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Oregon man hurt in cycle crash



Friday wreck sends one to hospital

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Wasson marks the position of a crumpled Kawasaki motorcycle as it lies wedged under the driver's side of a Mack truck at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Market Road on Friday afternoon. See story **Page 10A**

HMS erects memorial for classmate

Last fall's memorial tree for 12-year-old Marcos Jaramillo will be joined Friday by a stone monument remembering the Homedale Middle School student, who died of an accidental gunshot on May 11, 2009.

Jaramillo, who would have been a seventh-grader this year, was remembered by a tree donated by Steve Chadwick, owner of the Sand Hollow Nursery, allowing the school to use planned tree fundraisers for a companion memorial.

"It meant everything to us to have someone not from this area so willing to help out," HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said of Chadwick in an e-mail detailing the progress toward the memorial. With the tree in place, fundraisers began for the

"I am very proud of our students and staff for their efforts in helping us raise the money to buy the headstone."

— Luci Asumendi-Mereness
HMS principal

monument.

"Marcos was a student in Mrs. (Pat) Warren's class last year, so she and her students began having bake sales at lunch time, and raised enough money to buy a headstone," Asumendi-Mereness said. Silver Diamond LLC Monuments, located on Karcher Road in Caldwell, made the stone. "They have been great to work with," she said.

A planned 10:30 a.m. ceremony

Friday will include the HMS seventh grade students, as well as any eighth graders who wish to attend, Asumendi-Mereness said.

"We have invited all grade levels, and some have chosen to take their classes out later after the ceremony," Asumendi-Mereness said. "We have had several conversations with our seventh and eighth grade students about the

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Primary elections near in Owyhee

Avalanche to publish late to get full results

Voters go to the polls Tuesday to elect a new clerk and District 3 commissioner for Owyhee County.

With no Democratic opponents on the other side of the ballot, the Republican primary races for county clerk and District 3 com-

missioner serve as the deciding elections for the positions.

Also on the ballot is a three-way GOP primary battle for District 2 commissioner, and Coroner Harvey Grimme, Treasurer Brenda Richards and Assessor Brett Endicott running unopposed for four more years in those posts.

The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at nine polling places throughout the county. Owyhee

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Teachers pay to fall Greeley: Homedale to see 10% salary cut Marsing board OKs reduction in force

The formula the Homedale School District has used to try to balance its fiscal year 2011 budget could hit teachers hard, a spokesman for the employees said.

Homedale High School teacher Mike Greeley, speaking on behalf of the Homedale teachers association, told trustees at their May 10 meeting that furlough days and a 6.5 percent reduction in salary support from the state would amount to a 10 percent reduction in paychecks.

Superintendent Tim Rosandick said he and district business manager Faith Olsen had worked to get expenditures within \$60,000 of meeting the FY 2011 budget.

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While the Homedale School District ponders shaving salaries to balance its budget, Marsing has already applied the razor.

The Marsing School Board approved a 6.5 percent reduction in salaries for administrators and a four percent pay cut for all classified staff regardless of their funding source, district clerk Debbie Holzhey said.

For the classified staff, the reduction equates to approximately seven furlough days, she said. If furlough days do not impact student services, classified employees will take these days as part of the reduction, keeping student's class time untouched.

The board additionally approved

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Mayor: City could sell old building to finance new library

Wilson working to buy US Bank easement

Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson said Wednesday that he is in talks to sell the current library and also buy more land for a new location.

Wilson said he has spoken with “a person” who is interested in buying the existing Homedale Public Library building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., for \$120,000 to help

finance the construction of a new, larger library on property west of City Hall on West Wyoming Avenue. The mayor didn’t name the person and couldn’t answer whether the city would have to lease the old library back from the new owner while a new facility was built.

He also said that he has entered discussions with US Bank about paying \$10,000 for the 50-foot easement behind the Homedale branch to add that property to the new library footprint.

Wilson’s announcements came

during a City Council public hearing on the options available to either build a new library or expand the existing one.

Anne Abrams of the Idaho Commission for Libraries opened the hearing with information on taxing districts and construction bonds.

She said that a taxing district could be created after a building was built. But Abrams said if a bond was used to construct a new library before a district was started that only city residents would be burdened with the

construction bond payoff. Monies raised through a taxing district — which has been proposed to run along the same boundaries as the Homedale School District — cannot be used for construction, she said.

Abrams said the commission has money available to help offset the creation of a taxing district, including planning grants and demonstration grants that bring library features to town — such as bookmobiles and computer terminals — so that possible services could be shown off during the campaign for a district. The library could keep the equipment even if the taxing district election was unsuccessful, she said.

If a taxing district was created with November’s general election, the revenue from that district wouldn’t be available until January 2012, and the city would have to come up with the money to operate the library in the interim, Abrams said. There are grant opportunities to bridge that gap, she said, and most require some type of match from the applying agency.

No steps have been taken to get a taxing district initiative on the November ballot.

Several community members gave input during the public hearing, which included a report from Design Resources’ Rocky Towle on the estimated cost to

construct a new library on a city-owned parcel east of City Hall.

Councilman Tim Downing has argued that the city doesn’t have the money to help the library board of directors finance a new building. On Wednesday, board member Janet McCornack summed up her feelings:

“I think if we could wait until conditions were perfect, it’ll never happen,” she said.

“I say, ‘Build it, and they will come.’”

Towle said his company’s estimate of \$341,510 was for a 5,060-square-foot building. He said the estimate cut costs by leaving ductwork exposed and limiting sheetrock work inside the metal building that Caldwell-based R&M Steel will donate.

Downing suggested that construction costs were on the rise, as indicated by the higher-than-estimated bids received on the recent Local Improvement District solicitation.

“As far as cost goes, I don’t know if you’re going to have a better to time to do it,” Towle said.

Downing, who argued with Wilson to be heard during the hearing, told the library board that he favored the idea of putting a taxing district in place first.

“It takes some time and effort, but it gives you a viable, sound library,” Downing said.

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Council reappoints P&Z chief after mayor resists

Citywide cleanup planned for June

Sylvia Bahem has been reappointed Homedale's Planning and Zoning administrator.

The Homedale City Council voted 3-1 to reappoint Bahem on Wednesday, following the P&Z commission's recommendation.

Councilman Tim Downing made the motion to reappoint Bahem after Mayor Harold Wilson had asked for a motion to appoint Rob Brinegar to the post.

Downing's move touched off an argument with Wilson. The mayor said he was going against the unanimous decision of the P&Z board to reappoint Bahem and that he had talked to an attorney who said he could do that.

"I don't want to appoint Sylvia, and that's my prerogative," Wilson said.

When Herb Fritzley asked for documentation of the mayor's discussion, Wilson refused to name the attorney or discuss his talks with the lawyer.

Wilson argued that his request for a motion to appoint Brinegar had to be dealt with before Downing's motion — which was seconded by Councilman Aaron Tines — could be voted on.

"You guys can get me in trouble if you want to, but I want a vote first," the mayor said.

City attorney Michael Duggan, however, said that the city's zoning ordinance required the council vote on the appointment recommendation. Duggan said Idaho Counties Risk Management Program representative Jerry Mason also interpreted the ordinance that way.

"My concern would be if you were to appoint under a different policy or procedure that it would not stand a legal challenge," Duggan said.

Council president Dave Downum voted against Bahem's reappointment.

Cleanup days planned

The City of Homedale will hold a three-day community cleanup next month that will include drug prescription drop-off on June 12.

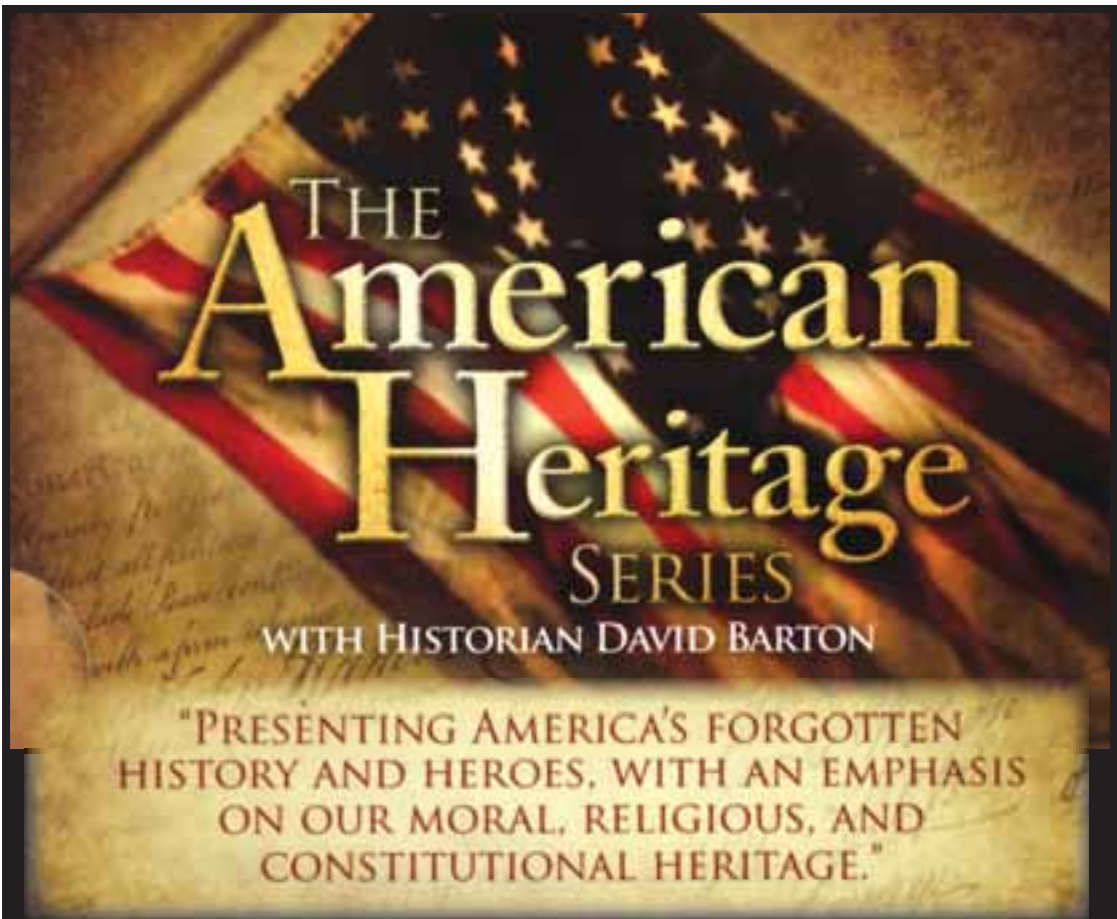
The cleanup will be held June 10-12. Details of the drug prescription drop-off will be announced later.

Residents can drop off burnable materials such as brush at the corner of California Avenue and North 1st Street East between noon and 5 p.m. on June 10-11 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 12.

Other refuse, such as batteries, appliances, bicycles and tires, can be dropped at the Westowns Disposal Inc. yard during those hours.

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✓ Marsing: Contact days not reduced

a reduction in force of 2.5 full-time equivalents on classified staff and did not replace a .75 FTE lost through attrition. Holzhey said the board approved the 2010-11 academic year calendar last week, which does not reduce teacher-student contact days.

✓ Homedale: Longtime teacher Skeen set to retire

“These cuts aren’t something we want to do or look forward to,” school board chair Kurt Shanley said. “Unfortunately, with 85 percent of the budget going to personnel, there are not many places to look.”

Greeley spoke on a night that the school board declared a reduction in force (RIF), the latest step following the district’s declaration of a financial emergency in March. The RIF is a way to reduce the number of certified and classified full-time equivalents (FTEs) now on the books with the district. No specific positions have been targeted.

The school board holds a budget

workshop at 7 p.m. today in preparation for a June 14 budget hearing.

Olsen said salary reductions for the 2010-2011 school year will be finalized by June 1, and a due process hearing on those reductions is scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 26.

Greeley said the proposed reductions and furlough days will take \$325 out of the monthly pay for a teacher making the average district salary of \$39,000 per year. For more experienced teachers, the cut could mean as much as \$430 per month, he said. Meanwhile, Greeley said teachers can expect to see a 15 percent increase in their health insurance costs. The district will continue to pay insurance at the same rate as previous, Rosandick Said.

Teachers also want trustees to examine moving to a four-day school week.

“We realize the school district is in a tough pinch and employees are going to be in a tough pinch,” Greeley said. “There have been some good faith discussions to return salaries when the economy improves.”

In personnel action from May 10, the board accepted the resignations of Homedale High School teacher Craig Bagley and Homedale Middle School counselor Faith Hansen. The retirements of HMS teacher Wayne Skeen and HMS staffer Judy Skeen also were accepted.

The board approved the hiring of Yvonne Golden as driving instructor for the district’s driver’s education program, and Jennifer Blessing as the keyboarding and computer basics instructors at HMS.

Janel VanDyke was hired as the HHS varsity volleyball coach, and Kenny Thomas (boys’ basketball), Jeremy Chamberlain (girls’ basketball) and Toby Johnson (wrestling) all had their contracts renewed.

More moves at HMS include teacher Kelly Schamber moving from a fifth-grade teaching assignment to the sixth grade. Current sixth-grade teacher Craig Pentecost will move into a seventh-grade classroom in the fall.

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✓ Elections: All but one county office to be decided in Tuesday's voting

County also has three mail-in precincts in Three Creek, Pleasant Valley and Riddle. Additionally, absentee voting will be taken at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy.

The Owyhee Avalanche will be published late next week to get final election results in. Election results will be available Tuesday night at www.owyheeavalanche.com.

Incumbent Dick Freund of Murphy faces Joe Merrick of Grand View in the GOP primary for a two-year term as District 3 commissioner. No Democrat is running.

In the District 2 battle for a four-year term, incumbent George Hyer faces a challenge from Mary Tibbett and Kelly Aberasturi.

Democrat Jaymie Mercado of Homedale awaits the winner in the Nov. 2 general election.

Incumbent Charlotte Sherburn seeks her third four-year term in the county clerk's office against the challenge of Debbie Titus in the GOP primary. No Democrat has filed for the seat.

There are no challenges for the nomination in either party for the state legislative races, although District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) will face Buhl Democrat Bill Chisholm in the fall primary.

In the primary for the U.S. Senate seat, incumbent Mike Crapo faces Claude "Skip" M. Davis III in the Republican election, while Democrats Williams Bryk and P. Tom Sullivan are listed in the other primary.

Rep. Walt Minnick (D-Idaho) runs unopposed in his party's primary, but will face whoever survives a crowded Republican primary that features Harley D. Brown, Michael L. Chadwick, Raul R. Labrador, Allan M. Salzberg and Vaughn Ward.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter seeks the GOP nomination against five challengers, including Walt Bayes, Ron "Pete" Peterson, Rex Rammell, Sharon Ullman and Tamara Wells. Keith Allred and Lee R. Chaney Sr. are battling for the Democratic nomination.

Lt. Gov. Brad Little is seeking re-election and faces Steven Dana Pankey and Joshua Blessinger in the Republican primary. The winner will face Democrat Eldon Wallace in November.

Tuesday also marks primaries for secretary of state, state controller, state treasurer, attorney general and state superintendent for public instruction. All Republican incumbents, including former Owyhee County prosecutor Lawrence Wasden in the AG's post, are seeking re-election.

Jim Jones is running unopposed to remain on the Idaho Supreme Court, while John Bradbury is challenging Justice Roger Burdick. All other appellate and district judges are running unopposed in their bid to continue on the bench.

Owyhee County polling places include:

- North Homedale — Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- South Homedale — City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
- North Marsing — Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.
- South Marsing — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W.
- Wilson — Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane
- Murphy — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78
- Oreana — Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road
- Grand View — Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave.
- Bruneau — American Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

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✓ Memorial: Student died in May 2009 shooting

significance of this event, and the importance of their presence."

Students and others raised \$110 for the headstone, which bears Jaramillo's name, birthdate and the day he died.

Marcos Jaramillo's sister Theresa, a senior at Homedale High School, will also attend the dedication.

Asumendi-Mereness will share Marcos' story, and the memorial will end with attendees reciting the Lord's Prayer.

"This has been something that we've wanted to do since the tragic accident," Asumendi-Mereness said. "It is an honor to do this for the Jaramillo family and for our students, especially the seventh grade class."

"We have to accept the fact that Marcos is gone, but most certainly he is not forgotten."

"I am very proud of our students and staff for their efforts in helping us raise the money to buy the headstone," she said. "We could not have done this without the generosity of students, staff, and strangers who gave so freely of their resources."

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lived and that is where he died. His last years were not easy for



him as he had 9 back surgeries. He still kept his positive attitude,

even though he could not stand or walk the last year and 8 months. He grew fond of his caregivers from Guardian Home Health, especially, Chris, his physical therapist. I want to thank all of the caregivers who helped Bob so much. Guardian Hospice was with him at the last — Alex, Vonette & Connie. “Things Bob loved.” His family, flying, his plane, hunting, his guns, dogs, cats, good food (always said thank you at meal time), machinery of all types, trucks, potato chips and spice drops. Bob is survived by his wife

of 61 years and 9 months, Lois, his children, Theda R. Floyd, her husband Kevin, grandchildren, Tony & Terry Chavez, Calif., Tammy and children, Calif., Rob M. Adams & wife Carla, Meridian, Jim B. Adams, fiancée, Brenda Anderson, Caldwell, grandchildren Scott, Mattie Adams, Nampa, sister, Darlene Eler, Vancouver, Wash. Nephew Scott & wife Julie, Dan & Mitch Ramsay, Wash. State. Niece, Sandra & husband Rod Hawker and children, Utah. We will miss you so much, my Love!

