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*And suddenly there
was with the angel
a multitude of the
heavenly host praising
God, and saying,
Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace, good will
toward men.*

—Luke, 2:13-14

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Christmas Story

As told by Luke II

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Written by Francis P. Church
Editorial Page, N.Y. Sun, 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and

knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things

in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which neither the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

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Above: Homedale contractor Larry Landa, center, smiles as he helps cut the ribbon on the Veterans Administration building in Boise his firm built. Submitted photo **Below:** Landa, daughter Jacq and wife Korene show off the Idaho Minority Small Business Owner of the Year Award.

Contractor earns SBA award

Homedale-based LarKor Construction, formed in 2002 by Larry Landa and wife Korene — thus the name LarKor — is a burgeoning success story, netting a series of multimillion dollar federal contracts in recent years.

Landa is a success story as well, and was recently recognized by the Idaho Small Business Association (SBA) as the 2008 Minority Small Business Person of the Year for the state of Idaho. On Thursday, he was awarded a plaque and congratulations in front of the new Veterans Administration Regional Office Building LarKor subcontractors built in Boise.

Landa, who was farming up to the 2002 launch of his company, credits the SBA — See *Award*, page 10A



Work proceeds on revised road closure statute

BOCC passed
ATV ordinance
a year ago

County officials are making progress toward shoring up a road closure ordinance originally passed a year and one day ago.

Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott and deputy assessor James Ferdinand have been mapping the county in recent weeks in an effort to finalize a list of roads that will be closed to ATV use.

Board of County Commis-
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Silver City Road closed

Pat McCormick of the Owyhee County Road and Bridge department said Thursday that the Silver City Road had been closed for the winter to vehicles.

The road usually remains closed from late December until June, depending on the weather. Last year's closure occurred two days earlier, on Dec. 15.



Slick roads lead to rollover

An employee of TNJ Towing and Recovery of Marsing checks out a wrecked Ford pickup that rolled off the roadway on Idaho highway 78 during a Dec. 15 snowstorm.

Icy conditions wreak havoc in west county

Weather conditions on Dec. 15 led to a cluster of accidents as packed snow and ice began to melt and roads became slippery.

May Beech, driving a blue Chevy Cavalier sedan, was rear-ended by an Indart Farms manure truck on Thompson Road near U.S. Highway 95 at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Beech was transported by Homedale Ambulance with neck pain following the accident. Owyhee County Sgt. Farrel Ramsey was on-site and said that

road conditions had contributed to the accident.

The car suffered serious damage in the incident.

The weather hadn't finished with drivers, though. At 10:30 a.m., Ramsey responded to a fender-bender near Snake River Mart in Marsing, according to radio traffic.

At 11:45 a.m. Homedale Ambulance was called out again when a woman, 60, slipped and

— See *Havoc*, page 5A

March 30 trial for Richmond

John Wayne Richmond, Jr., 24, offered a plea of not guilty at his Friday arraignment for solicitation of murder targeting Homedale Police chief Jeff Eidemiller.

Richmond appeared in Third District Court in Caldwell before Judge Ranae Hoff.

He is slated for trial on March 30.

Richmond is accused of trading drugs for a firearm with an undercover police officer in Caldwell, with the stated intent of killing Eidemiller.

Richmond's car was seized earlier this year as part of a methamphetamine arrest in Homedale.

Government offices, banks, Avalanche close for holiday

Non-essential county and city offices will be closed Friday for Christmas.

Other closures include banks and the U.S. Postal Service locations.

Emergency services, such as fire, ambulance and law enforcement, will remain available.

Homedale City Hall will close early on Christmas Eve.

Thursday hours for county offices will vary by department. The clerk's office, including courts, will be open Thursday. The assessor's office will observe normal hours, closing at 5 p.m., as will the Division of Motor Vehicles office, which closes at 4:30 p.m.

The Treasurer's office will close at noon Thursday.

Paul's Market in Homedale will close at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve and remained closed through Christmas Day.

Snake River Mart in Marsing is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and from 8 a.m. to noon on Christmas.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and remained closed for Christmas.

Deadlines are altered because of the holiday, too. News submissions, letters to the editor, public notices and display advertising for the Dec. 30 edition must be received by noon Thursday. The classified advertising deadline remains noon Monday.

Similar deadlines are in effect next week for New Year's.

Report: 20% of pot seized in state in '09 from Owyhee

Crandall informs BOCC five weeks after D.C. trip

Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall visited Washington, D.C., last month to discuss federal funding and the battle against illegal marijuana grows. Crandall's trip and subsequent weeklong vacation with family in the area came to light during the Dec. 14 Board of County Commissioners meeting. District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund asked the sheriff for information on the trip after November's credit card bills were received. District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said while the cost of the trip — nearly \$900 — was

charged to a county credit card, the Bureau of Land Management will pick up the tab because Crandall was in the nation's capital to discuss marijuana interdiction efforts for 2009. District 2 Commissioner George Hyer said that Crandall testified during his departmental report last week that marijuana grow seizures in Owyhee County carried out by multiple agencies accounted for 20 percent of the pot taken from illegal Idaho operations in 2009. Hoagland said he wasn't aware of the trip until he learned of a photo of Crandall, his wife and Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) that was taken in Risch's D.C. office. Idaho-based Risch spokesman Brad Hoaglund confirmed for The Owyhee Avalanche earlier this

month that Crandall had met with the senator on Nov. 5. "Our records show that it was regarding several issues of interest to Owyhee County," Hoaglund said, adding that he was working on tracking down details from Risch's staff in Washington. Hoagland said Crandall could have helped the commissioners if he had let them know he was making the trip. "It would have been nice to know because we may have had some issues he could have discussed while he was there," Hoagland said. A phone call to Crandall on Friday morning seeking further information on his trip was not returned.

— JPB



Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), left, took this photo with Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall and his wife during a Nov. 5 visit to the senator's Washington D.C. office. Photo from Risch's Web site

District examines conservation options

Labor adjustments may loom as state funding could diminish further

With rumblings of further cuts in state support, the Homedale School District is looking at ways to save money. Superintendent Tim Rosandick said an electrical contractor will retrofit lighting fixtures in the high school and elementary school during the Christmas break in an effort to reduce power costs. Trustees were presented last week with a preliminary plan to reorganize the district's classified labor force if state funding for fiscal year 2011 dips, triggering further tightening of the belt. "The reality is we're hearing

from legislators that we could face an eight percent decrease in funding for FY 11," Rosandick said. Rosandick said the school district avoided cutting classified employees — teacher's assistants, custodians, cooks and other hourly workers — in FY 2010 by applying federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds to the budget. It's unlikely another dose of federal stimulus is on the horizon, he said. "There is some likelihood that we'll have to make some staff adjustments," Rosandick said. He added adjustments could

include layoffs or reduced hours. Recommendations devised by a committee of classified employees and administrators were submitted to trustees at their Dec. 14 meeting. Trustees will revisit the reduction in force process at their Jan. 11 meeting after adjustments suggested by the board are applied, Rosandick said. Energy efficiency is the goal during a project planned for Christmas break. Bender Electric has been contracted to carry out a \$30,000 lighting conversion in the elementary and high schools, Rosandick said. The school district pays only for the labor as an Idaho Power rebate program is picking up the tab for retrofit kits, the superintendent said. Classrooms, gymnasiums and emergency lighting will be converted to maximize efficiency, he said, in a project valued at about \$100,000 total. Rosandick expects

energy savings over the next 18 months to pay for the district's share of the cost. "It's a great investment, and doing it now makes perfect sense in that we need to start investing in saving money that's going to be in short supply for those things that are important to us like teachers, books, supplies and other materials that meet our needs." Earlier this year, the Homedale district served as the guinea pig for the state's initiative to make schools' heating and cooling systems more energy efficient. "The board has been very interested in this district becoming more energy efficient," Rosandick said. "I would say this lighting retrofit effort was accelerated because of our involvement in the energy audit and being the pilot school district in the statewide energy audit of school districts. "We've been able to kind of run with that momentum." — JPB

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H1N1 shot clinic today

The last chance for a swine flu shot before Christmas will be today from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Homedale Armory at 423 W. Nevada Ave. "There is plenty of H1N1 vaccine available, so everyone six months and older are now eligible to get the vaccine," Southwest District Health's Laurie Boston wrote in an e-mail release on the clinic. "This is a reminder to parents with children nine and under, who received their first dose at the last Homedale clinic; it is a time to get their booster for ultimate protection against the virus," she wrote. Southwest District Health will hold the last Tuesday evening clinic next week in Nampa at the former Sportsman's Warehouse from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Man released after Marsing arrest sentenced for murder

Avila will serve 10 to 30 years

Nampa resident and alleged gang member Manuel Avila, 22, has been sentenced to 10 to 30 years in prison, following an October plea deal on a reduced murder charge. Avila appeared before Third District Court Judge Ranae Hoff.

Avila was arrested in Marsing

by Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel on Oct. 25, 2007 following a high-speed chase that began in Homedale, after he allegedly kicked the window of his wife's car during an altercation. He was charged with felony eluding and released on his own recognizance on Nov. 14, 2007. Less than a month later, on Dec. 8, he shot and killed Mario Gonzales, and wounded two others, during an argument

in Nampa. Avila told police he shot Gonzales after Gonzales had struck Avila's wife. Avila was sentenced to two to five years in prison on the eluding charge in January 2008, after he was arrested again, and charged with first-degree murder, later amended to second-degree in exchange for his guilty plea. Avila's Canyon County court records stretch back through 33 cases since 2002.

Stimulus funds Owyhee BLM projects

Jump Creek park features a newly graded road, cleaned and refurbished restroom, new steps on eroded trails and trail extensions, thanks to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) money distributed to the Bureau of Land Management.

The work, which wrapped up at the beginning of November, was part of a larger series of projects in the Boise BLM district, agency public information officer Heather Feeney said.

The hands-on trail reconstruction was performed by five Idaho Youth Corps (IYC) workers, who put about 80 hours into the project, Feeney said.

The IYC was established last year by the Idaho Department of Labor, based on the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps.

The work also included an attempt to power-wash graffiti from several rock formations, though that was not a success, Feeney said, and the rocks were instead spray-painted to match their natural color.

Details on the project hadn't been handed out earlier, Feeney said, as the projects using ARRA funds are largely adjudicated and promoted through a federal office, rather than local districts.

The projects planned in the district include others in the Owyhee County area. The Cove Recreational



A worker paints over graffiti near Jump Creek Falls during the Bureau of Land Management's recent rehabilitation project.

site west of Bruneau will see rehabilitation, Feeney said. Three restrooms in Silver City were improved — one near the school, one at Ruby Junction and one at the camp site. Materials and building techniques on restrooms in town were chosen in accordance with the wishes of Silver City residents to ensure the facilities matched the look of the historic city, she said. A second restroom will be built in the campsite area.



Gerthung honored as Officer of Year

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Linda Gerthung, right, receives a plaque and a check from Mary Burman of TRIAD during a Dec. 15 presentation in Murphy. Gerthung, who oversees issuing driver's licenses and concealed weapons permits and registering sex offenders, was selected as Officer of the Year by TRIAD from a list of candidates nominated by the deputies' peers. Gerthung will mark 13 years with OCSO in February. Burman's fellow TRIAD members — Dick Burman and William Shaw — also attended the event after handing out holiday cookie trays to sheriff's personnel.

Avalanche subscribers receive calendars today

Subscribers to The Owyhee Avalanche received their 2010 calendars with today's edition of the newspaper.

The calendars feature full-color photos of scenes from Owyhee County. Readers of the Avalanche

submitted the photos.

While calendar supplies last, anyone who begins a subscription will receive a free calendar.

They are also available from the Avalanche office for \$5 each, plus tax.

