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Property tax bills go in the mail

County property owners will receive their property tax bills this week.

Owyhee County Treasurer Brenda Richards said landowners must pay at least half of their bill by Dec. 20. Payments must be received by the treasurer's office in Murphy or postmarked by that date.

The remainder of each person's tax bill is due by June 20.

Richards said the bills were mailed Friday, and that treasurer's office personnel will be available to answer any questions. Call (208) 495-1158 or, toll-free from the Marsing-Homedale area, 337-5522. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There are several payment options for property owners, including mailing their checks to the treasurer's office, P.O. Box

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Extreme stunts at HMS

Two-time X Games gold medal-winning inline skater Jaren Grob jumps over Homedale Middle School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness in this sequence taken during Thursday's show to reward top magazine sellers. More photos, **Page 10**

Will new Congress jeopardize Initiative?

Outgoing chair fears shift in priorities in D.C.

The lack of activity and changing of the guard in Washington, D.C., has some members of the Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors worried.

As Congress returns for a lame-duck session and a group of new Republican lawmakers wait in the

wings to infuse the U.S. House of Representatives with a new dose of fiscal conservatism, the federal government still doesn't have a budget for the next fiscal year.

That means there is no promise of new appropriations to finance the further implementation of the Owyhee Initiative law.

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New twist for Hands Around Homedale

Schools' annual food drive starts Monday

Preparation for the Hands Around Homedale food drive

effort has begun for the 2010 Christmas season.

As Homedale Elementary School counselor Randee Garrett begins to collect information on the community's needy families, there is a new twist to

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Marsing student's first buck unofficially 33rd in state history

In what could have been deemed a routine hunting trip with his dad and brother, a Marsing eighth-grader came back with his first buck and a potential record book trophy.

Billy Bowers, 13, traveled with his father Danny and older brother Levi into Unit 40 near the Squaw Butte area on Nov. 2 in search of mule deer. On the second day of the hunt, Billy was able to take down a typical 4-point buck that has an unofficial Boone & Crock-

ett net green score of 201.

"My dad and my brother and I all drew big buck tags this year," Billy said. "They decided that I would be able to shoot the first good buck we saw. My dad and I both agree that I will probably never beat this buck. He is a great buck and a one of a kind."

Danny Bowers, Billy's father, said they had passed up around 10 bucks before the one Billy shot came along.

"I kept getting my scope out

to look at them. (Billy) told me 'I'm sick of you analyzing these bucks'. That one deer made our whole hunt," Danny said.

According to the Idaho Fish and Game Web site, Billy's unofficial score places him in a four-way tie at No. 33 in state history. Billy will have to wait until Jan. 3 for an official measurement from Boone & Crockett to know where his name will land on the list.

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Billy Bowers shows off his prize buck after the Nov. 2 hunt.

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Government holiday closures will vary

Avalanche office closed Thursday, Friday

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday as well many county and municipal government offices.

Closure of the Avalanche office has altered some deadlines for next week’s edition:

- Display advertising for the Dec. 1 issue must be received by noon today, and the letters to the editor deadline is 5 p.m. today.
- Deadlines for public notices (noon Friday) and classified ads (noon Monday) will remain the same.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Homedale Police Department patrol and dispatch services will be available Thursday and Friday as will emergency services in the county.

But the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will be closed Thursday and Friday with the exception of the clerk’s office, which will be open for recording and court business.

The Marsing DMV office and the probation office in Homedale will be open Nov. 26. The magistrate court in Homedale also will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Homedale City Hall will close Thursday, but will be open for

business Friday morning. The city council’s second meeting of the month — scheduled for Thursday — has been cancelled.

Marsing City Hall will be closed both Thursday and Friday.

City government officers in Jordan Valley, Grand View and Adrian are normally closed Thursdays and Fridays. Today is the last day to do business for the week at Grand View City Hall.

Homedale Public Library and Lizard Butte Public Library in Marsing will close Thursday and Friday. The Bruneau Valley will be closed Thanksgiving and is always closed on Fridays.

Schools in the Homedale and Bruneau-Grand View districts will be closed today through Friday for Thanksgiving break, while Marsing schools will close Thursday and Friday.

Jordan Valley students get out of school at noon today and have Thursday and Friday off, while Adrian students will go to school for a half-day today and stay home the rest of the week.

County banks will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but will reopen Friday.

Paul’s Market will be closed on Thanksgiving, while Snake River Mart will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Homedale Drug will close on Thanksgiving Day. The state liquor dispensary (located at Snake River Mart in Marsing and Homedale Drug in Homedale) will be closed for the holiday.

Entries sought for Marsing holiday parade, craft show

Christmas events set for Dec. 11

Participants are coming forward for the Marsing Chamber of Commerce’s holiday festivities, but organizers still want more folks to get in on the fun.

The parade and subsequent Day at the North Pole craft and decorated tree auction will be held Saturday, Dec. 11.

Entries are being sought for the parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. on Main Street. Chamber of Commerce president Cathy Streibel announced Friday that longtime Marsing resident Roman Usabel will serve as the parade’s master of ceremony.

The Day at the North Pole runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the

Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Craft and food vendors are sought for the event, which will also feature a meet-and-greet with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

At 1 p.m., a decorated tree auction will be held with proceeds benefitting the Harold Shockley Memorial Educational Fund. A former Marsing School District superintendent, Shockley lost his battle with cancer last month.

Other events planned for Dec. 11 include the Marsing City Tree Lighting ceremony with Mayor Keith Green, which will take place at dusk at Island Park.

For more information on entering the parade or taking part in the Day at the North Pole festivities , call Streibel at 896-7001.

Third-graders continue legacy of celebrating and feeding parents

Marsing students prepare to serve guests in the annual “Thanksgiving Feast”

A little over 20 years ago when a Marsing Elementary School teacher returned from a vacation in Hawaii and started a luau with third-graders, she couldn’t imagine the tradition would still be carried out.

Valerie (Urwin) Miller taught third grade in Marsing in the late 1980s, when she traveled to visit her sister in Hawaii. During her vacation, she was exposed to the culture and traditions of the Island State.

After returning from her vacation, she wanted to teach Marsing third-graders about Hawaii. She started the “Hawaiian Luau” as a way for students to serve parents a Hawaiian-themed meal, sing songs and do a hula dance.

“It has been a long time since I have thought of this,” Miller said. “It was right when I first started teaching. This has been like 24 years ago. Wow. I was only in Marsing for 2½ years and left after I got married. I kind of lost touch with the people there.”

After getting married, Miller moved to Wyoming for a few years and then landed in Walla Walla, Wash. Miller currently tutors home-schooled students in English and reading.

“I moved so far away,” Miller said. “It is really cool that they have carried this tradition on. I’m glad that it got changed up a little and made into a Thanksgiving-styled feast.”

During her short stay in the Marsing schools Miller partnered with another teacher, Kellie Wannamaker, to create an atmosphere for the students to celebrate and serve their parents. Wannamaker currently lives in Alaska and carried the Thanksgiving Feast tradition with her to Mountain View Elementary in Kenai.

Like Marsing, Mountain View has carried the tradition for 20 years.

“I remember teaching the dances and organizing the event,” Wannamaker said. “It is really neat they are still doing this. I carried the tradition up here to Alaska. I’m glad to see both schools are carrying on the same tradition.”

John Barenberg teaches third grade in Marsing and taught with Wannamaker before she moved away. Parents who were once in a class taught



Students from Mr. Barrenburg’s 2004 third-grade class perform a Thanksgiving play for family and friends. Now freshmen at Marsing High School, (left to right) Austin Williams, Asia Shippy, Bailey Anderson and Kaylyne Freeman. Indians staged behind pilgrims include Tyler Malmberg, Tristan Jacobi, Amy Mendoza, Yesenia Quebrado, Raul Garcia and Jose Acuna.

by Wannamaker, Miller and Barenberg, are starting to see their children take part in the feast.

“Kellie and I morphed it into more of a stone soup event my second year,” Barenberg said. “After that year, Kellie moved to Alaska, and Jan Mayer and I took it from there and really helped make it into what it is today.”

During the legacy of the feast, there has only been one year that students didn’t have an opportunity to share with friends and family. Those students are now in eighth grade at Marsing Middle School.

“This will forever be the class known for not having a feast,” Barenberg said. “We really thought that nobody would notice if we didn’t do it. We were swamped that year with a new curriculum and it just wasn’t going to work out. Boy, were we wrong.”

Barenberg said he could remember phone calls from parents asking, “Why isn’t there a feast?” He said it really didn’t set in for the students until the following year when they started the feast back up. He had fourth-graders asking why they didn’t get a chance to do a feast.

“I remember the third grade vaguely, stories in our Open Court reading book and such, but I don’t remember any mention of a Thanksgiving Feast,” eighth-grader Audra Kendall said. “When I went on to fourth, the third-graders did have it, then I noticed.”

Kendall can remember other students getting to attend the feast and thinking it “so unfair” that they were getting to participate.

“I remember the smell wafting through the halls. That day was not the best for me,” Kendall said. “I don’t think I will ever get over the fact that we are the only class ever to not get the Thanksgiving Feast. It’s forever imprinted on my mind.”

Barenberg hopes that the tradition and the legacy of the Thanksgiving Feast is carried well into the future. He said that without the support of the parents, teachers and administration the feast would have died out years ago.

“I really hope that this event will continue for years to come. The parents and the kids really look forward to this event and almost see it is a rite of passage as they progress through the third-grade school year,” Barenberg said. “I think sometimes we all get so busy with life that we need times like our feast to just enjoy each other’s company and have a time to reflect on the things we should be thankful for, much like the pilgrims at our first Thanksgiving.”

— JLZ





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Grant exits Initiative to colleagues' effusive praise

County rancher Richards assumes board presidency

Last week's annual meeting of the Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors closed a major chapter for the historic movement.

Fred Kelly Grant, the man who many consider the father of the agreement that spawned the law, concluded his stint as president Nov. 16 when Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards was appointed in absentia to chair the board.

Craig Gehrke, an Initiative board member representing The Wilderness Society, nominated Richards, who has served as an alternate on the board for the Owyhee Borderlands Trust.

"There's no way anyone can replace the vast knowledge that Fred brings to that position," Richards said.

