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Grand jury hands down major poaching indictment

Caldwell men
arrested after lengthy
investigation into
Grasmere incident

A Caldwell father and son face multiple felony and misdemeanor charges after they allegedly poached two large bull elk near Grasmere.

Vance F. Nelson, 53, and Roy E. Nelson, 26, were taken into custody Thursday night at the Canyon County Courthouse

in Caldwell.

An Owyhee County grand jury indicted the father and son on a total of five felonies and six misdemeanors after deliberations last Wednesday.

"If they are found guilty, it could be very costly," Idaho Department of Fish and

Game Senior Conservation Officer Brian Flatter said.

He called the alleged poaching one of the biggest in the 19 years he has been with the agency.

— See *Poaching*, page 5

911 bid quest surprises county

BOCC chair
quashes sheriff's
legal notice

A legal notice seeking proposals for a new 911 system caught the majority of people involved in the process off-guard.

The legal notice from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was scheduled to run again in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, but Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) canceled the publication in a phone call to the Avalanche last Wednesday.

"For the sheriff to go ahead and take it upon himself to write a Request for Proposal (RFP) and send it out without going through the board to me is outrageous," District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund (R-Murphy) said.

County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery said the BOCC is responsible for issuing RFPs with input from the affected department to ensure those using the product will be satisfied.

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Santa comes to town



Anxious children await their goodies

Children and parents lined up around the corner for a chance to get candy and words with Santa Claus after Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays parade. For more details and photos from parades in Homedale and Marsing, see *Pages 14-15*.

HMS in running for National Blue Ribbon status

State department of education
submits federal nomination

Homedale Middle School can nail down a prestigious national award with a good showing in the spring round of standardized testing.

The school is one of only three in the state nominated for National Blue Ribbon School status.

"It's a wonderful accomplishment that you, with the leadership of (HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness) have achieved," Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick said Monday when he announced the nomination to the faculty.

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Christmas care packages



Children send love overseas

Marsing Elementary School fourth-graders stuff boxes full of goodies and necessities for members of the 116th Calvary Brigade Combat Team deployed in Iraq. The boxes were mailed at the post office later. For more, see *Page 3*.

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HPD reservists complete Taser class

Homedale Police Department reserve officer Bob Goodwin of Marsing is held by fellow reservists Moses Montes, left, and Ramiro Heredia as Andrew Arnold fires a Taser during training Saturday at City Hall. Montes and Heredia were among the five who also completed the six-hour training class with a jolt.

Some schools begin holiday break this week

Government offices close Dec. 24; Avalanche office open until noon

Many area schoolchildren begin Christmas vacation this week. Meanwhile, government offices have announced closure plans for Christmas and New Year's. The Owyhee Avalanche office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31. Deadlines for display advertising and letters to the editor will be 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 30. Deadlines for legal notices (noon Friday) and classified advertising (noon Monday) won't change.

on Monday, Jan. 3. Marsing students' last day is Thursday, and they'll return to school on Monday, Jan. 3. The Bruneau-Grand View district will begin vacation on Monday, and students return to school on Tuesday, Jan. 4. Jordan Valley students will be released at noon on Friday and return to school on Monday, Jan. 3. Adrian students leave class at 12:30 p.m. next Wednesday and return to school on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Government

The Owyhee County offices will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Sheriff's office dispatch and patrol and other emergency services will be available throughout the county. City halls in Homedale and Marsing also will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. The Homedale City Council already has cancelled its Thursday, Dec. 23 meeting. Emergency service providers in both towns will remain on duty. The city offices for Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian are normally closed on Fridays.

Banks

The U.S. Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will observe regular 10 a.m.-to-5 p.m. hours on New Year's Eve.

Schools

Homedale schools will dismiss students early on Friday (1:30 p.m. for elementary and middle school students; 1:47 p.m. to high schoolers). School begins again

Libraries

Homedale Public Library and the Lizard Butte Public Library in Marsing will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24-25. Eastern Owyhee County Public Library and the Bruneau Valley Public Library are customarily closed on Fridays, so the holiday won't affect hours there.

Grocery stores

Paul's Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will close on Christmas Day. Regular hours will be observed on New Year's Eve, with the store open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The schedule for New Year's Day will be announced later. Snake River Mart in Marsing will be open regular hours — 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. — on Christmas Eve, and will be 8 a.m. to noon on Christmas Day. The store will announce New Year's holiday hours later.

Garbage service

Homedale-based Westowns Disposal Inc. has announced it will observe regular pickup schedules throughout the county during the holidays. Crews pickup trash in Homedale on Tuesdays and Marsing on Fridays.

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Students send Christmas boxes to deployed soldiers in Iraq

With nearly 2,700 soldiers from the 116th Calvary Brigade Combat Team deployed in Iraq, students from Marsing Elementary School are sending boxes to 19 troops spending the holidays without their families.

Students in third and fourth grade participated in “Operation Husky Love”, which was spearheaded by Melissa Loucks. She sent home a note with the students “enlisting” them into the project to send the Christmas care packages.

“I sent home a note and asked the kids, ‘What would you miss the most if you weren’t home?’ Each of the classes were given an empty box and a soldier’s name,” Loucks said. “The kids brought in a lot of candy, and other little things that they felt they would miss the most.”

