHA mare 11 yrs. old broke \$500. 4 yr. old mini gelding broke \$200. Homedale. 208-697-8746
Free 3 year old horse. Free 10 yr. old brood mare. 7 donkeys \$100/ea. 2 yr. old Gruella gelding broke \$400. 3 bred goats \$50/ea. Homedale 208-697-8746
Wanted: Corn, high moisture and dry & also wanting to buy hay & straw, big bales only. Call Dan 459-0901
Alfalfa grass hay, small bales, \$7/bale. 541-339-3291

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Microfiber couch & love seat, stain resistant, lifetime warranty, brand new in boxes. Retail \$1399. Must sell \$450. 208-888-1464
Bedroom set 7-piece cherry set Brand new in boxes. List \$2250. Must sell \$450. 208-888-1464
Bed-queen pillowtop mattress Brand new, still in plastic, warranty. Sacrifice \$109. 208-921-6643
King-sized pillowtop mattress New, in bag, with warranty. List \$750. Sacrifice \$199. 208-921-6643
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