She added that Grant's work has made it easy for her to transition into the role of facilitator for subcommittee assignments and board actions.

Gehrke, who previously resisted attempts to get him to replace Grant, will remain as the board's first vice-president.

Another Owyhee County rancher, Dennis Stanford of Jordan Valley, was elected second vice-president. He represents the Owyhee Borderland Trust on the Initiative

board.

Two at-large members will be appointed to complete the five-person Initiative executive board at a later meeting.

In stepping away from the job he has held since the formation of the Initiative Work Group a decade ago, Grant once again pointed out the significance of what the men and women in the room had helped pull off.

"Frankly, as I go around the country — I've been in 18 states in the last four or five months — I just don't see this happening again unless people are willing to do the things that were done to get this accomplished," Grant said.

"And it wasn't just people sitting down at a table and saying, 'OK, let's do this'. It took hours and hours and hours talking to individual people."

Sierra Club regional representative Jessica Ruehrwein, another Initiative director, presented Grant with the environmental group's 2011 calendar as a token of appreciation for his work.

Board member Will Whelan summed up Grant's importance to the process:

"We were strong under pressure, and that doesn't happen unless a group has faith in its leadership and you provided



Brenda Richards

that leadership, you brought us through these last 9½ years to this point," The Nature Conservancy representative told Grant. "It wouldn't have happened without you."

"It is the most impressive piece of sustained group leadership I have seen."

Focused on appointing new subcommittees to tackle continuing Initiative issues, Grant eschewed any praise for himself, instead focusing on the collaborative effort that led to the law.

"The success is not in me, but that everybody came in and battled their own battles and we battled through them," he said, noting that each interest group was encouraged to bring their demands to the table rather than leaving them at the door in the name of blind unity.

Although Grant is leaving a post that helped protect the federal lands interests of Owyhee County government, ranchers, recreationists and conservationists, he's not stepping away from the fight. He travels to Washington, D.C., next month to help the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes lobby for continued federal funding for its Cultural Protection Plan.

He didn't leave last week's meeting without exerting his leadership one last time,



Fred Grant

pushing through a list of nominations and recommendations for the Science Review panel of experts as well as appointing subcommittees — one to work on the West Owyhee Travel Management Plan, another to hammer out the scope of the Research Center, and a third to discuss future federal appropriations with staff from the office of Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho). He also led the reappointment process for several board members, who were given new three-year terms.

With Grant's guidance, the directors also approved a letter of appreciation for several people who were instrumental in building the Initiative, including the late Don and Gene Davis and fellow county ranchers such as Tim Lowry, George and Donna Bennett, Inez and Elias Jaca, Frank and Cindy Bachman, Mike and Linda Hanley, the Stanford family, Ernie Bahem and county commissioners Dick Freund and George Hyer and the Board of County Commissioners that was seated when the Initiative process began — Harold "Hal" Tolmie, Dick Reynolds and Chris Salove.

"We never have acknowledged the risk they took — with Dick and George it, in part, cost them the election," Grant said of the commissioners.

Of the ranchers, he said: "Without that list of ranchers I just listed, there wouldn't be any Initiative."

— JPB



Marsing salutes native son

City of Marsing maintenance workers Jonathan Jarboe, left, and Phillip Gibson install a banner on Wednesday proclaiming the hometown of Boise State football standout Shea McClellin last week on the railroad crossing arms on Main Street. McClellin, a junior defensive end for the third-ranked Broncos, next suits up Friday in Reno against Nevada.

4,800 lose power Monday morning

Nearly 4,800 Idaho Power Co. customers in Homedale, Wilder and parts of Caldwell were without power for an hour on Monday when the U.S. Highway 95-Ustick Road substation shut down.

According to Idaho Power communications specialist Stephanie McCurdy, the outage was reported at 7:40 a.m. on Monday.

"We lost power at the Homedale Substation due to two wires com-

ing into contact," McCurdy said. "Customers were out for a little more than an hour."

McCurdy said crews from Idaho Power were able to restore power by 8:45 a.m.

Homedale High hosts college financial aid seminar

Parents of Homedale High School seniors can get more information about the college financial aid process Monday.

TRIO representative Petya Johnson will have information about navigating the process during a 6 p.m. meeting inside the library, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Gem Irrigation reviews assessments Tuesday

All three local boards hold regular meetings

The Gem Irrigation District board of directors will convene as a Board of Equalization on Tuesday to review and correct assessments.

Any irrigator who takes issues with his 2011 assessment must file a complaint with district secretary Connie Chadez before Tuesday to be heard.

Assessments are available for review at the Gem Irrigation District office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The BOE convenes as part of Gem's regular monthly meeting, which begins at 1:15 p.m. at the district office.

Prior to the Gem board's meeting, the Ridgeview Irrigation Board holds its regular monthly meeting at 1 p.m.

The South Board of Control directors meet at 1:30 p.m.

Ridgeview and SBOC directors will meet at the Homedale office, which both share with the Gem District.

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Group kicks off card project for military

Five members of the Homedale Public Library's Tween and Teen group kicked off a service project last week to write holiday greetings for deployed troops.

"The kids had a great time signing cards and talking about how much it meant to them that the soldiers and their families are so willing to give so much for us all," program coordinator Sara Martin said.

Most of the children who wrote holiday cards for the troops have relatives who served in the military or know someone who has family members in the service.

Martin said people in the community have until Dec. 2 to visit the library to fill out a holiday card for the troops, or to drop one off at the library for inclusion in the care package for the troops.

Martin's father, Melvin Wallace, served in the Marine Corps. The children who took part in the



Jeremiah Edmiston fills out a card at the library last week.

Nov. 16 event at the library also knew service members:

Jeremiah Edmiston, 11, said his father, Jeffrey, and an uncle, Adam, served in the Army. Adam saw action during Desert Storm.

Jordan Stuart, 12, said her grandfather, Ray Stuart, also served, while 11-year-old Emma McMichael said her friend's

brother was in the Marines.

Alicia Rebischke, whose grandfather was a prisoner of war, and Madie Quilantan, also took part in the card project, Martin said.

The next Tween and Teen event is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and will feature a program dedicated to the winning book in the Survivor competition — "A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning". The program is open to ages 10-17.

The group will watch the movie, "A Series of Unfortunate Events", and popcorn will be served.

After the movie, a new round of Survivor will begin, and there will be a door prize drawing, with the winner taking home a book from the Series of Unfortunate Events series.

For more information about the program, call the library at 337-4228 in the afternoon during the week.

GV man gets six-year marijuana prison term

A second suspect in a Grand View marijuana bust could spend as many as six years in state prison, according to court records.

Jas Oneil Harger, 24, was sentenced in Third District Court in Murphy on Oct. 22 after Judge Thomas J. Ryan accepted his guilty plea to two felony counts — criminal conspiracy and delivery of a controlled substance.

Ryan sentenced Harger to three years determinate and two years indeterminate for each of the convictions. Harger received credit for 176 days served in jail since

he was arrested with two others on May 1 in Grand View.

Harger also must pay \$450 in fines and court fees.

An operation involving the sheriff's offices in Owyhee and Elmore counties resulted in the arrest of Harger, 24-year-old Christina Jay Wolfe and 31-year-old Jennifer Rose Bramley.

Wolfe received five years' probation, community service and a fine in her September sentencing.

Bramley is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 10 in Murphy.

Man gets probation for marijuana grow

A 34-year-old Nampa man has been placed on probation after his conviction for growing marijuana seedlings near Wilson.

J. Audis Mora-Ambritz must serve five years' probation. District Judge Gregory M. Culet handed down the sentence on a felony count of manufacturing a controlled substance on Oct. 8 in Murphy.

Culet suspended a state prison term of three years determinate and two years indeterminate and also suspended a 245-day jail term. Mora-Ambritz spent 120 days in jail after his June arrest.

Mora-Ambritz also must serve 100 hours of community services and was ordered to pay \$1,265.50 in fines and fees.

Mora-Ambritz was arrested at his Nampa home days after authorities found a batch of 1,872 marijuana seedlings near the Wilson schoolhouse. He entered a guilty plea to the felony in August.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office originally identified the man as Audis Ambritz. Sheriff Daryl Crandall put the value of the seedlings at maturity at \$4.68 million.

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✓ Initiative: Crapo representative says board can expect reduced funding

The fiscal year 2010 budget gave \$300,000 to the Initiative for Science Review and to kick off the establishment of a research center, but the possibility of federal spending cuts leaves the Initiative Board of Directors former chairman pessimistic that the next budget will have the same level of funding.

The recent congressional movement to end earmarks also worries Fred Kelly Grant, who led his final Initiative Board of Directors meeting on Nov. 16 in Marsing. “(Earmarks) put us in a tough spot to get a continuation of the appropriations we got last year,” he told the Initiative directors at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

Layne Bangerter, state director of agriculture and natural resources for Initiative champion Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), said there would be funding cuts but assured the board that in spite of Crapo’s recent stance against earmarks his boss would stand behind the law he helped shape and continue to fight for funding and support in Congress and among the related federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management.

Grant, who stepped down from the Initiative chairmanship to — among other things — help the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes in their quest to continue federal funding for the Cultural Protection Plan, questioned whether incoming Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho) would be on board with the Initiative given his ties to the Tea Party movement. The Tea Party is bent on curbing government spending and has hinted it may try to trigger a government shutdown by not backing a continuing resolution to extend funding in the absence of a FY 2011 budget.

Grant warned that even with a new continuing resolution, the funding wouldn’t be available until March. He also intimated that one of his congressional sources has said that the country could run on a string of continuing resolutions for years because the next appropriations bill may not see a vote until 2014.

Doug McConnaughey, a Tribes representative, went so far as to ponder whether the changing climate in Washington may lead to the reversal of the wilderness and Wild and Scenic designations achieved by the Initiative when Obama signed the public lands omnibus bill into law in March 2009.

“I don’t think it’s possible or plausible that it could happen,” Initiative board vice-president Craig Gehrke of The Wilderness Society said when McConnaughey asked him about the likelihood that the next Congress could rescind the designations, which affects 517,000 acres of land and 316 miles of rivers and streams in the county.

A Congress with its focus shifted away from the western issues addressed by the Initiative — preserving ranching in particular — was something that congressional staff worried about two years ago as the agreement was racing toward the finish line after nearly a decade of consensus-building.