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✓ Closure: Assessor's staff works to shore up legal descriptions on roads

sioners chair Jerry Hoagland said officials have made "very big progress" in trying to clarify what roads will be closed. In the original ordinance passed in December 2008, several legal descriptions were incorrect, either closing roads that should have been open to ATV traffic or keeping open paved roads with dangerous traffic flows to recreational use.

"We made more strides in the last two weeks than we have in the last year," Hoagland said in the progress to get the ordinance re-worked.

The plan remains to post signs at the points on roads in the county where ATV use is prohibited. But that won't happen until the ordinance is restructured, which Hoagland said could come next month.

The District 1 commissioner from Wilson said that public hearings may be in the offing once the new list of road closures is submitted by Endicott's office.

Similar hearings were held last year ahead of the adoption of Ordinance 08-03 on Dec. 22, 2008. By a 2-1 vote, the commissioners opened all unpaved county

roads to recreational use. The ordinance addresses ATVs and dirt bikes, except for motorcycles outfitted with brake lights and turn signals that are licensed for highway use.

The ordinance was in response to a law passed by the 2008 Idaho Legislature that opened every road in the state to ATV use, save for state and federal highways.

Hoagland said last week that while Ordinance 08-03 is on the books, enforcement hasn't been carried out because of the confusion stemming from flawed legal

descriptions and unclear demarcation.

Hoagland said one of the loudest questions he has heard from the constituency is whether there will be short-range access on paved roads to nearby public lands.

Discussions in recent BOCC meetings reflects that the ordinance would apply to recreational use of ATVs, keeping operation of the vehicles for agricultural purposes as an accepted use on roads otherwise off-limits to ATVs.

—JPB



Homedale emergency crews load May Beech onto a gurney after removing her from a wrecked vehicle Dec. 15 on Thompson Road.

✓ Havoc: Slick spots set up slips, slides

fell on the ice at Homedale Middle School.

At 11:48 a.m. a single-car rollover on the Canyon County side near Marsing Road and Riverside Road was paged, and Owyhee responders were dispatched to assist Canyon units. According to radio traffic, the car's occupants left the vehicle under their own power. Marsing Ambulance began to respond, but was redirected to a call involving a man who had fallen at the Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic, because of slick conditions, according to ambulance spokesperson Betty Ackerman.

About a half-hour after noon, a pickup was involved in a single-vehicle rollover at mile

marker 3 on Idaho highway 78 just south of Marsing. The driver of the pickup refused medical treatment, Ackerman said. OCSO dispatch logs showed an unidentified person was arrested. A call seeking information from Sheriff Daryl Crandall or Chief Deputy Bill Detweiler was not returned.

A single-vehicle rollover accident occurred on U.S. Highway 95 near Thompson Road Sunday night when wet roads began to freeze again. The incident was logged as an injury accident, but no transport occurred, according to OCSO. No other details were available.

—MML and JPB

Obituaries

Eugene Boyd Campbell

Eugene Boyd Campbell, 80 of Mountain Home, Idaho passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at his home. A viewing will be held from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mtn Home. Services will be held at the Bruneau American Legion Hall on Thursday, December 17, 2009, with a viewing at 10:00am, funeral services at 11:00am, and burial with military honors to follow at the Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mtn Home, Idaho.

Boyd was born on November 1, 1929, in McDonald County, Mis-

souri, the son of Virgil and Bessie Campbell. The family moved to Eastern Oregon and later to Harper, Oregon in the 1940's. Boyd never finished high school, but got his G.E.D. later on in life. He had a great business sense and owned various businesses in Idaho and Oregon. His pride was the Valley Merc in Bruneau, which he purchased from Don Willis in the early 60's. He was part owner of the Outdoorsman in Ontario, Oregon.

Boyd served in the US Air Force and was stationed at Parks Air Force Base and was a member of the 3276th Food Service Squadron as a senior meat cutter. He was proud of his meat cutting abilities. Boyd married Frankie J.



Kime on August 11, 1950. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force on September 23, 1953.

He worked in grocery stores in Mt Vernon, John Day, Burns and Harper, Oregon. After Frankie's passing, Boyd married Jean Sellman Jewett on August 10, 1993.

Boyd was a lifetime member of the Bruneau American Legion, Post #83, Mountain Home Elks Lodge and the Mountain Home Senior Center. He enjoyed fishing with family and friends. He taught his family to fish almost before they could walk. He fished in California, Oregon, and Alaska, and loved to sport fish for tarpon and sail fish in Florida.

Boyd is survived by his wife Jean Campbell of Mtn Home, his son David Campbell of Mtn Home, his son Larry "Slick" Jew-

ett and his wife Dolores of Mtn Home, his son Perry Jewett and his wife Deanene of Grand View, his daughter Debbie Jewett Long and her husband Allen of Grand View, five grandchildren Matthew Jewett, Larry Jewett III, Alisha Jewett, Brandi Jo Long and Jay Allen Long and family friend Mike J. Marsden and many nieces and nephews that he thought the world of. He was preceded in death by his first wife Frankie, both parents and three sisters Letha, Opal and Lena

Memorials can be made in Boyd's honor to the Bruneau American Legion, C/O 29776 Davis Rd., Bruneau, ID 83604 or a charity of your choice.

Death notices

DEBRA MAY CLAGG, 59, of Wilder, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at home. Viewing was held Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 21, at Flahiff's Caldwell chapel, with interment following at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell.

JOYCE EACHUS, 78 of Wilder died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at home of natural causes. Graveside service was held at Canyon Hill Cemetery on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel.

BERLE LEWIS, 95, of Homedale, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, at a Caldwell hospital. A viewing was held Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at Flahiff. Graveside services were held at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, and a reception followed at the First Presbyterian Church.

DARREL "JIM" OLSEN, 84, a 1944 Homedale High School graduate, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at home in Star. A viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, at the Eagle Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 538 W. State St., Eagle. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

ISLA MARIE ROSENDAHL, 57, at former Homedale-area resident who attended school in Adrian, Ore., died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009. Graveside services were held at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell on Dec. 18, 2009, under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel.

Merle Edward Shepard

Merle Edward Shepard went to his heavenly home of natural causes on December 14, 2009 after 83 years of living life to the fullest. He was born to George and Eula Shepard on January 15, 1926 in Kansas. He was one of twelve children and is survived by his sisters, Esther and Eunice.

Merle served in the United States Marine Corps for 29 years, during WW II and the Korean War, earning various medals of honor. He met Mable Mae Bensa and they were wed in Highland, Illinois on Nov. 26, 1952. They moved to California where Merle continued to serve his country as a Marine. After retirement from the Marine Corps, he owned and operated M&M taxi cab service. Merle and Mable had four children of whom he was very proud: Raymond Lovelette, George Shepard, Merle Shepard and Sue Ann Lillie. Their family expanded to include nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Merle and Mabel later brought their four children to live in Boise

and then moved to Caldwell. Merle worked at several jobs after moving to Idaho: Nampa School



District, Metalbestos, Smith Fruit Orchards, Crookham and many others. Mabel and Merle shared 35 years of marriage before she passed away in April of 1987.

He traveled back to Kansas in 1988 to visit family and met Nellie Yoakum. Merle and Nellie were married on August 27, 1988. They spent their years together traveling throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

After Nellie's passing, Merle moved back to Idaho. He met Susie Holy and they were married on February 14, 2008. They had recently bought a home in Homedale.

Merle loved to fish, read and travel. He never saw a stranger

and could visit for hours. His love of life was evident in all that he did and his struggle with



diabetes since the age of 35 was proof that he had a strong will to survive. He attended the Baptist Church and his strong belief that he would go home to be with Jesus gave him peace in his heart.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents, two wives, his brothers and sisters, Tom, George, Albert, June, Opal, Betsy and his grandson, Adam.

Funeral services for Merle were held at 10:30 AM Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Interment with military honors was at 1:00 PM Tuesday at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise.

Contributions in Merle's honor may be made to the Diabetes Assn. or the American Red Cross.

Church plans Chmas Eve service

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene invites community members to its Candlelight Service on Thursday for Christmas Eve.

7 p.m. and features a telling of the Christmas story along with contemporary and traditional Christmas songs.

The family service begins at

The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road in Wilder.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Dec. 23: Baked fish, baked potato, California blend vegetables, roll, beverage.

Dec. 24: Closed.

Dec. 29: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll. California blend vegetables, beverage.

Dec. 30: Baked chicken, noodles, broccoli & cauliflower, roll, beverage.

Marsing Senior Center

Dec. 23-24: Closed.

Dec. 28: Breakfast to order: Ham & cheese omelet, juice prunes, hashbrowns, toast.

Dec. 29: Beef stew w/veggies, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, juice, bran muffin, oatmeal cookies, pudding.

Dec. 30: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli, carrots, coleslaw, corn bread, apple/prune crunch.

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Disaster auction prep begins

Preparations have begun for the 49th annual Marsing Disaster Auction, which will take place Feb. 6.

The chair committee of Betty Ackerman, Pete Smit and Lyle Bowers and several other volunteers on other committees are seeking donations of lot items and raffle prizes.

Ackerman said the three-headed committee is different than years past when one person chaired the operation. The change has been made, she said, to reduce the likelihood of burnout and also to ensure continuity of operation from year to year as the auction approaches its second half-century.

The 2009 auction raised \$88,465, and proceeds were used in many ways:

- Medical expenses were paid for 23 families.
- Thirty coats helped keep elementary and middle school children warm.
- Money was used to help keep the Marsing Senior Center’s Meals on Wheels program rolling as well as install a new floor in the center’s kitchen on Main Street.
- Other donations to the United Way helped keep the Marsing Resource Center open.

The 2010 auction committee is looking for services, goods or handmade items for the auction. Cash donations are always welcome, too.

Of equal importance as merchandise for the auction, though, is manpower to help move the effort along, Ackerman said.

“Giving your time and talent to help with planning, organizing and hands-on work the day of the event is an often overlooked way in which you can help,” a letter from the auction committee states.

For more information on helping the auction, call Ackerman at 896-4562 or Bowers at 899-3718.



Bet You Didn't Know

Portugal’s capital was in Brazil in 1800s

If you were looking for the capital of Portugal in about 1810 ... wouldn’t do you any good to look in Portugal itself ... the capital had been moved to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. The royal family moved there to escape Napoleon ... Rio was the capital from 1807 until 1821.

My mom told me to always cover my head during the winter ... was she right? Yep, you lose about one-half to three-quarters of your body heat when you go hatless on cold days.

So what was Irving Berlin’s first published song? He wrote “Marie from Sunny Italy” and published it in 1907. I missed that one. By the way, his real name was Isidore Baline.

Speaking of strange things with cities and whatnot ... you knew that Atlanta was originally called Marthasville. Marthasville Braves doesn’t exactly roll off of the tongue does it?

It’s estimated that there are now about 1.5 million species of plants and animals living on our planet.

Don’t laugh, Miami started off as Fort Dallas.

Don’t eat potato eyes ... seems they have a thing inside called glycoalkaloids that can harm you if you eat too many of them. Potatoes, by the way, are a member of the nightshade family ... yes, the skin does contain essential fiber and minerals and is good for you.

Food stuff ... the reason stuffed eggs are called “deviled eggs” is due to the fact that when they first became popular they were covered in black pepper, thus everyone thought they were hot as the fire in hell.

Calendar

Today

Cake decorating for teens
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., RSVP required, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Thursday

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

Vision Church food distribution
Distribution is made at the Vision Church at 221 W. Main St. in Marsing. For information or to make a donation call (208) 896-5407

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Christmas Eve candlelight service
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder

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

Narcotics Anonymous book study
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Friday

Story Time at library
10:15 a.m., children’s story, activity and refreshments, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program
6:30 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., meeting, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

Sunday

Melba Gun Club shoot
Noon, corner of Can-Ada and Baseline roads, Melba. (208) 495-2887

Monday

St. Luke’s Mobile Mammography Unit in Homedale
Moxie Java, 404 US Hwy 95. To schedule an appointment call (208) 706-2055.