Dorothy Irene Coats

Our Mother Dorothy Irene Coats passed away, Sunday May 9 at West Valley Hospital of complications from Parkinson’s disease; she was surrounded by her family. Mom was born in Hominy, Oklahoma on November 7, 1933, to Robert E. and Effie Dennis. The Dennis family moved to Idaho and settled in the Wilder Area. Mom started school in Wilder and graduated from Wilder High School. She married her high school sweetheart William Oscar Coats September 7, 1952. Mom worked for a short time with the county issuing marriage licenses. She went to work for the ASCS office (Canyon County Farm Service Agency) in Caldwell in 1960 and was only there 38 years, retiring in 1997! She really enjoyed working with the farmers in Canyon County, she acquired so many friendships




and was able to see the farms going through the generations of families, Grandfathers may have been Mom’s first clients at ASCS but it was now their Grandchildren she was working with after being there 38 years. Dorothy made lasting friendships with her co-workers, Pat Watkins, Lora Ulrich, Linda McIntyre, and Dorothy Ihli who supported her through her illness, we are so




thankful for you. Mom and Dad lived on Canyon Hill for a short time after they were married. Judy Lynne was born in December of 1957. They moved to Wilder on Dad’s sisters dairy shortly after that where they could be close to Dad’s Mom, built-in babysitter for Judy, and be on the farm. Mom said it was a great time for Judy, but I really don’t think she enjoyed it as

much! They moved to Caldwell on Ash Street in 1962 and Dennis Michael was born in October of 1963. Mom and Dad loved going to Donnelly, both her sisters had cabins there, and it wasn’t long that they purchased a place up there. They especially liked to entertain their Sunday School Class with weekend retreats at the cabin; a lot of good memories were made there with the kids, grandkids and friends. Mom and Dad were always available to keep the grandkids; Judy and Greg had two boys, Nick and Vincent, and just happened to build a house across the street from Grandma and Grandpa, very convenient. Dennis and Danielle had a daughter Kortni, who was smothered with love whenever they were able to visit and stay with Grandma and Grandpa. Dad passed away in Octo-

ber of 1991, suddenly of cancer, Mom had been going to retire in 1992 but Larry Silver talked her into working at the ASCS for a short time which made her career there 38 years. After Mom’s retirement she spent a lot of time going to yard sales and still keeping watch on grandkids. She also worked at school lunch when needed. She decided to make the big move to a different house in 2002, quite a move 3 blocks away, but she loved the Maple house. Mom’s hobbies included doing ironing for her friends (which she said was her “yard sale” fund) and spending hours in the kitchen, always trying a new recipe, we don’t think she ever made anything that wasn’t “wonderful”. Mom would have lunches for her friends, that was what really made her happy was cooking and entertaining. She always had a batch of cookies to be delivered to a friend! Mom traveled with her Sister Neve and Joe, several times back to Branson, to the New England States, a few quick trips to the Oregon coast. Most of all she was the happiest being at home. Mom was diagnosed with Parkinson’s in 2009, she was able to stay at home and be comfortable there. Judy and Dennis want to especially thank Claudia Loomis and Journey’s Hospice for the loving and excellent care you provided for our mother. We could not have survived without your help and understanding. Mom was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Bill, her parents, her brothers Con (Betty) and Leo (Vivian), nephew Bobby Joe Dennis and Brother-in-law, G.W. Vassar. Mom is survived by her son Dennis Coats and granddaughter Kortni Coats, daughter Judy Ralls and husband Jerry Ralls, Grandsons, Nick Giardina and Ashlie Gifford, Vincent Giardina and Angel Short, Konni Ralls Hawkins and Jerry B. Ralls. Great grandchildren Hailey, Connar, Skylar, Megan and Madison. She is also survived by a sister, Neve and Joe Troxel of Parma, Charlene Vassar of Caldwell, nephews, — See *Obituaries*, page 9A



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6 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Weed Management Area, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544 ext 102.

Thursday

Senior center lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

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

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library meeting
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

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.

OCHS membership meeting
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Marsing High School graduation
7 p.m., Marsing High School gymnasium, Main Street, Marsing

Saturday

Ice cream social and silent auction
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Grand View Cruise Car Show
Noon, free, corresponding fundraisers available, near Grand View City Park, Grand View. (208) 834-2765

Rimrock Senior Center fundraiser
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., ice cream social and silent auction, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2419

Monday

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

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale. (208) 442-2220

Tuesday

Election Day
8 a.m. to 8 p.m., throughout Owyhee County

Senior center entertainment
10 a.m., In One Accord performs, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Rimrock quilting group
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St.,

Grand View. (208) 834-2665

Senior citizens dinner
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Thursday, May 27

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

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

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

Senior center lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Friday, May 28

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.

Saturday, May 29

Marsing Gun Club night shoot
For more information, call Tim Dines at 573-3321 or Marty Floyd at 573-3533.

Homedale High School graduation
2 p.m., Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Monday, May 31

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale. (208) 442-2220

Tuesday, June 1

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

Rimrock quilting group
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2665

Senior citizens dinner
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

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

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Homedale library readies tots reading, teen night

The Homedale Public Library has two activities lined up for readers young and not-so-young this week at its 125 W. Owyhee Ave. building.

Storytime this week will feature “Inside, Outside, Upside Down” by Stan & Jan Berenstain. Young readers and listeners are invited to the Friday, 10:15 a.m. event.

One day Brother Bear climbs into a box. The box gets lifted and turned upside down. Then gets taken outside and put on a truck. Will Brother Bear get out of the box and find his way home?

Along with the story, there will be songs, refreshments and crafts.

For more information, phone 337-4228 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Teen night will have the chance to do crafts with a special focus. With graduation right around the corner, participants will have the opportunity to make a homemade card to give to a special graduate.

The program will be held Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Popcorn will be served as a snack. There will be a door prize drawing and a vote for the Survivor book.

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The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold its second round of public meetings to hear comments and input regarding the proposed Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan Revision. The Planning and Zoning Commission and Comprehensive Plan Sub-committee members have completed their work revising the Comprehensive Plan and are eager to hear your input on this very important document. The proposed draft revision is available in the Planning and Zoning Office in Murphy, Homedale City Hall, Marsing City Hall, and Grand View City Hall. You can also find the proposed revised plan on the county web site at www.owyheecounty.net along with the current Comprehensive Plan as well as a copy of the plan that shows all additions and deletions.

The public meetings will be held June 8th, 9th, and 10th, at the following times and locations:

June 8th, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Rimrock High School Auditorium, 39678 State Hwy 78 Bruneau, Idaho

June 9th, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Owyhee County Court House, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho.

June 10th, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Marsing American Legion Community Hall, 126 2nd St. Marsing, Idaho

Your participation in these meetings is critical. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.

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Historical society plans Swan Falls trip

The Owyhee County Historical Society's second field trip of the year will be a tour of the Swan Falls Dam on Saturday.

The dam is open for self-guided tours that day, according to Idaho Power.

The OCHS is taking advantage of Idaho Power's open house at the historical power plant. The century-old dam and power plant are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

To get to the Swan Falls complex, drive 20 miles south on Swan Falls Road from Kuna. The OCHS group will meet at 9 a.m. at the park near the dam.

A potluck lunch is planned after the tour.

There are tables at the park, but participants can bring their favorite dish, table service, drinks and chairs.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

May 19: Chicken tenders or finger steaks, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 20: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, goldfish crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 21: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 24: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 25: Chicken tenders or country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 26: Hamburger or hot dog, potato chips, apple, cookie, milk.

Homedale Middle

May 19: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 20: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 21: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 24: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 25: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
May 26: Cook's choice.

Homedale High

May 19-26: Cook's choice.

Marsing

May 19: Pizza, garden salad, cookie, egg roll, burrito & rice, salad & fruit bar, milk.
May 20: Sloppy Joe, veggie, chicken burger, salad & fruit bar, milk.
May 21: Last day of school. Breakfast only.

Bruneau

May 19: Haystacks, refried beans, corn, cherry crisp, milk.
May 20: Hamburger, fries, veggie, watermelon, milk.
May 21: Pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit, ice cream bar, milk.

Birthdays



Bob Hamilton

Hamilton marks 90th at senior center

Bob Hamilton will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, May 23, 2010, at the Homedale Senior Center.
The celebration takes place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Kelly celebrates with open house

Creighton Kelly and family will mark his 90th birthday this Saturday, May 22, at the home of Mike and Cindy Kelly in Roswell. An open house will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. No gifts are requested, but guests should bring a chair. For directions and questions, contact the Kellys at 722-5752 or 573-2895.

B/GV schools prep for summer food program

Through the Idaho Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs, free meals will be served to Bruneau-Grand View area children Tuesday through Friday from June 1 to June 18:
Grand View Elementary, 205 First Street: Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., snack from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Bruneau Elementary, 28541 Benham Avenue: Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., snack from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Acceptance and participation requirements are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Death notice

SELMAR. GAVIOLA, 85, of Homedale, died Tuesday, May 11, 2010. Services are pending under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel Homedale. 337-3252

Senior menus

Homedale

Each meal includes beverage
May 19: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, beets, roll, beverage
May 20: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, beverage
May 25: Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, roll, beverage
May 26: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, roll, beverage
May 27: Grilled chicken breast, baked potato, beets, roll, beverage

Marsing

May 19: Fish wedges or chef's choice, potato wedges, carrots, peas, tossed salad, orange juice, roll, rice pudding
May 20: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes, beet salad, apricot juice, brown bread, combo delight
May 24: Breakfast to order: bacon & eggs
May 25: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, carrots, cabbage/raisin slaw, orange juice, beets, roll, prunes, oat crunch
May 26: Hamburger w/bun, potatoes, peas, fruit cobbler
May 27: Ham, baked potato, peas, carrot/raisin salad, fruit cobbler

Rimrock

May 20: Chicken Maxim, vegetable sticks, beets, roll, dressing in casserole, ice cream
May 25: Baked ham, baked potato, peas, carrot/raisin salad, roll, apple juice, fruit cobbler
May 27: Chicken fried steak, potatoes/gravy, carrots, apple salad, roll, cookies, ice cream

GV Elementary to issue awards

Grand View Elementary School wraps up the school year with events Friday.
The end-of-year awards assembly takes place at 9 a.m., and the sixth-grade promotion ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m.
Grand View Elementary is located 205 First Street in Grand View.

✓ Obituaries

From Page 6A

Vernon and Kay Dennis, Bob and Judy Troxel, Cindy Vassar, Cecil and Molly Vassar, Jerry and Martha Walbey and several great nephews and nieces.
Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Caldwell First Baptist Church with Pastor Dick Shaw officiating. Interment followed at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell.

Elizabeth Butherus

Elizabeth Butherus, 87, beloved mother, grandmother and sister entered into rest on May 7, 2010 at home, surrounded by family.
Elizabeth was born December 9, 1922 in Liberal, KS to Milla and Harrison Dunn. Elizabeth was the oldest of seven children. When she was seven, the family moved to Colorado and in 1933 during the height of The Great Depression, the family again moved, this time to Idaho. As the oldest, Elizabeth always helped care for her siblings, who loved her dearly.
Elizabeth graduated from Homedale High school in May of 1940. On October 6, 1940 she married her true love and soul mate, Wesley Butherus. From this union three children were born, Sharon, Larry and Judy. During the 1940's, together with her husband, Elizabeth helped to build the first Homedale Seventh Day Adventist Church. In the 1960's, she decided to pursue a career in nursing and became employed at Caldwell Memorial Hospital where she worked until she retired. She made many good friends there and treasured them greatly. Elizabeth loved to travel. Her pride and joy were her children and grandchildren, whom she took on many wonderful and memorable vacations. Elizabeth loved the ocean and her favorite places were the beaches of Hawaii and the Oregon Coast.

Elizabeth is survived by daughters and sons-in-law; Sharon (Roger) Abbott and Judy (Ruben) Garcia, five grandchildren; Tony Abbott, Sherri (Darien) Breach, Erin (Joe) Bullard, Mandi Garcia and Erik Garcia (Nichole Langston); seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; as well as brothers Melvin (Alta) Dunn, Charles Dunn, and sisters Glenice Atkins, Loretta (Larry) McLaughlin, Charlotte (Orrin) Tuttle; and sisters-in-law, Dorothy Dunn, Helen Payne and Sheryl Butherus; and numerous nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Larry, her parents and a brother, Sam Dunn. Elizabeth was a very generous person but especially spoiled her grandchildren. "Gran, we have all the love and respect for you in the world. Words cannot express how grateful we are for the many things you've done for us over the years. We couldn't have made it without you!"
A memorial graveside service in celebration of her life was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.
Condolences may be sent to flahifffuneralchapel.com

Services are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel.
The family would like to give special thanks to their Aunts and cousins and Mom's friends who supported and helped us so much through Mom's illness, we love and appreciate all of you.
In lieu of flowers you may make contributions to the Canyon County Animal Shelter or Journey's Hospice.



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Candidates exchange views at forum

County and state candidates fielded questions and gave overviews of their platforms at a sparsely attended candidates forum Thursday at the Marsing American Legion Community Center. Local candidates stepped up to comment on the relationship between the county commissioners and the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office; a subject alluded to throughout earlier forum appearances by the majority of candidates.

The Owyhee Initiative, the economy, law enforcement and relations with the Bureau of Land Management were subjects addressed by many county candidates.

Candidates and representatives present for the forum were District 23 incumbent state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), District 23 Rep. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls) who spoke for District 23B incumbent Representative Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls), District 23B representative candidate Bill Chisholm (D-Buhl), District 2 County Commissioner George Hyer, District 2 challengers Mary Tibbett and Kelly Aberasturi, District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund and challenger Joe Merrick, County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn and challenger Debbie Titus.

Candidates gave overviews of their experience and qualifications, as well as their expectations for their offices (*see this week’s candidate questionnaires, Page 14A*) and answered questions from the audience and The Owyhee Avalanche.

Candidates offered their views on the commission-OCSO relationship oft addressed in the campaign — what Hyer called “the elephant in the room” — as well as their specific views on communication, law enforcement, county office employee attitudes and funding.

Tibbett said she would like to start a county commission-operated blog that would release information straight to the media. “Right now we have a citizen’s group, a paper and the county commissioners,” Tibbett said. “I can read all three entities and get different stories from each.”

Tibbett, who champions more BLM enforcement on public lands to help law enforcement efforts, also said that the county could save money by having a deputy take over as the county’s Emergency Services Coordinator — a role currently filled by Jim Desmond. Other counties, she said, did so, and doing so would be “\$57,000 saved” that could potentially pay for another deputy for OCSO.

She also said that offering a competitive wage would help to keep deputies in place in the county, perhaps combined with a signing agreement. “I’d like to see a two- to three-year commitment to serve,” after deputies graduated the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training academy,

Tibbett said Merrick — who has also stressed law enforcement as among his primary concerns — said that, without a full understanding of the county budget, he couldn’t offer a decision right away as to how best to fund services as county money tightens.

The District 3 hopeful also expanded on his campaign statements that county offices needed to be friendlier. “I don’t know that there’s any specific complaints ... I’d like people to see smiles (when they enter the county offices) ... to be accessible to the people’s needs.”

Homedale-area candidate Aberasturi expressed some concern over quality of coverage by county law enforcement.

“We are lacking in some areas,” Aberasturi said of law enforcement patrols, pointing to his familiar stomping grounds north of Homedale, and saying that limited hours and deputy availability meant some coverage was limited. He illustrated that by pointing out that a single deputy was assigned to the patrol of the Owyhee County backcountry.

While he said he wasn’t yet in a position to comment on specifics of budgeting for law enforcement, he did say he would be willing to make cuts elsewhere to insure it.

“Yes, I’d be willing to cut other offices,” Aberasturi said. He said he firmly believed that the No. 1 responsibility of government was to protect its citizens. “I’d probably look at Planning and Zoning,” he said, adding that he would “take nothing off the table” when it came to considering cuts.

Aberasturi said he wished to improve county roads, which he described as “deteriorating” and “hodgepodged together”, and wanted to streamline the rules for interested businesses to make the county more attractive to companies looking for a home.

Hyer gave his assessment of communications between the commissioners and the sheriff’s office.

“We have no problems with most of the offices in the county,” Hyer said when asked if communications with the sheriff’s office were a problem. He said that Sheriff Daryl Crandall rarely attended commissioners meetings as other department heads did. “We can’t make him come in. It boils down to personalities.”

Hyer said he believed that Crandall resisted attending commissioners meetings in part because he was afraid that he would be portrayed unfairly in The Owyhee Avalanche.

“I’m not going to tell the sheriff how to run his office,” Hyer said. “In the end, communication will be solved one way or the other.”

Hyer also floated an idea to have a non-business commissioners meeting monthly or bimonthly that would move its location between Homedale, Marsing, Grand View or Bruneau, subject to whether there was interest in

such a community-information meeting and whether such a meeting could be legally held under Idaho Code. (*When a quorum of commissioners gathers outside a scheduled county commission meeting — which by law must be held at the county seat — it is illegal under Idaho Code for them to discuss any county business — Ed.*)

Freund also said the county was receiving effective law enforcement coverage, though he mentioned concerns when “several experienced officers left or were fired” when Crandall took office. Freund said he had been told that ‘Owyhee County is a training post for law enforcement.’

“That’s not true,” Freund said of that generalization. “They’re effective law enforcement. They’re doing a great job and they’re trying hard.”

“I’ve worked with the sheriff as hard as I can,” he said of the interoffice relationship.

Some candidates touched on the Owyhee Initiative and its effects in varying depth, and questions from the audience indicated some curiosity about what the county was gaining from the legislation.