“Two years ago, David Brooks (at the time the chief of staff for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Democratic chair, Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico) feared easterners would take over the committees, and they could care less about western issues,” Grant said.

But Grant, who helped Owyhee County commissioners launch the Initiative effort a decade ago, left the Initiative board with one piece of advice rooted in the philosophy that brought the diverse interests together in the first place.

“You’ll have to deal with it in a creative way that takes into account trying to get some of those folks to understand the value of cutting down on conflict,” Grant said.

— JPB

✓ Hands: Gift Trees will appear this week

the process.

This year, families who receive assistance from the program will have the opportunity to help others.

Garrett said each family on the list will have the opportunity to send one member to make pillowcases for pediatric cancer patients through the Pennsylvania-based ConKerr Cancer A Case for Smiles project. The pillowcases will be created from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the elementary school. The pillowcases will stay local, as donations to the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center’s pediatric cancer unit.

The family member who participates will receive a voucher, which then can be redeemed for the food box during the distribution, which is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17. Community members are welcome to come sort food and pack the boxes beginning around 2 p.m. that day.

Paul’s Markets shoppers can donate their Price-Cutter Club points to supply hams and turkeys for the food boxes, and Homedale students will begin their three-week food drive on Monday. Paul’s points can be donated at the store’s customer service desk, Garrett said.

The Hands Around Homedale is just part of the community

project.

The annual Gift Tree also will return. Trees with tags listing presents for the different families will go up around town this week, one of the organizers, Diana Maxwell, said. All presents, wrapped or unwrapped, with the tags must be returned by Dec. 15. Personnel from the Homedale Fire Department and Homedale Police Department will deliver presents on Saturday, Dec. 18.

A poker night fundraiser for the Wish Tree will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4.

— JPB

✓ Tax: Property owners can pay by credit card and online

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Richards also said taxpayers can make payments by credit card or debit card either by calling the treasurer’s office or visiting the county’s Web site, www.owyheecounty.net, and clicking on the “Pay Property Taxes” link under the Treasurer tab on the left-hand side of the main page.

Credit card and debit card payments are made possible through the third-party Access Idaho, which assesses a 2.75 percent service charge, Richards said.

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✓ Buck: Boone & Crockett dry score expected next year

“This is a controlled hunt area with 195 tags issued to hunters,” IDFG Senior Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson said. “There are several thousand people that put in for that tag. The success has been really good for Unit 40. I have checked several 26-to 30-inch outside spread bucks out there.”

When the official measurement comes in, it will be the first addition to the mule deer record since 2007. There have been only eight record bucks harvested in Owyhee County, the most recent one was in 2005 with a score of 193 1/8.

The largest buck recorded for the area was in 1954, which measured 193 6/8.

“The excitement was overwhelming after I got him,” Billy said. “It was awesome, and there is no other way to say it. What made this hunting trip special was just being able to go out and spend quality time with my dad and big brother.”

— JLZ

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Nov. 24-26: No school.
Nov. 29: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit & veggie bar, chocolate & vanilla pudding, milk
Nov. 30: Spaghetti, pizza hot pocket, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, French bread, milk

Homedale Middle

Nov. 24-26: No school.
Nov. 29: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, whole wheat sugar cookie, milk
Nov. 30: Wiener wrap or sloppy Joe, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk

Homedale High

Nov. 24-26: No school.
Nov. 29: Pizza or philly steak & cheese hot pocket, chef salad, strawberry shortcake, milk
Nov. 30: Beef or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk

Marsing

Nov. 25-26: No school.
Nov. 29: Lasagna, roll, corndog, green beans, salad w/ranch, salad bar, fruit & vegetable bar, milk
Nov. 30: Chicken nuggets, chicken fajita, veggie, salad bar, vanilla bar, fruit & vegetable bar, milk

Bruneau

Nov. 24-26: No school.
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Sausage & cheese/bun, kiwi, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken wrap, fried rice, broccoli, oranges, rice crispy treat, milk

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Includes beverage

Nov. 24-25: Holiday.
Nov. 30: Hot dog, macaroni & cheese, salad

Marsing Senior Center

Nov. 24-25: Closed.
Nov. 20: Breakfast buffet special: Pancakes & eggs
Nov. 30: Mock filet mignon, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, tossed salad, roll, pineapple pudding cake

Rimrock Senior Center

Nov. 25: Closed
Nov. 29: Apricot chicken, carrots, peas in salad, roll, orange juice, pineapple dump cake

Death notice

HARVEY ATAGI, 61, who grew up in Adrian, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010 in Boise. A viewing was held at Lienkaemper Chapel in Ontario, on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 and memorial services took place on Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple in Ontario, Ore.

Obituary

Patti Johnson

On Thursday, November 18, 2010, Patti passed away at her home at the age of 60 years following a courageous battle with cancer. Patricia Kay was born to Elmer and Lucille Meissner in Walla Walla. She had two siblings, older sister Jean and younger brother Alan. Patti grew up on the Meissners’ farm in Milton-Freewater. The Meissners moved to Pomeroy, WA where Patti attended Pomeroy High School. She was chosen as Homecoming Queen in 1967 and graduated with honors in 1968.

She attended N.N.C. in Nampa, majoring in Home Economics. Patti married James True Johnson in Pomeroy in September of 1969. They made their first home in Pomeroy and welcomed their first child, Toby James on November 17, 1971. Soon after, they moved back to the Meissner farm to raise their family. The family later welcomed daughter, Amy Christine on August 6, 1976 and soon after, son, Tyler Benjamin on August 5, 1977.

Patti was a dedicated wife and mother. Patti was also a talented artist. She taught Sunday school



and volunteered in the Ferndale School District for many years. Patti was humble and selfless and understood what it was to serve others. She was a true and faithful friend who loved Jesus.

Patti is survived by her husband of 41 years, Jim Johnson of Milton-Freewater, her children, Toby and Shannon Johnson of Homedale, Amy and Mark Boothby of Homedale, Tyler and Robin Johnson of Milton-Freewater, her mother, Lucille Meissner of Walla Walla, siblings, Jean and Rich Trump of Walla Walla and Alan and Penny Meissner of Dayton, WA, father-in-law Dr. Richard Johnson of Walla Walla, and eight



grandchildren, Hannah, Nash, and Lainey Johnson, Logan and Mason Boothby, and Madeline, Benjamin, and Samuel Johnson. Patti was preceded in death by her father, Elmer Meissner, mother-in-law, Glea Johnson, and great nephew, Matthew Trump.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 11:00 at the Amazing Grace Church of the Nazarene in Walla Walla, WA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Society or the St. Mary Cancer Center in Walla Walla through Munselle Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.



*The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) honored Homedale Middle School sixth-grade essayists during an Americanism program Nov. 16 at the Caldwell Library. Present for the ceremony last week were: **Front row, from left:** Essay winner Riley Haun, second-place Dylan Crawford and third-place Aaliyah Tijerina. **Back row, from left:** HMS teacher Pat Warren, honorable mention essayists Lindsey McRae, Jack Deal, Jason Riha and Velma Smith, DAVA Commander of Caldwell Unit #1 Carrie L. French. **Rear:** Jim Burgess, Idaho Department Disabled American Veterans chaplain. Submitted photo*

Caldwell DAV salutes HMS essayists

Students from Homedale Middle School’s sixth-grade classes were honored last week as part of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary’s annual essay contest.

Riley Haun’s composition on the topic “What the Constitution Means to Me” was chosen as the top essay. Haun and the other top-three essay-writers received

trophies, money and letters of participation. Second place went to Dylan Crawford, and Aaliyah Tijerina finished third.

Honorable mention entries received cash and letters of participation, and the top six students read their essay to Disabled American Veterans members and family members

during a Nov. 16 gathering at the Caldwell Public Library.

Terry Harrell, the commander of the DAV Caldwell Chapter No. 1 Carrie L. French, also gave a brief speech. The chapter’s chaplain, James Burgess, handed out the awards and presented each participant with a personal letter of appreciation.

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Saturday

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 and finger food, public welcome, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Sunday

Advent Celebration
6 p.m., Hanging of the Greens, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Afterschool story time
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. Kindergarten through third grade welcome. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons for more information.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 1

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

TRIAD meeting
1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

Homedale Senior Center board meeting
1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Snake River Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Thursday, Dec. 2

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

Soup and prayer day
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., freewill offering accepted, Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 965-1650

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

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

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

Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 337-3888

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

Friday, Dec. 3

Story time at library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Saturday, Dec. 4

Homedale Senior Center bazaar
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., table rental: \$12 for large, \$6 for small, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

OCHS Christmas bazaar
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Sunday, Dec. 5

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

OCHS Christmas bazaar
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Monday, Dec. 6

Homedale Public Library board meeting
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

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

Tuesday, Dec. 7

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

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Grand View Irrigation board meeting
11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

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

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

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

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Grand View PTA holds school fundraisers

The Grand View PTA is getting ready for its annual Christmas basket raffle, and will be selling tickets during the Grand View Bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 4.

The bazaar takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grand View Elementary School, 205 First Street.

Each elementary school class has built a gift basket, and winning raffle tickets will be drawn during the school's Christmas program.

The PTA also is holding a gold drive fundraiser. Bring unused,

scrap or broken gold, including gold-plated jewelry, to the bazaar, and Selway Gold will pay top dollar based on the day's market price. Selway Gold then will donated 10 percent of what it paid to Grand View Elementary. Those who sold their gold also have the option of giving their proceeds to the school.