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Library game night
2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library,

520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Mental health support groups
6 p.m., Marsing Nazarene Church, 112 W. 2nd Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-5630

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

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Friday, Jan. 1

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Monday, Jan. 4

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
1 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
1:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control board meeting
1:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

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

For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681 or e-mail jon@owyheeavalanche.com.

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Tickets are \$5 at the door. Free tickets are available at www.idahoirrigationequipmentassociation.org or your irrigation equipment dealer.

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Tweens and Teens group set for New Year’s

The Homedale Public Library will hold its next Tween & Teen program at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

The program will feature a game of “What am I?”, during which participants ask yes and no questions to decipher the type of animal the name of which has been written on paper taped to their backs.

The person to figure out their animal the quickest wins a prize.

There will be a door prize, and attendees will make a New Year’s noisemaker with paper plates and other craft items.

Cookies, punch and a vegetable tray will be served.

Participants also have the opportunity

to check out books, sign up for a library card and vote for their favorite book in “Survivor: The book version.”

Parents are invited to stay for the program, which will last about an hour.

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LARRY LANDA, HOMEDALE

Award-winning contractor

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✓ Award: Federal contracts have helped Homedale firm flourish quickly

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for a lot of his success, as well as being honored that they chose him as their award recipient, he said.

“Without the SBA, small business couldn’t have the same opportunities,” he said. “The SBA was a major factor in LarKor’s success.”

He talked about the SBAs HUBZone program (Historically Underutilized Business Zones – a program that targets helping businesses in economically depressed areas by providing contracting assistance) and, most especially, about the SBA’s mentoring program. In that program Landa learned the ropes (and the many paperwork trails) needed by a federal contractor with Macro-Z-Technology, another company headed by a familiar Homedale name and friend of Landa’s for many years; Bryan Zatica.

Landa is really following in Zatica’s footsteps in a number of ways: his mentor was awarded the SBA’s Minority Small Business Person of the Year award for Idaho in 2002.

LarKor entered the SBA 8(a) Business Development Program in 2003 with an eye towards heavy construction and federal contracts.

The SBA’s 8(a) Business Development Program, as defined by the SBA, “is a business development program created to help small disadvantaged businesses compete in the American economy and access the federal procurement market.”

To qualify, an applicant must

LarKor projects

LarKor works with a variety of federal agencies on its jobs. Here is a short overview of the company’s work in the past few years:

Construction of an Army Reserve Center, Hayden Lake (*in progress*)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$8,554,940

(Joint Venture with Macro-Z-Technology Company)

Design/Build VA Regional Office Building, Boise (*completed*)

U.S. Veterans Administration, \$8,476,966

(First Gold LEED Certification for a building for Department of Veterans Affairs in the U.S.)

(Joint Venture with Macro-Z-Technology Co.)

Design/Build Physiological Training Unit, Fairchild AFB, Spokane (*in progress*)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$5,269,000

(Joint venture with Macro-Z-Technology Co.)

Spinal Cord Injury Spaces Renovation, VAPSHCS, Seattle (*in progress*)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$2,024,200

(Joint Venture with Macro-Z-Technology Co.)

Repair C-17 Shortfield Assault Strip, McChord AFB, Moses Lake, WA

(99 percent complete)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$1,170,560

Veterans Affairs Building 7 upgrades, VAPSHCS, Seattle (*in progress*)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$860,000

(Joint Venture with Macro-Z-Technology Company)

Reconfigure Dental Offices and HVAC Upgrade, ISC, Seattle (*in progress*)

U.S. Coast Guard, \$399,000

Restroom Buildings Demolition and Removal, Lake Cascade State Park (*completed*)

U.S. Department of Reclamation, \$96,940

be a small business, must be unconditionally owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who are of good character and citizens of the United States, and must demonstrate potential for success.

Participants in the program can receive sole-source contracts of up to \$3 million for goods and services and \$5 million for manufacturing.

“The construction industry is so competitive, and although the 8(a) certification didn’t guarantee

us any contracts, we were willing to seek any assistance available to help us be successful as we targeted federal agencies,” Landa said in a release on his 2008 award.

“I started out in the public sector,” Landa said, “and darn near starved to death.”

Following 8(a) certification, Landa entered the mentor/protege program with Zatica’s firm.

He packed up and headed to Arizona where, in February 2003, he worked on several jobs, including one for the Air Force at Fort Huachuca, home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command.

It was a foot in the door, and Landa, his family and his growing network of subcontractors — he uses many based in Idaho on his jobs, he said, including

Homedale-area companies like Lurre Construction and Roberson Excavation — hasn’t looked back.

Jacq Landa, Larry and Korene’s younger daughter, runs the Kent, Wash. office of LarKor, while their youngest son, Taylor, is completing the construction program at Boise State University. Taylor has worked for his father and LarKor before, and will be bringing his education back to the company.

His company’s largest successful bid to date was the award this year of an \$8.5 million contract to build an Army Reserves Center in Hayden Lake under contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At present, he said the project is 10 or 15 percent done, with foundations put in place. The project has an expected comple-

tion date of May 2011.

LarKor employs just over two dozen permanent employees, and, directly or indirectly, many dozens more in accordance with the number of sites and subcontractors at a given time.

“My job is to find the jobs and get the jobs,” Landa said of what he does. “Mine’s the easy part of it.”

Easy is relative, though. Landa deals with a complexity of federal paperwork, and smoothing the complex interactions of multiple governing bodies in a federal contract, and the subcontractors involved.

“It’s been quite a ride,” he said.

If he’s now busy pretty much 24/7 — he admits his cell phone is always on and always within reach — the Landas have at least had a chance to travel. Visiting worksites, lawmakers and meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has taken him all over the United States.

“When I was farming, I never left,” he said. “I was very seldom outside Idaho. It’s been quite a change.”

Working in concrete and steel has its attractions. Remembering farming, and being at the mercy of chance, makes the job and the hours more attractive to Landa.

“Mother Nature can take the whole thing away,” he said. “If you stay on top of things (in contracting) you have some control.”

As to why the shift from farming, with a bit of ag construction to full-on industry contractor, Landa answered frankly.

“It was just time for a change. In our farming, the government was getting too involved in it, so what do I do? I jump in bed with them,” he said with a laugh.

— MML

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Very Sincerely and Merry Christmas

- Barbara Hendrickson

Last Chance Saloon

Marsing bands together to help less fortunate at Christmas

Left: The Marsing Elementary food drive brought in 1,366 items totaling 1,215 pounds of food Dec. 14-16. Cindy Osgood’s second-grade class and Jan Odum’s fifth-graders took top honors, and the students received a pizza party. The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office delivered boxes Saturday to the Marsing and Grand View areas. Right: Marsing High basketball players and a few extra helpers wrap presents for the Marsing Hope tree. More than 75 presents were wrapped and delivered by the students Saturday morning. Submitted photos.

Owyheean take twin paths to St. Al's jobs

Two Owyhee country residents who didn't know each other before their college days now will be working for the same hospital after rooming and earning nursing degrees together.

Michelle Baltzor and Michelle Uria received word Thursday that they were hired on to the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center's nursing staff in Boise, according to Uria's mother, Terri. They start work in January.

The women received associate degrees in Nursing during a Dec. 11 ceremony at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Although they grew up in the shadow of the Owyhees — Uria in Homedale and Baltzor in Jordan Valley — Terri said they didn't know each other until they became roommates in Twin Falls. They are 2006 graduates of their respective hometown high schools.

The daughter of Mike and Carolyn Baltzor of Jordan Valley, Michelle Baltzor also received the Dr. James L. Taylor Scholastic Achievement Award for maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average during her time at CSI.

Michelle Uria is the daughter of Ric and Terri Uria of Homedale. She graduated from the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency's Certified Nursing Assistant program when she left high school.



CSI graduates Michelle Baltzor, left, and Michelle Uria. Submitted photo

Certifications celebrated Colleagues salute Atkins, Uria

Homedale Police Officer Steve Atkins and Homedale Fire Department member Cory Uria were feted at a get-together at the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall.

Atkins recently received certification from the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training academy, and Uria has been certified as an emergency medical technician.

Uria, who has been an ambulance driver for Homedale Ambulance for the past two years, spent the time studying and undergoing 400 hours of training in preparation for his national EMT certification test.

He works for Town and Country Electric, and is in training as an electrician.



Steve Atkins, left, and Cory Uria. Submitted photo

Caldwell funds award Owyhee grants

Several Owyhee County organizations will benefit from grants issued by Caldwell-based charitable foundations.

As previously announced, the Caldwell Community Foundation (CCF) has awarded \$5,000 to the City of Marsing to help construct a reader board over Main Street.

The Whittenberger Foundation awarded \$3,500 to enhance Marsing High School's chemistry and physics curriculum. According to the grant application, the money will go toward purchasing materials to allow hands-on

participation by students taught by John Lindley.

Lindley said the materials will be used for electromagnetic, combustion and density experiments.

"These purchases will be made immediately and will be utilized in all present and future chemistry and physics classes taught at Marsing High School," Lindley wrote in an e-mail.

Homedale Public Library received a total of \$2,500 from both funds, including \$1,000 from Whittenberger for children's

DVDs and CCF money for large-print books (\$500) and audiobooks (\$1,000) for both adults and children.

Homedale Youth Sports Inc. (HYS) received \$1,500 for matching funds to purchase a utility vehicle to transport the elderly from the Sundance Park parking lot to baseball fields on the complex's outskirts, according to CCF representative Debra Vis.

Five people with Owyhee County ties sit on the 12-person board of directors that made CCF

funding decisions. They are Ivy Cardenas, an Owyhee County Probation officer, Marsing resident Jim Briggs, former Owyhee County District 1 Commissioner Harold "Hal" Tolmie of Homedale, and Homedale residents Bette Uda and Toni Kelly, who is active with HYS.

Homedale library director Margaret Fujishin said that DVDs from the Magic School Bus and Eyewitness Series educational collections will be ordered beginning in January to utilize the Whittenberger funds.



Teachers' daughter wins Smorgasbord contest

Fourth-grader's art to grace flyers; tickets on sale

Artwork inspired by a poster in a classroom and designed by a fourth-grader will adorn promotional flyers for the upcoming Homedale International Smorgasbord.

Organizers announced Friday that artwork created by Homedale Elementary School fourth-grader Lainey Johnson, the daughter of teachers Shannon and Toby Johnson, was selected to be the main representation for the 49th annual event.

The smorgasbord will be held Feb. 13 at Homedale Elementary School.

The theme for the smorgasbord and art show is "Education Makes a World of Difference," and Lainey's work features a dog wearing a mortar board cap and gazing excitedly upon the globe he is holding.

Lainey, who is a student of teacher Teri Silva, won a plastic popcorn container, movie tickets to Edwards Theatres and an assortment of sweets. She plans

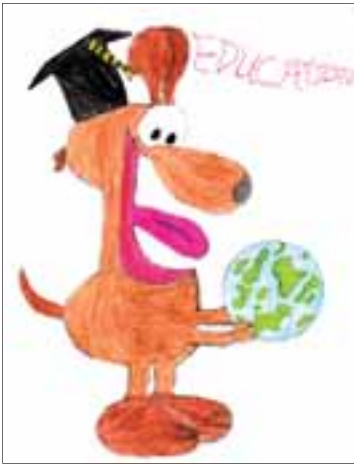


to take her big sister, Hannah, to the movies, but is unsure of what flick the girls will see yet.

Smorgasbord chair Michelle Burks presented Lainey with her prizes Friday at school. Jessi Webster is the other chair for next year's event.