Loucks got the idea while reading a magazine article about soldiers surviving away from home. Many of the recipients of the Christmas boxes are local members of the 116th and fam-

ily members of armed service members.

“I know with the 116th deployed there would be a lot of people gone from their families this Christmas,” Loucks said. “Each of the classes were given paper and supplies to write letters. We sent a picture of each class to the soldiers along with a video greeting.”

Included in the boxes was a 17-minute DVD that Loucks prepared that included many individuals from the school. The video includes some of the classes singing songs and thanking the soldiers for their service.

“There was a lot of support from the school with the video greetings. I think everyone got a word in,” Loucks said.

“I started in the lunch room and worked my way throughout the school.”

Overall, Loucks said the most emotional part of preparing the care packages was during the filming of the video greeting. When it came time to film the

third-graders, she filmed a message from William Moore.

“In the video greeting he said, ‘My name is William Moore. Hi Dad. Thank you for going so far away to fight the war.’ It was very emotional to tape him,” Loucks said.

William’s class sent their box to his father who is currently serving with the 116th CBCT in Iraq.

Loucks received donations from the ION Truck Plaza, Snake River Mart and other community members. Jeffrey Larson DDS of Caldwell donated toothpaste and floss for the soldiers. The Marsing Post Office came and picked up the boxes from the school and the Marsing America Legion Ladies Auxiliary helped with postage necessary to ship the boxes.

“I really hope that all the boxes make it before Christmas,” Loucks said. “I think the kids understood what they were doing, and that made it a great project to work on.”

—JLZ

Marsing Elementary School students load care packages into the pickup of the Marsing postmaster, who hauled them to the Post Office for shipping.



TRIAD thanks OCSO personnel
Top: Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Lynn Bowman, far left, smiles with his wife Tammy as TRIAD’s William Shaw and Glenn Anderson present him with the Officer of the Year Award on Friday. *Submitted photo. Below:* Dick Burman received a plaque for years of service to TRIAD. *Photo by John Cossel Jr.*

OCSO’s Bowman named officer of year

TRIAD salutes Dick Burman, too

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Lynn Bowman has been named the TRIAD Officer of the Year.

TRIAD members presented Bowman with a plaque Friday night in Murphy.

A senior patrol sergeant, Bowman has been with OCSO for four years. Before joining the office fulltime, Bowman served 16 years with the sheriff’s Posse.

Bowman was joined by his wife of 17 years, Tammy, at the plaque presentation, which was carried out by TRIAD members Glenn Anderson, Mary Burman, Roger Jeppesen and William Shaw.

The Bowmans have three children and live in Marsing.

According to a TRIAD press release, Sheriff Daryl Crandall called Bowman a valuable asset to the sheriff’s office and the community.

The plaque presentation was the centerpiece for TRIAD’s annual



Christmas visit to OCSO. Each member of the force — patrol, jail and dispatch — received a cup of candy. Trays of cookies also were supplied, and TRIAD volunteer also presented the sheriff’s office canine with a stocking of dog treats.

Meanwhile in Marsing, longtime TRIAD volunteer Dick Burman was honored for more than a decade of service. Burman often patrols Jump Creek as part of his contribution with TRIAD.

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LID work complete, city awaits last bills to figure final cost

With paving contractors finishing their weather-delayed work earlier in the day, Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer announced Wednesday that Local Improvement District construction is all but complete.

Assessment notices to the affected property owners, however, won't be mailed immediately.

According to a timeline provided by city LID attorney Stephanie J. Bonney, the city will set hearing on the assessment roll once city engineering firm Project Engineering Consultants submits an engineer cost report and a preliminary assessment roll. Those reports won't be available until after the final bills from general contractor AME Electric are received at City Hall.

Once the assessment roll is developed, the city council will schedule a public hearing on the assessment roll, at which time affected property owners can protest their assessments. A hearing must be held at least 15 days after property owners receive assessment notices and the first

publication of the legal notice in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Although final costs are still forthcoming, the city council has made change orders throughout the project — mostly to the streetlights portion — that will affect the bottom line, Bauer said. He added that the street widening at the intersection of South Main Street and Wyoming Avenue will be picked up by the city and won't be reflected in the assessments of the nearby properties.

Bauer said asphalt on East Owyhee Avenue and North 1st Street West was among the work pushed back because of the recent snowy weather. There also was drainage repair near Frosty Palace and the Homedale Senior Center, he said.

A final walkthrough with engineers from Project Engineering Consultants Inc., and representatives of general contractor AME Electric was held Tuesday. Bauer anticipated some minor repairs could be possible after the walkthrough.

— JPB

Homedale trash pickup point to move

Notices going out Feb. 1; HPD to get in-car cameras

Notification of a garbage pickup protocol change could arrive in Homedale mailboxes in the next couple months.

By unanimous decision, the Homedale City Council gave Westowns Disposal Inc. permission to pick up trash in front of city residences rather than in alleyways as it does now every Tuesday. Westowns will begin curbside pickup after Feb. 1.

Westowns owner Bill Pastoor made the request Wednesday night in what he called an effort to reduce damage to alleyways from heavy garbage trucks while beautifying the city.

"If people have to bring their trash to the front they're much more aware of the state of their trashcans and bags than they would be in the alley," Pastoor said.

Mayor Harold Wilson pointed out that curbside trash pickup is already the norm in the Silver

Sage subdivision and areas where there are no alleys.