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Snow surrounds Silver City
Andy Scott, who has begun his third year as Silver City watchman, takes his goat, Fannie, and puppy, “Woof!”, on his daily walkabout in the hills around the historic mining town, which had five inches of snow on the ground Saturday, according to Silver City Fire & Rescue Inc.’s Jim Hyslop. Picnic Rocks, located across Jordan Creek from the Ruby City townsite, is visible in the background. Submitted photo

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 16 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 251 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 32 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 119,804 acre-feet of water, 17 percent of capacity, on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site at 10:00 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
11/16	0.3	0.0*	3.7	49.8	40.1	42.1
11/17	0.0	0.0*	3.6	42.1	28.8	37.4
11/18	0.2	1.0	3.7	43.5	27.0	36.0
11/19	0.1	0.0	3.7	52.0	28.9	29.9
11/20	0.1	0.0*	3.7	34.3	27.1	29.5
11/21	0.0	3.0	3.8	34.0	11.7	26.1
11/22	0.5	0.0*	4.0	30.4	13.1	25.2
Reynolds Creek						
11/16	0.2	1.0	4.3	45.9	38.3	41.9
11/17	0.0	0.0	4.3	41.7	30.4	37.0
11/18	0.2	4.0	4.1	48.7	30.4	40.6
11/19	0.0	3.0	4.4	48.4	25.2	37.9
11/20	0.2	1.0	4.5	29.5	23.7	25.9
11/21	0.1	1.0	4.6	27.7	17.6	23.7
11/22	0.6	4.0	4.8	27.1	19.4	23.2
South Mountain						
11/16	0.1	0.0*	6.8	41.4	35.8	38.3
11/17	-0.1	1.0	6.7	39.6	29.7	34.5
11/18	0.1	1.0	6.9	43.9	28.9	38.8
11/19	-0.1	1.0	6.6	47.7	24.3	37.0
11/20	0.3	6.0	7.1	29.3	23.5	25.3
11/21	0.3	4.0	7.1	30.6	19.8	24.4
11/22	1.1	12.0	8.0	26.2	21.0	23.5

* indicates invalid data received at sensor location

4-H club seeks used toys for area children in need during holidays

Drop boxes go into Homedale schools Monday

With the holidays closing in, the Shoo-Fly Livestock 4-H Club is looking for gently used toys to help benefit local kids in need. The toy drive starts Monday and runs through Dec. 3.

The club is looking for items ranging from infant to seniors in high school. Youth from the club have placed posters at all three Homedale schools along with drop boxes for donations.

“We are doing a toy drive,” seven-year-old Makenna DeWitt said. “It is for kids who need help at Christmas.”

All of the items collected will be placed in a storage unit donated by Hwy 95 Self Storage in Homedale. Working in conjunction with the Wish Tree program, all the toys collected will be given to area children first.

“We can collect toys, books, CDs, appropriate video games and sports equipment,” 10-year-old Kaylee DeWitt said. “We want toys that are in good condition. Anything helps. We are looking to get around 150 toys to hand



Kaylee DeWitt and Tylee McKay hang a “Recycled Wishes” poster at Homedale Middle School on Friday afternoon. The Shoo-Fly 4-H Livestock Club is seeking donations of toys and other items to benefit local children for Christmas.

out.”

Any items left over after being distributed will be donated to Advocates for Inclusion, a Treasure Valley-based company. Advocates for Inclusion will distribute the remaining items throughout the valley.

“We get to help other people,” 10-year-old Tylee McKay said. “It is exciting to help out. We will be doing this again next year.”

Drop boxes are located at Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road and Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave. A drop box is also located at The Owyhee Avalanche, 19 E. Idaho.

For more information or to schedule a pickup of a donation, call Mica at (208) 249-6080.

— JLZ

Homedale seniors find holiday spirit

The Homedale Senior Center is getting ready for the holidays with several December events.

Vendor tables are still available for the center’s Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 4. Large table rental is \$12, while a small table can be obtained for \$6.

The bazaar will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The quilt made by Romona Andrus will be given away at the bazaar. Raffle tickets are still available for \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets.

The senior center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave. Call (208) 337-3020 for more information on events.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, Homedale Middle School’s sixth-grade chorus, led by teacher Pat Warren, will perform a Christmas show at 11 a.m. during the senior center’s lunch.

The center’s Christmas dinner and party will be held at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Attendees are asked to bring a \$1 gift. Women should bring gifts for other women and men gifts for other men.

The center will be closed Dec. 22-24 for Christmas and Dec. 30-Jan. 2 for New Year’s.

Other events include:

- A Saturday night dance with live music is scheduled from 6

p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 11. The public is invited, and admission is \$3 and finger food.

- Folks can get last-minute Christmas shopping done when the senior center’s van goes to town for the final shopping trip of the year on Monday, Dec. 13. The van will leave the center at 9 a.m. Call to reserve a seat.
- A representative from Blue Shield will visit between 10 a.m. and noon Dec. 13 to answer questions about medical coverage.
- The monthly foot clinic takes place Tuesday, Dec. 21, beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is \$10. Call the center to reserve a time.

Trustees salute veteran elementary school employee

District gets cash for clunker bus; enrollment up

The Homedale school board has honored a woman who has devoted nearly 20 years to education at the elementary school.

Becky Forth received a plaque and bouquet as the school district’s Award of Excellence candidate for November.

Homedale Elementary School principal Yvonne Ihli presented Forth during the trustees’ Nov. 8 meeting, pointing out that she worked as a volunteer in the after-school program before a 21st Century Grant was secured

to provide compensation.

“In the 18 years that Becky has worked in the elementary school, she has been an asset,” Ihli said. “She has worked with all grade levels and all subject areas.”

Forth began her career in the school district as an employee of the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency. After four years with COSSA, she joined the Homedale School District in 1992 as an instructional paraprofessional.

Ihli said that Forth has helped students with scholarship applications and said she was instrumental in helping Samuel Sanchez and Corina Sanchez — siblings and Homedale High School graduates — obtain prestigious Gates

Millennium Scholarships.

“She told me that what she enjoys most is seeing the progress in kids from the beginning of the year to the end of the year,” Ihli told trustees.

“In visiting with her I found her perception of what we expect of students now academically compared to 10 and 15 years ago to be very informative. Our expectations are much greater and students are performing at that level of expectation.”



Becky Forth

In other school board news:

- Transportation and maintenance director Tom Muir reported that the district has received \$19,000 as part of a federal Environmental Protection Agency program to help school districts replace older diesel-powered school buses. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Bus Replacement Subgrant, administered by the Idaho Department of Environment Quality, is designed to help school districts replace older buses with vehicles that comply with the EPA’s 2007 emission control standards.

Homedale already had purchased a newer bus and now will dispose of the older bus.

- Superintendent Tim Rosandick

reported that October enrollment is up in Homedale compared to the same time during the 2009-10 school year. Overall enrollment in October was 1,246 students, up 2.5 percent from the 1,215 from last year. The high school had the biggest swing in enrollment with 25 more students in class than a year ago, a 7.2 percent increase to 372. There were 397 students enrolled at Homedale Middle School, up one student from 2009, and 477 students at the elementary school, an increase of five from last year.

The next Homedale school board meeting takes place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, at the school district office’s boardroom, 116 W. Owyhee Ave.

— JPB

Stunt show rewards students for magazine drive

Homedale Middle School students were treated to a stunt show on Thursday morning as a reward for selling magazine subscriptions. The team from Creative Sports Inc., traveled to Homedale after finishing a show in San Francisco to entertain nearly 120 students who qualified for the event. The team included BMX riders, Jon Shaw and Lane George. Two-time ESPN X Games gold medal winner Jaren Grob also performed on inline skates.

The riders performed their 30-minute show, handed out posters, T-shirts and hats. The team spoke to the students about the negatives of drug use and making good decisions in life.



Jaren Grob



Jon Shaw



Lane George



At left: Jaren Grob gets students' attention while handing out StuntTeams.com items during the BMX show at Homedale Middle School on Thursday.

At right: Lane George, Jaren Grob and Jon Shaw signed autographs after the show for students.



Lane George hands a hat to a student during the show.



Lane George jumps over three students from HMS and his touring partners.



Huskies basketball gears up for first home game on Tuesday

Coming off a 6-17 record from last year, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team is looking to its veteran varsity players and a few newcomers to lead the team this season.

With third-year coach JW Chadez at the baseline, the Huskies will look to its three returning varsity players. This year's focus is on being in the top half of the 2A Western Idaho Conference and hosting a district playoff game giving Marsing a chance to make a run at the state tournament.

"We want to host a district playoff," Chadez said. "(Last year) we won a play-in game for districts and then lost the next two games to Nampa Christian and Melba. Our goal will be set for the top half of the conference."

Returning to the Huskies' court is Jason Galligan, a 6-foot, 3-inch sophomore. Galligan will play post and wing. Last year, he averaged nine points per game, nine rebounds per game and 2.5



Jason Galligan
blocks per game.

"He is a great athlete that can jump, block shots and finish inside," Chadez said.

Agustin Paramo, a 5-9 senior, will fill a wing and guard slot. Paramo averaged 14 ppg and 3 rpg.

"Paramo will be one of the league's best shooters and a great all-around player," Chadez said.

David Loeffler, a 5-10 senior,



Agustin Paramo
rounds out the returning players from last year and will play post and wing. Loeffler averaged 4.5 ppg and 3 rpg last season.

"Galligan and Paramo are two great players with experience and talent," Chadez said. "Galligan plays above the rim and will get better every game. Paramo is a great scorer and competitor. Loeffler does whatever you ask.



David Loeffler
He plays with a lot of heart and hustle."

Key newcomers to the Huskies' varsity squad include: MacKay Hall, a 6-foot junior that will fill a wing slot. Michael Collett, a 6-2 senior playing post, and Miguel Leon, a 5-8 sophomore guard.

"I look to see Hall become a breakout player. He has good size for a wing, and if he learns to take

the ball to the basket he could become a great scoring threat," Chadez said.

The Huskies' first game of the season at home is Tuesday in a non-conference matchup against Parma with the varsity starting at 7:30 p.m. Chadez said fans should expect to see an "up-tempo" style of game with a high-pressure defense.

"We want to force turnovers, which creates easy baskets," Chadez said. "We have to improve on our 42 points-per-game average as a team last season."

Overall, Chadez said that this year's group of athletes have great athletic ability and will give other teams a run.

"This is by far the most athletic team I have had in my three years," Chadez said. "The conference will be very competitive. I think Cole Valley and McCall will be the teams we will be gunning for at the top of the conference standings."

— JLZ



Homedale High School junior guard Kylie Farwell puts up a shot in a crowd against New Plymouth girls' basketball team. Pilgrims defenders included Kaylee Williamson (23), Kristine Simonsen (33) and Melissa Woods (22).

Trojans' fourth-quarter surge falls short against No. 4 Pilgrims

Every player scores in Homedale girls' opener

Missed opportunities late in the game and an inability to prevent second shots midway through the contest stymied the Homedale High School girls' basketball team's season-opening effort.