Lainey based her drawing on a poster that hangs on the wall of her mother's classroom.

Several other elementary school students entered the contest. Students receiving honorable mentions included



Fourth-grader wins

Lainey Johnson, left, received goodies from Michelle Burks for her artistic flair in the name of the Homedale International Smorgasbord (above).

third-grader Drew Deal (Leslie Parker's class), and fourth-graders Diana Cook, Antonio Baltierrez, Brenda Cortez, Layne Riley and Hannah Equisquizi from Silva's class and fourth-graders Jessica Evans, Chris Coleman, Shalynn Ellumbaugh and Kendall Nash from Brandi Hellman's class.

Burks said other artwork submitted for the contest will be placed on the walls of the elementary school cafeteria during

the Smorgasbord.

Homedale Middle School sixth-graders began selling tickets to the annual Smorgasbord last week and will continue to sell them over the Christmas break and through January.

Tickets are \$30 for a family (two adults and a maximum of eight people), \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for kindergarteners through sixth-graders and \$3 for preschoolers.

The event has raised more than \$260,000 for Homedale schools' needs since 1961.

— JPB

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Homedale winter royalty crowned

Seniors Jessica Eubanks and Jake Tolmie were named the 2009 Homedale High School Winter Court queen and king prior to a boys' basketball game earlier this month. Eubanks is the daughter of Roger and Laura Eubanks. Tolmie's parents are Dirk and Robyn Tolmie.

Weather

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Dec. 15	32	11	.12
Dec. 16	38	32	.50
Dec. 17	48	32	.03
Dec. 18	34	32	.02
Dec. 19	37	32	.00
Dec. 20	37	30	.00
Dec. 21	35	29	.00



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Trojan girls hoops posts first victory

Avalanche Sports

Adrian, JV hoops roundup

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2009

Homedale searches for new volleyball coach

School trustees decline to renew Hann's contract

David Hann's three-year stint as Homedale High School volleyball coach has come to an end. With chair Kurt Shanley casting the deciding vote, school trustees refused

to re-issue Hann's contract during last week's monthly meeting. Superintendent Tim Rosandick said that no reason for the decision was given when the vote came in an open meeting. An executive session was held prior to the decision. Trustees Kevin Miyasako and Tim Quintana voted to retain Hann as volleyball coach; Shanley, Shane Muir and Todd Kelly voted to end his tenure

during the Dec. 14 meeting. Hann said the vote came as "a bit of a surprise". "It's a mixed bag of emotions," Hann said. "A few weeks ago, I found out that my peers voted me district coach of the year; with many positive comments on the improvements our varsity team had made with our different strengths and weaknesses. "In all levels of the program we

were making good progress to work together and establish consistent, long-term goals. We had some great ideas for next season, and we were feeling the momentum to move forward." Hann said while "the decision wasn't entirely unexpected" in light of the program's struggles to produce a



— See *Coach*, page 14A David Hann

Rimrock girls preserve streak with triple OT nail-biter

Anna Cantrell controlled the opening tip of the third overtime and was a driving force throughout the game as Rimrock High School outlasted Liberty Charter in girls' basketball on Friday. Cantrell limited the Chargers' chances with 14 defensive rebounds and also tossed in 20 points as the Raiders posted a 48-43 marathon win in Bruneau. Rimrock (8-2 overall, 5-0 1A

WIC) won its seventh consecutive game by surviving a contest that was close throughout. Liberty Charter forced the game into overtime by erasing a four-point deficit over the final eight minutes of regulation. The Raiders' defense kept the visitors from Nampa from gaining any momentum throughout the contest, pulling down 39 rebounds on the Chargers' end of the floor,

pulling off 11 steals and rejecting 11 shots. Cantrell had 16 boards total, four blocks and five steals. Fellow senior Jackie Thurman blocked six shots and snagged 10 boards on the Chargers' glass. Lyndie Gillespie also had 15 rebounds, including 11 on the defensive end. She also scored eight points. Liberty Charter's Aimee Washburn scored half of her team-high

18 points in the three overtime periods. Hailee Schafer added nine points and Brooke Ellis seven. Wednesday's road game against Garden Valley was postponed. **Dec. 14: Rimrock 48, Greenleaf Friends Academy 19** — Four three-pointers in the first quarter and eight for the game powered the Raiders to a 1A WIC blowout victory in Canyon County. Randie Denton nailed five of

her team's eight three-point goals, including three in the first half, and nearly matched the Grizzlies' team output with 18 points. Anna Cantrell and Lyndie Gillespie grabbed 12 rebounds apiece. Greenleaf was paced by 10 points from Madison Johnson, who was 3-for-4 from the free-throw line. —JPB



Trojan senior Alex Mereness reaches way back for a layup attempt during against Melba.

Trojan's throws send Mustangs packing

Kenny Thomas got his wish a few days early. The Homedale High School boys' basketball coach has been looking forward to his club slamming the door at the end of a game. On Thursday, with the help of Ryan Ryska and Walter Almaraz, the Trojans did just that in front of the home folk and against non-conference foe Melba. Homedale survived poor execution down the stretch and a heart-stopping three-point goal from the Mustangs' Mark Beus after Almaraz's clutch foul shots for a 53-52 victory. "We led the whole game but missed the front end of all three one-and-ones and had a couple late turnovers that let Melba back in the game," Thomas said. The Trojans (5-2 overall) led by 11 points earlier in the final quarter, in which the two teams combined to score

38 points. Melba had built a 16-8 lead midway through the second quarter. Beus finished with 15 points, out-pacing Ryska's 14 for game high. Ryska's floor management shone through with a team-high eight assists, too. He also had seven rebounds. "I think Rryan ryska had the best overall game he has had as a varsity player," Thomas said. Almaraz hit two of three foul shots to finish with nine points, while Kenny Esparza chipped in with nine. Justin Harrell added 10. Homedale, which doesn't play again until a Jan. 5 home game against Vale, Ore., has lost only twice this season. Both setbacks have come at the hands of 4A Middleton. **Dec. 15: Middleton 60, Homedale 49** — The host Vikings rallied to outscore

Homedale 38-21 over the final 16 minutes. Middleton climbed out of its hole with a 16-9 run through the third quarter and pulled away from the free-throw in the fourth quarter. "We lost to Middleton by 11, but the game was much closer than that until the very end," Thomas said. "I was very happy with how we played the game for the first 30 minutes." The Trojans jumped out to a six-point lead at halftime. Homedale's scoring was spread nearly evenly, with Ryska, Trey Corta and Trevor Gibson scored seven points each. Mario Gonzalez put in a team-high eight points. Justin Harrell led the Trojans with five rebounds, while Keny Esparza dished four assists. "We play hard and always battle with our competitors even though they may be a lot bigger than us," Thomas said.

Marsing girls post conference victories over NC, CVC

With their 41-27 domination of Nampa Christian High School, the Marsing High School varsity girls basketballers set the stage for their 48-36 win over Cole Valley Christian (2-5) in Meridian on Friday. The back-to-back wins moved the riding-high Huskies to 4-0 in 2A Western Idaho Conference play. The Marsing girls, now at 8-1 overall, will next play as hosts in the Jordan Valley Holiday Classic on Tuesday and Dec. 30. **Friday: Marsing 48, Cole Valley 36** — Despite a slow start — the Huskies trailed by 10 points

after the first quarter, in which Marsing scored just four points — the team came back in a show of basketball grit to beat Cole Valley, extending their unbroken 2A WIC winning streak to four. "I challenged the girls to pick up the intensity defensively, because we were on pace to give up 56 points, and there is no way that we could score 57," coach Tim Little said. The team pulled together, focused on defensive play that had slowed Cole Valley in the second quarter, and went to work, Little said. The teams were tied 18-18 at

the half. "In the third quarter, the girls continued the pressure and gave up only four points ... to take the lead by 12," he said. With a double-digit lead, "we spread out the floor and used up the clock," he said. Marsing shot 52 percent from inside the arc and 68 percent from the foul line. Still, Cole Valley made a hard run at getting its lead back. "CV full-court pressed us half-way through the fourth and came back within five points, 32-37," Little said. "We gathered our composure after three turnovers

against the press, took care of the ball at crucial times at the end of the game, and hit our free throws down the stretch to win by 12." Ashley Hull and Rebecca Cossel led points with 12 each for the Huskies. Candy Leon shot for seven and posted seven assists, while Mayra Rodriguez, back from her mild concussion, posted seven and pulled down three rebounds. Cossel led boards with nine. Cole Valley's Susanna Sacht scored 12, and teammate Kara Grigsby 10. Little was obviously happy with the way his team stepped up to the challenge.

"The team played with a lot of discipline towards the end of the game — executing things that we really haven't worked on a whole lot. Everyone filled their role, and this was a big win for us on the road," he said. **Dec. 15: Marsing 41, Nampa Christian 27** — Anchored by what Little called "very balanced scoring", the Huskies shut down Nampa Christian's offense to build the final gap. "We put together one of our better defensive games this year as a team," Little said. Despite a full-court press — See *Marsing*, page 14A

Sports

Husky Holiday Classic returns, beginning Tuesday

Eight varsity and eight JV teams to vie for laurels

Sixteen teams are slotted on the brackets for this year's Marsing Holiday Classic in Marsing on Tuesday and Dec. 30. Varsity teams will play at the Marsing High School gym north of the intersection of Main Street and Eight Avenue West, while JV will face off at the Marsing Middle School gymnasium at 205 8th Ave. W.

"(There are) Lots of little things to get organized for this tournament, which is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year for both basketball programs at MHS," athletic

director and Marsing varsity girls coach Tim Little said in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche.

"Luckily, we have a great community that is stepping up to help, like they have always done, and we look forward to putting on one of the best, if not the best, holiday tournaments in the state," he said.

"Girls varsity brings in Jordan Valley, Vale and Nampa Christian — all of which are very strong programs — and Vale and Jordan Valley are high in their league standings," Little said. "Vale is only 2-4

but have lost to Fruitland, Parma and New Plymouth (who all ranked) in close games — and are probably the team picked to be in the finals on Wednesday.

"The boys bracket has Nampa Christian, Liberty Charter and Jordan Valley. Jordan Valley is 5-1 overall and undefeated in their league play and Nampa Christian is playing well early in the season. Champions of each varsity bracket will take home a Holiday Classic championship plaque, and both (Marsing) programs are hoping to play in the finals on Wednesday," he said.

The tournament will tip off Tuesday at 3 p.m.

—MML

Holiday Classic brackets
Records as of Monday morning

Varsity Girls: Nampa Christian (5-3) battles Vale (4-4) at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, while Marsing (8-1) is matched against Jordan Valley (3-5) at 6:15 p.m. The losers' bracket will play at 3 p.m. on Dec. 30 for third, while the winners play at 6:15 p.m. in the championship.

Varsity Boys: Nampa Christian (1-3) faces Liberty Charter (3-2) at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Marsing (3-2) will square off against Jordan Valley (7-1) Tuesday evening at 8. The losers' bracket will tip off at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 30, while the championship will begin at 8 p.m.

JV Girls: Marsing and Greenleaf Friends Academy will square off at 8 p.m. Tuesday, as will Nampa Christian and Vale at 6 p.m. Losers will meet on Dec. 30 at 4:30 p.m., and the championship game starts at 8 p.m.

JV Boys: Jordan Valley takes on Nampa Christian at 3 p.m. and Marsing faces North Star Charter at 4:30 p.m. Those losing in the first round play Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. The championship game is slated for 6:15 p.m.

Marsing athletic director Tim Little said trophy ceremonies will follow the championship games.

Trojans girls get first win after two OTs

It took a while and then some. Homedale High School's girls' basketball team ended a long season-opening losing streak with an overtime win over conference foe Payette.

The Trojans (1-11, 1-0 3A Snake River Valley conference) ended a nine-game skid with a 46-40 double-overtime win on the road against the Pirates. Homedale slammed the door with a 10-4 run through the second OT.