Tibbett said the relationship between the BLM and the county had to be improved, and said the process of signage on roads in and around the wilderness areas had been slowed by the commissioners and recent legal action (in a challenge won by the BLM) over specific road closures. Hyer and Freund both said that relations with the BLM were not argumentative “though we don’t always agree,” Freund said. The challenge Tibbett referenced was connected with the Murphy Travel Management Plan (TMP) — a document mandated by the Initiative, but not actually part of the wilderness designation and public/private land-swap process on the Owyhee Front that is mandated in the body of the Initiative.

Tibbett indicated that she had spoken with ATV and equine recreationists on the possibility of a voluntary use fee to help pay some of the costs associated with the Owyhee Front, and that responses had been very positive.

Hyer and Tibbett both said the Owyhee Initiative was important to the county as a structure within which it was possible to ensure continued use of public lands for recreation and grazing, though Tibbett said the BLM was already the lead organization for ensuring public use, be it mining, grazing or recreation.

“If we lose one cattleman, we’ll lose them like flies,” Hyer warned of environmentalist legal challenges to grazing under the Initiative. That, he said, would immediately eat into the tax base of the county, for which cattle are still one of the largest income generators.

— MML

HPD upgrades Tasers, sells old ones to OCSO

The county’s two law enforcement agencies have completed a deal involving non-lethal weaponry.

During Wednesday’s Homedale City Council meeting, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller reported that he had sold four Taser units to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office for a total price of \$1,600. The proceeds were used to finance the purchase of five newer units for HPD, the chief said.

Sheriff Daryl Crandall confirmed the purchase.

“(OCSO bought these) so that, God forbid, we get into a lethal-force situation, we cannot use lethal force but (are) able to use less-than-lethal technology and not kill someone,” Crandall wrote in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche.

“Think of what this will save us in defending lawsuits and psychological costs of both the family of the person killed but (also) of the officer that has to use deadly force. This is a win-win situation for both the county and the people.”

During a discussion about the purchase with Councilman Tim Downing, Eidemiller said it’s unclear if the manufacturer will continue to service the older units sold to OCSO and that he was offered a trade-in of \$150 each by Taser toward the purchase of the new models.

HPD spent a total of \$4,000 for five new Tasers. Downing questioned the purchase during the meeting, at which time Eidemiller explained that only \$2,400 had come out of his fiscal year 2010 allotment, while the balance was derived from the deal with the sheriff’s office.

“The bottom line of my budget wasn’t affected,” the chief said.

Idaho Code requires a written agreement between the two agencies involved in government-to-government transfer of personal property. Eidemiller said that step never has been taken in past transactions between HPD and OCSO. He said he discussed the Taser sale with Downing, Councilman Aaron Tines and Mayor Harold Wilson outside of

a council meeting. He also said he consulted with county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery as well as staff from the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program.

“There is no law that specifically mandates how cities get rid of surplus property,” Eidemiller said. “The council was aware of it. I just need them to ratify it.” The council OK’d the bill Wednesday.

Emery said that Crandall had discussed the deal with the Board of County Commissioners.

“From the county’s perspective, this was a legitimate acquisition because we acquired them at a fair price and they met all the protocol to make sure that they were functional,” Emery said.

Eidemiller said he has two older Tasers remaining and that OCSO may buy them when funding becomes available.

Eidemiller said the move was a sound financial decision because of the cost of rechargeable batteries for the older Tasers. The newer models do not require expensive rechargeables, which had cost the city \$75 per year per unit in the past.

The chief also said that the sale made sense for his department because of technological upgrades and the uncertainty of whether the manufacturer would continue to service the older models.

“The technology is better, the tracking is better, and the accountability (of the weapon) is 10 times better than before,” Eidemiller said. “Taser would not commit to whether they would discontinue service on the old ones.”

Downing’s concern was the council wasn’t made aware of the purchase before the bill showed up.

“If the council says that on any expenditure over \$400 (they) want to talk about it, I’ll do that,” Eidemiller said.

Council president Dave Downum suggested that the adoption of such a policy be discussed with deliberations for the FY 2011 budget, which begin next month.

— JPB

Oregon motorcyclist injured on U.S. 95

A 39-year-old Oregon man, James E. Edick, was injured on Friday at about 4 p.m. when he collided with a semi truck.

Both vehicles were northbound, and the truck was turning west onto Market Road from U.S. Highway 95; the motorcyclist struck the truck while attempting to pass it on the left.

The rider was transported by Life Flight to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with injuries to his right foot, which was crushed during the

accident. Homedale Ambulance’s Teresa Ryska, who responded to the accident, said the man must have had a guardian angel.

After the bike’s impact with the semi on the driver’s-side step mounted on the left diesel tank, the rider slid completely under the truck, finishing up on its passenger side.

U.S. 95 was blocked and traffic forced to detour for approximately one hour. Homedale Ambulance, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Homedale Police responded.



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BLM contest seeks photographs of Owyhees

Local photographers can enter the best of their spring and summer photos in a contest sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, and winners will be used in the Owyhee and Bruneau River Systems Boater Guide or on BLM Web sites.

Contestants may enter up to two photos in each of the five categories; The Owyhee, Bruneau, or Jarbidge Wild and Scenic Rivers; Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas Scenery; Wildlife, Fish, or Botany; Outdoor Recreation Adventure; and “Old School” Outdoor Recreation Adventure (1960-1990) and Historic photos (pre-1960s).

Photos must be taken on or of BLM-managed public lands in the Owyhee Canyonlands

of Owyhee County, Malheur County, or Elko County. Pictures must have been taken within the last three years, with the exception of the “Old School” Outdoor Adventure and Historic photos category.

The BLM asks that entries include name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and category selected on the back of each photo, or on an accompanying note card.

Entries must be mailed or delivered to the Boise District Office of the BLM, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID, 83705, no later than Aug. 27.

For more information contact David Draheim at the Boise District BLM, David_Draheim@blm.gov, (208) 384-3358.

SRV firefighters sought

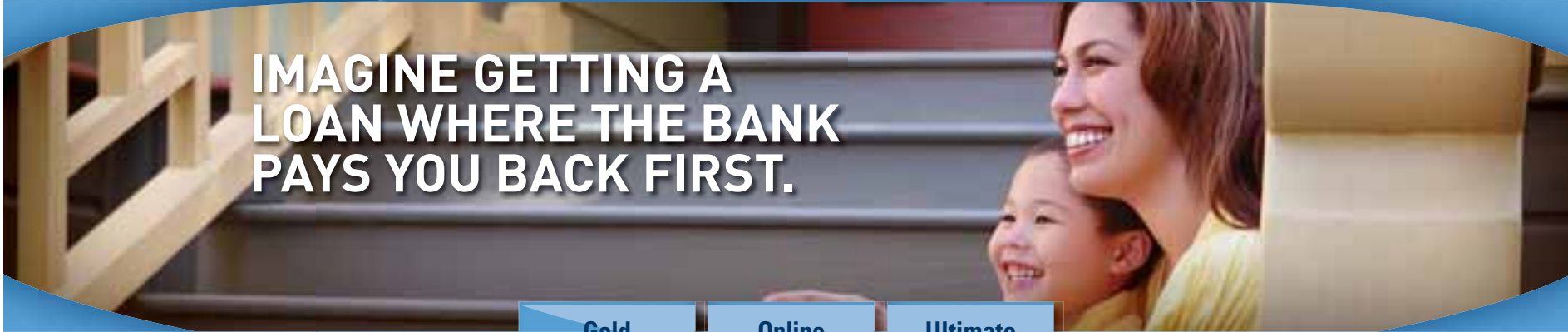
A Bureau of Land Management Vale office release highlighted the need for firefighters for the 2010 fire season. Approximately 100 new Snake River Valley Firefighters will be trained this year, according to the release.

Interested firefighters need to apply and pick up their application at the Ontario Employment

Department located at 375 SW 2nd Ave. Ontario, Oregon. Applications will not be available at any other locations, the BLM warned.

The application deadline is June 2, or when 100 positions have been filled, whichever comes first. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

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DISTRICT 2

George Hyer, incumbent

Age: 53
Occupation: Farmer, Owyhee County commissioner
Family: Wife, Dolly; 7 children
Years residing in county and in which town(s): Lifelong Owyhee County resident in Homedale area. “Fifth-generation Westerner with conservative roots.”
Political or civic involvement/experience: Incumbent District 2 commissioner; member, Owyhee County Rodeo Board and Homedale FFA advisory board. Previously served on Homedale school board atnd as 20-year member of Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse (president, 2 years); county commissioner 20 years ago.
Qualifications for political office: “My 30-some years of civic involvement on various boards has made me highly qualified to be an Owyhee County commissioner.”



Kelly Aberasturi, challenger

Age: 51
Occupation: Self-employed in farming industry
Family: Wife, Robin; 8 children; 11 grandchildren
Years residing in county and in which town(s): More than 36 in Opa-line and Homedale. Owyhee County native
Political or civic involvement/experience: Fair board member for four years, currently chairman; Txoko Ona board member for two years, currently president; Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Council president, two years; Homedale Booster Club with years volunteering to help at school, sports functions and fundraisers; operating/owning a business for past 20 years, nine of which I managed a multi-million dollar business with over 70 employees; now self-employed, KRA Enterprises, LLC as a farm mechanic, equipment operator, seasonal trucking business and chemical application.
Qualifications for political office: “My leadership experience on the various boards and employment positions I have held have given me the experience I need to be an asset to the Board of Commissioners for Owyhee County. Solving problems, listening to issues, gathering ideas and working towards acceptable resolutions have been a key part in my success in these roles. My current positions on The Txoka Ona Board and the Fair Board, is most important in establishing my leadership skills, as in each case, I was selected to lead by the other Board members.”



Mary Tibbett, challenger

Age: 52
Occupation: Owner/operator, Homedale Men’s Hairshack, 14 years
Family: 3 sons, 2 grandchildren
Years residing in county and in which town(s): 33 years, Marsing since 1975 in Homedale since 1996.
Political or civic involvement/experience: Active with Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Homedale; served 10 years as Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade superintendent; 8 years as 4-H Leader; past member, Beta Sigma Phi sorority; current Homedale Chamber of Commerce member; current member and officer, Idaho Drill Team Assoc. (12 years)
Qualifications for political office: “I am a successful small business owner. I have a diverse understanding of the issues in and around the community. I have the intelligence and drive to implement proper procedures in keeping this County running effectively and efficiently. I have held many different offices in several associations and organizations. I have organized fundraisers, lead teen groups, taught adult education in my church for 6 years and 4 years for the St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center ICU clinic for BSU. I am a team player and ride with the Owyhee Nite Dazzlers Drill Team.”



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Why are you running for office?

Hyer: I am running for re-election because I have only been in office for 16 months and there is much left to do in the county to insure the betterment of our citizens. I am fully “up to speed” on critical issues facing our county.
Aberasturi: I am running to bring an open, honest and respectful form of government back to the People of Owyhee County.
Tibbett: I was asked to. And No was not an option.
Freund: I am running for office because I care about Owyhee County and its residents. I like people and I genuinely care about their problems. Given the current financial climate in this county, state and country I believe it would be unwise to turn over the reins to someone who has no experience and who admittedly knows nothing about the budgeting process or county government.
Merrick: I feel the people of this county need a listening ear and a voice in county government.

What are the positive aspects of the county?

Hyer: As an Owyhee County native, I believe this is the best place to live and raise a family. People here still wave at each other. The county employees are a hard-working group of people, set on the betterment of the county. With our small towns and rural areas, being a citizen of this county is quite enjoyable.
Aberasturi: The people of Owyhee County, first and foremost! They are hard working people that don’t want excuses for a job not getting done. Their values, ideals and work ethic are what makes them great.
Tibbett: 1) The people and their common sense values. 2) This county is the doorstep to the greatest hunting and fishing in the nation.
Freund: I think that the residents of Owyhee County are one of its strongest assets. They seem to care about each other and want to help solve problems. The youth of our county continually impress me. They work hard, become involved in community projects and I am amazed and proud of the numbers who go on to get a college degree. They will be the community leaders in the years to come. Over the years I have worked with educators throughout the county and I believe they are some of the best in the state. Also, I believe our county employees are unsurpassed. They work hard to help everyone they come in contact with. We have an excellent road system and maintenance program that continues to do more with less.
Merrick: Owyhee County is a great place to raise a family and we can make it even better. The county has a lot of beautiful places to see and visit. They need to be accessible but not abused and private property has to be respected.

How many county commission meetings have you attended in the past year?

How many in your time in the county?

Hyer: Since taking office on Jan. 12, 2009 up until the present day, I have only missed two commissioners meetings, one for the funeral of a close family friend and the other for personal surgery.
In all of my time in the county I am not sure of the exact number of meetings, but I have always read the minutes of the commissioners meetings published in the paper.
Aberasturi: 25 or so in the past year; 35 or so while in the county.
Tibbett: None in the last year. Two while in the county. I keep up on the issues by reading the minutes of every meeting. I believe I understand the issues better than most. I also don’t think my presence has been necessary. They are taking care of the county business. I am my own sole income. To take the time off and run up to Murphy costs my customers and me. When I get elected, I will attend the meetings this fall, and remain up to speed on the issues. After I am elected, I want to assure my customers that I will still be in the shop.
Freund: In the last year: I have attended approximately 60 commissioner meetings plus an unknown number of coordination meetings, power line, weed, initiative etc. meetings. During time in the county: I have attended hundreds including the various meetings above.
Merrick: I have attended weekly since February with a few exceptions. I also went to commissioner meetings regularly while attending to the fair board finances and issues during my tenure serving on the Owyhee county fair board.

What would you like to improve about the county?

How would you go about accomplishing that?

Hyer: Being a large county, I would like to see better involvement of the commissioners with the various towns in the county. With Murphy as the county seat, it is a long way from either end of the county. I would like to see the commissioners hold several meetings throughout the year at various towns throughout the county allowing easier access to county citizens.
Aberasturi: I would like to see the people of the county be heard, be listened to. Their concerns have not always been addressed and their questions have not been answered. To improve this, I believe that there should be more open forums and input from the citizens. When a difficult decision is made, I believe that the response to the people should be an explanation as to why the decision was made (when at all possible). They may not agree, but they will know why something was done a specific way. The communication between the citizens and the County government is critical.
Tibbett: I would like to see all workers, elected officials and its citizens communicate better. Rather than assume with misunderstandings that only lead to assumptions that are detrimental to getting the business done in the county. We are all in this mess together. We are all going to have to pull together to get us out. Improved and effective communication is the key to getting things moving better. My openness and accessibility to the citizens will greatly improve many misconceptions that are currently hindering our county government.
Freund: I would like to see growth in our eastern communities and I believe the new F-35 program at Mt. Home AFB will help provide that growth as local leaders and residents welcome it. Growth stimulates the economy for everyone. Local businesses and service providers benefit as the tax base grows. Every weekend we have hundreds of visitors who come to Owyhee County to boat, fish, explore, ride and recreate. We need to develop a plan that will turn these visitors into jobs and revenue producers for our local economy.
Merrick: I would like to make it easier to bring in more business into our county. I will look at Planning and Zoning to see what we can do to make it more economical and friendlier for the public.

What are the most crucial issues facing the county?

How would you address them?

Hyer: In my opinion, there are three critical issues facing the county: the down-turned economy and its effects on the county budget, the Owyhee Initiative, and the Gateway and Boardman-to-Hemingway power lines.
On facing the down-turned economy, we must diligently manage our county finances and be accountable to the citizens of Owyhee County on the budget.
On the Owyhee Initiative, we must make sure that the commissioners work with the Owyhee Initiative board, ranchers

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On the power lines, the commissioners have been involved with this since I have taken office. We have worked as a team to insure that these power lines will be placed on public ground, not private ground. We have spent countless hours and meetings on this issue.

Aberasturi: The upcoming budget shortfalls are going to be the most difficult things to deal with at the county level. First, the funding of the sheriff’s department must be adequate to protect and serve. I would look to streamlining processes within the departments to cut costs, just as you would in the private sector.

Tibbett: 1) The budget. I have gone over the budget and have many questions. 2) Are all that are on our payroll productive and useful to the county? 3) Freeze all pay raises. 4) Put a stop to frivolous and unnecessary spending.

Freund: Owyhee County has always been a farming and ranching community but we are fast becoming “bedroom” communities for those who work out of town. We are attractive to retirees and those who live on fixed incomes. Local community leaders need to decide what type of industry/business is necessary to support this type of growth and then work to bring it here. We need to support our local businesses to keep them here so we don’t have to drive 20 to 50 miles to buy paint or bolts or groceries or gas.

Merrick: Budget and Public Safety. I will research all facts, all avenues, and listen to your ideas.

Given the economic downturn and anticipated reduction in property values, what challenges will the county face and how will you tackle them?

Hyer: If each department head manages their current budget correctly, we should be fine during this fiscal year. For the 2011 budget, we are going to have to be very fiscally conservative and take a hard look at each and every expense. We know that there will be a reduction in property values, but at this time we are not sure how drastic they will be.

Aberasturi: Funding for the County is of course going to be the most critical. With the current economy and our citizens in the midst of this downturn, it is difficult to go to them to increase taxes to cover expenses. Our citizens are tightening their own household budgets to get thru this and I would expect that at the County level, we would be doing the same. I would look at cutting governmental non-essential services first.

Unfortunately, it may be necessary to make some difficult decisions about things that won’t be funded for the upcoming fiscal year. In the private sector, it is not at all uncommon right now for employees to be working shortened work weeks, staggered hours to cover offices, etc. Some of the smaller county offices around Idaho have gone to a 4 day work week to cut expenses. I know that these decisions will be tough to make, but we are faced with difficult times and must make the same choices that our constituents are making.