"I guess if we do it and there's trash everywhere, we can go back to the way it is," Councilman Tim Downing said.

In approving the proposal, the council decided to send notification of the change in utility bills around Feb. 1. Pastoor said he is willing to go door-to-door and work on getting the information in The Owyhee Avalanche, too, so folks have plenty of time to prepare for the change.

Later Wednesday, the Marsing City Council rejected a similar request from Pastoor for that town, where Westowns crews collect trash on Fridays.

In suggesting the compromise, Downing said his research revealed that more cameras will be available from the state in coming years because ISP is discontinuing other systems as well.

"Any camera system is going to improve our performance out on the street," McFetridge said.

In an earlier council meeting, deputy city attorney Loren Anderson pointed out that in-car cameras could save Homedale money on prosecution costs by avoiding trials if video footage shows a case would be air-tight — providing the possibility for a plea bargain — or if there might be some doubt in the merits of a case.

The total cost of the three cameras will be approximately \$3,850, including installation by Boise-based Emergency Responder Services Inc. The project will be paid for from the PD's vehicle equipment budget, which stands at \$7,000 for fiscal year 2011.

McFetridge said he continues to work on grants to buy equipment, too.

— JPB

PD to get in-car cams

The council authorized acting Police Chief Sgt. Mike McFetridge to buy three video cameras from the Idaho State Police to install in half of the department's vehicles.

McFetridge sought permission to buy six cameras at a cost of \$1,000 each to equip every car in the fleet with equipment ISP is discontinuing.

OHR gift drive enters final week

Secret Santas have one more week to donate items for the annual Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center gift drive.

The list of needed items for each resident can be found in the full-page ad on Page 10 of this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Gifts can be dropped off at the Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The final day to drop off presents is next Wednesday (Dec. 22).

OHR staff will pick up the presents and take them to the

facility on West Owyhee Avenue in time for the annual Christmas party.

Each resident has his or her own wish list, but miscellaneous gift ideas such as throw blankets, pillows, oldies music CDs, perfume, Cologne, socks, puzzles, memory games and snacks are also suggested.

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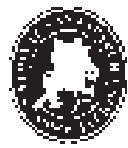
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✓ Poaching: Father, son held in Owyhee County Jail on \$20,000 bonds

"The number of charges against these guys is a pretty serious deal," Flatter said. "It's not going to go away. They're going to spend some time in jail, no doubt, and there are some mandatory license revocations with these charges."

He said there are stiff civil penalties attached with elk poaching.

"They could be looking at lifetime revocation. The sky's the limit, essentially, when you have a case like this," Flatter said.

Flatter said that the father and son were transported from Canyon County to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy where they each are being held on \$20,000 bonds. He doesn't expect a court appearance until Monday.

Flatter and IDFG Senior Conservation Officer Kurt Stieglitz, both of whom patrol areas of Owyhee County, testified before the grand jury.

Vance Nelson's indictment charges felony conspiracy and felony concealment, alteration or destruction of evidence. He also faces misdemeanor charges of unlawful transfer of tag/license by tagging game taken by another, possession of unlawfully taken game and misdemeanor waste of a game animal.

Roy Nelson also faces three felonies — conspiracy, taking of two elk in a closed special draw-only area and concealment, alteration or destruction of evidence. He also has been charged with misdemeanors — unlawful use of a game/tag of another,

possession of an unlawfully taken game animal or parts thereof and waste of a game animal.

The men are accused of taking two bull elk during the first week of at Nov. 1-24 hunt in Unit 41 east of Idaho highway 51. Flatter said only 10 tags were awarded for this new hunt.

"It was a highly coveted tag," he said.

Fish and Game officers began investigating after receiving a tip on the night of Nov. 6. By Nov. 9, Flatter said, law enforcement had served a search warrant, seized the animals and began conducting interviews.

Flatter said this could be a landmark case, saying it's a high-profile poaching incident on par with a November 1996 poaching

case in Owyhee County involving multiple trophy bull elk.

Evidence from the 1996 case is now a mainstay in the Citizens Against Poaching community outreach trailer, Flatter said, adding that sentencing guidelines were changed in the wake of the incident for which two Jordan Valley men faced felonies but pled guilty to misdemeanors. Other men involved in the case 14 years ago were later sentenced on misdemeanors.

"I think it's going to get a lot of attention because these are highly coveted animals and this was the first time we had a hunt down there," Flatter said of the current case. "When the details come out, I think people are going to be pretty shocked."

— JPB

✓ HMS: School can earn award by maintaining AYP in spring testing

Idaho Department of Education Title I Director Marcia M. Beckman told the Homedale School District in an e-mail that HMS is in the running because of "dramatic gains in student achievement."

The federal Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private primary and secondary schools that are either academically superior in their state or demonstrate vast improvement in student achievement.

Beckman said that HMS's growth in overall student proficiency in reading from 2005-06 to 2009-10 is the most dramatic in the state. Four years ago, 64 percent of the 91 eighth-graders tested were proficient in reading. That number jumped to 98 percent in 2009-10. Math proficiency also improved 30 percentage points in that time.