"I was real pleased with the confidence that we showed during the fourth quarter and the two overtime periods," HHS coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "We could have folded a number of times, but kept fighting each time."

Kylie Farwell scored seven of her 13 points in the overtimes, including a 5-for-7 showing from the foul line. Kortney Stansell led Homedale with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Bryce Osborn collected seven rebounds (five on Payette's end), while Sydney Cornwall collected five of her six on the defensive glass.

"Each grabbed key rebounds in the fourth quarter when the game was on the line," Chamberlain said.

Payette tied the see-saw game, 31-31, on Courtney Rupe's foul

shot with less than a minute left in regulation.

Friday: Vale, Ore., 62, Homedale 38 — The Trojans trailed 28-21 at halftime and were down only a point, 6-5, before Vale ripped off a 14-0 rally. Cornwall scored eight points and Osborn and Aubrey Nash added seven apiece in a non-conference loss on the road.

About halfway through the third quarter, we hit the wall," Chamberlain said. "A combination three games in four nights (all away), Finals week, and Vale's speed caught up with us."

Thursday: Nampa Christian 41, Homedale 34 — Homedale couldn't capitalize on a crisp third quarter, allowing the hosts to pull of a non-conference win.

Trailing 25-19 at halftime, Homedale won a low-scoring third quarter, 5-4, that saw Nampa Christian score only two points until a shot a the buzzer.

Nampa Christian took control in the fourth quarter, using a 10-3 run to build a 35-26 advantage.

Farwell led the way with eight points, while Stansell added seven.

Rachel Endicott led all scorers, putting in nine for the home squad.

Adrian wrestling rolls out

Adrian High School's lone state meet qualifier from 2009 is off to another strong start on the mat.

Senior Daniel Lode captured a third-place medal Dec. 12 at the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore., one week after losing the championship match in the Enterprise Kickoff Tournament.

Lode's performance at the Calhoun meet fueled Adrian 14th-place finish among 18 schools. The Antelopes scored 22 points and finished higher than Marsing (15th with 17) and Homedale (17th with


eight).

In the Dec. 5 season opener at Enterprise, Lode was joined in the championship round by Adrian teammate Jake Wilde, who was runner-up at 130 pounds.

Adrian scored 65 points and finished fourth in the tourney, which was won by the Enterprise-Wallowa co-op with 199 points.

Caio Artoni (130) and Aidar Beisenaly (135) both won third-place matches, while Kory Hartman (152) and sophomore Mark Ishida (140) each finished fourth.

Trojan Winter Sports




BASKETBALL

Boys basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 5, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Jan. 5, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Jan. 5, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.




Girls basketball

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.










Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Adrian tri-meet with Marsing, 6 p.m.

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25 years ago

December 26, 1984

Chronicle publishers buy Owyhee Nugget

Owyhee Chronicle publisher Joe Aman has announced that Owyhee Publishing Co., Inc. has purchased the Owyhee Nugget from Nugget Enterprises, Inc. and Mick and Kyle Hodges. Effective date of the sale is January 1. The purchase will result in combining the two weekly Owyhee County newspapers into one. The name of the new publication will be changed to “The Owyhee Avalanche.” The decision to resurrect the “Owyhee Avalanche” name was natural, Aman said. “We considered continuing the name of either of the individual papers, but by choosing the Chronicle or the Nugget would have left the tinge of a discontinuance of the other, rather than a merger. Since the Owyhee Avalanche is an historical, colorful, and unique newspaper name in this county, it was the obvious choice.”

Homedale wrestling

Homedale heavyweight wrestler Harry Almazon pinned his opponent in the 2nd round at a match against Parma in Homedale on Dec. 11. The Homedale Trojan team more recently competed in a tournament in New Plymouth faring well with twelve contending and six placing.

Bethel 31 conducts installation rites

Installation ceremonies for Debbie Marmon, newly elected Honored Queen of Bethel No. 31, Job’s Daughters, were held Sunday, December 16. With “Rainbows” as the theme, the Installation was conducted in an original ceremony innovated by the incoming queen. Included were vocal selections by Mitzi Parkins and Tracy Dye accompanied by Mrs. Appleton. In special presentations the new Honored Queen was given a family heirloom gavel used by her great grandfather J. L. Nibarger during his long Masonic association. It was presented to Debbie by her grandmother, Joy Bond of Evanston, Wyoming. In another presentation, Bob Huff, Associate Grand Guardian, and Mary Trueblood, a past Guardian for Bethels No. 24 and No. 31, gave Debbie a Jobies’ Bible from the defunct Bethel No. 24.

Fall sports banquet held

The Fall Sports Banquet was held on December 10 in the multipurpose room of Homedale High School. At the potluck banquet, the Varsity and J.V. Volleyball girls gave coach Shelley Shenk a new sweater and a bouquet of flowers. Other gifts of appreciation went to cheerleaders from the volleyball players and the football players. The football team also presented their coaches with tokens of appreciation. Receiving volleyball award certificates were Pam Kubosumi for WIC Conference; Pam Kubosumi, Christie Bautista, Kellee Patterson and Shannon Nash for Treasure Valley All-Star Game; and Pam Kubosumi (2nd team) for Press-Tribune Valley All-Star Game. The season’s records of the 1984 Homedale High school football teams were also announced with Varsity 10-2, WIC Championship and State Runner-ups. The Junior Varsity were 5-1 in their conference games. Randy Shanley read a poem he had written and had engraved on a plaque for Coach McMillan, which was delivered in an emotional presentation. Football award certificates went to WIC Conference players (Offensive Team) Fred Bruneel, David Hyde, Mike Frank, Randy Shanley, Randy Jewett and Gary Kushlan; (Defensive Team) Jim Nettleton, Chad Gibson, Gary Kushlan, Mike Frank and David Hyde. Honorable Mention went to Scott White, Dennis Taggart, Jim Nettleton, Walt Sutterfield, Steve Purdom, Fred Bruneel, Dee Taggart, Dan Collett and Randy Jewett. Announced as the Conference Most Valuable Player was Gary Kushlan. Certificates were also presented for the All-State Football Competition to: (First Team) Fred Bruneel, David Hyde, Gary Kushlan, Randy Jewett, David Hyde and Mike Frank. Named for honorable mention was Jim Nettleton and Defensive Back of the Year was David Hyde.

50 years ago

December 24, 1959

Fire siren announced arrival of Santa Saturday

The scream of the fire siren announced the arrival of Santa Claus to downtown Homedale Saturday afternoon when the jolly old fellow arrived atop the fire truck after making his arrival known to the Homedale youngsters by riding through downtown streets waving and calling to them Paul Zatica, chairman of the event sponsored by the chamber of commerce, was assisted by Julian Broadbent and Henry Quast, along with several members of the volunteer fire department in distributing the bags of candy. Over 400 youngsters jammed around Santa to get a good look at him, just to make sure he is real and maybe whisper their Christmas wish in his willing ear. Mr. Zatica reported 100 pounds of peanuts, 500 oranges and 100 pounds of Christmas candy were used in the sacks of candy. High school girls in the home ec department sacked the candy last week. The sacks of candy that were left over will be given to the Homedale nursing home and to needy families in Christmas baskets.

Trojans, Viks, Bears in top spot in B league

Middleton and Fruitland pulled even with Homedale in the SRV-B hoop race Saturday night with two victories each, while Wilder dropped a game off at 1-1. Notus got into the win column with 56-43 victory over defending champ Adrian. Middleton edged Marsing, 43-39. Fruitland smashed Wilder 62-32. Homedale won its second game Friday night, trouncing defending champs Adrian 78-32. Fruitland romped past Notus 72-51. Middleton tipped New Plymouth 45-38 to hand the Pilgrims their second loss and Wilder edged Marsing, 35-31. Rod Leslie, Homedale’s lanky center, was the league’s top scorer with 24 points as the Trojans thumped the defending champs.

Seed growers elect officers

The Owyhee Seed Growers association elected the following officers at a meeting held at the armory Friday, December 11. Lawrence Kent, chairman; Joe Churruca, vice-chairman; Roger Howard, treasurer; and Ronald Robinson and Elmer Prow, directors. Ralph Samson was appointed secretary. A set of by-laws was also adopted during the meeting. Plans are being made for a program of action during the following year.

Fire dept. called to Idaho Brake

The Homedale volunteer fire department was called to the Idaho Brake shop Monday afternoon at 5pm where a car, owned by Ralph Kernoham, Wilder, had caught fire. Gas was being drained from the car when the vapors from the gas exploded, catching the car on fire. The car was backed out of the shop by the employees who threw dirt on the fire to smother it. The volunteers completed the job with dry ice and little damage was done to the car, a few wires and some insulation was burned.

Jaycees orange sale drive goes over the top

The Jaycees orange drive held Thursday and Friday of last week was deemed a success by local Jaycee officers. Willis Zillig, vice president of the organization said 138 five-pound sacks of oranges were sold the two evenings. Of this amount 100 were sold Thursday night by Johnny Fisher, Reed Frye, Al Jessen, Gail Tuttle, Tom Coriell and Willis Zillig and the rest were sold Friday night by Johnny Fisher and Reed Frye. The oranges were purchased from the Nampa Jaycees by Jaycee organizations in this end of Treasure valley. Homedale Jaycees ran out of oranges Thursday night and had to go to Nampa for more to sell again Friday night.

144 years ago

December 23, 1865

HOMOGRAPHIC CHART OF THE IDAHO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Henry Allan, aged 52, a native of Maryland, came to the Pacific coast in 1862, resided last in New Mexico, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1863, resides in Ada county. J.D. Agnew, aged 33, a native of Virginia, came to Pacific in 1854, resided in California, is a livery keeper, came to Idaho in 1863, resides at Boise City. E.T. Beatty, aged 47, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Pacific coast in 1849, resided last in California, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1861, resides in Alturas county. D.P. Barnes, aged 41, a native of Indiana, came to Pacific coast in 1846, resided last in California, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1862, resides in Silver City. Ale. Blakely, aged 36, a native of Tennessee, came to Pacific coast in 1852, resided last in Oregon, is a printer, came to Idaho in 1861, resides at Warren’s, Idaho county. Frank Campbell, aged 31, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Pacific coast in 1853, resided last in California, is a wholesale and retail liquor dealer, came to Idaho in 1861, resides at Idaho City. James Carr, aged 44, a native of New York, came to Pacific coast in 1852, resided last in California, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1861, resides in Placerville. Bernard Crosson, aged 48, a native of Ohio, came to Pacific coast in 1852, resided last in Louisiana, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1862, resides in Alturas county. J.W. Carter, aged 30, a native of Ohio, came to Pacific coast in 1862, resided last in Indiana, is a livery keeper, came to Idaho in 1863, resides at Ruby city. M.R. Jenkins, aged 30, a native of Maryland, came to Pacific coast in 1863, resided last in Minnesota, is a farmer, came to Idaho in 1863, resides at Boise City. Matt G. Looney, aged 46, a native of Lancaster, England, came to Pacific coast in 1849, resided last in Louisiana, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1864, resides at Pioneer City. John B. Pierce, aged 38, a native of Kentucky, came to Pacific coast in 1850, resided last in California, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1862, resides at Idaho City. W.H. Parkinson, aged 48, a native of Ohio, came to pacific coast in 1859, resided last in California, is a mill man, came to Idaho in 1868, resides at Pioneer City. J.A. Ripson, aged 29, a native of New York, came to Pacific coast in 1853, resided last in Oregon, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1865, resides in Boise county. M. Smithe, aged 38, a native of Canada East, came to Pacific coast in 1853, resided last in California, is a rancher, came to Idaho in 1862, resides in Ada county. J.L. Tiner, aged 33, a native of Tennessee, came to Pacific coast in 1852, resided last in California, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1869, resides at Placerville. E. J. Worley, aged 30, a native of North Carolina, came to Pacific coast in 1854, resided last in California, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1862, resides in Silver City. F.W. Bell, Chief Clerk, aged 26, a native of Kentucky, came to Pacific coast in 1860, resided last in Oregon, is a merchant, came to Idaho in 1863, resides at Idaho city. R.H. Lindsay, Assistant Clerk, aged 26, a native of Ireland, came to Pacific coast in 1858, resided last in Oregon, is an actor, came to Idaho in 1862, resides at Boise City. Chas. W. Steward, Sergeant-at-Arms, aged 41, a native of France, came to Pacific in 1848, resided last in California, is a miner, came to Idaho in 1862, resides at Centerville. J.J. McConnell, Engrossing Clerk, aged 28, a native of Missouri, came to Pacific coast in 1852, resided in W.T., is a saloon keeper, came to Idaho in 1862, resides in Owyhee. THE OWYHEE delegation is assigned to the Chairmanship of the following Committees: Hon. J. W. Carter on Roads, Bridges and Ferries; Hon. D. P Barnes, Military and Indian Affairs; Hon. E. J. Worley, Printing. Each member exhibits industry and a strong disposition to serve the Territory, especially Owyhee. While maturing other matters, Messrs. Barnes and Worley are rushing through a few franchises as a sort of pastime.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Christmas gift exchange on the farm



The week before Christmas, the farmer announced to the animals that he would not be giving them the traditional cheese and sausage box. The pig was relieved. The farmer suggested instead, they should pool their names in a black rubber bucket and draw names.