Tibbett: Assessments are based on sales. Assessments are not going down as fast as the price of properties. Since the banks have not freed up money to loan, sales are slow. Sales are up some, but reflect 2003 prices. “Quick sales” which do not reflect the actual market value of homes will reduce the value of your home. Your taxes are based on the levy, and I hope to, and will work for no change. I will look for and encourage business’s that are compatible and beneficial to our citizens to locate in Owyhee County. These businesses’s will help the tax base, and bring jobs to the County. I believe the new indoor arena that is being built in Homedale is an excellent example of the type businesses that we would like to see more of. I will look into and encourage mining in Owyhee County. The mine on War Eagle is another example that shows Owyhee County can be a leader in working towards mining our own resources and getting our unemployed back to work.

Freund: We have been dealing with the revenue shortfall for better than 2 years now. The board has cut the fat out of department budgets and has not raised property taxes. If services and programs are desired at the current levels and quality employees are to be kept, taxes may have to be raised, spending will have to be watched very closely and we will have to ensure new hires are the best quality employees on the market. Planning and zoning will be crucial to encouraging residential and business growth stay close to the existing communities so services won’t have to be stretched thinner throughout the county.

Merrick: The county budget will be one of the biggest challenges we face at this time. I am a farmer and a businessman. I have served on the fair board and currently on the school board. These experiences have taught me how to be efficient and make tough decisions.

What ideas do you have to compensate for dwindling state revenue streams?

Hyer: Again, the best way to compensate for dwindling revenue streams is to be diligently accountable on the budgets. Every dollar that we can save on the current 2010 budget is a dollar that will help us on the 2011 budget. It is likely that we will need to tap into the PILT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) trust account. Even though this is not desirable, it may be necessary. This account was set up by former commissioners initially to build a new courthouse.

Aberasturi: Did not answer

Tibbett: To compensate for these reductions, which are inevitable, I’d like to see a use fee in accordance with the Omnibus Federal Land Policy Management Plan of 2009. I have spoken with our State representative Stephen Hartgen, our Sheriff, and several other individuals that would like to

see this happen. The motorcycle clubs and equestrian clubs/riders that use the established park and ride areas are willing to look into this also. They do not want to lose the use of the Owyhees to special interest groups that don’t want to see anyone using the Owyhees. The burden the OFLPM will put on the county and our volunteer first- responders (fire and ambulance) and backcountry patrol will need to be compensated. Four ATV accidents reported in the paper a few weeks ago prove this point.

Freund: I believe our employees are doing an excellent job of screening applications for medical indigence assistance to ensure only those who legally qualify receive help. The state is looking at a plan to have all applications screened by an independent medical authority to ensure

What are your stances on the following issues facing the county?

• Growth and how to deal with it

Hyer: At the present time, there is very little growth in our county. We have an excellent group of citizens who sit on our Planning and Zoning board. When growth returns, the county will be in a strong position to support it. To do this, we will need more law enforcement as well as fire and ambulance services; we are working to update our 911 system and making sure that response units have the necessary equipment to fulfill their needs and purposes.

Aberasturi: Growth is good for our communities. It can mean more jobs being created and a larger tax base. Having a quality comprehensive plan in place is most important to

successful growth in our county. Review of the existing plan should be foremost on the commissioner’s minds. We need to focus on planned growth where we have the infrastructure already in place.

Tibbett: We need effective and positive planning and zoning boards. We need to look for businesses that are compatible with the citizens of Owyhee County and our way of life. Private property rights are a hot topic. Each issue has its own different circumstances. Since I hear and associate with a wide range of individuals, in my line of work, I will be able to bring to the table a broad view

DISTRICT 3

Dick Freund, incumbent

- **Age:** 61
- **Occupation:** Owyhee County Commissioner, retired peace officer
- **Family:** Wife, Lynda; 5 children
- **Years residing in county and in which town(s):** Homedale, 20; Murphy, 13



• **Political or civic involvement/experience:** Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff’s Posse, Homedale School Board, Homedale Police reserve, BLM Resource advisory committee, DEQ Basin advisory group, IAC Public lands committee

• **Qualifications for political office:** 3-plus years as an Owyhee County Commissioner, Chief Deputy Sheriff for 9 years where I worked on budgets, schedules, hire employee relations, met with commissioners in absence of sheriff, Deputy sheriff 14 years working with the public to solve many different types of problems.

Joe Merrick, challenger

- **Age:** 57
- **Occupation:** Farmer and businessman
- **Family:** Wife, Verla; 6 children and 14 grandchildren
- **Years residing in county and in which town(s):** 50 years: Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana



• **Political or civic involvement/experience:** 4-H leader for 18 years; Owyhee County Fair board member for 13 years, 3 years as chairman; Boy Scout leader; and currently serving on District No. 365 School Board.

• **Qualifications for political office:** I have operated my farm and business successfully for 35 years. I have experienced both financial feast and famine. Operating a farm, being chairman of the fair board, and currently serving on the school board, has given me broad budgeting experience. Through the years of living and serving in Owyhee county, I have been able to meet, work, and become acquainted with many great people.

procedures requested and performed are indeed medically necessary. Owyhee County plans to participate in this program if it is developed. We use liquor tax revenue to pay college tuition assistance to those residents attending a State Jr. College. We are required by law to pay a small amount each semester if there isn’t a Jr. College in our county. Currently we have a surplus in this fund which should carry us through the short years we are experiencing. We are restricted by state law on how much we can raise taxes and if we raised property taxes to the maximum it would not help because of the reduction in property values.

Merrick: I would like to look into user fees for recreation, motor cross, boating, etc. I hope we can increase tax base by inviting new business.

of what the people would like to see. Each issue brought before the BOCC, while I’m on it, will not have a final decision without full input from ALL concerned.

Freund: I believe controlled growth is good. By controlled I don’t mean limiting who can relocate to the county but where they can relocate within the county. I believe new developments, subdivisions etc., need to be near existing communities so existing infrastructure can support it. It becomes a burden on all taxpayers when

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development is allowed anywhere without consideration given to available emergency services, medical, food sources etc.

Merrick: Growth isn’t going to stop. We need to manage growth so it fits the needs of everyone involved. I am a problem solver.

• **County road maintenance**

Hyer: The county is divided into different road districts: Homedale Highway District, Gem Highway District and Three Creek highway district. These districts all have their own road commissioners. The rest of the county is divided into: District 1 and District 3.

The county commissioners from each of these two districts are in charge of the roads in their district. Each district has a lead supervisor and a small crew to maintain the roads. The crews are very conscientious and dedicated in their work.

As the District 2 commissioner, I am in charge of the solid waste, but I am still involved in all decisions affecting our county’s road system. An example is that we just hired a new supervisor for District 1, but all three commissioners were involved in the process of hiring this person.

Aberasturi: Our roads have been deteriorating over the years and it seems that we have not had the funds to address this issue. It cannot continue to be put on the back burner, but long term planning should be in place to begin to address sections as we are financially able.

Tibbett: The State is proposing a consolidation of the road districts/boards. I believe the elected boards we have should stay in place and be pro-active. An appointed board by the Governor could possibly take the County out of the equation or in turn, dump the whole situation in the Commissioners lap. I haven’t seen the written proposal by the Governor but I believe the elected personnel on the current boards, that live and work in their perspective districts will be more pro-active in reporting and solving problems. Owyhee County has many miles of roads. If it becomes an issue, that the state will not provide the funds to support these boards, and that our road districts are cut we could lose some personnel. These boards will need to count on citizens to alert them to issues that need to be addressed. A consolidated board, with one member from each of the districts, may be what the County will need to do, based on limited funds.

Freund: There are currently 5 separate highway taxing districts and 3 community road maintenance programs in Owyhee County. We recently developed a highway/road construction manual so all roads in the county are built to the same standards. This includes roads in new subdivisions that may some day be taken over by the local highway district. Additionally, we are designing a developmental impact fee program that will require new developments to pay a fee to offset the costs of additional emergency services etc. from the current county tax payers.

Merrick: We have to be careful not to let our infrastructure collapse.

• **The Owyhee Initiative and its implementation**

Hyer: The Owyhee Initiative had been worked on for the past eight years. It was passed into law in March 2009. I had only been in office a couple of months. I had to come up to speed on this topic very quickly.

When the O.I. was passed into law, it was done by a Congress controlled by the Democrats. Because of this, the O.I. agreement was not included into the bill. We, the commissioners, are working with (Sen. Mike Crapo) and the O.I. board to make sure that the issues in the agreement are implemented. We sit on the O.I. board, and in my opinion are very important to the O.I. board because we can have government-to-government coordination with the BLM. Doing this insures that our ranchers and citizens will receive the benefits and goals that they were promised. This is a very difficult subject to understand. One of my opponents asked me to explain this, and I was willing to do this.

Aberasturi: The Initiative is a good thing for the people of Owyhee County. Without it, the Federal Government was going to designate parts of Owyhee County as a

monument which would have left everyone on the outside. With the Initiative, we are able to retain that public access, with those affected gaining some compensation. This is very important for money coming in to our county by way of recreational activities, as well as important for us to be able to access the areas we treasure. I commend those who spent their time and effort getting this initiative accomplished. I will work to make sure that the promised compensation gets distributed.

Tibbett: There is no Owyhee Initiative any more. The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 is the Law, signed into law on March 30, 2009, by President Obama. In that land law there are aspects that will directly affect the county and the increased use of the Owyhees, that we still consider “outside the wilderness areas. The wilderness areas will be overseen by the BLM. The “Owyhee Front” is to be mapped and a trail management plan (TMP) for this area done in one year from the date it was signed. In 3 years after the initial date the rest of the County will have the same TMP done. This mapping is to have the input of the Secretary of the Interior, County, BLM and the Shoshone Paiute tribes. I have answered above, the question of use fees. These fees are to be collected on OHV use, ATV use, and equestrian users. If there is something in this law that the county cannot live with, an amendment can be submitted to change the law. I have talked to many different groups about this. I will continue to explain the OPLMA and what it will mean for us and to us.

Freund: The Owyhee Initiative was over 8 years in development. It is the standard that states, counties and communities throughout the country will continue to use to develop agreements between the federal government and local, tribal, environmental, recreational and other groups for use of federal lands and waterways. Implementation of the law will take several more years of hard work to keep the federal government on task. Funding will continue to be an issue with the state of the national economy. The county commissioners and local tribes are vital to this process as they work with the BLM on a government to government basis. One of the most important elements of the initiative implementation will be science review and development of a science center in Owyhee County to ensure scientific studies used by the federal government in decision making are current, sound and specific to our area.

Merrick: The Owyhee Initiative is law. I will work with the implementation of the initiative so it will benefit everyone involved.

• **Ever-tightening budget**

Hyer: Again, all departments have to make sure that expenses are absolutely necessary to the county. They need to take a hard look at where they can cut costs but still maintain efficiency. It used to be that pennies counted when saving money, and it still needs to be that way.

Aberasturi: In running a business that had its own ups and downs in a very difficult economy, we focused on cutting expenses and overhead, reducing hours when necessary. We must also work to bring in new businesses and promote growth in the county to increase our tax base. Things like small industrial opportunities would be important in creating employment opportunities inside the county. Tourism revenue needs to be pursued as well. We have some beautiful things to offer in our County!

Tibbett: In the county I will be looking into personnel, that are not productive and collecting a salary. Their work can be done by someone already on or in the system that is just as qualified. Frivolous spending will cease. We are all going to have to pull our weight until this economy turns around. I will look for and encourage businesses or construction that comes into the County to offset the deficit funds from the State and Federal monies. The school situation and the reduction of teachers salaries and the loss of teachers, is another hurdle the State and Counties are going to have to deal with. I would like to see consolidation of superintendents. I believe the school systems are top heavy in management and need to slim down. The county schools have started task force committees to look into what can or should be cut.

Freund: It will be painful but the only viable option to

the county is to cut non-essential programs, however, I am an optimist. I believe we will come out of this current financial downturn stronger and more cohesive as a county government. I believe it will take some time but property will begin to sell, values will increase and jobs will be created by this growth. People will have to be patient; the federal government has to stop sucking the life out of the citizens with increasing taxes, free programs and unfunded mandates. Local government is the only form of government that will solve local problems.

Merrick: Previously addressed.

• **Law enforcement**

Hyer: In my opinion, law enforcement is the most critical of all departments in the county. We are currently looking at updating the entire 911 emergency system. We have put a group of citizens on a committee to recommend and give input as to what kind of systems should be purchased. These citizens were all nominated by their various fire and ambulance districts throughout the entire county. They have worked diligently to insure that county funds will be wisely spent to update the 911 system.

The deputies put in long hours to protect and serve, but unfortunately with the ever-tightening budget they have had to sacrifice wages with every other county employee during these tough times. When the economy turns around and necessary funds become available, this will be the very first issue addressed and taken care of.

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for the fine work that these brave men and women do to keep my family and all of yours safe and protected in these tough times.

Aberasturi: Law Enforcement is the primary role of the government, protection of the people. While trimming the County budget as necessary, we must make sure that the law enforcement services are not jeopardized. We must create better communication between the Commissioner Board and the Sheriff’s Department. We must remain sufficiently staffed to protect and serve the people of Owyhee County. It is also my expectation that the Sheriff’s office is fiscally conservative during this crunch time.

Tibbett: 1) I will require the Sheriff and or a deputy to attend all BOCC meetings. The Sheriff or an appointed deputy, will be put at the top of the agenda and excused after his report and questions answered. 2) I’d like to see a policy made by the board and ok’d by the sheriff’s department that requires all new recruits, that the county pays for their POST training, sign a contract of commitment to the county. They should stay and work in the county to help offset the cost of their POST training. 3) I would like to see the communication improve from the Sheriff’s office to the community. I’d like to see the misunderstandings explained not misconstrued as an attack on the Sheriff. This will require the Sheriff to be more active in his communication to the BOCC and to the community, which will help with the communication deficit. 4) I would like to see the BLM range manager deputized for the county. He is currently deputized by every county around us, but not in Owyhee? These are old misconceptions about his qualifications. He is a well educated officer. He packs a drug and security dog. He is also a resident of Owyhee County, and plans to raise his family here. He currently assists our out-back deputy now, and every local police department. If you haven’t met him, stop and talk to him! He’s there for you, the citizens of this county.

Freund: Approximately 25% of the county budget is used by the sheriff’s office and the jail. There are constant demands on law enforcement from outside entities such as boaters, hikers, trail riders, hunters, rock crawlers, geo-cashers and more. We have 1 back country deputy to cover over 6000 square miles. We need more. We need more training, better equipment, and more money to fund them. Unfortunately there is no more; in fact there is less so we have to manage what money we do have and make it stretch farther until the economy turns around. I believe in strong pro-active law enforcement. I believe in using the assets you have wisely and working hard to do the most with what you have.

— See *Commissioners Q&A*, next page

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COMMENTARY

Vote smart in county elections — ask questions

The May 25 primary is upon us, and it’s time to vote, and vote smart.

Picking a candidate needs the same attention you give to picking a new truck or a home entertainment system; and that’s not meant ironically. Some people will compare, contrast, look at reviews and read up on a sound system with more attention than they apply to choosing an elected representative who will deal with millions of dollars of tax money. We may ask our friends what they think of their new F-250, but we’ll read the specs on our own and test drive before we buy. A candidate is a bit more important than a truck, and may cost you more in the long run.

At the sparsely attended Marsing candidates forum Thursday, District 23b Representative candidate Bill Chisholm encapsulated the issue of voter apathy neatly, saying that the country needed a Bill of Responsibilities to go along with the Bill of Rights. Candidates have a

responsibility to know the issues. So do voters.

The candidates answered tough questions, spoke openly, and helped inform the choices of the voters present at the forum. They agreed on some things, disagreed on others and were willing and able to explain their stances.

It would have been nice to have seen 10 times as many people packed in to hear and question, but it’s not too late. All the candidates have stressed their accessibility. All are serious in their belief that they are the best choice



Michael Lane, reporter

for the jobs. All can be reached by phone, e-mail or a knock on their door. They’re in the phone book, on the county Web site, and just down the street from each of us.

Sit down, decide what’s important to you and your family and ask those questions without fear. You won’t upset a candidate worth their salt with a tough question. In fact, it might help them solidify or alter their own opinion — or your own.

They need to hear from you as much as you need to hear from them.

This primary has a special meaning for me, as I’ll be spending the next three years unable to vote while working toward my Canadian citizenship. Trust me, you don’t know how important that right and responsibility is until you no longer have it.

It takes work to vote smart, but since when has anything worthwhile been free?

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

✓ Commissioners Q&A

From previous page

Merrick: Public safety is very important and the commissioners need to communicate and work together with the Sheriff for the benefit of the public. Communication is imperative.

Specific issues that need addressed

Hyer: Being a county commissioner is a full-time job. We receive phone calls and e-mails continuously from the public. There are always concerns and issues to be dealt with, and we spend a lot of time doing research to give knowledgeable answers and sound advice. We attend multiple meetings throughout the week with Bureau of Land Management, interoperable communications and Idaho Power. Many of these meetings are held in Ada County and take a great deal of commitment and time from already busy schedules.

Aberasturi: I have had numerous citizens of the County complain about Planning and Zoning. I believe that from the perspective of the people, this is something that needs to be addressed. I would work to review the current Planning and Zoning Plan to determine if there are changes that need to be addressed. We need to work to change these negatives to positives. By listening to the concerns of the people, we may find that we need to make changes to the existing plan.

Tibbett: The Commissioners need to be a working group that works for its citizens. We need to understand that we are spending your money, not ours. That you the public have a say in all that we do. That your opinions count. With this glooming economy, we need to look to its citizens and make sure we are doing the will of its people not our will.

Freund: Did not answer

Merrick: We need to find ways to get more public involvement on issues needing input.

How do you gauge how the county government has been run?

What changes need to be made?