New Plymouth, ranked fourth in the state media poll for 2A schools, escaped Owyhee County on Nov. 16 with a 50-45 non-conference victory after Homedale cut into a 12-point deficit with a solid run through the fourth quarter.

"This is a game that we can look back on and pick out a handful of items that if changed could have altered the outcome of the game: A couple of free throws, a missed lay-in, a particular turnover, a missed rebound, etc.," HHS coach Jeremy Chamberlain said.

"But all-in-all we gave ourselves a shot at the end against a very good New Plymouth team. It was nice to have a game to see where

we are at."

Chamberlain said the Trojans (0-1) pulled to within four points several times during the second half and had chances to cut the deficit to one or two points late.

"Overall I thought we played well," Chamberlain said. "Obviously we didn't make enough plays to get the 'W', but I thought we showed a lot of upside.

"While we are not in great shape yet, I thought we looked good when we ran the floor; we made good passes for the most part and got into our offense early."

Every Homedale player find her way into the scoring column with Laurien Mavey and Aubrey Nash getting nine points each.

"I thought Aubrey Nash and Laurien Mavey played particularly well last night," Chamberlain said. "They were both protected

the ball well and attacked the basket."

Forwards Raven Kelly and Sydney Cornwall scored six points apiece. Cornwall snagged six rebounds and Kelly five as Homedale held a slight edge on the boards over the Pilgrims, 24-20.

"Raven Kelly and Sydney Cornwall rebounded better as the game went along, especially in the fourth quarter," Chamberlain said.

New Plymouth had several second-chance shots during a 10-4 run toward a 28-17 advantage at the break.

Kristin Simonsen and Melissa Woods scored 12 points apiece for the Pilgrims.

"Defensively, we have to improve 1) in the low post, 2) in transition, stopping the ball, and 3) rebounding and limiting second-shot opportunities," Chamberlain said. "That is how NP made their run in the second quarter that ultimately won the game for them."

Champ Johnson leads half-dozen HMS placers at big Borah meet

Two Homedale Middle School seventh-graders wrestled through thick brackets to reach championship matches in the prestigious Treasure Valley Championships on Saturday.

Nash Johnson went unbeaten in

five matches, crushing Vallivue's Lane Lehman, 10-1, in the title match for 95-pound bracket.

Andy Montes was 4-1, taking his only loss by pinfall in the 75-pound championship match.

Johnson and Montes were

among six Trojans to place during the weekend. Four HMS wrestlers medaled a year ago. Eighth-grader Colton Grimm (145 pounds) was 6-1 and finished third, as did 110-pound seventh-grader John Collett, who won six consecutive matches after losing

in the opening round. Jairo Barbosa, a seventh-grader, went 5-2 and finished fourth at 110 pounds, and seventh-grader William Elordi was 4-2 in his fifth-place showing at 130 pounds.

"Having somebody win it, the kids were pumped," HMS coach

Toby Johnson said.

The Treasure Valley Championships, which were held at Borah High School in Boise, is one of the largest middle school

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Sports

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tournaments in the northwest, the coach said. The tournament was set up for 64 entries in each weight class. Nash Johnson's division included 46 competitors.
Twenty-one other Trojans competed in the tournament.
Nov. 16 vs. Weiser and Payette — Homedale wrestlers captured 41 of 60 matches in a Snake River Valley conference tri-meet on the Trojans' mats.
Nash Johnson, Collett, Manny Baltierrez, Luis Garza and Amos

Aguilera went 3-0 as Homedale won 22 of 32 matches against Weiser and 19 of 28 matches against Payette.
Abram Albor, Gavin Palumbo, Benny Schamber, Barbosa, Grimm and Brandon Geertson were 2-0 on the day. Cesar Vasquez went 2-1, while Montes, Abraham Monreal, David Chavez, Ryan Conner and Bryan Villarreal also went 1-0.
Also picking up wins were Chase Martell, Jaelynn Dowell, Brady Brown, Hernan Albor, Brandon Miller, Hunter Thornton and Elordi.



Sturgeon find their way into Snake

A four-day project last week brought 100 white sturgeon to the Swan Falls reach of the Snake River.
The offspring of wild Snake River sturgeon held at the College of Southern Idaho's aquaculture education hatchery, the fish were planted by Idaho Power crews in conjunction with CSI and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
The purpose is to infuse the river's aging white sturgeon population with younger fish. The planted fish range in size from three feet to more than five feet.
The project began with the release of 10 fish at Swan Falls on Nov. 15. The remainder of the fish

was released below Swan Falls Dam and near Celebration Park.
According to an IDFG press release, the stocking in that region was necessary because that part of the river doesn't appear to have the flow and habitat characteristics required to sustain a natural population. Future plants are expected to help maintain the population, according to IDFG fisheries manager Jeff Dillon.
The release reported that most of the approximately 150 sturgeon in that stretch of water are old, large fish.
"These hatchery fish are being stocked in this fiver reach solely to bolster sturgeon numbers to

increase catch and release angling opportunity," Dillon said. "We're under no illusion that these fish will one day reproduce on their own, and we expect that stocking lower numbers of sturgeon every three to five years will be needed to maintain this population."
Anglers must operate under catch-and-release rules throughout Idaho when it comes to white sturgeon. Fish and Game regulations stipulate barbless hooks must be used and no fish can be taken out of the water for any reason. Visit <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/fish/wtsturgeon/sturgeon.pdf> for more information on state sturgeon fishing rules.



HMS wrestlers. Submitted photo

MARSING
HUSKIES
BASKETBALL

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 2, home vs. Payette, 4:45 p.m.

Boy's Basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 30, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Nov. 30, home vs. Parma, 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Nov. 30, home vs. Parma, 4:45 p.m.

WRESTLING

Monday, Dec. 6 at Melba Jamboree, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 10 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 10 a.m.

Trojan Winter Sports



BASKETBALL



Girls basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 30, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Nov. 30, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Tuesday, Nov. 30, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.


Freshman
Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Go
Trojans!

WRESTLING

Wednesday, Dec. 8, tri-meet vs. Bishop Kelly and Middleton at Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise, 6 p.m.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 26, 1985

FLSA ruling at county brings mixed reviews

A “balancing act” of base and overtime pay for Owyhee County deputies was voted in by the county commissioners several weeks ago. While the change was brought about to bring the department into compliance with the Fair Labor and Standards Act and doesn’t mean less wages over the year, it has produced some bad reviews by the deputies.

According to Federal FLSA law, county departments must pay time-and-one-half for overtime, plus on-call money to wait for emergencies. Here is the way the pay system changed, explained by Sheriff Tim Nettleton:

In the case of Class III deputy before the ruling, he made \$1,174 a month or \$14,097 a year with \$6.55 an hour overtime. Under the alteration, a deputy will make \$5.10 an hour for 2,080 hours of work a year, plus \$3.35 an hour for 1,040 hours of standby. Overtime has been raised from \$6.55 an hour to \$7.65 an hour. This will mean a Class III deputy makes \$14,097 a year, exactly the same.

But as the department employees who wished to remain anonymous contend, while the step is completely legal, it means dropping the base pay to balance out the overtime and standby. “What it means to me is I’m on stand-by for four more hours a day without getting paid extra for it,” said one deputy. “I’m basically married to the phone for that time.”

Hopefuls brave cold for chance at free turkeys

About a hundred people braved the cold to gather for the Homedale Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Great Turkey Giveaway, Saturday afternoon.

The event was held to say “thank you” to local residents for their patronage throughout the past year.

Winners were Margaret King, Sherry Parrill, Oma Eddy, Anna Mary Curtis, Cherri Combs, Marsha Salisbury, Marcia Stansell, Harold Sheilds, Edie Weimer, John Cegnar, Howard Maupin, Ruth Holsinger, Wanda Hall, Bruce Sibert, Joe Jesenko, Susan Love, Nancy Hunt, Donna Fisher, Nina Hyde, Cindy Aberasturi, Wanda Matteson, Claris Lamb, Wesley Boren, James Totson, Lucille Proctor, Mary Kaddy, and Al Woodburn.

Originally, 27 turkeys were to be given away in the drawing, but an extra bird was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Spud Murphy, bringing the total to 28.

The Chamber is planning another promotion just prior to Christmas, and it will be announced in a few weeks.

Grand View happenings

Debbie Bennett, Carla Sellman, and Sandy Black recently returned from their trip to the National FFA conference in Kansas City.

In attendance were over 26,000 delegates representing all 50 states.

The girls raised \$504 from the following sponsors to finance their trip: City Glass, Intermountain Stamp and Engraving, Cowboy Supply, Hub Clothiers, Buy Wise Drug, Mountain Land Video, Intermountain Communications, Auto Marine Upholstery, Hair’s Somethin’ Special, R&R Hobby Shop, Libby’s Battery and Electric Service, Dr. LeVine Veterinary Clinic, Sav-Mor Drug.

Debbie Bennett is planning to audition for the national FFA band and choir groups this year.

Five members of the Rimrock chapter have received the degree of chapter farmer. Included are Amy Aman, Kelly Munro, Rlynn Wickel, Oren McGuire, and Carla Sellman.

Several junior and senior members are preparing applications for state farmer degrees. This is the highest degree that the state association can award to its members.

The Rimrock annual staff recently received an IBM portable computer from the Taylor Publishing Company.

The company provides a computer to any school that can raise \$5,000 in advertisement sales. The amount is about \$1,000 over what the staff has raised in the past.

50 years ago

November 24, 1960

Subdivision opens for new homes across river

A new subdivision, providing for 11 new homes near Homedale, was announced this week by Reed Frye and Floyd Beatty.

The project will be known as Frye’s 1st subdivision, and is located across the Snake River in Canyon County on the rim overlooking the city, just west of the Mrs. R. A. Lawson home and the William Davidson home just off highway 95.

FHA approval has been secured for the subdivision, which lies on both sides of the east-west street designated as Bella Vista Drive.

Eleven girls enter miss Owyhee County contest

Owyhee County girls are being offered an opportunity to fame and fortune through participation in the Miss Owyhee County contest to be held in the Washington grade school building December 17.

This contest is a preliminary step to the Miss Idaho contest and, it is hoped, to the Miss America contest. Homedale has not entered a girl in the Miss Idaho competition for a number of years and the county as a whole has never sponsored a girl in the competition.