“Does that include non-domesticated animals, too?” asked the armadillo.

“Yes, but only warm-blooded,” was the answer.

Since not everyone had prehensile lips, the farmer offered to do the drawing in the giant name swap. On Christmas morn, the gifts were exchanged.

The buzzard had drawn the possum. He gave him a can of fluorescent paint and a backpack made of reflector tape. “That way,” the buzzard explained, “The cars might see you crossing in time to swerve and miss you. And ...” he continued, “if it doesn’t, you’ll be a lot easier for me to spot when you’re flat on the highway!”

The dog presented the cat with a coffee can full of sand and a gift certificate to be spayed. She reciprocated by giving the dog a toy flea circus. “I hope you like it,” she snarled, “I bought them off a skunk!”

By some coincidence the sheep had all drawn each other, and each gave the other a picture of a sheep. Some thought it was a mirror.

The rooster thought it would be a great joke to give the mouse a piece of cheese in a trap camouflaged as a box of DeCon. Anticipating the rooster’s subterfuge, the mouse had already arranged for the rooster to visit the famous poultry genealogy facility adjacent to the Campbell Chicken Noodle Soup Museum. It included a room with a stew.

There was great excitement between the goat and the mare. The goat had always envied the mare’s magnificent tail, so she had the farmer clip it and the birds wove it into a beautiful hairpiece. Not sure how to wear it, the goat put it high on his poll between the horns. It made him look like a 1969 debutant at her cotillion party in Lubbock, Texas.

The cow offered to rub the coyote’s back. He’d been helping himself to the fermented punch and had lost his ability to judge weight and distance, so he accepted. He did OK till he said, “a little more to the right!” She broke his tail! It healed crooked and now when he wags it he looks like the flagman on an aircraft carrier!

At the end of the evening the farmer and his wife were given a rousing Christmas toast from their barnyard employees. They had chipped in (pardon the pun) and bought him a book autographed by all their cloven-hoofed and feathered edible animal friends entitled, “The Vegetarian Cookbook, or How to Get the Most out of a Tuber During the Holidays!”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com.

Michael Lane, reporter

Eyes on Owyhee All’s quiet on the western front



Not quiet in the sense of the cautionary tale of warfare as told by World War I veteran Erich Remarque, more in the “no news is ... no news” vein.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office laboring under a manpower shortage, now down an additional dispatcher (as we hear, unconfirmed, through labyrinthine channels) again had little to say on the week’s activities, the terrible roads during and after this month’s snows, or the still unanswered questions about the search (if any) for Dale Wilson.

It’s not a big surprise. A Friday 10 a.m. call window that Sheriff Daryl Crandall adhered to fairly well for several months has long since fallen by the wayside, and for several months he has been unavailable for any comment nearly every week, even at the time he had specified for contact. Chief Deputy Bill Detweiler has been available at times, but certainly is unavailable (in fairness, busy) more often than not. Other OCSO members reached by phone either don’t know the answer to most questions, or have been instructed not to release information.

People should be tired of it.

Residents need to know what’s going on in Murphy; not just for standard watchdog reasons, but because knowing how dire — or comfortable — our law enforcement’s situation is in this economy is important for residents. It’s a safety issue, and an issue of communication and trust.

While those on both sides of endless personality clashes that surround the sheriff’s office like stink on a skunk wrangle and tell tales, the real problem remains: Mistrust and paranoia on all sides make it impossible to know what’s going on.

In a public office that’s not just bad, it’s unacceptable.

Are there road warnings? Is there a search? What is the status of the “outmoded” 911 system? Was Owyhee County the leading area in Idaho for pot grows seized last year and what does that mean? What deputies are assigned to which “geopolicing” areas? Are they listed anywhere, so residents within these areas know who to contact for non-emergency reports and information? If Marsing chooses not to pursue a full contract with OCSO in 2010-11, what does that mean for law enforcement in Marsing? In the county? Does it cripple the sheriff’s office, and how can that be avoided? How have personnel been rotated to deal with resignations and reassignment? These are bread-and-butter questions that everyone in the county should have an answer to.

These aren’t witch-hunt questions. They’re not asking for case-sensitive information. These are questions we would ask any law enforcement commander in any organization in these circumstances.

Assuming we could reach them.

Most of the questions ask for acknowledgement of what the sheriff has done, and what needs to happen to ensure his office remains functional. They require thoughtful answers rather than a wall of silence.

Where we read silence as an unwillingness to talk, and unprofessional, others read it in accordance with old feuds and new. That simply generates more rumors, more partisanship, and less accuracy.

It’s been a year. It’s been a hard year, with many changes, but a year is a long time to still be seeking a protocol to facilitate communication that *works* — something Sheriff Crandall ran on in his election platform.

The Owyhee Avalanche can get information from other county bodies with regularity despite slashed budgets and shorthandedness. Even if that information might be a “no comment” or a “we don’t really know at this time” it still shows a basic engagement with the world outside the walls of the Courthouse complex in Murphy.

We’re here. Usually 50 or more hours a week. And even if we’re not, our e-mail is, and our fax.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest Mangy Santa triggers memories



It isn’t any surprise that my most vivid early memories are of Christmases in the small stucco house, surrounded by huge cottonwood trees, where I spent my entire childhood.

During the early 1950s, most Christmas trees looked like anorexic baby pines, with trunks the diameter of a shovel handle. The foliage on the trees was so thin the widely spaced pine needles only diffused your view of objects on the far side of the tree. It was like looking at something through a dirty window screen.

Before the decorating of the tree could begin, Dad had to put on the lights. Those were the days before low-voltage miniature lights. We had two or three strings of lights, with not more than 20 lights to a string. That was about our electrical limit because the circuit for the tree lights also had to handle whatever was plugged into any other 110-volt plug-ins the house.

Our Christmas tree lights didn’t wink, blink or sparkle. They just glowed, getting quite hot in the process. It was important to make sure none of the lights touched any of the branches or needles, or poof: no Christmas tree, no presents, no house!

Once the lights were in place, we started hanging ornaments. Many of the decorations were made of fragile hand-painted blown glass that shattered from the slightest blow or pressure. But my favorite decorations were the Santa Clauses.

The Santa Clauses were each about two inches tall, made of red felt, with cotton beards and black pipe cleaner legs Their tiny, skin-colored faces were made of celluloid, a pre-Plastic Age material almost as flammable as the Christmas tree.

The miniature Santas had a special place in Mother’s heart. They were among the family’s oldest Christmas decorations. They date back to the Great Depression, when my parents lived in a shack in Burns, Ore., and pasted old newspapers on the walls to keep the biting December winds



— See *Santa*, page 17A

Commentary

Financial management

Remember the true message of Christmas — giving

Dear Dave,

We're new parents, and we were wondering if you have any advice on how to teach children that Christmas is not a gift-giving free-for-all.

— Lauren



Dear Lauren,

This is a great question. I think one of the best things you can do is teach kids from an early age exactly what Christmas is all about. It's not about kids being consumers and getting everything they see. First and foremost, Christmas is a spiritual holiday. It's about celebrating the birth of Christ!

Christ came into this world because God chose to give his only son. So, Christmas is about giving, not receiving. You need to talk about this concept a lot. Now, how long will that stick in their

heads after they're confronted with Saturday morning cartoons and malls full of bright, shiny things that make noise? Probably not long. That's why you need to have the "giving" talk early and often — not just when Christmas rolls around.

The only way you win at this parenting thing is through death by a thousand cuts. You just don't stop teaching, and finally you wear them down and hope some of your good advice sticks in their heads!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I own a moving business, and I have a good, smart employee, who is currently my general manager, and he wants to invest in the company. We're growing and doing pretty well right now, but we could still use the money. How would you suggest that I structure things?

— Daniel

Dear Daniel,

You're not going to like my answer, because I wouldn't do this deal. You've got a nice company right now that's making money and growing. Just be patient and let it grow. Don't rush things.

If you bring in a partner it's liable to complicate everything. This person is going to develop a whole new set of opinions on how things should be done. I've got a close

friend, who is older and wiser than I am, and he's got a great saying: "The only ship that won't sail is a partnership." I tend to agree with that, because when you take on a partner you end up being joined at hip. You're not just getting the business side of the guy. You'll be stuck with all the personal baggage and problems that could interfere with the business, too!

Let's separate this into two issues. On one hand you've got a quality employee, and you'd like him to help you carry the load. So, maybe it's time for you to build your first layer of leadership. That means it's time to delegate. This guy is obviously responsible and someone you trust. Take it to the next level and develop the relationship even more. You want to be on the same page about everything with him, even to the point that he

can finish your sentences and know what you want done in every situation. You could even reward him for this by cutting him in on the profits. That way, you give him the emotional ownership and desire to carry the load with you.

The second issue is all about how to grow, and the word to remember is *slowly*. Buy used equipment, pay cash for everything, and stay away from debt. You're probably going to see some good things happen if you just stay calm and run this thing lean and clean. Then, set aside a percentage of your profits each year for additional trucks, new crew members and things like that. You won't be an overnight success, but you'd rather be the tortoise than the hare. Remember that story? The tortoise wins every time!

— Dave

Letters to the editor

Homedale seniors thankful for city-donated turkeys

The Homedale Senior Center would like to thank everyone that donated turkeys to us for holiday meals. We would like to especially thank the Homedale Police Department for the turkeys they donated and to all the city councilmen who donated.

Without these donated, we would have been short on turkey to serve to our Meals on Wheels clients and to our seniors that come to eat at the center.

The Homedale Senior Center
Shirley McAbee, coordinator

Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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

to promote a professional working relationship with Waterways. Larry stated, "Just tell the blankety blank SOB to go to blank and just stay the blank away from me, I don't want anything to do with him".

If Aldrich and Benson are puzzled, maybe their commission should meet more often, or perhaps they could try discussing things with their chairman. I can tell them how to reach him; I'll even buy the coffee.

John Nagel
Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy
Nampa

Rimrock students grateful for furniture donation

Lesser role of Waterways panel was chairman's idea

Isn't it interesting that the one person who can solve that puzzle ("Vessel Fund spending puzzles citizen advisors", Dec. 9, 2009, The Owyhee Avalanche), "can't be reached for comment on this article."