Hyer: In my opinion the county has been running fairly smoothly and we have been able to address the issues which have faced us. By and large, the county departments have managed to work well together as a team. During this campaign season 99 percent of the people I have personally spoken to have been pleased with the way the commissioners have led the county.

Aberasturi: Overall, I would rate it a fair. Most of the complaints that I am hearing around the county is that the

people’s concerns are not being heard. We need to make sure the Board of Commissioners is listening. We may not always be able to implement the changes of specific individuals, but we must make explanation as to why something is the way it is. The closed door conversations and private meetings do not promote an atmosphere of trust. I believe that currently, the most frustrating thing for our citizens is the lack of communication that is coming from their county representatives.

Tibbett: On a scale of 1-10. I give it a 5. There are several areas where the County Government can improve. I believe most of the problems are communication issues and misunderstandings. I think staying on top of the issues and listening rather than assuming what the public wants, has been a big problem. Frivolous spending is over. Tough decisions are coming. I am prepared and ready to make those. If it is cuts, we will cut. If it is consolidate, we will consolidate. If it is expand or look to using our own work force that’s what we will have to do. I don’t see us staying the same. Not in this economy. No household has not been affected by this economy, how can we ask our local government to carry on as though business is as usual?

Freund: I believe our county government is being run well. We have experienced motivated and trained elected officials, department heads and employees. Our employees bend over backwards to help customers and solve problems. When the funding becomes available I would like to see that all of our employees continue to enhance their jobs skills with yearly training.

Merrick: We need to make county government a friendlier environment for everyone.

In what direction must the county proceed? How will you get it there?

Hyer: As I have previously stated, the economy and how it affects the budget is our primary concern. We need to be accountable to the citizens of Owyhee County and continue to make sure that there is no unnecessary waste of county funds. By doing this, we will get through these difficult times.

Aberasturi: As a County government, we need to move to a more open format and reduce the number of executive sessions. Those need to be reserved for personnel issues. Going behind closed doors for other discussions creates a perception within the communities that the people are not being included in running their government. The County government needs to remember that they are in place to

serve the people of the county. Cheerful, quality customer service is critical in any business, just as it should be in the running of our local government. We also need to pursue additional revenue into County that comes with the growing tourism industry in Idaho.

Tibbett: I will bring to Murphy a working relationship with the BOCC that will help generate a productive government. I believe people have the “good” in them to do the right thing. I will not accept anyone assuming that it is up to the BOCC. Each Department has their own people working and making decisions. We are all in this together, and we need to all look to find the solutions that will help keep us a productive and responsible county. The cut backs are real. We are all going to need to dig deep and make the tough decisions to keep us a working, productive community.

Freund: I believe the county needs to stay the course. We can’t abandon ship every time things get rough. We must remain fiscally sound without putting any unnecessary tax burdens on the residents.

Merrick: The county needs to proceed with growth in mind. I will listen to the people of Owyhee county and research all avenues.

Other comments

Hyer: Two years ago, you put your faith and trust into me, and I have enjoyed serving you. This job has been challenging and rewarding, and I ask for your continued support on May 25.

Aberasturi: None

Tibbett: I have managed a successful small business in the County for 14 years. I have worked hard all my life. I have dug ditches, drove tractor and milked too many cows. My hard work ethic and my understanding of the issues, have groomed me for this job. I have walked in each and everyone of your shoes, in one way or another. I have seen your pain; I have seen your joy. You have given me a diverse understanding of all that needs to go on, in and around this County. Your vote for me is a vote for you. My friends, my family, and my neighbors.

Freund: None

Merrick: We have a lot of issues facing the county. I am in the process of gathering information and with your thoughts and ideas, we can make the right choices for our county. We also need to facilitate our 4-H and extension youth programs to help teach our young people to become productive citizens. Our youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow and will someday take our place.

Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 25

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COUNTY CLERK

Debbie Titus

- **Age:** 53
- **Occupation:** Officer manager of the Owyhee County Extension Office
- **Family:** 1 son and 1 daughter
- **Years residing in county and in which town(s):** Has worked in Marsing since October 2002. Still a homeowner in Nampa, renting in Marsing. Raised in Melba and lived in area her entire life.
- **Political or civic involvement/experience:** As with most of you, my world was my children and their activities while they were growing up. I’ve coached youth basketball and softball for 8 years, helped start and run a softball league for 6 years, taught Bible School and Children’s Church for many years, and driven thousands of miles to watch my kids play and coach, and participate in other activities.
- **Qualifications for political office:** Business degree from Northwest Nazarene College (now University); has worked for over 30 years: NNU (13 years), White, Peterson, Pruss, Morrow and Gigray, P.A. law firm (10 years), Owyhee County since October 2002; at NNU, worked with the project directors of two grants from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Recreating Teacher Education (RTE) and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) and prepared reports for grant budgets; with law firm as legal assistant also was on-site administrator for the AS/400 computer system (such as the county has). “I am organized and a planner by nature, and this has always served me well in the workplace. I have learned many things from the incredible bosses and co-workers I have worked with over the years that have made me a better and more efficient worker. My philosophy of my work has always been, if I do my job well, the people I work with will be able to do theirs even better.



Charlotte Sherburn, incumbent

- **Age:** 56
- **Occupation:** Owyhee County Clerk
- **Family:** Husband Ted; 2 daughters; 1 grandson
- **Years residing in county and in which town(s):** 22 near and in Murphy
- **Political or civic involvement/experience:** Prior to being hired by Owyhee County Clerk Barbara Jayo in October of 1990, I worked on the family ranch in Nevada, and then in Idaho. Before 1990 I had not served in any political capacity.
- **Qualifications for political office:** Before elected county clerk in 2002, worked as deputy recorder, deputy welfare director, deputy auditor, deputy driver’s license clerk and in elections; employed by Owyhee County for 16 years. “During that time I worked in every position within the Clerk’s office and learned each job from the bottom up. I supervise a staff of eight employees. All of the employees in the Clerk’s office and in the Courts are well-trained as well as cross-trained in different jobs. They all work well together and work hard to meet the needs of the public.

“It is essential for the elected clerk to know and understand the duties required under the title of Clerk of the District Court, which include: Recording, Medical Indigency, Auditing, Budgeting, Elections, Magistrate and District Court, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, as well as Risk Manager. Leadership qualities are essential in coordinating the duties of the position.



COUNTY CLERK QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why are you running for office?

Sherburn: I am running for Owyhee County Clerk because I enjoy working for and with the citizens of this county, and I feel I have made a difference in the past two terms as your Clerk.

Titus: I have loved working in Owyhee County and will continue to do so regardless of whether I win this election or not. I would like to use my experience, education, and organizational skills to help the clerk’s office run as efficiently and customer friendly as possible.

Why is this position important enough to be an elected office?

Sherburn: The office of elected County Clerk has an impact on every citizen of the county. If the duties are not being carried out as set by Idaho Code, and the taxpayers are paying the salary of the position, the voters should have the obligation of removing that person from office.

Titus: The office of clerk is very unique due to the five diverse

areas of responsibility.

- As Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, assisting in the smooth and efficient operation of the business of the county with advance preparation, detailed minutes, and thorough follow up.
- As Auditor, compiling budget requests and submitting them to the Board of Commissioners; working with county budgets and payroll; and being responsible for financial records.
- As Recorder, being responsible for documents recorded in the county bridges our past with the present ever-changing times – which will someday be “history” to others.
- As Chief Elections Officer, having the privilege and responsibility to ensure that the voting process — one of our greatest rights and freedoms — is conducted properly.
- As Clerk of the District Court, providing support for the courts, and processing and maintaining court case filings.

I believe that elections are basically job interviews, and re-elections are job reviews — it’s just that the review and interview

committee consists of all those in the county who take the time to vote.

How will you ensure the efficient operation of the county in the coming years?

Sherburn: My knowledge of the job and duties of Clerk are very important during the coming years. I can help with the transition of newly elected officials coming into office. In the past two terms I have had the pleasure of working with seven newly elected officials in Owyhee County. I have always had the ability to work well with all departments and will continue to do so. It is important that we all work cooperatively together as this makes for a more efficient operation of the county overall, and especially through these difficult economic times.

Titus: I have listened very carefully to the comments of county residents over the past seven plus years. We have more customer traffic in our office than you may realize. Many of the questions and frustrations

have a common thread. First, I think decisions should always be made considering the distance some must travel throughout the county — it’s much bigger than just Murphy. Next, I know there is a lot of information we could make available to residents in advance, so that they don’t experience such frustration trying to find it. The web page has improved some and that is a good thing. A calendar of deadlines and dates in one place, and a directory of positions, office locations, and contact information (both printable as well as on the web page), are two things residents have repeatedly requested. Simple things, like providing good information, help things run more smoothly for all of us.

What are areas of concern you see as county clerk in the coming year?

Sherburn: During these times of shortfalls in revenue on the state and local levels, I felt it would be extremely difficult to fulfill these requirements without the years of experience. The challenges ahead in tracking revenues, expenditures and budgeting, is knowing where and what to look for. My 9 years of financial experience working for the county and with the taxing districts will be crucial. In the 2009 legislative session a bill was passed requiring the elections of the twenty-six taxing districts to be under the direction of the Clerk. This new law will be implemented in 2011. There is very important work to be done, and the integrity, security and confidence in the election process is of utmost importance and required by law.

Titus: The same thing each of us is facing in our work and at home – money.

- As clerk, I believe you need to be aware of the responsibilities of each office and all employees (both in Murphy and throughout the county) as you make recommendations about the budget. Budgets at home are tight for all of us so we are being very careful -- let’s run the county that way as well.
- As clerk to the board of commissioners, I believe good advance preparation and thorough information would contribute to efficient and productive meetings as the commissioners make the tough decisions before them.
- I would like to review the mail ballot voting in the sparsely populated precincts. I am always looking to save money, but everyone should have the right to vote in private. The mail ballot may be the only option, but I would still like to review the matter.
- I also would like to see if we could rotate work schedules to have the courthouse open from 12:00-1:00 to make doing business more convenient for the people of the county. We have done this at the Extension Office, and people seem to really appreciate it – especially those who have driven a long way and have many more stops to make.

Comments

Sherburn: It has been my pleasure to work for the citizens of Owyhee County for the past 2 terms as your elected Clerk. I wish to serve in this capacity for another 4 years. I ask for your support on May 25th.

Titus: If elected, I hope to improve information access and communication with residents – rather than having everyone come to us at our time and on our terms. It’s not our county, it’s your county.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Possibility of change makes Sherburn’s expertise vital

I am writing this letter to show my support for Charlotte Sherburn for Owyhee County Clerk.

I have worked closely with Charlotte on many issues during our recent bond election, and she was always knowledgeable and very helpful. I have called her on many occasions with questions, and she always knows the answer or will research the question and get back to me in a very short time. She is always cheerful and seems to truly enjoy her job.

With the possibility of two new commissioners, I feel it is even more important to keep Charlotte in the clerk’s position because of her expertise on the county budget and financial situations.

Please join me on May 25 and vote for Charlotte Sherburn.

Cathy Sellman
Bruneau-Grand View School District clerk
Bruneau

New commissioners are needed for sake of county

I absolutely believe the health of our County is on the line this election cycle.

The current commissioners have disappointed me in many forums. The constant bickering with the sheriff (while no other departments get this level of scrutiny). This counterproductive and negative outpouring from our commissioners has affected our safety — the cutting of duty hours has endangered us. Where were their priorities?

The commissioners cry about revenues — yet all the while doing nothing proactive to entice business and revenue producing enterprise to the county. Without an increased tax base, we are doomed to mediocrity.

It is abundantly clear to me that new commissioners

are needed.

Not that the unknown guarantees completely positive outcome, but more than that, because more of the same will be positively detrimental.

For me, the choices are very clear. I have listened to the candidates and have read their position statements. I came to the conclusion that the incumbents believe they are completely 100 percent correct in all they have done and wouldn’t do it differently tomorrow. In my opinion, one new candidate overtly sides with those incumbents. Therefore, I have come to the conclusion that the two remaining are the best choice to effect change.

Kelly Aberasturi and Joe Merrick represent, in my view, the best opportunity available to end the bickering, infighting and constant turmoil that comes from the commissioners’ actions.

This is not personal for me — it is business.

These commissioners, both current and future, must stop the politics of personal.

Don Barnhill
Murphy

Best choice for clerk already in place with Sherburn

I am asking for your vote for Charlote Sherburn for Clerk of the District Court, Auditor and Recorder for Owyhee County on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

Charlotte is a highly qualified and experienced administrator and has demonstrated her abilities by assembling a strong staff and directing the operations of a uniquely complex position. Many do not fully realize that the clerk in Owyhee County is also the chief financial officer or auditor, the Clerk of the District Court (who) is responsible for administering all courts in the county, Welfare Director, accepting and processing indigent claims, County Recorder who keeps track of all legal records, Chief Election Officer and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

I know that position well and the type of person it takes to

keep the county’s business running smoothly, as I held the position for many years. In a time of financial uncertainty, we need a clerk who is responsible, courteous, honest and hardworking; we have that person in place now.

Barbara Jayo
Murphy

Knowledge of water issues makes Burdick right choice

On May 25, I urge you to vote to re-elect Justice Roger Burdick to the Idaho Supreme Court.

During the next few years, the Court will be deciding serious and complicated water issues. We need someone with the experience, knowledge, and dedication to the rule of law that is needed to fairly and impartially decide complicated water issues before the Court.

Justice Burdick has served as presiding judge in the Snake River Basin Adjudication until his appointment to the Idaho Supreme Court. He is intimately familiar with water law and the importance of water rights to the people of Idaho. In the Idaho Supreme Court, Justice Burdick joined the other Justices in favor of the Nettleton and Lowry Stockwater cases, ruling correctly on all counts except for the issue on legal fees.

Roger Burdick’s opponent, Judge John Bradbury, does not have a known track record on water issues. The Idaho Water Users’ Association has found that based on a June 30, 1998 article in the Lewiston Tribune entitled “Valley Advised to Chose Either Drawdowns or Breaching,” it appears Judge Bradbury misunderstands critical water issues. According to the Tribune article, “he said, too many people don’t understand the political impetus in southern Idaho, where breaching is seen as a way to save water for agriculture.” Most water users would see the issue just the reverse of what Bradbury thinks it is — most people think breaching would jeopardize water for agriculture. This misunderstanding of an elementary fact is very troubling.


Jerry Hoagland
Wilson





Ward makes Owyhee campaign stop

Vaughn Ward, a candidate for the Republican First Congressional District nomination, met with voters on Saturday at Givens Hot Springs. Ward faces Raul Labrador in the May 25 primary for the opportunity to challenge Rep. Walt Minnick in the Nov. 2 general election. Submitted photo

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4. I will work to obtain equal Education benefits for all school children no matter what school they attend this will permit unemployed and under employed parents to choose their children's education and still make car and house payments.

5. We need to reclaim Idaho title and management of the so-called Federal Public lands. If these were properly managed, it would greatly help our school funds and our unemployed.

6. The more of God we take out of our schools, the more prisons we will have to build for our ungodly graduates. We need to return to God and his morals.

7. Any person, school, school teachers, library or librarian should be held criminally responsible for any pornography to which they allow children access.

8. No Idaho resident should be forced to buy health insurance. I will defend the citizens rights to plan their own health care (note: *Butch finally got one right!*)

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Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010

Weiser Wolverines end Homedale's baseball season

Payette scores seven unanswered runs to bounce softball at district

Blake Sappe and Mitch Svedin rapped RBI singles in the top of the ninth inning as Weiser High School eliminated Homedale from the 3A District III Tournament on the Trojans' home field.

Weiser kicked off the seesaw battle with two runs in its first at-bat during Wednesday's loser-out game.

Homedale's Jordan Jarvis, who was 2-for-5, picked up half of his four RBI with a single that tied the game, 3-3, with two outs in the Trojans' half of the fifth inning.

Jarvis again tied the game — and forced extra innings — by plating Phillip Moulton and Trey Corta with a single in the bottom of the seventh.

Weiser's relief pitchers Svedin and Bob Hickman left the bases jammed with Trojans, though, by striking out Timmy Scott and Keith Bayes.

May 11: Payette 11, Homedale 4 — Keith Bayes' clutch two-out single gave the Trojans a short-lived 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning in their district opener at home.

The second-seeded Pirates took control in the bottom of the inning, scoring five runs on one hit and three Homedale errors. Payette finished the week by qualifying for the state tournament.

The Pirates erupted for another six runs against left-handed starter Zac Lowder in the bottom of the third inning. Payette scored just three earned runs as Homedale committed seven errors.

Lowder, Jordan Jarvis and Timmy Scott also had base hits for Homedale.

Softball

For the second year in a row, Homedale saw its season with a chance to go the 3A state tournament within sight.

Payette snapped a 2-2 tie with three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning en route to a 9-2 victory in Thursday's 3A District III runner-up game at Sundance Park. Homedale took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first only to see Payette bounce back in the bottom of the frame for a 2-1 edge.

Payette lost a state play-in game



Payette second baseman Toby White pirouettes after tagging out Homedale's Timmy Scott in a cloud of dust.

Saturday in Mountain Home.

The game was the second of the day for coach Larry Corta's team, which staved off elimination with a wild 9-6 win over McCall-Donnelly. After the Vandals tied the game, 6-6, with a run in the top of the fifth inning, Homedale rallied in its at-bat to take the lead

for good.

Homedale scored five times in the third to take a 6-5 lead.

The Trojans opened the tournament on May 11 with a 10-0 loss to Payette.

2A state tournament, Sundance Park, Thursday-Saturday — Coach Don Jamison

and Melba chase their fourth consecutive state championship beginning Thursday with a 3 p.m. game against West Side.

The Mustangs won the state championship a year ago at Sundance. Jamison has four state crowns dating to 1999 with Melba.