The contest this year has been chosen as a money-making project by the Owyhee County Heart Association. Mrs. Donna Eachus is the county chairman and has the following committee members serving the heart association with her: Mrs. Lois McPherson, Homedale chairman; Mrs. Lydia Duncan, treasurer; Mrs. Gypsy Jackson, heart Sunday chairman; Mrs. Arminta Carter, memorial gifts chairman; Mrs. Pat Fisher, publicity; and Mrs. Margaret Lineberger and Mrs. Josie Johnson, special events chairmen.

Mrs. Marge Echevarria is the regional heart chairman. Mrs. Gen Stevenson, the Marsing chairman has selected Mrs. Laurie Hodges as her special events chairman.

Two 4-H’ers will leave for Chicago Friday

Bruce Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hansen, Marsing and Roger Samson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Samson, formerly of Marsing now of Boise, will leave by train Friday a.m. November 25 for Chicago, Ill. Both are recipients of all-expense trips to the 39th Annual National 4-H Club Congress as a result of outstanding 4-H work in Owyhee County. Roger received his trip for his work in entomology projects while Bruce excelled in the meat animal projects.

They are part of the delegation from Idaho, which includes twenty-five boys and girls. About 1,300 4-Hers from 50 states and several foreign countries will be at the meeting. The theme this year is Learn, Live, Serve Through 4-H.

While at Chicago they will stay at the Conrad-Hilton hotel, and have the opportunity to attend meetings, dinners and talks sponsored by many organizations and companies. A tour of Chicago will highlight the trip as well as visits to the Museum of Science and Industry and to the Museum of Natural History.

They will return December 3.

Young Hansen had 4 years of 4-H work in Fremont County before coming to Owyhee County where he has completed another 4 years. In 1959 he received the Ranchway Feed Trophy and the Swine Cup awarded at the Owyhee County Fair.

During this past year he is serving as president of the 4-H builders club of Owyhee County. Bruce was a member of the 1960 Owyhee County livestock judging team which participated at Pacific International in Portland in October.

Young Samson received the Joyce Livestock Award in 1957, the Ranchway Feed Award in 1959, the Earl Garrity Herdsmanship Award and the First Security Foundation Watch Award in 1959 for outstanding work in 4-H. He also received the Union Pacific Railroad Scholarship in 1959.

143 years ago

November 30, 1867

BIRTH-DAYS. An exchange has the following on keeping birth-days. It will be interesting to children and remind many older persons of childhood and its happy associations.

Keep the birth-days religiously; they belong exclusively to, and are treasured among the sweetest memories of home. Do not let anything prevent some token, be it ever so small, that it be remembered. Birth-days are great to children. For one day they are heroes. The special puddings or cakes are made for them; a new jacket or trousers with pockets or the first pair of boots are donned; and big brothers or sisters sink into insignificance beside little Charlie who is “six to-day,” and is going to be a man. Mothers who have half a dozen little ones to care for are apt to neglect birth-days: they come too often — some times when they are “nervous” — but if they only knew how much such souvenirs are cherished by their pet Katy or Harry, years afterwards, when away from the hearthstone and they have none to remind them that have added one more year to the perhaps weary round of life or to wish them, in old fashioned phrase, many happy returns to their “birth-day,” they would never permit any cause to step between them and a mother’s privilege.

THE BUSINESS prospect is better to-day in Owyhee than it has been at any period of its existence as a mining camp. During the past week our streets have been crowded with “prairie schooners” and pack trains, supplying the merchants with goods for the winter. Every one desiring employment can obtain it at a fair remuneration. Nine Quartz mills are in operation nearly all the time, several of which will run all winter. Parties who have large contracts for hauling quartz are busily engaged in storing hay and grain for their teams. Nearly all our townspeople have plenty of wood on hand, and their tenements repaired, &c, in order that they may be able to withstand the cold and storms of the coming winter. People look cheerful, and can often be heard singing fragments of such songs as “Cheer, boys, cheer, yield not to idle sorrow,” and “We may be happy yet.”

RICH. We were this week shown a piece of ore, weighing about 60 pounds from the Golden Chariot mine. Gold was visible everywhere on its surface, and a streak, about 1½ inches wide, apparently nearly half gold, extended entirely through the mass, and the beauty of it is that there is plenty more where that came from.

DIDN’T BILK US. About two weeks ago we received a letter containing a prospectus of what was termed the “San Francisco Art Association.” We were requested to publish the prospectus to occupy a column in our paper. Tickets were one dollar each, which would admit the bearer to the best musical concerts on the Pacific Coast, besides entitle him to the certainty of drawing a prize of any amount of five-twenties, Government bonds, &c., from a lottery, all “on the square.” They desired us to send our rates of advertising for three months and take tickets for pay. We “couldn’t see it,” but dispatched an answer stating that our agent, L. P. Fisher, in San Francisco, would attend to any business they might wish to transact with the Avalanche. Developments since have demonstrated it to be a wholesale and retail swindling arrangement, as appears from the S. F. Times of the 20th, which paper devotes near a column to exposing the grand swindle, and says that the directors have been arrested on charge of misdemeanor by selling lottery and chance tickets.

ALASKA was officially delivered over to Gen. Rosseau on the 18th of October: so the land of walruses and ice-houses is now part and parcel of the great American nation. Gen. Rosseau returns to San Francisco. Gen. J. C. Davis remains in command in the new Territory and is to examine and report upon its resources, harbors, &c. Alaska is under the military supervision of Gen. Halleck.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Postcard

to an old friend

I sent the final postcard to Bob before Christmas. For the last 20 years, I've sent a postcard to Bob and Dottie from every place I traveled to. That would be over a thousand cards. I didn't write much on them, just where I was, what the weather was doin', and maybe what group I was speakin' to. Now and then, I would call, and once or twice a year Dottie would write.

Bob was a cowboy when we met. He liked to rope and could tell a good story. We got acquainted when I was practicing veterinary medicine in Idaho. He worked for me as the feedlot doctor. The fact that he was 20 years older than me wasn't a big deal. He'd had several jobs before he moved to the feedlot, so he had a broad range of experience, although doctoring cattle was not part of it. Even to this day I have rarely seen people with such eagerness to learn, especially someone over 50 years old! His job entailed the daily treatment of sick animals brought to the "doctor shacks", as we called them.

My philosophy with the "head doctors" in our feedlots was to teach them the basics of diagnosis, treatment, cattle handling and necropsy. Beyond that I would include snippets of pathology, physiology, anatomy, pharmacology, parasitology and nutrition. I used big words. They learned them. Some took more of an interest than others. Bob actually studied at night! I would lend him my schoolbooks. I would copy articles about bovine ailments. Since the writings routinely used scientific words, he would have to borrow my Dorland's Medical Dictionary. He would bring it back everyday, in case I needed it. This went on for months.

He was a pack-a-day smoker. Winstons, I think, or Lucky Strikes. Frequently he said he was going to quit smoking, but he never did. One morning he was returning my Dorland's and went into a coughing spell. "I gotta quit these coffin nails," he said. "Here's your dictionary."

I said, "Why don't you just keep it till you smoke your next cigarette."

"What if I don't smoke for a week?" he said, "Or a month?"

"You can keep it," I said.

"Even a year?" he asked.

"Yup," I said.

"Good," he said. "I'll quit tonight."

I said, "The deal's only good right now."

I could see his anxiety addiction. I knew how much he valued that book. "OK," he said without much resolve. I reached into his shirt pocket and plucked out his nearly full pack. He looked stricken! It was like I had kidnapped his child!

He was hard to be around the next few weeks as he worked his way through chewin' tobacco, Copenhagen, Skoal packs, smoking a pipe, spitting Red Man, chewing cigars, chewing gum, toothpicks and sunflower seeds. But he never smoked another cigarette.

He retired, and we both moved on. I started sending postcards. Years went by. Dottie passed away. The last time I went by to see him, he was in the assisted living home and we had a nice visit. I noticed on his bookshelf a worn copy of Dorland's Medical Dictionary. My first thought was cigarettes. I didn't have to look inside to see my name and an address that was 30 years old.

— Visit Baxter Black's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features, merchandise and his latest release, at double DVD entitled "Baxter Black Live".

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

All in a day's walk

One thing that I have done religiously since retiring is walk. Almost every morning, Asher the Dog and I make our rounds of the neighborhood.

Exercise isn't the only positive I get from the daily constitutional. Walking through the neighborhood has allowed me to meet just about every person who lives here. Many have been here as long as we have (20 years) or longer. But now I have time to stop and say hello and find out what's happening in our little section of the world. And Asher has time for some perfunctory derriere smelling with many of the canine residents.

So, the other day we were midway through our walk. We were heading down a street that intersects with a major highway. When we reach that intersection, we reverse course and head back into the neighborhood.

Near the stop sign on the street, a pickup truck was stopped. The driver of the truck was standing beside it. The person had the door of the extended-cab portion of the truck open and was leaning inside.

My first thought was the pickup driver might have had an accident of the type that I experienced back when I was a smoker. I rolled down the driver's window just a crack to throw out a still smoldering cigarette butt. But the slipstream grabbed the cigarette, pushed it back through the crack in the window and deposited in on the cushion in the back seat. Such incidents caused the locking of brakes, the squealing of tires and a huge helping of profanity as I tried to bail out of the vehicle and get to the butt before it burned a hole in something.

Anyway, I was pondering what had caused the pickup to stop when the driver suddenly stepped away from the vehicle, partially turned and threw a beverage can across



the street and into the ditch in front of a house. The driver's back was to me, and the person obviously wasn't aware there was a witness to the deed.

The fact that the driver obviously had no respect for our neighborhood really tripped my trigger. As the person climbed back into the truck's driver's seat, I picked up my pace to get close enough to get the license number. Unfortunately, I am awful at remembering such things. But when the truck continued to sit there as Asher and I drew near, I decided on another course of action.

I walked up by the driver's window. The person inside, who appeared to be a middle-aged woman, turned and looked at me. I held up a hand in a "wait" sign. The woman rolled down her window part-way.

"Hang on just a minute," I told the woman. Asher and I walked across the road to the ditch. I retrieved the soda can — which was still full — and walked back to the truck.