HMS's nomination will be recognized during the state Title I Conference Awards Luncheon in April. South Side Elementary School from the Lake Pend Oreille district will be saluted for



Homedale Middle School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness slices into a cake celebrating the school's National Blue Ribbon nomination.

dramatic improvement, like HMS, while Ponderosa Elementary in Post Falls will be cited in the high-performing category.

Rosandick pointed out to staff members Monday that a little

more than 0.2 percent of the nation's schools (314 out of 133,000) were honored with National Blue Ribbon awards a year ago. Eighty-five of those schools (or 27 percent of the total

awarded) were middle schools or junior high schools.

"It's humbling, and I'm so, so happy for our staff," Asumendi-Mereness said. "Their commitment and their hard work has been validated through this award nomination, and they should feel very proud of what they've done."

The school now must complete an application, and the staff must ensure that students meet Adequate Yearly Performance on the Idaho Standardized Achievement Test, which will be administered in April. If HMS stays on track and earns the award, a delegation will travel to Washington, D.C., to attend the national awards ceremony.

Asumendi-Mereness said the school will prepare for the ISAT as it has in the past, by: teaching children, using the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) program to help teachers maintain a high quality of instruction and utilizing paraprofessionals where the greatest need is.

"Our focus will be more sharp

because of this nomination," she said.

Data from Beckman show that HMS achieved large gains in student proficiency in math and reading between 2005-06 testing and 2009-10 testing. Improvement was seen overall as well as in several subgroups.

In the Economically Disadvantaged subgroup, reading proficiency doubled between the two sample years. While 49 percent of eighth-graders in the subgroup tested proficient in the spring of 2006, 98 percent of the students tested last spring were proficient. The subgroup also gained 39 percentage points in math proficiency.

Limited English Proficiency students also showed vast improvement in reading (12 percent to 67 percent) and math (18 percent to 67 percent).

Migrant proficiency also went off the charts, with 65 percentage points gained in reading and 53 points gained in math.

— JPB

✓ 911: Officials concerned that sheriff's RFP doesn't reflect grant language

The commissioners agreed to review the RFP on which OCSO based its legal notice, make any necessary corrections, adjust the deadline schedule and send a new document to the county 911 committee to ensure it follows the description of the county's \$246,323 grant. If the new RFP passes muster, it would be published at a later date.

The unanimous vote on Freund's motion came after an hourlong discussion featuring input from the commissioners, Emery, state emergency communications coordinator Eddie Goldsmith, county emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond and county 911 committee chair Wes Anderson.

Hoagland tried to invite Crandall to the meeting, but was told that the sheriff was unavailable. The sheriff didn't respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

No county officials outside of the sheriff's office apparently had official knowledge of the RFP notice until it had appeared in the newspaper. Desmond, the BOCC's 911 committee liaison, said he had heard an RFP might be published. He pointed out that there were several errors in the legal notice, which was published Dec. 1 and Dec. 8.

Goldsmith said he had received a request from Crandall to review an RFP, but didn't have time to respond before it was published. In an unrelated Dec. 6 meeting with potential vendor Qwest Communications, Goldsmith learned that the company was in possession of an RFP from the sheriff's office.

"My concern all along has been that this thing be a fair, competitive bidding process that doesn't come back to haunt you at some later time," Desmond told the

commissioners. "I'm concerned now that Qwest has an RFP, and I would guess that no other potential vendor does."

Desmond also expressed concern that the RFP published by the sheriff's office was more in line with the narrow scope of a "trial balloon" RFP the commissioners published earlier this year. Vendors' responses to that request were used to write the grant application. Desmond said the modifications to the original RFP were done to ensure no vendors were "inappropriately" excluded, which could lead to a legal headache for the county.

No one at the meeting knew if the sheriff's office RFP was based on the original RFP or if it had been retooled to better reflect the requirements of the grant.

"The recommendation was that (Goldsmith) sign off on the actual

format and details (of the RFP)," Emery said. "Logistically that could put us in jeopardy of losing the grant money if we don't comply with the grant."

Emery also expressed frustration about the sheriff and BOCC being at "loggerheads" regarding the 911 system.

"The statutory duty on the prosecutor is to provide legal advice to all the elected officials in the county as relates to their various roles," he said. "The statute says I'm legal counsel to all the department heads, and from time to time there have been issues where I am put in the middle of county officials who truly disagree with each other."

In referring to the disagreement between Crandall and the commissioners, Emery mentioned that the sheriff could request "civil counsel" from the state attorney

general's office, which appeared to cause uncomfortable reactions from County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn and County Treasurer Brenda Richards. Emery later clarified that he was merely pointing out that any elected official could — through the prosecutor's office — request mediation representation from the AG's office in cases where the prosecutor might not be able to represent both sides without conflict or if his advice is rejected.

Goldsmith said he can mediate any emergency communications-related differences and has done so in previous cases involving Twin Falls and Blaine County.

During his testimony last week, Goldsmith cautioned the commissioners on waiting too long to proceed in finding a 911 replacement even though the county has two years to spend the grant funding.

— JPB

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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/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm 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

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Dec. 15: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, animal crackers, milk
Dec. 16: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit salad, roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Dec. 17: Cheese pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk
Dec. 20-31: No school.

Homedale Middle

Dec. 15: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk
Dec. 16: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit salad, jello, roll, pumpkin pie, milk
Dec. 17: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk
Dec. 20-31: No school.