Try checking the Murphy General Store; he's there almost every day usually having coffee with his buddy the county commissioner. Not too tough of an investigative effort even for the Owyhee Enquirer/Avalanche. But hey that would have produced the actual facts of this matter and the Enquirer never lets the facts interfere with one of their "beat the sheriff's office down tales".

I gave the BOCC a detailed account of my conversation with Larry McDaniel, chairman of Waterways Commission. Larry gave approval to purchase the new boat with two provisions, that it was a jet boat and the money from the sale of the old boat went into the waterways budget, not the sheriff's. I asked Larry if I needed to contact the other commissioners and he stated that wouldn't be necessary, they had previously approved purchase of a boat and he would inform them.

The diminished role of the commission was Larry's choice. On several occasions, I tried to set up a meeting with Waterways, but Larry refused to meet with Sheriff Crandall.

Sheriff Crandall asked me to meet with Larry, determine what he was upset about and what the sheriff could do

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students and faculty would like to give a big thank you to Key Bank, and a special thank you to G. Sherman Allen and Jennifer Seamons.

Key Bank generously donated furniture that is used in the school library. All the students are enjoying the new reading area.

Key Bank also donated cabinets and workstations that are used in classrooms throughout the school.

Everyone at Rimrock is very appreciative of Key Bank's generosity. It means a lot to all of us. Thank you again to Key Bank from all of us here at Rimrock.

Stevie Richardson, president
Family Career Community Leaders of America
Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

✓ Santa: Daughter home from college uncovers long-lost ornament

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from coming in through the cracks.

When I first encountered the Santa decorations in the late 1940s, they were still in pretty good shape. Each year, while they waited their turn to be hung on the tree, I lined them up on the floor, maneuvering them like toy soldiers. If "fighting Santas" were a contradiction, it didn't make a 5-year-old boy the least bit uncomfortable.

Most of the Santa ornaments disappeared by the time I moved away in the late 1960s — casualties of my pre- and post-Christmas maneuvers. They apparently weren't designed for combat conditions.

When I got married and we moved into my own house, I somehow got hold of one of the surviving Santas for our

Christmas tree. When our youngsters arrived on the scene, the tree decorating wasn't complete until the red felt Santa was attached to a bough.

But somewhere along the line, the tradition and the Santa disappeared.

In the mid-1990s, our youngest daughter Tara was decorating our Christmas tree. She insisted we wait for her to come home from college so she could make sure it was done right.

Tara was hanging some of the last ornaments when I lapsed into one of my frequent states of reminiscing. I mourned that we no longer had the tiny traditional Santa that would have been more than 60 years old.

Our child went in the dining room. I heard the door of

the china closet open and close. She returned and held out her hand. In it was the Santa.

Santa is almost 80 years old now and little the worse for wear. His suit is faded and smudged. His face looks like it may fall off his head. But he still hangs near the top of the tree. He's so small he's hard to see. But I know he's there — a reminder to me of long-ago Christmases when armies of fighting Santas protected the tree in a small stucco house in an Idaho cottonwood grove.

Merry Christmas.

— 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.

Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF
OWYHEE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2009
MURPHY, IDAHO**
Energy Grant Proposal: tabled pending further review.
DEQ Co-Ordination Meeting. Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report: approved.
Indigent & Charity: approved 08-21, 09-06, 09-38, 09-43, denial on 09-46.
Executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1), (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) for personnel matters, attorney memo’s and possible litigation.
Co-Ordination Meeting with Owyhee Initiative Inc. at Marsing Extension Office.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s Office.
12/23/09

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**
Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on **MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010** at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is an Application for Lot Split filed by Dennis Pruett. The Applicant is proposing to split the property between Pruett Tire Store and the lumber yard and store. For more particulars, a copy of the Application and details of the split can be viewed at City Hall during regular business hours.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator
Planning & Zoning Commission
12/23,30/09

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho for the purpose of gathering public testimony regarding a proposed annexation and zoning of one parcel of land commonly known as the Marsing Labor Camp. Said parcel will be zoned residential, is located contiguous to the City of Marsing on the east side of Highway 78, and more particularly described as follows:
A parcel of land lying in the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 3 and the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 4, T.2N., R.4W., Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at an iron pin marking the corner common to Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, T.2N., R.4W., Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence, N.01°43’56”W. 2639.94 feet along the line common to said Sections 3 and 4 to an iron pin marking the ¼ corner common to said Sections 3 and 4; thence continuing along said line common to Sections 3 and 4 and the centerline of State Highway No. 78, N. 01° 47’45”W. 50.00 feet; thence, S.88°12’15”W. 33.00 feet to the westerly right of way line of said State Highway No. 78, said point being the *point of beginning*;

thence along said right of way, N. 01° 47’45”W. 603.90 feet; thence, N. 88° 12’15”E. 66.00

feet; thence, N. 85° 32’15”E. 100.00 feet; thence, S. 46° 32’45”E. 107.12 feet; thence, S. 69° 37’45”E. 247.25 feet; thence, S. 01° 47’45”E. 445.00 feet; thence, S. 89° 01’39”W. 404.32 feet; thence, S.88° 12’15”W. 66.00 feet to the *point of beginning*, said parcel containing 4.96 acres, more or less.
Annexation description prepared from surveys of record and descriptions of record.
Interested parties are invited to attend. Written comment will be accepted at Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, 83639 until January 5, 2010 at 5:00 pm.
Christy Martinat, Planning & Zoning Secretary
12/16,23/09

**CALL FOR BIDS FOR HIGH
SCHOOL DATA NETWORK
RE-CABLING**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the re-cabling of the Homedale High School data network.
Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until day of bid opening or on the internet at www.homedaleschools.org/erate.htm.
Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on January 7, 2010 to Faith Olsen, Business Manager, Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager
12/16,23/09

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV-09-01310
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM I. TINDALL, also known as WILLIAM TINDALL, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned 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, Owyhee County Courthouse, PO Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650. Telephone number 208-495-2806.
DATED this 1st day of December, 2009.

/s/Eugene A. Tindall, 30633 Sugar Valley Road, Bruneau, Idaho 83604. 208-845-2821
Jay R. Friedly, HALL, FRIEDLY & WARD, Attorneys for Personal Representative, 340 East 2nd North, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647. 208-587-4412 Fax 208-587-3144. ISB#1479
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**
On the 23rd day of March, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of this day (recognized local time), in the lobby of Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier’s check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89° 40’ East along the North boundary of Southwest Quarter a distance of 912.32 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 89° 40’ East along the North boundary of Southwest Quarter a distance of 414.70 feet to a point on the centerline of a County Road; thence South 4° 19’ East along the centerline of County Road a distance of 180.95 feet; thence South 0° 48’ 30” East along the centerline of County Road a distance of 297.93 feet; thence South 83° 34’ 30” West a distance of 366.75 feet; thence North 7° 30’ West a distance of 521.42 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of **6751 Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing, ID, 83639**, is sometimes associated with said real property.
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 Betty J. Bish, an unmarried person, as Grantor(s), to TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as successor trustee, and Home Federal Bank, as Beneficiary, recorded May 22, 2006, as Instrument No. 256478, in the 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 the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments of \$1,229.00, due per month for the month of July 1, 2009 and all subsequent monthly payments of principal, interest, late charges and any miscellaneous fees

thereafter. The Principal balance is \$168,821.37, the current interest rate is 6.5% per annum, as of October 1, 2009. All amounts are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated: November 23, 2009
**T I T L E O N E
CORPORATION
Successor Trustee
By: Amy L. Wilcoxson, Trust Officer**
TitleOne Corporation, 1101 W. River Street, Ste 201, Boise, Idaho 83702. (208) 424-8511 Order No.: TS0901339 1001001133443/ Bish/T-0000302
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**NOTICE OF
RE-SCHEDULED
TRUSTEE’S SALE**
Idaho Code 45-1506A Today’s date: December 14, 2009 File No.: 7307.22685 Sale date and time (local time): January 29, 2010 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: HC 79 Box 733 MELBA, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: David M. Lucas, a single person Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, a Corporation Recording date: August 30, 2002 Recorder’s instrument number: 240768 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 14, 2009: \$121,021.60 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Parcel I: A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 21; thence South 0 degrees 00’14” West 1,327.13 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 21; thence continuing along said Westerly boundary of said Section 21, South 0 degrees 00’47” West 1,078.75 feet to a point on the centerline of the Opaline Ditch, said point being the Real Point of Beginning; thence leaving said

Westerly boundary of said Section 21 and along the centerline of said Opaline Ditch the following courses and distances: thence South 35 degrees 19’26” East 304.55 feet to a point; thence South 24 degrees 33’43” East 196.79 feet to a point; thence South 36 degrees 35’28” East 212.90 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline of said Opaline Ditch North 89 degrees 57’01” East 939.94 feet to an iron pin marking the Easterly Boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence along the said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21, North 0 degrees 05’32” East 349.18 feet to an iron pin marking the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence continuing along said Easterly boundary North 0 degrees 04’36” East 249.57 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21 South 89 degrees 57’01” West 1,325.64 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A 28 foot ingress-egress, public utilities, drainage and irrigation easement lying 28 feet Northeasterly of and adjacent to the above described irrigation easement and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, thence South 0 degrees 00’14” West 719.88 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin; thence leaving said Westerly boundary South 52 degrees 19’53” West 300.74 feet to an iron pin; thence South 31 degrees 22’37” West 297.49 feet to an iron pin; thence South 68 degrees 14’05” West 150.64 feet to a point, said being the Real Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 68 degrees 14’05” West 28.00 feet to a point; thence South 21 degrees 08’38” East 110.28 feet along a line 25 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence South 22 degrees 01’07” East 324.12 feet to a point; thence South 34 degrees 26’13” East 301.98 feet to a point; thence South 23 degrees 29’44” East 470.35 feet to a point; thence South 35 degrees 19’26” East 120.39 feet to a point; thence leaving said parallel line North 89 degrees 57’01” East 34.30 feet to a point; thence North 35 degrees 19’26” West 137.30 feet on a line 53 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence North 23 degrees 29’44” west 470.13 feet to a point; thence North 34 degrees 26’13” West 301.61 feet to a point; thence North 22 degrees 01’ 07” West 320.86 feet to a point; thence North 21 degrees 08’38” West 110.37 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.22685) 1002.91462-FEI
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Classifieds!