"Here, you dropped this," I said, holding the can out. The driver looked at me for a moment, then reached out and took the can.

"Thank you," said the woman. I thought there might be a slight hint of sarcasm in her tone. But there wasn't much else she could say. She rolled up her window, put the pickup in gear, pulled out onto the highway and drove away.

I looked down at Asher who was staring up at me with sort of a "What was that all about?" look. We turned around and headed back up the neighborhood street to finish our walk. And it was, if I do say so myself, one of the most satisfying strolls I have had.

— Go to www.theowyheevalanche.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.

Americans for Limited Government

Tax collectors threaten ranching legacy

by Rebekah Rast

Elizabeth Marshall Maybee would be the first to tell you that ranching is a lifestyle. Not a pastime, not a hobby for retirement, but a lifestyle.

She is a ranch owner in southern Humboldt County in Northern California. The Marshall Ranch has been in her family since the 1880s. Maybee has fond memories working the ranch as a young girl with her grandfather and grandmother.

"My heart was in agriculture," Maybee says. "That's why I ended up being the one at the ranch close to my grandma. We both had a natural love for livestock and horses."

When her grandmother passed in 2005, the ranch was passed down to her. Shortly after, Maybee received a bill from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for \$2,005,389 — the amount she owed the government for the federal estate tax.

Maybee works the ranch day and night. No profit is gained from the ranch any longer, as it all goes to pay the property taxes and liability insurance for the land. The ranch used to support the timber industry, but with the downturn in the real estate market in California, her ranch sits stocked full of trees, waiting for lumber to be needed again. She also has horses, cattle and other wildlife roaming the 3,000-acre ranch.

You see, her grandmother passed and her land was appraised during the height of the real estate boom in California and when all was steady with the American economy. It doesn't matter that California's property values have greatly decreased since then; she owes more than \$2 million now, regardless.

Her first installment, including interest, has been estimated by her and her CPA to run about \$156,000. That is due Sept. 13, 2011, and every year thereafter until 2020. The IRS has already placed a lien on her home and other parts of the ranch.

For a ranch that doesn't make much of any income, that money will be nearly impossible to come by.

Maybee knows this, and is now faced with the realization that she is going to have to sell parts, if not all of her land in order to pay this tax. This is land that has been in her family for generations. This land was her gift from her grandparents to keep the American Dream alive for her and her family. But all that is gone now. All she is focused on is how to come up with \$2 million and hopefully salvage at least part of the land for her daughter, who also lives on the ranch.

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The estate tax is thought of as a tax on the very wealthy. But for those whose wealth is in their land, agriculture or cattle, the estate tax often leads to the selling of the ranch or farm, even if that land is simply being passed down and not changing hands.

"This really affects farmers and ranchers most because most of their value is in their land," says Paul Wenger, president of the California Farm Bureau. "They don't have big savings or portfolios. Fifty percent of a farmer's income has to come from agriculture."

Therefore, this tax doesn't hurt the big corporate farms or ranches. It hurts the family-owned farms and ranches

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Commentary

Financial management

Price of the diamond won't dictate success of marriage

Dear Dave,
My girlfriend and I have been dating for about three years, and we're talking about getting married. I have some money saved up and would like to buy her a nice engagement ring. Do you have any guidelines on how much to spend on something like this?

— **Dustin**

Dear Dustin,
If you're working a good, steady, full-time job, I think a good rule of thumb for engagement rings is one month's pay. Some jewelry stores will tell you two or even three months' pay, but that's just too much. Lots of people get



engaged or married with cheaper rings, and the relationship and the jewelry last just fine.

Trust me, there's absolutely no statistical correlation between the price of the ring and the length of the marriage!

Jewelry stores have huge mark-ups on diamonds, so make sure you don't buy it at a typical mall or franchise shop.

You want someone who's a

diamond broker, or even a high-end pawnshop. You can save literally 50 percent buying from places like these. But in either case, you need to look around and find someone you can trust.

Be smart and buy smart, Dustin. It's a great feeling to give the lady of your life a big sparkling rock, but you don't have to break the bank to do it!

— **Dave**

Dear Dave,
I talked to a friend recently who had interviewed for a job, and he said they pulled his credit score. Why do potential employers need to check up on this?

— **Mitchell**

Dear Mitchell,
It's not unusual for big businesses — Corporate America — to do this kind of thing. Typically, most small businesses don't get into that kind of stuff. Still, some companies use this as a measure of whether or not you're responsible with money. I can see where it might possibly have some value if you're going into the financial industry. But I don't agree with the premise as a whole. I have almost 300 people on my team, and I don't pull credit bureaus when we hire someone.

Here's my take on this kind of thing. I wouldn't want to work for a company that puts more emphasis on my FICO score than on me as a person. If they don't do

in-depth, one-on-one interviews, assess someone's talent levels, and look at things like their past work history, job performance and education, then I don't want to work for them. You want someone who is smart enough to hire you because you're an intelligent, dependable, hard-working person who can deliver the goods!

Honestly, there are so many ways to make a living in this world that there's no reason to put up with being reduced to a number like that. If some company out there is trying to hire someone by a false measure of success, then in my mind it's not a company worth working for in the first place!

— **Dave**

From Washington

Give thanks this season for American perseverance

by Sen. Mike Crapo

Thanksgiving provides a fitting time to express thankfulness for our nation's great heritage in the face of difficulty. Despite considerable challenges, we can get our nation on the right track. Making our economy stronger and more competitive, and creating the lasting, high-quality jobs that our people and our families depend on, remain necessary steps in charting a productive course for our nation.

Thanksgiving has often been celebrated during times of significant challenges. The Pilgrims and their Native American allies faced many obstacles in sustaining their communities. However, in 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians expressed gratitude for a bountiful harvest and their many blessings when they celebrated one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the American colonies. In 1789, following the conclusion of the American Revolution, George Washington issued a Thanksgiving proclamation to express thankfulness for the conclusion of the war and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. In 1863, during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation to ask for the healing of the wounds of the nation and scheduled Thanksgiving in November. The hardships surrounding our nation's independence and the Civil



War were immense, but our nation overcame the challenges.

While it is clear that we have considerable work ahead, Americans will once again meet the challenges. To strengthen the economy and create lasting jobs, federal overspending must be curbed and trillions of dollars in tax increases on American families must be prevented from taking effect in a few weeks. Congress must act quickly

by January to prevent every American taxpayer from facing job-stifling, higher taxes and smaller paychecks through the expanded reach of the Alternative Minimum Tax, reinstatement of marriage tax penalties, cuts to the child tax credit and increases in the death tax on family businesses.

Additionally, a clear focus on increasing our nation's competitiveness is needed. It is unacceptable that there are Americans willing to work but unable to find available employment. It is also unacceptable that there are U.S. small businesses willing to expand job opportunities and innovate, but they are stifled by government overregulation

and tax uncertainty. We need to truly focus on job creation. Instead of trying to overspend taxpayer dollars that may create temporary government employment, we need to take a hard look at policy, including taxes and regulation, affecting small businesses and workers, and establish an atmosphere that best enables Americans and small businesses to innovate, create long-term jobs and compete successfully in world markets. Preventing expected tax increases, curtailing unreasonable government mandates that negatively impact America's small businesses and expanding market opportunities for U.S. businesses, workers and exporters through advancement of the pending free trade agreements are essential to this effort.

The message from Idahoans and America is understandable — Congress must get to work. I am confident we can develop constitutional-focused, sensible solutions to the issues facing our nation. Ensuring community and local roles in decision-making will be critical to obtaining lasting solutions.

As we join together with family and friends and express gratitude for our many blessings this Thanksgiving, America's legacy of prevailing over our challenges is primary among our many blessings.

✓ Legacy: Federal estate tax places undue burdens on family ag heritages

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whose food feeds a community and is sold at local farmers' markets. It hurts the owners who live on the land they care so much about and are great stewards of it by protecting habitats, preserving wildlife and teaching the next generation to do the same.

"A lot of protected species live on the land," Wenger says. "This land is better taken care of in the hands of the farmers."

Farmers and ranchers didn't have to deal with an estate tax in 2010. But if nothing is done by Congress during the lame-duck session, starting Jan. 1 the estate tax will be reinstated to 55 percent with a \$1 million exemption, its highest level in 10 years.

"The estate tax is nothing but a form of double taxation that kills family-owned farms and ranches," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "This tax needs to be eliminated so farms and ranches can stay in the family and be passed down."

Like the California Farm Bureau, a top issue for the American Farm Bureau Federation is estate tax relief during this lame-duck session. John Hart, director of news services for the Bureau, says the tax should be eliminated completely, but the Bureau is supporting the Lincoln-Kyl legislation.

This legislation, introduced by Sens. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), would permanently fix the estate tax at a rate of 35 percent with a \$5 million exemption.

The American Farm Bureau Federation president Bob Stallman sent a letter to President Obama on Nov. 12 stating, "The return of estate tax unaltered will strike a blow to farm and ranch operations trying to transition from one generation to the next. In the late 1990s, twice the number of farm estates paid estate taxes compared to other estates, and it took 2½ years of farm returns for a moderate-sized farm operation to pay estate taxes owed. A \$1 million exemption is not high enough to protect a typical farm or ranch able to support a family. When coupled with a top rate of 55 percent, it can be especially difficult for farm and ranch businesses."

Another stumbling block farmers and ranchers have to deal with after land is passed down is that the land is appraised based on what it could be used for, not necessarily what it is being used for at the current time, Wenger says.

"The land is appraised for what it could be used for," Wenger says. "If you have a 100-acre piece of land full of tumbleweeds, but the land is in an area where vineyards can be grown, then your land could be appraised at the level of

having grapes on it."

Maybe hopes that if an estate tax remains then concerns like inflation, the real estate market and economic activity will be taken into consideration. She also hopes some sort of change happens in the estate tax code in that if the land is being passed down to the next generation and not sold, then an estate tax does not have to be paid.

Maybe hopes that if she has to sell the land, that it will at least remain a ranch.

But with each knock on her door inquiring about her land and with each sales pitch offering to buy her land, she knows that is doubtful.

The Marshall Ranch, which survived the Great Depression and a case of eminent domain for the building of a water treatment plant, according to Maybee, faces its biggest hurdle yet. The federal estate tax.

And it looks like it might lose this battle.