Homedale High

Dec. 15: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk
Dec. 16: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, jello fruit salad, roll, pumpkin pie filling, milk
Dec. 17: Beef or chicken taco, burrito, corn, fruit & salad bar, milk
Dec. 20-31: No school.

Marsing

Dec. 15: Pepperoni pizza, salad, taco, corn, salad bar, fruit & veggie bar, milk
Dec. 16: Cook’s choice
Dec. 17-31: No school.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Includes beverage
Dec. 15: Baked fish, baked potato, California blend vegetables, roll
Dec. 16: Beef burritos, refried bean, rice, corn
Dec. 21: Turkey dinner with all the trimmings!
Dec. 22: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, carrots, potatoes

Rimrock Senior Center

Dec. 16: Beef layered casserole, cottage cheese, green beans, potatoes, roll, pudding
Dec. 21: Chili con carne w/beans, squash, coleslaw, cornbread, cookies

Death notices

JEAN B. FREELOVE, 85, of Homedale, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at a Caldwell hospital. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

BARBARA SUE GONSALVES, 81, of Homedale, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at a local hospital. Services are by Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City.

MARVIN L. JONES JR., 88, who was raised in Bruneau, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, in a Fallon, Nev., hospital. A celebration of life service was held Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at The Gardens Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Churchill County Cemetery.



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

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Main Street near Freddie’s Tacos, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

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

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View

OCHS board of directors meeting
7 p.m., Helen Nettleton Library, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Eastern Owyhee CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Firehouse

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

Hands Around Homedale food distribution
2 p.m., packaging; 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., distribution, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

Community Christmas dinner
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., free, American Legion George D. VanDerhoff Post 32, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

Three Creek School Christmas program
6 p.m., potluck side dishes requested, Three Creek School, 49909 Three Creek Road, Rogerson. (208) 857-2281

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8 a.m., \$10, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Senior center Christmas dinner and party
Noon, bring \$1 gift (men for men, women for women), Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada commodity distribution
1 p.m., El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

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.

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El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Thursday, Dec. 23

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Judge Wapner’s (“The People’s Court”) girlfriend in high school? None other than Lana Turner.

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Marsing Chamber seeks nominations for new officers

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Essence of Life, 111 Main St.

The Chamber is seeking nominations for president and secretary. Elections for the new officers will take place in January.

Discussion on the 2011 schedule of activites will take place at tonight’s meeting.

For more information, contact Chamber president Cathy Streibel at (208) 896-7001.


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Classic Christmas poem featured at Story Time

Clement C. Moore’s classic “Night Before Christmas” will be read at this week’s Homedale Public Library Story Time.

The reading with refreshments and crafts takes place at 10:15 a.m. Friday at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228 afternoons between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Christmas dance scheduled for Homedale Senior Center

Alvie Thomas will perform live music Saturday for the Homedale Senior Center’s Christmas dance.

The dance will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the center, 224

W. Idaho Ave.

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Homedale FFA scavenger hunt caps Gift of Green

by Kylie Farwell
Chapter reporter

Every year, once a year, the Homedale FFA chapter spends a day after school out on the town vigorously shopping. The trip is not for themselves, though, but for two families less fortunate and in need. We call this event “Gift of Green.”

Each year the chapter budgets enough money to supply clothes and gifts for two families.

The funds are budgeted from the annual Harvest Auction the Homedale FFA holds each September.

With help from all of the chapter’s members, the gifts are bought and wrapped. Each member also was asked to donate items of food. FFA members delivered the food and gifts Saturday.

After the gifts were delivered, the chapter returned to the Homedale High School Ag Shop to participate in one of the most anticipated events of the year, Scavenger Hunt. The FFA members divided themselves into groups of four and waited for the first clue from advisor Lori Harrison.

Once the clue was unveiled, the

groups hopped in their vehicles and tried to decipher to clue to determine which house on the map they need to visit. After finding the right house, members received from the homeowner a set of beads and the clue for the next stop on the hunt, which had 10 stops.

The first four teams to return to the Ag Shop with 10 sets of beads received prizes.

The first-place team members earned \$75 each to spend at the mall; second-place teammates received \$50; third-place team members earned two movie tickets each; and the fourth-place team received a box of candy bars to split.

This year, a special thank-you goes to Teresa Bettleyon and Lori Maxwell for their help shopping, Laura Eubanks and Todd Kelly for helping wrap gifts, Mike and Shelia Matteson, Burke and Kathy Deal, Todd and Deb Twedt, Stuart and Lori Emry, Dwayne and Tracy Fisher, Trent Price, Dave and Shelley Shenk, Luke and Lori Lee, Ryan and Rachael Criffield, and Steve and Leslie Nash for hosting houses, and all of the parent drivers.

New P&Z may have conflicts

Nettleton, Jensen unanimously appointed despite questions

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will have two new faces when it meets next month.

Marsing resident Scott Jensen and Chad Nettleton of Murphy were appointed to the board during the Dec. 7 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Both, however, may have conflicts to work through, county commissioners pointed out before voting.

Jensen replaces Homedale’s Dan Landa, who leaves the board in the middle of a two-year term. Jensen will complete Landa’s term, which expires on Dec. 31, 2011.

Nettleton succeeds Reynolds Creek rancher Martin Jaca, who P&Z administrator Mary Huff said was uninterested in serving after his three-year term expires later this month. Nettleton was appointed to a two-year term.