Lair heads to State as District champion

Two Homedale juniors make State at Vallivue

Homedale High School tennis player Tanner Lair is returning to the 3A state tournament in a big way.

The junior, who has played as the Trojans' No. 1 boys' singles threat all year, carries the District III championship into action that

begins Thursday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Lair cruised through the second set of his district title match against Tobias Singhammer of New Plymouth, posting a two-game 7-5, 6-1 victory on Saturday.

Fellow junior Jordan Meligan, Homedale's No. 2 boys' singles player, also qualified for the state tournament with a fourth-place showing at the district tournament last week in Parma.



Jordan Valley's Drew Elsner exits the chute in stock saddle bronc at the Big Loop on Sunday. Elsner tied for second in the event with Jack Payne, both men scoring 73. WT Bruce photo

Mackenzies big deal at Big Loop

McKay scores only 80-point saddle bronc ride

The Mackenzie family stood in the spotlight during the Big Loop Rodeo in Jordan Valley during the weekend.

Wannie Mackenzie and Ira Walker posted a time of 21.04 seconds Friday to win the top prize of a saddle in the 52nd annual Big Loop at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena. Now living in Baker City, Ore., Mackenzie grew up on Suc-

cor Creek.

Ryan Mackenzie was named all around cowboy for the rodeo, which ran Friday through Sunday, and Duncan Mackenzie posted a time of 19.044 seconds to win the junior barrel racing championship.

Ryan Mackenzie all around championship was fueled by a fifth-place finish in the team roping with partner Tim Mackenzie. He posted a time of 13.32 to finish third in the calf roping, and was third in the saddle bronc with a score of 74.

This year's champions included

Jeff Garijo and Jim Fillipini, who won the team roping title by more than half a second. They posted a championship time of 7.31 to beat a field of 88 teams.

Jake Echevarria posted a time of 12.84 to win calf roping, which attracted 29 cowboys.

Katie Jo McFarlane beat two other competitors by two-tenths of a second, posting a 17.607 run in senior barrel racing.

Frank McKay was tops in a field of 24 saddle bronc riders, scoring an 82.

Jed Jones cruised to a win in — See **Big Loop**, page 21A



Lair, shown, will be joined at state by Jordan Melligan.

Sports

Acree, D'Alessio have multiple shots at state gold

Seniors lead five HHS athletes into Bronco Stadium

Trent Acree is looking for the summit at this year's 3A track and field state meet.

The Homedale High School senior is scheduled to compete in four events at this year's meet, which begins Thursday at Bronco Stadium.

He'll compete in the triple jump at 9 a.m. Friday, the 100 meters and 200 at 11:30 a.m. on Friday and the long jump at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Acree finished second in the triple jump last year and also

medaled in the 100-meter dash (fourth place), 200 (fifth place) and long jump (fifth place) as a junior.

This year, he's back in all four events for a final go-round.

Acree is among five Trojans in this year's meet, including:

- Senior Nickole D'Alessio in the girls' discus and shot put
- Freshman Braxton Morris in the boys' discus
- Freshman Emilee Hann, who is seeded second in the girls' high

jump

- Freshman Mariah Mackie in the girls' long jump

Acree punched his ticket into the state meet with four championships during the 3A District III meet last week in Weiser.

He won the 100 by nearly a second over Weiser's Zane Bourasa, running a 10.91. Acree was a half-second faster than Bourasa in the 200 (22.53).

In the jumps, Acree dominated the long jump with a distance of 21 feet, 6 inches, which was 16 inches farther than second-place John Fronk of McCall-Donnelly. The senior beat Fruitland's Nick

Serrano by nearly five feet in the triple jump, skipping to a distance of 42-11¼.

D'Alessio also makes a return to the state meet after grabbing two medals a year ago. She was second in the discus and third in the shot put as a junior.

She's back in both events for 2010, competing Friday in the discus at 9 a.m. and shot put at 1 p.m.

D'Alessio won a pair of district crowns last week with a 34-9½ effort in the shot put and a dominant 122-5 showing in the discus, which was nearly 18 feet farther than second-place Kolcie Bates

of Weiser.

Morris finished second to Payette's Tyler Kuder in the boys' shot put. Kuder won the district title with an effort of 171-8, while Morris' best effort was 138-2. Morris will throw the discus at State at 1 p.m. Friday.

Hann finished tied for second in the district high jump competition, clearing 4-6. Hann competes for the state title at noon Friday.

Mackie was runner-up in the long jump, finishing 6½ inches behind champion Becca Davis of Fruitland. The girls' long jump state competition takes place at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Rimrock girls set to compete at State

Two Rimrock High School girls will compete in five events this week at the 1A track and field state championship meet in Boise.

Senior Anna Cantrell will finish her prep career by taking part in three events at the meet, which begins Thursday at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

She is entered in the 100-meter hurdles, the 300 hurdles and the high jump.

Junior Katie Johnson will compete in 3,200 meters, where she is seeded second, and the 800 meters.

Cantrell will have a busy Friday as all three of her events are scheduled — 9 a.m. for the high jump and 11:30 a.m. for both hurdles events.

Johnson runs at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the 3,200 and at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the 800.

HYS seeks Ironman volunteers

The annual Ironman Triathlon returns on June 12 in Boise, and Homedale Youth Sports Inc. is seeking 40 volunteers to help at the initial aid station, which serves as a fundraiser for HYS. Volunteers will man the station from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., though HYS encourages those who can only do a partial shift to apply, as well. Those wishing to volunteer should log in to www.doitsports.com/volunteer/join-protected-group.tcl?event_id=184228 and contact Denise Carter at denisec@tpchousing.com to confirm their status.

√ Big Loop: Results

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bull riding with a 74-point performance.

Jake Flint's 76 was good enough for the stock saddle bronc championship.

Camron Cook's 65 was good enough for the win in junior steer riding. Josh Sullivan scored 66 to win cow riding by one point.

Results

Big Loop — 1. Wannie Mackenzie and Ira Walker, 21.04 seconds; 2. Ryan Bruce-Mike Eiguren, 21.59; 3. Timmy Lynn Delong-Frank Bengoa, 23.06; 4. Jeff Garijo-Jim Fillipini, 28.20

All around cowboy — Ryan Mackenzie

Team roping — 1. Garijo-Fillipini, 7.31; 2. Josh Bruce-Shawn Lequerica, 8.06; 3. Chance Peila-JW Rose, 9.33; 4. Jason Miller-Tim McBride, 9.55; 5. Ryan Mackenzie-Tim Mackenzie, 13.53

Calf roping — 1. Jake Echevarria, 12.84; 2. Jake Hannum, 13.31; 3. Ryan Mackenzie, 13.32; 4. Ryan Forstrom, 14.06; 5. Sterling Lambert, 16.70

Sr. barrel racing — 1. Ka-

tie Jo McFarlane, 17.607; 2. Kena Schrader, 17.867; 3. Dustie Patneude, 17.869; 4. Brittany Baty, 17.978; 5. Marlee Kennon, 18.010

Saddle bronc — 1. Frank McKay, 82 points; 2. Matt Marvel, 79; 3. Ryan Mackenzie, 74; 4. Ben Lando, 73; 5. Josh Mackenzie, 72

Bull riding — 1. Jed Jones, 74; 2. Justin Parker, 67; 3. Paul Copini, 64; 4. (tie) Logan Blaisdell, 60; Jake Rupe, 60

Stock saddle bronc — 1. Jake Flint, 76; 2. (tie) Drew Elsner, 73; Jack Payne, 73; 4. (tie) Nathan Kelley Jr., 72; Kico Villagrana, 72; Chance Peila, 72

Jr. steer riding — 1. Camron Cook, 65; 2. Jacob Carr, 57

Jr. barrel racing — 1. Duncan Mackenzie, 19.044; 2. Grace King, 19.339; 4. Claudia Brower, 19.952; 4. Dalley Goemmer, 20.278; 5. Ashley Jo Montez, 20.337

Cow riding — 1. Josh Sullivan, 66; 2. Brodyn Lopez, 65; 3. Cody Miller, 62; 4. (tie) Timmy Hobbs, 61; Wyatt Duncan, 61; Ray Baird, 61



Go Trojans!

Baseball

Congratulations on your season!

Tennis

Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 at 3A state tournament, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell

Softball

Congratulations on third-place finish at district

Track & field

Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22 at 3A state championship meet, Bronco Stadium, Boise

Golf

Congratulations, Reece Landa, state tournament qualifier

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Marsing students may see pay-to-play fees

School board adopts drug testing policy

The Marsing School Board officially adopted a mandatory random drug testing policy at its May 11 meeting, as well as examining the possibility of some program fee increases in some middle and high school activities — including a \$45-per-sport cost for high school students. A \$150-per-year family package is also proposed, which would cover all of a family’s children in high school for all sports for one year.

For high school students not involved in sports, fees would rise by \$22 per year.

A \$10 hike on Associated Student Body/activity card yearly fees for high school students in the proposal would help cover drug screening costs.

The proposed student fee increases will be presented again at 7:30 p.m. at a June 8 Marsing school district budget/fee increase hearing, prior to being presented and considered for adoption during the 8 p.m. monthly board meeting to follow.

Drug testing policy OK’d

The district’s adopted policy provides for mandatory random drug screening for all students grades 9 through 12 involved in school-sponsored events for performance, competition or representation of Marsing High School. The policy will take effect July 1, and will be reviewed

| Proposed fee summary, Marsing High School | | | |
|---|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Program | Current | Proposed | Reason for increase |
| Ag Mech/Fab | \$15/semester | \$20/semester | Increase in supply costs |
| BPA | \$15/year | \$17/year | State/national dues increased |
| ASB/act. card | \$35/year | \$45/year | To cover drug screening costs |
| Pay to play*\$0 | | \$45/sport | Pay for unfunded athletic costs |
| | | \$150/year/family (package covers all sports) | |

| Proposed fee summary, Marsing Middle School | | | |
|---|---------|---------------|---|
| Program | Current | Proposed | Reason for increase |
| Pay to play*\$0 | | \$40/sport | Pay for unfunded athletic costs |
| | | \$75/football | Football’s additional cost is for equipment |

*A financial hardship exclusion would be available for a limited number of applicants

yearly at the school board’s July meeting.

Safety, intervention and prevention are cited as goals of the policy.

Selection for random testing will be by lottery drawing from a “pool” consisting of all students participating in an activity.

Throughout the school year, at least 10 percent of the total number of students in the activity pool will be tested each month, according to the policy.

Students involved in nearly any activity through the school are subject to testing.

Under the policy, activities are defined as “any school-sponsored event for performance, competition or representing Marsing Joint School District (that is not a grade class) that takes place outside of the regular school day and/or school letter can be earned; i.e. dance teams, rodeo, class and student body officers, drama, school clubs, FFA, sports, cheer squad, etc.”

Written consent of parents for

the testing is required, but without such consent on file, no student will be allowed to participate in any of the specified activities.

If a student tests positive, they will immediately be tested a second time to confirm the results.

On the first positive, the student has a choice to either enter an eight-week assistance/prevention course and be tested bi-weekly for the remainder of the school year, or they may choose to face suspension from all school-sponsored activities for the remainder of the year.

On a second positive result, the student is automatically suspended from all sponsored activities for the remainder of the year, with a minimum of at least two activity seasons.

On a third positive within a two-year period, the student will be suspended from activities for the remainder of the year, and no less than three activity seasons.

Suspensions from activities do not extend to suspensions from classes, other benefits or

services — only to the activities specified. According to the policy, test results will not be disclosed to law enforcement or juvenile authorities without a subpoena or other legal process issued by a court.

The policy includes system for appeals, which allows students and parents one week to begin an appeals process.

The Marsing School District will provide voluntary drug testing to any student whose parent or legal guardian requests it.

Immediate results will be available to parents, and the testing will be provided free up to twice per year. Results will be confidential “except for the Superintendent or his/her designee, parent/guardian, and the student.”

No disciplinary or legal actions will result from voluntary test results, the policy stipulates. The service is intended to inform parents, who will be free to decide what to do with the information.

— MML

New meters provide real-time information

Residents may not see a change in what happens when they turn on their tap, but proposed new meters will give the city real-time data that may save customers with problem plumbing a lot of money. Customers will also be able to check their water use online throughout the month, the proposal said.

More than half of the remaining \$552,000 of Marsing’s municipal water project grant money will go to buy remote-read water meters to replace aging units throughout the city following approval of a Civil Dynamics plan by Marsing City Council members last week.

The meters, which will report to a central computer, have the capability of immediately spotting unusual usage and raising an alarm, engineers said. The system could thus catching leaks within an hour, rather than during an end-of-the-month read, potentially saving those with a leaky pipe hundreds of dollars in water costs and repair bills.

For the city, the data on usage and peak flows will provide information that will help with determining potential problems before they become critical, the project study said. Customer complaints and billing discrepancies can be minimized with detailed usage information, backflows that could require health alerts can be avoided and human error largely eliminated in reads while saving man-hours.

The city council approved the preliminary engineering report’s cost assessment totaling \$354,000 for the installation and engineering of the meters. City engineer Amy Woodruff said the estimated labor costs of \$152,000 “may be on the high side” and she expected that the numbers would change as procurement went forward.

While council members and Mayor Keith Green initially expressed some surprise at the amount of estimated labor, an examination of a recent meter replacement at a Marsing business revealed installation costs were on par with what the city dealt with.

City meters are currently mounted on a variety of platforms, some of which will require adaptation by Titan Construction, and some of which will require entirely replacing existing meter boxes, Woodruff said.

The project is bidding for materials only, as the installation of the meters will effectively be a change order with water project contractor Titan.

Additional grant funds will be used to add to the distribution system.

— MML

Marsing girl named junior queen in Canyon

Hampton to appear with mounted posse

After a couple of runner-up finishes, 12-year-old Bryana Hampton has finally found the crown as the Canyon County Sheriff’s Mounted Posse junior queen.

The Marsing Middle School sixth-grader won the honor May 8 after completing judging in front of three of the posse’s top mem-

bers at a competition held at the Canyon County Fairgrounds in Caldwell.

Bryana is the daughter of Marsing resident Jaci Allen and Travis Hampton. Her grandmother Lucile, who lives in the Opaline area, and aunt, Nichole Griggs of Marsing, are



Bryana Hampton

riding members of the Canyon County Sheriff’s Mounted Posse (CCSMP). Her mom is a non-riding member.

Bryana’s first appearance and CCSMP junior queen came Saturday during the Parade America event in Nampa. She will buzz the arena during the posse drill team’s appearances in the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade in August as well as the Malheur County Fair Parade. Griggs said the drill team also will try out for the Snake River Stampede com-

petition, which could put Bryana in the spotlight inside the Idaho Center in July.

Bryana was flag carrier for the CCSMP drill team last year and also finished second in the junior queen competition a year ago.

As a 10-year-old, Bryana was first runner-up in the Meridian Lions Club Rodeo junior queen contest.

She rides in the Owyhee County Spurs 4-H Club and also carries a 4.0 grade-point average at MMS, according to her aunt.



Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson buys a poppy from Homedale American Legion Auxiliary’s Carolyn Grooms at City Hall on Thursday.

Poppy Week declared

Auxiliary fundraiser at Paul’s May 29

Red flowers sprouting in buttonholes once again help recall the sacrifices of American veterans as Memorial Day approaches. On Thursday, Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson declared the week of May 24-31 as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Week.

The Legion Auxiliary will have displays of poppies in local businesses through the week, and will have a table at Paul’s Market in Homedale on May 29. Anyone donating to the Auxiliary

receives a poppy remembering America’s veterans, with all funds raised going to help disabled men and women who have served their country, and the families of those veterans. The crepe poppies are made by disabled veterans, which allows them to earn a small wage and helps make them feel more self-sufficient, a release from the Legion Auxiliary said.

The well-known Memorial Day poppy sale is the oldest fundraiser the Legion Auxiliary performs, dating to 1921, when the poppy was adopted to honor those who fought in World War I. It is still worn today to honor those who served and died for their country in all wars.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Loading bulls the cowgirl way

Most inventions or new ideas result from a problem for which there is no commonly prescribed answer. Women often have more need to find an alternative solution because, unlike their macho counterparts, “brute force” is not usually a choice. Which brings me to Kristy and her pet cow Jers.

Jers, pronounced “Jerz”, belonged to Kristy and her husband who lived on an Oklahoma quarter section. Kristy kept horses and did some training to supplement her income as a schoolteacher. Jers was a practical hobby and had recently calved.

It was one of those nasty, soggy, shivering, chilly-to-the-bone early spring mornings where the sky looked like a glass ceiling painted battleship gray. The rain had turned the corrals and fields into soup. A perfect time for Jers to come back in heat! On prior occasions, Kristy had borrowed one of neighbor Tom’s bulls, but her husband said it would be useless to ask until the ground dried out.

Not discouraged in the least, Kristy drove down to the local café the next morning where Coffee Shop Communion was held daily. There, drinking coffee and playing cards, was neighbor Tom dispensing wisdom. Kristy asked. Tom said he had six bulls turned out on wheat pasture nearby, but there was no way to gather them because it was too muddy.

“If I can get one caught, can I borrow him?” she asked.

He gave her the slanted eye, “You can’t ride a horse or a vehicle into the pasture either,” he warned. She left. The room full of cowmen had a good laugh.

Less than an hour later she pulled up in front of the café with a big Charlois bull in the back of her trailer!

Using her superior feminine illogic, she had loaded Jers and her calf into the 16-foot stock trailer, driven into the wheat field, careful to stay on the good shale oil well road, and parked. After shutting the calf into the front section of the trailer, she led the haltered, hot and happy Jers up and down the road. A quarter mile away six bulls were watching this parade. Then . . . en masse, they started slogging through the mud in her direction! Something in the air, I guess: a siren’s song, the hint of romance, that nose curling, blinding, no-holds-barred bellowing call of the wild!