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 19, 2009 File No.: 7023.07404 Sale date and time (local time): March 22, 2010 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 401 Cascade Drive Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Julia Lee Childress, a single woman Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Webster Bank, National Association Recording date: September 3, 2004 Recorder’s instrument number: 249108 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 19, 2009: \$71,175.16 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lot 1 in Block 4 of Ponderosa Addition, Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.07404) 1002.138517-FEI

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-326344-TD On 3/25/2010, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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 real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: Parcel I: A portion of Lot 1, Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows: Commencing at a point 813 feet, (formerly 826 feet) West and 33 feet South of the North East corner of Section

4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence West 60 feet; thence South 118 feet; thence East 60 feet; thence North 118 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Parcel II: A portion of Lot 1, Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows: COMMENCING at a point 813 feet, (formerly 826 feet) West and 33 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence West 60 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence West 60 feet; thence South 118 feet; thence East 60 feet; thence North 118 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 997 MAIN STREET, MARSING, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. 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 LESLIE F DANNER AND TERRIANN R DANNER , WIFE AND HUSBAND as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS WHOLESALE CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and STEWART TITLE as Trustee and recorded 4/30/2007 as Instrument No. 260794 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 4/27/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,571.60, due per month for the months of 7/1/2009 through 11/16/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$200,000.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.3750 per cent (%) per annum from 6/1/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s Attorney. Date: 11/23/2009 By: Pioneer Lender

Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA92103 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder’s rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3357327

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-326343-TD On 3/25/2010, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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 real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 1 of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Government Lot 1, a found brass cap monument: thence South 89°57’06” West along the North boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 933.00 feet; thence South 0°02’54” East perpendicular to the North boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 33.00 feet to a 1/2 x24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 1°50’17” East parallel with the East boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 118.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence South 89°57’06” West parallel with the North boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 66.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L. S. 3627; thence North 0°46’ 29” West a distance of 117.95 feet to a point which lies on a line 33.00 feet Southerly from and parallel with the North boundary of said Government Lot 1, a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L. S. 3627; thence North 89°57’06” East along said parallel line a distance of 63.81 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of

compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 999 MAIN ST, MARSING, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. 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 LESLIE F DANNER AND TERRIANN R DANNER , WIFE AND HUSBAND as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS WHOLESALE CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and STEWART TITLE as Trustee and recorded 4/30/2007 as Instrument No. 260799 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 4/27/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,467.81, due per month for the months of 7/1/2009 through 11/16/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$200,000.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.3750 per cent (%) per annum from 6/1/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid

and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s Attorney. Date: 11/23/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder’s rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3357299

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-FMB-86413 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 19, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 STATE HWY 78, MURPHY, ID, 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 and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 5, BLOCK 2, CANYON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 225941, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER LOT 18, BLOCK 2, CANYON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT FILED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 225491, RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 5742 STAGECOACH LANE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property. 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 DAVID DAVIS AND KAREN DAVIS HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE CO., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS WHOLESALE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 2/28/2007, recorded 3/14/2007, under Instrument No. 260195, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by ONEWEST BANK, FSB. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1 506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 2/28/2007, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 8/1/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of November 12, 2009 Delinquent Payments from August 01, 2009 4 payments at \$ 2,181.69 each \$ 8,726.76 (08-01-09 through 11-12-09) Late Charges: \$ 293.34 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 112.00 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 TOTAL: \$ 9,132.10 All delinquencies are

now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$236,356.06, together with interest thereon at 9.125% per annum from 7/1/2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 11/12/2009. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION It’s Attorney-In-Fact By ANNA EGDORF, AUTHORIZED AGENT c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-0 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3351825 12/2,9,16,23/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-323110-TD On 3/16/2010, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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 real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: This parcel is a portion of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a found 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence South 89°14’26” East along the North boundary of said North Half of the Southwest Quarter a distance of 330.08 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L. S. 3627; thence continuing South 89°14’26” West a distance of 329.50 feet to a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar; thence South 0°07’34” East a distance of 240.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 87°30’12” West a distance of 329.81 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 0°07’32” West a distance of 230.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO AND RESERVING THEREFROM a 28.00 foot Ingress/Egress and Utility Easement; said easement lies in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said North

Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a found 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence South 89°14’26” East along the North boundary of said North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of 330.08 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627 said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 89°14’26” West a distance of 28.00 feet; thence South 0°07’32” East a distance of 385.06 feet; thence South 89°19’50” East parallel with the South boundary of said North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 166.94 feet; thence South 0°40’10” West a distance of 28.00 feet; thence North 89°19’50” West parallel with the South boundary of said North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 194.55 feet; thence North 0°07’32” West a distance of 413.11 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 5953 CLAYTONIA WAY, NAMP, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. 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 DARRIN W JEROME AND, RAMONA JEROME HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is named as Beneficiary and PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY as Trustee and recorded 3/16/2007 as Instrument No. 260240 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 3/9/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$950.14, due per month for the months of 12/1/2008 through 11/3/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$109,046.63 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.3750 per cent (%) per annum from 11/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall

have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s Attorney. Date: 11/12/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder’s rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3345426 12/2,9,16,23/09

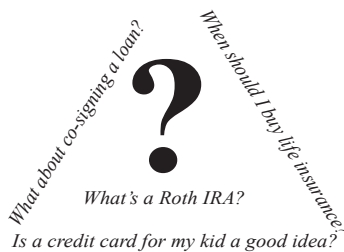
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 30, 2009 File No.: 7104.14320 Sale date and time (local time): April 01, 2010 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 5943 Pasco Road Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Melissa Fugal and Jayson Fugal, wife and husband Original trustee: Susan J. Robinson, Idaho Attorney Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. Recording date: September 29, 2006 Recorder’s instrument number: 258282 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 30, 2009: \$219,336.10 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: A parcel of land being a portion of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found brass cap marking the East Sixteenth corner common to said Section 17 and Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89 degrees 14’ 40” West 1323.41 feet along the South

boundary of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 to a found Brass Cap marking the South Quarter corner of said Section 17; thence North 00 degrees 37’ 48” East 2162.29 feet along the West boundary of the said Southeast Quarter of Section 17 and along the centerline of Pasco Road to a point lying on the centerline of an existing lateral, said point being witnessed by a set 5/8” iron pin, which bears North 00 degrees 37’ 48” East 51.12 feet, said point being the Real Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 37’ 48” East 481.94 feet along the said West boundary of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 and along the said centerline of Pasco Road to a found Brass Cap marking the Center Quarter corner of said Section 17; thence South 89 degrees 10’ 58” East 749.84 feet along the North boundary of the said Southeast Quarter of Section 17 and along the said centerline of Pasco Road to a point lying on the said centerline of the existing lateral, said point being witnessed by a set 5/8 inch iron pin which bears North 89 degrees 10’ 58” West 69.79 feet; thence along the centerline of the existing lateral the following courses and distances; South 45 degrees 03’ 14” West 399.43 feet to a point of curve to the left; thence along said curve to the left a distance of 99.20 feet, said curve having a delta of 17 degrees 45’ 39”, a radius of 320.01 feet, tangents of 50.00 feet and a long cord of 98.80 feet which bears South 36 degrees 10’ 25” West to the point of ending of said curve; thence South 27 degrees 17’ 35” West 93.93 feet to a point of curve to the right; thence along said curve to the right a distance of 187.33 feet, said curve having a delta of 75 degrees 21’ 23”, a radius of 142.44 feet, tangents of 110.00 feet and a long chord of 174.12 feet which bears South 64 degrees 58’ 17” West to the point of ending of said curve; thence North 77 degrees 21’ 02” West 218.50 feet to the Real Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7104.14320) 1002.139257-FEI 12/9,16,23,30/09



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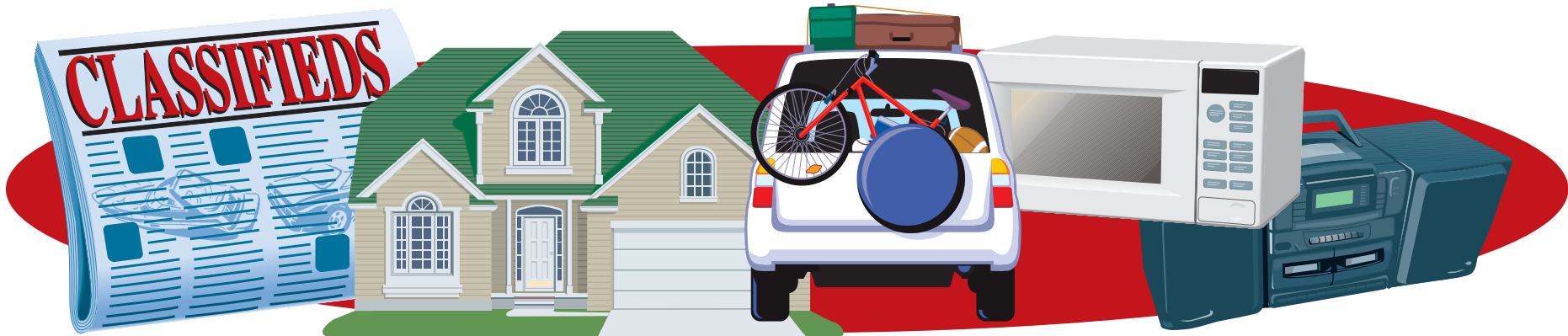
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Sen. Mike Crapo ... From Washington

Remember military at Christmas

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— U.S. Army Infantry Captain Timothy Hsia, December 2008

As Americans debate the war in Afghanistan on the political front, the first unit of the president’s recently announced troop surge, 1,500 Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C., will deploy before Christmas. Here in Idaho, the National Guard 116th Combat Brigade is preparing for a possible deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan, and according to Col. Pete Lee, 366th Fighter Wing vice wing commander of Mountain Home Air Force Base, in a radio interview with Boise-based 580 KIDO, there are currently 700 airmen from Mountain Home Air Force Base deployed to 14 different countries around the world.

For many of these men and women who are or will be deployed, it will not be their first Christmas spent in a war zone. While we get wrapped up in the holiday season here at home, many of our service members don’t get much of a holiday while working to defend our freedom. Christmas Day is just another day at work for those on duty, but one that is especially hard to spend away from home and loved ones. For those who have made it home, it can also be difficult knowing that

friends and comrades are still deployed and unable to spend Christmas with their families.

When most of us think of Christmas, we think of decorated Christmas trees with gifts underneath, a turkey feast with all the trimmings, holiday carols filling the air, and being surrounded by family and friends. For the families of those deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other regions around the world, Christmas can be one of the toughest times of year. The holidays are especially hard, however, for the families of those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. For these families, and especially the children, the holiday season will never be the same.

As we get caught up in finishing our Christmas shopping and the commotion of the season, we often forget the true meaning of Christmas — giving of oneself. But our service members have made the spirit of the season a way of life. A willingness to selflessly sacrifice their own happiness for our safety and freedom is part of what makes our military so special — perhaps one of the most solemn and valuable Christmas presents that we, as a nation, can receive. As you spend this Christmas surrounded by friends and family, I ask that you



pause and remember our service members who cannot share the holiday with their own family.

Spending Christmas at war may have become common for our service members and their families, but there are things that we can do help them and show that we remember and appreciate what they are doing. One way to help Idaho’s service members is to donate to the Idaho Guard and Reserve Family Support Fund, which was started in 2003 as a way to help family members during deployments. It has also been used recently to help members and their families through financial emergencies. In 2006, Idaho added a donation box to the state tax forms to allow Idahoans another way to donate. Let’s make sure the generosity that Infantry Capt. Hsia wrote about last December is still present for Christmas this year.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. More information on supporting military families can be found at his Web site, <http://crapo.senate.gov>, or at www.ourmilitary.mil.

A Christmas meditation

– God with us

Written by Clare Willcuts
for the Owyhee Chronicle, Christmas, 1952

Why does the world stand still today? Why such commotion over the birth of a Jewish peasant? For nineteen hundred years the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem has been the world’s number one story. It has been the theme of innumerable songs and stories, the inspiration of countless works of art. It has been told and retold until today it is known the world over as the “old, old story” — the sweetest story ever told”. It has become the center of the most widely observed and most joyfully celebrated festival in every land and among nearly all people.

It has been observed that the birth of Jesus has become the great center of interest. The educational world is represented in the wise men; the peasants are represented in the shepherds; royalty is represented in Herod; nature is represented in her gifts, “gold, frankincense and myrrh”; the heavens are represented in the star which led the way; the Heavenly Hosts are represented in their presence and praise; the lower creation is represented in the cattle around the manger; poverty is represented in the place

in which He was born.

In Matthew’s recording of the birth of Christ he makes reference to the prediction of the prophet Isaiah. “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and she shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us,” (Matt. 1:23). Emblazoned against the dark background of man’s wickedness, sin and selfishness, the words, “Immanuel – God with us”, are almost blinding, they appear startlingly misplaced. However, we will accept them and attempt to learn the reason.

In this story man has found the utmost in God’s love. God is giving His only begotten Son that man may be Redeemed. He stoops to lift man from the depths of sin and death to life at its highest and best in fellowship with the living God. In the Child of Bethlehem, God unites Himself with man. It was God’s utmost for man’s highest. That is what makes it the story of the ages.

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