Jensen and Nettleton will be on board when it meets Jan. 5 to

hear a conditional use permit from Simplot Co., which wants to build a three-unit labor housing facility in the Bruneau/Grand View area.

In addition to new appointments, the BOCC also reappointed Murphy’s Connie Brandau for two years. She currently serves as board chair.

All three appointments go into effect on Jan. 1.

Brandau joined the board the same time as Landa in January 2005. With Landa’s departure, Brandau is now the longest-serving current board member.

Bruneau’s Clay Atkins, whose two-year term ends on Dec. 31, 2012, and Homedale’s Jeff Christoffersen, who will close a three-year term on Dec. 31, 2011, round out the commission’s roll call.

Huff’s recommendations gave the county commissioners a choice between Jensen and Marsing real estate agent Bob Brinegar to fill Landa’s seat, which represents the Homedale-Marsing area.

Nettleton was the only recommendation to succeed Jaca.

The county commissioners discussed possible conflicts of interest for both Jensen and Nettleton before making their

decisions. The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension director, Jensen is employed by the U of I, but the county commissioners allocate part of his budget. Nettleton is involved in alternative energy development in the Murphy area and may have to recuse himself from future P&Z discussions on wind power, BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) said.

Huff said Jensen was in contact with his U of I bosses to clear his ability to serve on the board.

District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund (R-Murphy) suggested the commissioners leave the decision of conflicts of interest up to Jensen and Nettleton as they move through their service on the board.

— JPB

Marsing gets new water meters

Next step in PD: five-year financial projection

The Marsing City Council heard updates on its ongoing water project from City Engineer Amy Woodruff during its monthly meeting last week.

Woodruff reported Titan Technologies crews were currently replacing meters around town. She said that residents shouldn’t experience any major interruptions during the change-outs. Titan is using liquid nitrogen to freeze water lines in order to streamline and minimize downtime during upgrades.

She said some residents might need to have their lines flushed after the change-outs. Anyone experiencing problems after their meter has been replaced should contact City Hall at 896-4122.

Also, Westowns Disposal Inc. owner Bill Pastoor sought approval to move to curbside trash pickup. Currently trash is picked

up in the alleyways on Fridays.

Pastoor cited moving to a curbside pickup as an effort to reduce costs and a way to utilize new trucks that have automated arms. The new trucks have a difficult time navigating some of the alleyways, he said.

“Maybe in the future we could look at doing this. But right now I don’t know if we want this,” Mayor Keith Green said. “I think we need to talk with the residents and ask them what they think. I am against it on (Idaho) 55 and Main Street.”

City PD still on hold

In an update on a possible city run police department, Green reported that he had left three messages with Sheriff Daryl Crandall in efforts of reaching a memorandum of understanding for the city to use dispatch and jail services along with pay a licensing fee for Computer Arts software.

“We are still waiting on the sheriff to answer questions in order for us to move forward,”

Green said. “I am not sure where the county is with all of this.”

The council asked for a five-year budget projection from the city’s auditor in order to more accurately determine the feasibility of the starting a city-run department.

—JLZ

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Local law enforcement begins patrols for impaired drivers

Law enforcement agencies statewide will be out in force this holiday season to crack down on impaired driving, in efforts to keep travelers safe and those who choose to drink and drive off the roads.

The Homedale Police Department and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office will be taking part in the Idaho Transportation Department's focused patrol in efforts of educating drivers about impaired driving.

Kevin Bechen, ITD's Impaired Driving Program Manager, said of the 126 law enforcement agencies statewide, 71 have signed up to participate in the mobilization starting Friday.

"We do this in our efforts to head toward our zero death goal with fatalities on the roadways. We do five mobilizations a year," Bechen said. "The main reason we do this is because some people don't get the message. They are putting their lives and innocent people's lives at stake. We are trying to get this message out and for people to think ahead of time."

Bechen said in 2009 there

DUI convictions in Owyhee County

Homedale Police 24- found guilty 2- dismissed by courts 1- acquittal	DUI convictions resulted in \$31,054 in fines and court costs. <i>*Conviction information from Jan. 1 through Dec. 7 provided by Owyhee County Courts.</i>
OSCO — Marsing 1- found guilty	To report impaired drivers:
OCSO 27- found guilty 1- dismissed by courts	Call Idaho Sate Police
Idaho State Police 2- found guilty	*ISP or Owyhee County Dispatch (208) 495-1154

were 12,327 driving under the influence arrests made in Idaho. 1,567 crashes were attributed to impaired driving and caused 65 fatal accidents. Funding for participating agencies is provided through a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Unfortunately, we are more productive during the holiday season. Right around Christmas and the New Year's celebrations," Bechen said. "This year we are looking at a three-day weekend for the holidays. That gives people three days to celebrate."

The NHTSA grant allows agencies to apply the money to the overtime efforts of officers

and equipment purchases. Officer Jeff Jensen said HPD would use its funding toward the purchase of portable alcohol breath-testing equipment.

"We aren't out to tell people not to have fun," Jensen said. "It is all about responsibility. If you are going to drink, plan ahead and get a designated driver. It really doesn't take a lot to get to the legal limit."

Jensen said the "rule of thumb" is one drink per hour. One drink consists of "one glass of wine, one shot of hard alcohol or one beer". The legal blood alcohol limit in Idaho is .08.