As the charging front line of testosterone carriers neared the trailer, Kristy quickly reloaded Jers in the front with her calf, closed the sorting gate, and escaped through the front door! The first bull never hesitated. He jumped right in, Kristy slammed the gate, and off they drove back to the café.

Recess was called, and the entire coffee shop communion went out in the parking lot to see. Tom inspected the tires for mud, stomping around the trailer, arms crossed and looking suspiciously. “How did . . . ?” he began.

“I’m sending the story to Baxter,” she said. “I’ll bet you’ll be able to read it in his column pretty soon. Thanks again.”

— Baxter Black is coming to Owyhee County. He'll make an appearance at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 4, in Murphy in the run-up to the 41st annual Outpost Days for the Owyhee County Historical Society. Tickets are on sale for \$30 through the county museum, (208) 495-2319. Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features, merchandise and his latest book, “The Back Page”.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest* Have trailer, might camp



I talked Sara into visiting several RV dealers to gather some information on camping trailers. We have learned about hitch weight, dry weight, gross vehicle weight, black water and gray water capacity, equalizing hitches, and the difference between wood and metal studs and steel, aluminum and fiberglass skin.

Our research has produced some positive results. We have learned our recently acquired full-size pickup wouldn’t be good for pulling one of those huge fifth-wheel trailers. But it should do just fine for pulling a trailer that is as long as I would want to pull — which is somewhere in the 18- to 23-foot range.

The largest roadblock to acquiring a trailer is my partner in life. She points out that we once had a boat and never used it. She also notes that we once had a tent trailer, took it camping once and never used it again.

I think I have a pretty good defense for the previous problems with outdoor recreation. As far as the boat goes, all I wanted was a little aluminum fishing boat. Then the rest of the family added their requirements and we ended up with a larger, heavier craft with a motor a little too small for skiing (which some family members wanted to do) and too big for trolling (which is what I wanted to do). So, we ended up with a boat that pleased nobody.

The tent trailer was another error. After one night in a stifling hot campground on the Snake River, I concluded that a tent trailer is, first and foremost, a tent. It lets in the outside temperature and the noise. And you can’t really lock up something with walls made of canvas. This probably explains why there aren’t many nice small camp trailers for sale in the want ads but there are a lot of tent trailers.

But the main reason with our earlier outdoor adventures

didn’t work out was, in my opinion, time. When a person works five days a week, going camping means rushing to get ready on Friday night, then rushing home Sunday so they can go to work Monday. You can usually identify dedicated camping families because they spend their weekends camping, not cutting the lawn or spraying the weeds, or taking down the Christmas lights.

I am convinced that now time is no longer a factor, I could get a lot of enjoyment out of spending some time at places like Wallowa Lake, Brownlee, Three Island Crossing or the Bruneau Sand Dunes, especially when we have friends who also camp. Sara, however, is skeptical.

Cost is a factor. If you just want to go in and buy a brand new camping trailer, there’s no problem. The RV places have them coming out of their ears. But if you are looking for a used model, the game changes. Last weekend I saw the perfect trailer at the perfect price online, on Craig’s List. We were at the seller’s residence less than an hour after he posted his ad. We got there just in time to see him accept a check from another buyer. That’s pretty much par for the course, unless you are interested in trailers at least 20 years old and more than 30 feet long.

What I am tempted to do is knock on the doors of several homes in our neighborhood that have seldom-used trailers in their driveways and try to talk an owner into giving us a good deal. But the fact that those trailers are seldom used sorta compromises my campaign to convince my mate we should get one.

Retirement is complicated.

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

Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau

Voice of Idaho ag Legislators push states rights



“The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Preceding is the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a part of the Bill of Rights adopted by our nation’s forefathers in 1791. The Idaho Legislature would like Congress to take note of these important words. Legislators expressed frustration with Congress and attempted to drive the point home recently by adopting numerous pieces of legislation warning Congress to clean its own house and butt out of state matters.

We applaud the Idaho Legislature for emphasizing several concerns about a federal health care plan, balancing the federal budget, opposition to changes to the Clean Water Act, opposition to Cap and Trade legislation and others. We hope Congress takes note, but history isn’t on our side. Only twice in the past 55 years has the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated a portion of federal law for violating the 10th Amendment. However, the message is pertinent nonetheless.

Idaho fired a shot across the federal bow, gaining national media attention by passing the Health Freedom Act, a bill that allows Idahoans the freedom to choose health care services and insurance without penalty or threat of penalty from the federal government. It also sets the stage for a legal dispute by requiring Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden to defend the State against laws that violate the policy. Wasden’s task seems

daunting. Idaho has joined with a handful of other states in challenging the health care mandate.

However, considering Idaho’s comparatively small population, lack of clout at the federal level, and history of getting steamrolled by federal agencies, we agree that it’s imperative to reiterate our concerns about state sovereignty. We agree with legislators and acknowledge the need for health care reform, but we don’t see justification for a federal takeover.

Another important resolution sent from Idaho to Washington, D.C., recognizes the scope and power defined by the 10th Amendment providing that the federal government was created to be an agent of the states. In the resolution, Idaho urges Congress to balance the federal budget, to prevent unfunded mandates, prohibit government from taking ownership of private sector enterprise and provide for the presence of “God” in the public domain.

Idaho legislators passed another measure calling for limiting the interstate commerce clause. The federal government has abused this constitutional clause to wrest authority from states.

In another message to Congress unrelated to the 10th Amendment, Idaho calls on the federal government to fix the Equal Access to Justice Act. This Act provides reimbursement of attorney fees to successful plaintiffs in lawsuits against the federal government. Environmental

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Commentary

Financial management Leasing is a cop-out for those who can't afford to buy

Dear Dave,
Do you have any advice on vehicle leasing for business purposes? I've heard that the expense is 100 percent deductible.
— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
Yeah, and it's 100 percent stupid, too! "Fleecing" is absolutely the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. What you're talking about is rationalizing the fact that you want a vehicle you can't afford. It's a bad idea.
Dr. Tom Stanley interviewed tons of millionaires while he was writing his book, "Stop Acting Rich." In the process, he found out that 80 percent of them had never leased a vehicle. What does that tell you? It tells me if you want to be rich, you need to do what rich

people do — and they *don't* lease their vehicles! Plus, I really don't care if it's 100 percent deductible. Guess what? I get deductions on the vehicles owned by my company. It's called straight-line depreciation.
Never lease a vehicle for business purposes. If you don't have the cash to pay for it outright, then you can't afford the thing. It's just that simple!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about the free trips and dinners timeshare communities offer as part of their sales pitches? Isn't it a little like playing with fire?
— Diane

Dear Diane,
You're close. I think it's more



like playing with fire while you're sitting in a puddle of gasoline!
Listen, there's nothing good about a timeshare. They have no redeeming qualities whatsoever. Besides, in most of these deals the food is bad and they'll stick you in a room that's not so hot, either. Timeshares are one of the few consumer products that have a 97 percent dissatisfaction rate. It's virtually impossible to find someone who's glad they bought into one of these things!
I know people play games with this scenario. They think they'll

get lots of free stuff by just sitting through a sales pitch and then saying no. But why in the world would you want to waste vacation time or even one weekend of your life letting some salesperson twist your arm?
Plus, you've got the added problem that most folks aren't as tough a sell as they think they are. If you're not careful, you'll end up agreeing with the guy on a couple of silly things, zoning out while the presentation wears on, and next thing you know, you're driving away as a timeshare owner!
Don't take a chance on getting stuck with one of those things, Diane. It's a dumb idea!
— Dave
Dear Dave,
Do stay-at-home moms need

disability insurance?
— Sarah
Dear Sarah,
Yes, they do. Unfortunately, they can't get it right now. Under current law, you must have an earned income in order to receive disability insurance.
Now, it's possible to get disability insurance if you have a business at home. In that case, you'd need to show two years' worth of tax returns to prove that your self-employment was actually generating an earned income.
My wife's been a full-time mom for 25 years, and I know how hard she works and how much she does every day. Believe me, if she could get disability insurance, we'd buy it in a second!
— Dave

Letter to the editor Thanks for support of JV schools, community

Thank you for the nice article about my class doing the math-a-thon for St. Jude's ("Elementary students raise funds with brains, May 5, 2010). It was a great write-up.
Thank you to the Avalanche for their support for our schools and community. My husband and I both enjoy reading it each week. Thanks again.
Sherry Jaca
Jordan Valley Elementary first- and second-grade teacher

✓ Rights: EAJA woes

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groups have exploited the Act by suing federal agencies over procedural issues and collecting taxpayer dollars to pay their attorneys. Environmental groups including the Western Watersheds Project have used EAJA to suck millions out of federal coffers to pay for frivolous lawsuits. In addition, when Owyhee County cattle ranchers Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton successfully sued the BLM to keep their state water rights, incurring more than a million dollars in legal fees, they found out EAJA did not apply to them.
Gov. Otter and Idaho legislators took a lot of criticism from all corners over the past few months. But in the end, they balanced the state budget, didn't raise taxes and stood up for state's rights. In our book that's a job well done.
— Frank Priestley is Idaho Farm Bureau president.

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

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Feared damage of health care reform could be realized



In an editorial last week, the Wall Street Journal wrote, "When President Obama signed his health-care reform last month, he declared it will 'lower costs for families and for businesses and for the federal government.' So why, barely a month later, are Democrats scrambling to pass a new bill that would impose price controls on insurance?" The answer is that the supporters of the new health care law knew, as did the majority of Americans who opposed the law, that it would ultimately increase costs for families, businesses and the federal government. This new legislation will only extend government control over prices and the private health care decisions of individuals and businesses.
Last week, more evidence came out to prove that the new health care law will not lower health care costs as promised, but will increase them. The Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reported that we will spend \$310 billion more as a nation, with health care spending going from 17 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) to 21 percent. As the Wall Street Journal notes, current overall health care spending is projected to be \$4.7 trillion in 2019, and the CMS report estimates that it will be even higher with a one percent increase each year until then. The CMS report also predicts that, due to the increased demand and extended coverage required by the new law, it is "plausible and even probable" that we will see health care shortages and price increases, which means many people will be unable to access care.
Seniors are at risk of losing access to care due to massive reductions in Medicare payments to providers and cuts to Medicare Advantage. The CMS report estimates that about 15 percent of Medicare Part B providers could go out of business within 10 years and that Medicare Advantage enrollment will be reduced by 50 percent as a result of

the cuts to the program. The report also estimates that 14 million employees will lose employer-sponsored coverage because of the new law and the percentage of insured workers who will be affected by the "Cadillac tax" will be 12 percent initially and rise "rapidly thereafter."
The Wall Street Journal also stated that benefits such as "expanding family coverage for children as old as 26 and banning consumer co-payments for preventive care" are not free "and their cost will be built into premiums." The CMS report states that new taxes on insurance plans, drugs and medical devices will be passed on to consumers "in the form of higher drug and device prices and higher insurance premiums." Lastly, a new report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projects that 4 million people will be penalized for not carrying insurance and that those penalties, enforced by the Internal Revenue Service, will affect mostly people making under \$59,000 a year, thereby breaking the president's pledge that there will be no new tax increases for families making less than \$250,000.
When arguing in support of a government takeover of health care, some highlighted stories of unaffordable coverage and a lack of access to care for many Americans. But we now know that this law will not fix these problems; instead, it will make many of them worse. We must repeal this legislation before its many negative effects hit Idaho families and businesses, and we must replace it with common-sense reforms that lower costs and increase the quality of and access to care.
— Republican Mike Crapo is the senior U.S. senator from Idaho. For more on health care, go to <http://crapo.senate.gov>. To read the CMS report, go to http://republicans.waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/OACT_Memorandum_on_Financial_Impact_of_PPACA_as_Enacted.pdf.

Got news?

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 22, 1985

Local youth awarded plaque for saving life

Some quick thinking by a Homedale High School student may have averted a tragedy to several local families.

Robert Grim, a Homedale sophomore, was awarded a special lifesaving plaque at the Homedale Athletics Banquet, held on Friday night. The award stems from a near accident that occurred in February.

On February 12, Grim was waiting for the morning school bus on Industrial Road near Homedale, with several elementary school students. The roads at the time were icy and driving dangerous.

Grim viewed an oncoming car go into a skid at the corner, heading for four of the younger children. The wheels on the vehicle were completely turned to one side, he said. Robert quickly moved the kids out of the way before the automobile slid past and hit the gravel on the side of the road.

Nellie Arnold of Homedale was the bus driver who witnessed the near miss. She said the bus was nearing the curve and she anticipated the accident, but wasn’t close enough to stop it. “It all happened in half a second. He just gave them a shove to get them out of the way. I don’t know how he could have thought that quick, but he did,” she said.

Bruneau Valley happenings ...

What a nice party! This was the general consensus of the people attending the Mother-Daughter Breakfast given by the Bruneau Ladies’ Aid, Saturday morning, May 11.

There were four tables, seating 39 mothers and girls. The tables were decorated with bright colored felt flower napkin holders and the menu was as colorful — fruit cup or orange, pineapple, bananas, blueberries, etc. fluffy yellow omelet, sweet rolls, orange juice and coffee. A lively program was given at the beginning and end of the breakfast.

Guests from far away were Annabelle Erwin’s daughter, Mary Mink from Kuna with granddaughter, Danice and their exchange student from Germany, Tanya; Peggy Tallman and her daughter, Benita Handford from Homedale; Dian McDowell and her guest mother, Myrna Hale and Dian’s friend, Amaya Abaunzo from Grand View.

Plants were presented to Bessie Keith for being the oldest mother present and to Joy Snider for being the youngest, to Mary Mink for coming the farthest and to Letha Gingerich and Fannie Snider for having the most children. The plants were a gift from May Goodman. Mother’s Day bookmarks were also presented to each mother, a gift from Barbara Lumsdon.

Homedale school budget accepted

A budget of \$2,395,662.50 was accepted by the Homedale School Board on May 14. The 1985-86 budget is an increase from last year’s budget of \$2,202.79.

A hearing was held for any public comment, then the budget was voted in as no residents were in attendance. Trustee Hal Tolmie made a motion to okay the proposed figures and it was voted in.

The 1984 property valuation for the district is \$73 million. The beginning balance is \$170,312.50.

Federal revenue arriving is \$104,900, the same as last year. State revenue is \$1,719,850, up from last year’s \$1,555,979.

On the expenditure side, \$86,255 was allotted for administration. \$1,480,222 was set for instructional costs, up around 11% from last year’s \$1,310,800. Transportation was placed at \$88,045, a higher figure than \$80,125 of the 1984-85 budget year. Plant operation is \$211,459 and maintenance is \$24,500.

District clerk Jim Duncan said the \$2.4 million figures represents an 11-12% reduction in taxes this year, because of the demise of an emergency levy last year to add one teacher and accumulated funds helped reduce a bond outstanding. The cost of the teacher was absorbed in the budget this year, instead of representing additional taxes.

50 years ago

May 19, 1960

Airport buzzes with activity all day Saturday

A large turnout of men and equipment worked from dawn to dusk Saturday at the “Airport Day” sponsored by the Homedale Flying club to improve the airport.

Fill-in of a swampy area back of the hangars was partly completed and represented the major work done during the day. Dirt and gravel for the fill were hauled from a pit on the beet company property near the airport.

Gravel for the tie-down and hangar areas was hauled from the Jump Creek gravel pit. Weeds were moved and burned along the runway and in the hangar and tie-down area.

A new red wind-sock was installed by State Aeronautics Director Chet Moulton.

Lunch was served shortly after 11 o’clock to hungry men who had manned equipment and helped with the work since early morning.

Mrs. Virginia Crain registered workers and helped serve the lunch and coffee, assisted by volunteers. The Flying club furnished coffee, wieners and buns, and women furnished salad and desserts.

Locals place 7th in track meet

Homedale scored 11¾ points in the Region 2 Class B track meet at Twin Falls Saturday to place seventh.

Kimberly won the meet in a close contest with Carey and Valley, finishing with 18 points to 17 each for Carey and Valley.

Other results were: Glenns Ferry 13. Castelford 12, Riggins 11, Camas County 19, Middleton 8¾, Shoshone 8, Kuna 7, Marsing 7, Hansen 5, Melba 5, Declo 4, Wendell 4, Hailey 3, Donnelly-McCall 2.

Smith of Homedale won the 440 run with a time of 51.9. He won third in the 220-yard dash.

DeGroat of Homedale won third in the 880-yard run. Walker of Marsing was second in the high hurdles and Percifield of Marsing was second in the low hurdles.

Census figures show decrease in Homedale

Preliminary 1960 census figures show Homedale with a count of 1,337, down 74 from the 1,411 reported in the 1950 census.

Owyhee County is listed at 6,428, up 121 from the 6,307 of 1950.

These figures were released to The Owyhee Chronicle this week by Arthur Wilson, supervisor of the 2nd congressional census district with headquarters in Pocatello. Mr. Wilson said minor revision of these figures is possible, but they are substantially correct.

In the Owyhee Chronicle’s guessing contest, Mrs. Ora E. Moore, Walla Walla, Wash, a former long-time resident of Homedale, wins the 3-year subscription with a guess of 1437; Mrs. Glenn Coats, Homedale, is 2nd with 1442; and Mrs. Mildretta Adams, Homedale, 3rd, with 1473.

Funk, Van Slyke elected to school board

Merwin Funk and E. J. Van Slyke were elected to the Homedale school board at the annual school election of Joint Class A School district No. 370, Owyhee and Canyon counties, Monday, May 16.

Van Slyke, elected as trustee for district No. 3, received 43 votes to Bill Martston’s 14. Merwin Funk, incumbent, who was unopposed, received 13 votes to re-elect him trustee of district No. 4.