Maybe isn't alone in her plight against the IRS. Other family-owned ranches and farms have faced similar circumstances, while others wait to see what is to come of the estate tax in the next few weeks during the lame-duck session of Congress.

— *Rebekah Rast is a contributing editor to the Americans for Limited Government (ALG) News Bureau.*

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2010

Approved payment of all bills from the following funds:
Current Expense \$15,462, Road & Bridge \$5,210, District Court \$1,698, Museum \$216, Indigent and Charity \$966, Solid Waste \$8,785, Weed \$2,075, 911 \$566.
Adopted Resolution 10-38 appointing Leah Osborn and Delwyn Trefz to the NRC Committee.
Approved letter to Jarbidge District BLM concerning the Saylor Creek Wild Horse Management Area.
Indigent & Charity 10-48 approved with a lien. 10-47 approved with reimbursement.
Executive Session 67-2345.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.
11/24/10

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessments levied by the Gem Irrigation District in 2010, for 2011, by virtue of the public notice given by the Bureau of Reclamation under Owyhee Project contract requires that payment is due in full before water will be delivered.
This assessment will become delinquent and subject to a penalty and interest unless paid before 5:00 p.m., December 20, 2010. Provided that the first one-half of said assessment may be paid on or before December 20, 2010 and the remainder, second one-half on or before March 15, 2011, or the delivery of said water will be withheld.
Payment of said assessment may be made to the Gem Irrigation District, in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, Idaho, during office hours of any business day or mailed to: PO Box 67, Homedale, ID 83628
Connie Chadez
Secretary/Treasurer
Gem Irrigation District
11/24;12/01/10

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Directors of the Gem Irrigation District will meet at their office at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 to sit as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of reviewing and correcting its assessments and apportionment to taxes for defraying the expenses of the district for the year 2011. Any complaint concerning the assessments or any changes desired must be entered with the secretary of the District before the above date to receive proper consideration from the Board.
The 2011 assessment may be seen at the Gem Irrigation District office in Homedale, Idaho.
Connie Chadez, Secretary
11/17,24/10

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING Case No. CV 2010 1730 H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ALTAM. MEYERS, Deceased.
1. Notice is hereby given that on October 14, 2010, Margaret P. White, Deputy Attorney

General, filed a petition for formal adjudication of intestacy and formal appointment of personal representative.
2. A copy of the petition accompanies this Notice.
3. The petition has been set for hearing in this Court at Homedale, Idaho, on January 19, 2011, at 11:00 o’clock, a.m. via telephonic conference to be initiated by the court.
DATED this 16th day of November, 2010.
/s/MARGARET P. WHITE, Deputy Attorney General
LAWRENCE G. WASDEN, ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF IDAHO
S. KAY CHRISTENSEN, ISB No. 3101, CHIEF, CONTRACTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION
MARGARET P. WHITE, Deputy Attorney General, 3276 Elder, Ste. B, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0009 Telephone: (208) 332-7961 Fax (208) 334-6515 ISB No. 2173 whitem@dhw.idaho.gov
11/24;12/1,8/10

NOTICE
Pursuant to Idaho Code 25-2301, the State Brand inspector is holding one red/white Longhorn steer calf approx 400 lbs, found 2 miles south of Homedale on Hwy 95. He will be sold at Treasure Valley Livestock Auction on Friday 12/3/10. May be claimed with proof of ownership and paying all expenses. 459-4231
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2010-01750 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE M. MARKLEY, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice of Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED: Nov. 4, 2010
/s/Darlene Metzger, 3173 Johnstone Rd, Homedale, ID 83628. 208-337-4438
Carol DeHaven Skerjanec, ISB#5047, PO Box 220, Vale, OR 97918. 541-473-3141. Attorney for Personal Representative
11/10,17,24/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Title Order No: 4580226 T.S. No.: T10-68393-ID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 02-16-2011 at 11:00 AM, of said day, at IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY ST, KNOWN AS, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, IDAHO 83650, sell

at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE, state of IDAHO, to wit: THE EASTERLY 31 FEET OF LOT 6 AND ALLOF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 3 OF LARSEN ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PART OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The 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: 6216 THOMPSON ROAD MARSING, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: CLINT BERENDS AND JENNIFER BERENDS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of “MERS” IS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., As Beneficiary, dated 0331-2008, recorded 04-02-2008, as Instrument No. 264435, records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE GRANTOR(S) 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 total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of this Notice is: \$108,907.27. All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: October 07, 2010 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE C/O CR TITLE SERVICES INC. 866-702-9658 Maria De La Torre, Asst. Sec. FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY SALES AND POSTING AT WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM OR 714-730-2727 ASAP# 3781963
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 8, 2010 File No.: 7037.71180 Sale date and time (local time): March 9, 2011 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 18265 Oreana Loop Road Oreana, ID 83650 Successor Trustee:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE BE ADVISED that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the 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 forth in the proposed Ordinance below.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator
Planning & Zoning Commission

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 PUBLIC, 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;
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 Public.
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
124 W. Colorado	Residential
Property adjacent to Sundance Park purchased by the City of Homedale	Public
313 E. Idaho	Commercial
215 S. 2 nd St. E.	Residential
15 E. Utah	Commercial
131 W. Wyoming	Residential
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 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 day of	
Approved by the Mayor of the City of Homedale, this day of	
Harold Wilson, Mayor	
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk	
City of Homedale, Idaho	
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Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Edwin Guy Keenan, a married man Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Recording date: 01/06/2004 Recorder’s instrument number: 246374 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 8, 2010: \$74,237.26 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: A parcel of land situate in the Northeast Quarter Northeast Quarter, Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,

Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter Northeast Quarter, Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian; thence North on the Section line 650 feet to a point; thence due West 270 feet to a point; thence due South 650 feet to a point on the Southerly boundary line of the said Northeast Quarter Northeast Quarter; thence due East 270 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7037.71180) 1002.176279-FEI
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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 21, 2010 File No.: 7023.78696 Sale date and time (local time): February 18, 2011 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 2603 State Highway 19 Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Ricky J. Conner, Jennifer L. Conner, husband and wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for American Home Mortgage Recording date: May 7, 2003 Recorder’s instrument number: 243415 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 21, 2010: \$74,209.68 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 88 degrees 53’ East along the South boundary of said Section 5, a distance of 715.9 feet; thence Northerly at approximate right angles of South boundary of said Section 5, a distance of 881 feet; thence Westerly along the North edge of a concrete ditch a distance of 224.5 feet; thence Northerly at

right angles of the South boundary a distance of 200 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence Northerly a distance of 301 feet, more or less, to the Southerly right of way of State Highway 19; thence Easterly along said Highway right of way a distance of 321 feet; thence South a distance of 93 feet; thence West a distance of 224.5 feet, more or less, to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.78696) 1002.174965-FEI
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Monday, February 28, 2011 at the hour of 11:00 o’clock A.M., of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
Lot 13, Block 2 as shown on the final plat of Silver Sage Subdivision No. 2, Owyhee County, Idaho, filed May 13, 2002 as Instrument No. 239601, Owyhee County records and corrected by affidavit of correction recorded May 20, 2002 as Instrument No. 239681, Owyhee County records.
THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE

STREET ADDRESS OF: **215 Silver Sage Way, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.**
If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Efren Padilla and Leticia Padilla, husband and wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Quicken Loans Inc. as successor Beneficiary, recorded August 9, 2007 as Instrument No. 262037, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$127,800.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.625% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated July 27, 2007. Payments are in default for the months of April 2010 through and including September 2010 in the amount of \$812.06 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of September 22, 2010 is \$127,800.00 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.625% per annum. The per diem is \$26.70. In


addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.
The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$127,800.00, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
Dated: October 28, 2010
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer Phone: 947-1553
11/10,17,24;12/1/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE:
The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, 83650, on March 21, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/01/2008 as Instrument Number 264417, and executed by JASON S WILLMORTH AND RACHEAL D WILLMORTH, MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, as Grantor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, State of Idaho: LOT 7 IN BLOCK 1 OF ROYAL VISTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 239203, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 2691 KINGSWAY DR, Homedale, ID, 83628-3736 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to

tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or cashier’s check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.000% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$325,584.88, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys’ fees, Trustees’ fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. 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. DATED: 11/09/2010 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94, SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821, PHONE: (800) 281-8219. TS # 10-0145198 FEI #:1006.11851
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Owyhee County Church Directory

Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W. Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion, Vier - Oracion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm Visitors Always Welcome!	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Espanol	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2010 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am March 13 - April 10 - May 22 - June 26 - July 24 - Aug. 14 Sept. 11 - Oct. 23 - Nov. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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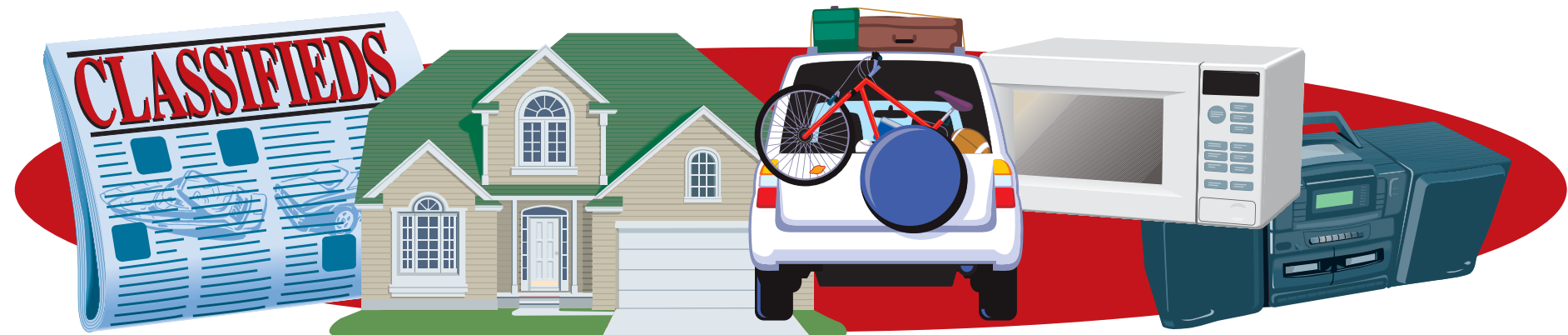
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