"Each officer will dedicate a block of time to focus specifically



Homedale Police Officer Jeff Jensen demonstrates field sobriety tests during a recent patrol.

on looking for impaired drivers," Jensen said.

"There is nothing wrong with consuming alcohol. We want you to be responsible, if you are going to drink, don't drive," Jensen said. "Be responsible. The impairment can start around the .02 to .04 level. There are a lot of variables that play into impairment. You

just don't know. The best thing people can do is be responsible."

Motorists who suspect an impaired driver are encouraged to promptly report them to law enforcement. To report drunk drivers, call the Idaho State Police at *ISP or contact Owyhee County Dispatch at (208) 495-1154.

— JLZ

Homedale Police update uniform patch with new design

The Homedale Police Department is instituting a new patch design to replace the older blue on gold design that has been in use since the late '90s.

The idea for the new patch came after Cpl. Antanacio Montes contacted

California-based Uniform Warehouse to order badges for reserve officers. Montes spoke with a designer about updating the patch and removing the "Gateway to the Owyhees" slogan.

"We really wanted to go with something different and

update the design of the patch," Montes said. "The lady who designed it took it on herself to come up with the idea. We added more color to the patch, and it will look really nice."

The new patch is 100 percent stitched compared to the 80 percent stitch design on the older patch. It features a desert scene with a river and gold branches.

"The new patch cost us \$219 for 100 patches. When I talked with her last, the patches were completed and read to ship out," Montes said. "They will be issued out on an as-needed basis. We will transition into the new patches over the next couple months."

Throughout the design process, Montes communicated with HPD Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller

via e-mail for design ideas and approval for the patch.

"We didn't want to just change the patch while Jeff was deployed. We stayed in contact with him and sought his opinion," Montes said.

Montes said the new

design could possibly be used on patrol cars and other HPD items, but he wasn't sure when that would happen.

"We are pretty excited about the new patch. It will be nice to have an updated design," Montes said.

— JLZ



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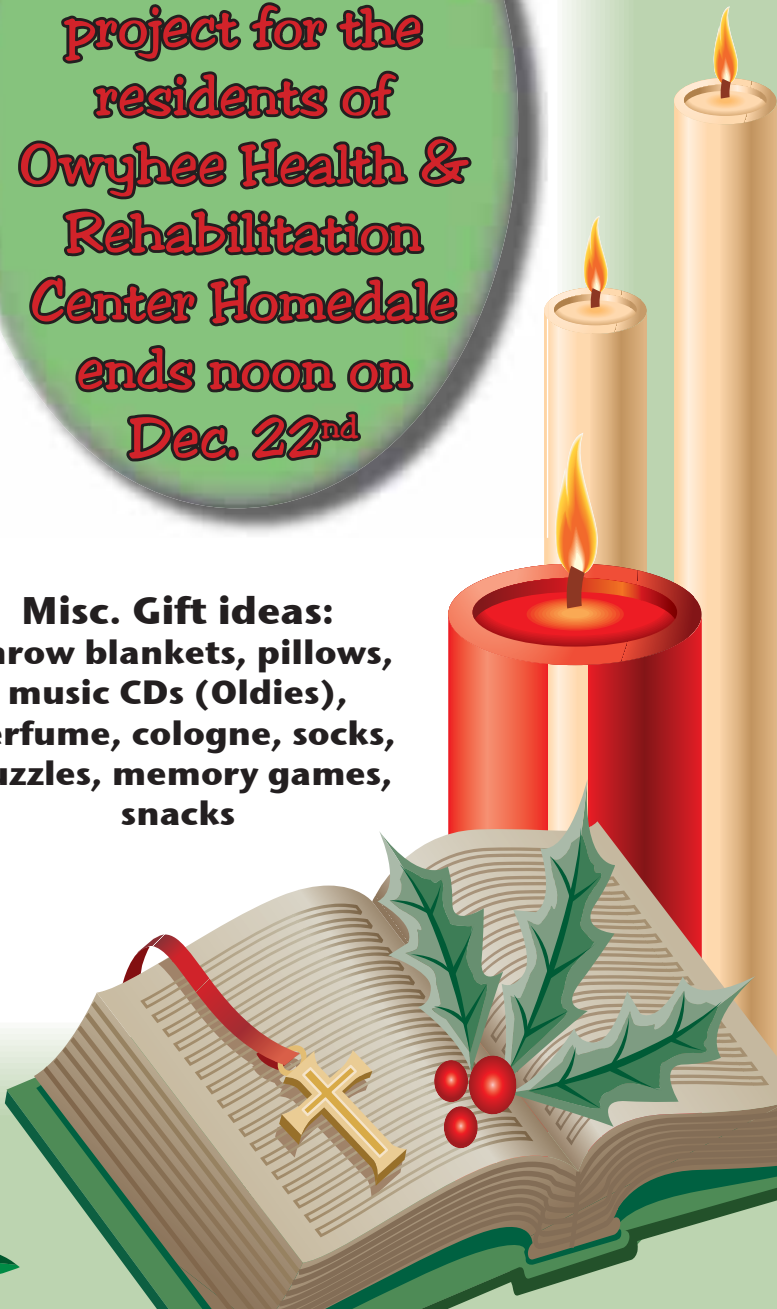
Gifts for residents may be dropped off at the Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8am-noon and 1pm-5pm Monday through Friday.