Albert Eidemiller did not seek re-election for district 4. In the past six years as school board member the records show that Eidemiller had never missed a meeting. He was chairman of the board last year.

Holdover school board members are Dr. George Wolff, Allen George and James Purdom.

Mrs. Barlow elected to Marsing board

Mrs. Elmer Barlow defeated Virgil Tucker by 14 votes to eight Tuesday to be elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees of the Marsing school district. Mrs. James Cossel, incumbent trustee, did not seek re-election.

144 years ago

May 19, 1866

OFF FOR OWYHEE. Thos. Ewing, formerly one of our heaviest traders, and one of the most enterprising citizens of Old Humboldt, has shipped a monster stock of groceries, liquors, clothing, hardware, mining tools, provisions and the like, to Silver City – whither he will depart next Monday, and be there to check off on arrival of his teams. Tom knows what is wanted in that country, and he bought for cash. If the Owyhees have the dust, and want something to wear, to eat, to drink, or to work with, he’s their man. Humboldt Register, 28th ult.

EMMET GUARDS. We are informed that a company under this name has been formed in Owyhee. At the first meeting fifty-eight enrolled themselves as members, and at the next meeting the number will be doubled. The company consists of members of the Fenian Brotherhood, and those who favor the organization and its objects. Capt. Murphy drills the company. At present it is not the intention to uniform. We have made no inquiries as to the object of the company, but observing that the same action is being taken elsewhere and the same name adopted, it seems significant. The name of itself is a power that stirs up the blood of all Irishmen and impels them to action. It is quite likely that these men are intended for the great Fenian army to liberate Ireland or make a powerful effort in that direction. The World reports a meeting of the Idaho City Emmet Guards, and speakers made “spirited remarks concerning the coming struggle for Irish Independence, which caused the gentlemen present to have the fullest confidence in Major General S.W. Sweeney, that by his patriotism and military experience, he will lead the down trodden sons of old Erin, his native land, to victory and a glorious independence to the Irish Republic to banish the followers of Cromwell and Strongbow from their native land.”

MAJOR MARSHALL came over to Owyhee a few days ago and took a survey of matters and things. Is disposed to move on the works of the enemy. Is trying to find out the haunts and is willing to go after male and female. Has gone to the Owyhee via Flint District. Expects to establish a station or two in that direction. Will do all he can to protect the workmen while they bridge the Owyhee and make the road passable. We are informed that with this understanding, Col. Fogus is bound to open the route immediately. It will shorten the road to California by fifty miles. Have not seen the Major but are told that he is “on it” – that is, the Indian business.

ESCAPE. Geo. Scott made his escape from the Owyhee Jail on Wednesday about 8pm. Deputy Sheriff Springer says it occurred during his absence, and that the jail keeper, Mr. Larkin, had charge of the prisoner, and permitted him to go out for a drink of water and neglected to return. This is the first escape of a prisoner from our jail, and it should not have occurred. There is no necessity for prisoners to be turned out for water or any other purpose, save for trial or discharge.

WE ARE informed that the Owyhee County Union Central Committee met in Ruby on Thursday evening and filled vacancies, and called another meeting for next Saturday, 26th. The Central Committee now stands; Wm. Atherton, Silver; J. C. Holgate, Ruby; Wm. Hannum, Boonville; Wm. Welch, Flint; and George Girty, Sinker.

SEVERAL WEEKS ago we announced the existence of immense bodies of chalk along the foothills east of here bordering on Snake Valley. We are informed that for many purposes it is a good substitute, though not the genuine article. It is as good for billiard cues as chalked. It is, however, said to have been proved pure clay by chemical analysis. It is white as snow, with less grit than chalk, and has been used to good advantage in white-washing.

Public notices

NOTICE OF LETTING
Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on June 8, 2010, for the work of CRABS on US-95, Jct SH-55, MP 26.262 to MP 33.583 & MP 17.80 to MP 26.262; US-95, Jct SH-55 to Homedale SCL & US-95, Marsing POE to Jct SH-55, known as Idaho Project No. A011(061) & A012(028), in Owyhee County, Key No. 11061 & 12028.
[A D D I T I O N A L INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENT ENGINEER ***SHAWNA KING*** AT (208) 459-7429.]
Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho
A non-refundable handling and mailing charge of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) plus applicable sales tax will be made for bid documents. Phone orders to (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430 shall be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Written requests shall be made by check or money order to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034.
Dated May 10, 2010
TOM COLE, P.E.Chief Engineer
5/19,26/10

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION(S) HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 57-11780
GRAND VIEW WATER & SEWER ASSN, PO BOX 69, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624
Point of Diversion NWNWNW S22 T05S R03E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Tributary
Point of Diversion NENWNW S22 T05S R03E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Tributary
Use: MUNICIPAL 01/01 to 12/31 1 CFS
Total Diversion: 1 CFS
Date Filed: 6/1/2009
Place Of Use: MUNICIPAL
Municipal use is within Grand View Water and Sewer Association service area.
Water bearing zone to be appropriated is from 100 to 200 feet.
PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT(S)
Junayo Ranch LTD Partnership of 1087 W River St. Ste 230 Boise, ID 83702 filed Application No. 75704 to transfer one water right with a 1984 priority date from Reynolds Creek totaling 4.6 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to correct the water right record to accurately reflect current irrigation practices for 20 acres by adding these acres to the place of use of the right. Water will be used at the current place of use generally located along the west and east banks of Reynolds Creek west of Upper Reynolds Creek Rd approximately 3 miles north of Reynolds and approximately 10 miles west of Murphy.
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-211 / § 42-

SAMPLE

JUDICIAL NOMINATING ELECTION BALLOT

OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

MAY 25, 2010

INSTRUCTIONS: TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE, PLACE AN X IN THE SQUARE AT THE RIGHT OF THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE.

| JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT | | JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TO SUCCEED JUSTICE | | TO SUCCEED JUDGE | |
| Jim Jones (Vote for One) | | Karen Lansing (Vote for One) | |
| Jim Jones | <input type="checkbox"/> | Karen Lansing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TO SUCCEED JUSTICE | | | |
| Roger Burdick (Vote for One) | | | |
| John Bradbury | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Roger Burdick | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TO SUCCEED JUDGE | | TO SUCCEED JUDGE | |
| Bradly S. Ford (Vote for One) | | Renae J. Hoff (Vote for One) | |
| Bradly S. Ford | <input type="checkbox"/> | Renae J. Hoff | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TO SUCCEED JUDGE | | TO SUCCEED JUDGE | |
| Gregory M. Culet (Vote for One) | | Thomas J. Ryan (Vote for One) | |
| Gregory M. Culet | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thomas J. Ryan | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TO SUCCEED JUDGE | | | |
| Juneal C. Kerrick (Vote for One) | | | |
| Juneal C. Kerrick | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

222. For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with details provided under "new water right applications." Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before June 7, 2010. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Interim Director
5/19,26/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 17, 2010, at the hour of two o'clock p.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder,

for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:
Lot 5, Block 2, as shown on the plat known as Plat Showing Silver Sage Subdivision No. 1, filed May 29, 1998 as Instrument No. 225021, records of Owyhee County, Idaho.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 101 SILVER SAGE PLACE, HOMEDALE, IDAHO, may sometimes be 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 STACEY J. BERRY, as Grantor, and STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC., as Trustee, said

Trustee having been replaced by ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP. as Successor Trustee, and CAMPBELL FAMILY TRUST, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on May 8, 2006, as Instrument No. 256256, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.
The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated May 1, 2006, in the amount of \$322.70 for October 2007, and in the amount of \$563.37 per month for November 2007 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.
The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$66,932.22 in principal; plus accrued interest

at the rate of nine and one-half percent (9.5%) per annum from March 22, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum from March 30, 2010, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.
Dated this 14 day of April, 2010.
MARK D. PERISON, P.A.,
By: Mark D. Perison – of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, P.O. Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6575 (208) 331-1200
4/28;5/5,12,19/10

Garage full?

Sell it in the

Classifieds

337-4681

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Homedale on Wednesday June 9th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho for the purpose of gathering public testimony regarding a proposed rezone of certain properties in the City of Homedale, as set for in the proposed following ordinance.
The Public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Homedale (208-337-4641)

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMENDED OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE MAP OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO BY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES NOW ZONED AS INDUSTRIAL TO EITHER COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL, REZONING ONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, there are numerous properties within the City Limits of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, west of Highway 95, that are zoned Industrial; and
WHEREAS, some of these properties are properly zoned as Industrial; and
WHEREAS, many of these properties are residences for which the proper zoning is Residential; and
WHEREAS, many of these properties are commercial businesses for which the proper zoning is Commercial; and
WHEREAS, there is one property that is currently zoned Residential that should be zoned Commercial.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO:

Section 1: That the Official Amended Zoning Map is amended by changing the following addressed properties to the zoning designated in the column entitled “New Zoning.”

| ADDRESS | NEW ZONING |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 302 E. Owyhee | Commercial |
| 2 S. 2 nd St. W. | Residential |
| 125 W. Wyoming | Residential |
| 117 W. Wyoming | Residential |
| 112 S. Main | Commercial |
| 111 S. Main | Commercial |
| 16 E. Wyoming | Commercial |
| 226 E. Colorado | Commercial |
| 232 E. Colorado | Commercial |
| 122 W. Colorado | Residential |
| 112 W. Colorado | Residential |
| 115 S. Main | Commercial |
| 9 Kansas | Commercial |
| 24 E. Colorado | Commercial |
| 309 S. Main | Commercial |
| 301 S. 3 rd St. E. | Residential |
| 608 2 nd St. E. | Commercial |

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, according to law.

Section 3: That should the Court having jurisdiction declare any part of this Ordinance invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional or in conflict with any other part of the Ordinance, then such unconstitutional, unauthorized or invalid part shall be stricken from this Ordinance, and shall not affect any other part whatsoever of this ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho, declare that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each part hereof, irrespective of parts declared invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

HAROLD WILSON, Mayor
ATTEST: ALICE E. PEGRAM, City Clerk
City of Homedale
5/12,19,26/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. ID-08-127986-PJ
On 9/2/2010, 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 Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services as Trustee, as Trustee on behalf of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK 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: A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE

COUNTY, IDAHO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SEE EXHIBIT A 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 4481E MARKET RD , 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 DEBBIE HANSEN AND CLARK G. HANSEN, WIFE AND HUSBAND as Grantor/ Trustor, in which WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, is named as Beneficiary and LENDER SERVICES DIRECT as Trustee and recorded 9/26/2006 as Instrument No. 258248 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the regular school board meeting of Joint School District No. 365, WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2010, 7 p.m. Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School, a proposed 2009-2010 budget amendment will be presented for approval. The budget is presently determined by the Board of Trustees and is available for review in the district office. The budget amendment is called pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 33-801. Meeting notices have been posted throughout the district.

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT School District #365 - Bruneau-Grand View GENERAL M & O FUNDS

| | | <i>Proposed</i> | | <i>Proposed</i> |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Current Budget | Amended Budget | Current Budget | Amended Budget |
| | 2009-2010 | 2009-2010 | 2009-2010 | 2009-2010 |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Fund Balances | \$245,492 | \$276,956 | \$379,888 | \$369,572 |
| Local Revenue | 84,000 | 66,000 | 483,528 | 484,133 |
| State Revenue | 3,222,973 | 3,271,148 | 110,154 | 89,815 |
| Federal Revenue | 144,000 | 130,740 | 771,496 | 792,008 |
| Other Sourc./Trans. | | | 30,778 | |
| TOTALS | \$3,696,465 | \$3,744,844 | \$1,775,844 | \$1,735,528 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Salaries | \$1,800,268 | \$1,784,192 | \$530,531 | \$545,988 |
| Benefits | 594,264 | 586,759 | 165,001 | 158,060 |
| Purchased Services | 899,599 | 1,017,315 | 205,136 | 160,865 |
| Supplies/Materials | 166,514 | 153,624 | 186,275 | 133,967 |
| Capital Outlay | 6,080 | 3,530 | 253,654 | 318,454 |
| Debt Retirement | 462 | 462 | 394,200 | 394,200 |
| Insur./Judgments | 38,500 | 38,962 | 4,290 | 4,290 |
| Transfers | 30,778 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contingency | 160,000 | 160,000 | 36,757 | 19,704 |
| TOTALS | \$3,696,465 | \$3,744,844 | \$1,775,844 | \$1,735,528 |

A copy of the school district budget is available for public inspection in the administrative offices of the school district.

Catherine R. Sellman, Clerk, Joint School District No. 365, Grand View, Idaho 83624
5/19/10

ORDINANCE #390

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HOMEDALE CITY ORDINANCE NUMBER 332, AMENDING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FOR INDOOR OR OUTDOOR ROPING ARENAS IN AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND SEVERABILITY.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO:

Section 1: That Article VII - Official Schedule of District Regulations of Ordinance No. 332 be amended as follows to allow “Roping Arena, Indoor or Outdoor” as a permitted land use for industrial districts and as a use requiring a special use permit for commercial districts:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| LAND USE | A | R | C | I | P |
| Roping Arenas / Indoor or Outdoor | | | S | P | |

Section 2: All ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, rescinded and annulled.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, according to law.

Section 4: Should the court having jurisdiction declare any part of this Ordinance invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional or in conflict with any other part of this Ordinance, then such unconstitutional, unauthorized or invalid part shall be stricken from this Ordinance, and shall not affect any other part whatsoever of this Ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho declare that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each part hereof, irrespective of parts declared invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2010.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2010.

HAROLD WILSON, Mayor
ATTEST: ALICE E. PEGRAM, City Clerk
5/19/10

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 9/14/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,351.26, due per month for the months of 8/1/2007 through 4/19/2010, 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 \$140,455.25 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 10.3000 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO: CV-2010-1507H

A Petition to change the name of Alan Dean Nelson Jr., born 12-6-92 in Tucson, AZ, residing at 519 W. Arizona Ave, Homedale, has been filed in Owyhee County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Alan Dean Kennedy. The petitioner’s mother is living and her address is 519 W. Arizona Ave, Homedale.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30am on June 2, 2010 at Owyhee County Courthouse in Homedale, Idaho. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: April 21, 2010
Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of the District Court
By: Jan Fink, Deputy Clerk
4/28;5/5,12,19/10

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Tsg 00063/4990804927MAA Loan No. 0059480517 T.S. No. 057-005416 On 8/25/2010, at 11:00 A.M. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, ID, TRANSNATION TITLE AND ESCROW INC., as Trustee on behalf of UTLIS Default Services, LLC 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 Lots 5 and 4 and a portion of Lot 3 of Block 27 of the Amended Plat of Homedale, Idaho, situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Block 27; thence North 89° 12’ 13” West along (he North boundary of said Block 27 a distance of 72.89 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, said point lying 2.19 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence South 00° 50’ 22” West a distance of 124.99 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Lot 3; thence North 89° 12’ 21” West along the South boundary of said Lot 3 a distance of 1.99 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence continuing North 89° 12’ 21” West along the

South boundary of said Lots 4 and 5 a distance of 50.09 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot S; thence North 00° 46’ 23” East along the West boundary of said Lot 5 a distance of 124.96 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot S; thence South 89° 12’ 13” East along the North boundary of said Lots 5, 4 and a portion of Lot 3 a distance of 52.24 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 307 W MONTANA , 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 RUSSELL D. WADE, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY as Grantor/Trutor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and PIONEER TITLE OF CANYON COUNTY as Trustee and recorded 11/9/2006 as Instrument No. 258782 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 11/7/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$966.62, due per month for the months of 7/1/2008 through 4/12/2010, 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 \$86,687.08 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.50000 per cent (%) per annum from 6/1/2008. 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. Date: 4/13/2010 TRANSNATION TITLE AND ESCROW INC. By: Lynn Darling, Assistant Vice President THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3533406 4/28;5/5,12,19/10



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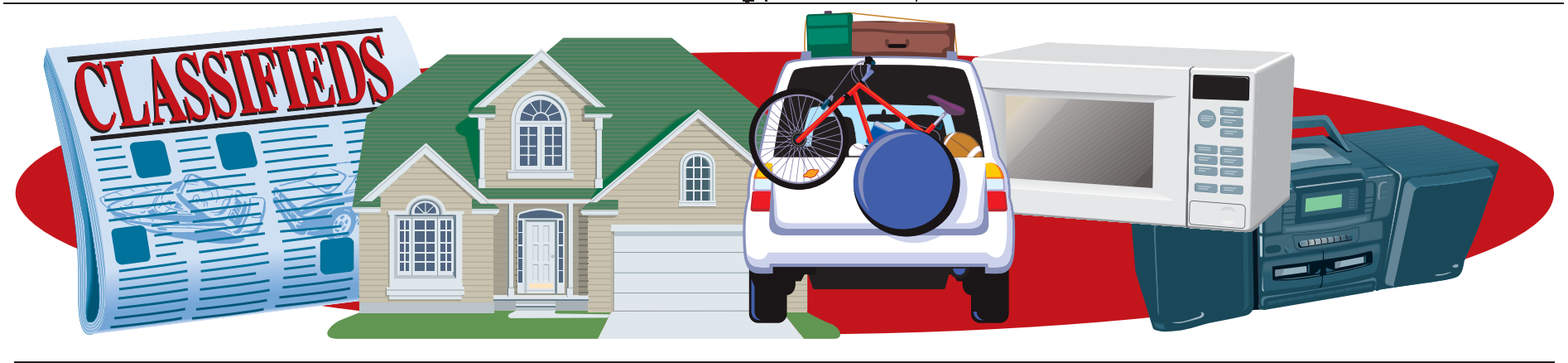
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