- F1: Warm sweater, pants, socks, sweat shirt, night gown (small)
- F2: House slippers, pants, shirts, perfume, night gown (large)
- F3: Shoes (canvas w/no laces), bra (34B), sweater, baby blue blouse, summer dress to knee, pant set, slippers (slender/tall)
- F4: Pull-over sweater, socks, knee high nylons, pants (M), shirt (L)
- F5: Blouse's, pants (2x), slippers, socks
- F6: Shirts, puzzle books, socks (large)
- F7: Orthotic shoes, sweat shirts (2x)
- F8: Slipper socks, shirts (1x), slippers
- F9: Pull-over shirts, pants (1x), socks, night gown (1x)
- F10: socks, pants, night gown (large)
- F11: Cloth slippers, night gown (1x), pencils & pens
- F12: Hand lotion, Dove soap, slipper socks, marker to write on clothes, bird feeder (1x)
- F13: ~~Candy~~, socks, pretty blouse, nuts, toy for child (large)
- F14: Socks, stretchy pull-over sweater, night gown (large)
- F15: Tread socks, ~~crochet hook & yarn (not wool)~~, night gown (1x)
- F16: Body pillow, adult mobile, butterflies
- F17: Perfume, women's polyester slacks, night gown (medium)
- F18: Big socks (sz 10), house shoes, ~~undies (sz 9)~~, night gown (large)
- F19: Artificial flowers, John Sanford books (2x)
- F20: Socks, slippers, pretty blouse, or anything (large)
- F21: Socks, lotion, night gown, stationary, slippers, pull-over t-shirt (large)
- F22: Socks, lotion, perfume, neck pillow, slippers, brush (large)

- M1: Sweat pants, shirt, cologne (xlarge)
- M2: ~~Deck of cards, dominoes~~, t-shirt, guitar (acoustic), shoes, socks, cologne (4x)
- M3: Sweat pants, shirt, ~~cologne~~ (2x)
- M4: Stamp book, stamp hinge, candy, word puzzle book, sweat pants, shirt, cookies (3x)
- M5: Sweat pants, sweat shirt, socks (1x)
- M6: Anything BSU, warm coat (3xlarge)
- M7: Shirts, shoes, pants, flannel button-up (38/40 medium)
- M8: ~~Sweat pants~~, shirt (medium)
- M9: Socks, puzzle books, sweats, t-shirt (large)
- M10: Socks, music CD, hat, electric razor, tread socks, sweat suit (large)

The annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas gift project for the residents of Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center Homedale ends noon on Dec. 22nd

Misc. Gift ideas:
Throw blankets, pillows, music CDs (Oldies), perfume, cologne, socks, puzzles, memory games, snacks



Marsing middle-schooler qualifies for state VFW essay contest

High school and middle school writers from area receive cash prizes

Marsing eighth-grader Aaron Draper is the district champion in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen essay contest and now has a chance at the state title.

Draper received his award Saturday night at the District 5 banquet, one day after being recognized as the local champion in the Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 contest.

His essay is now part of the department contest and will be judged against other district winners from around the state. The Idaho Department champion qualifies for the national competition, which will be judged early next year.

The district contest drew entries from posts in Wilder, Caldwell, Nampa, Mountain Kuna, Meridian and three posts in Boise.

The Phillips VFW Post, which is based in Wilder but also draws membership from Homedale, Marsing and Parma, held its annual Christmas dinner Friday at

the Marsing Senior Center.

Draper was among several schoolchildren from Homedale, Marsing and the Hope Christian Academy feted at the Marsing dinner for their success in the Patriot's Pen contest for middle-schoolers and the Voice of Democracy writing contest for high school students.

The top-three contestants at each level in the Post 11065 contest earned cash prizes, including \$50

for first, \$35 for second and \$25 for third. Post representative Merrill Tallman said a total of \$770 was handed out to students from Homedale, Marsing, Hope Christian Academy, Wilder and Parma. The top three writers at each school earned cash and then competed against the top three from the other schools in a post-wide contest for more prizes.

Marsing High School senior Rebecca Cossel won the Post 11065 championship in the Voice of Democracy contest.

The Patriot's Pen contest theme was "Does Patriotism Still

Matter?" Voice of Democracy essayists answered the question "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?"

Post 11065 Voice of Democracy — 1. Cossel; 2. Andi Merritt, senior, Marsing H.S.; 3. Steven Klingshim, Hope Christian Academy (HCA)

Post 11065 Patriot's Pen — 1. Draper; 2. Trayling Sampson, HCA; 3. Mariah Gaines, sixth-grader, Homedale Middle School

MHS Voice of Democracy

— 1. Cossel; 2. Merritt; 3. Shad Jensen, senior

HCA Voice of Democracy — 1. Klingshim; 2. Kahe Point; 3. Myliah Korsmo

HMS Patriot's Pen — 1. Gaines; 2. Riley Haun, sixth-grader; 3. Sarah Jones, sixth-grader

MMS Patriot's Pen — 1. Draper; 2. Courtney Brant, eighth-grader; 3. Emily Tank, eighth-grader

HCA Patriot's Pen — 1. Trayling Sampson; 2. Christian Neils



Hope Christian Academy essay writers: **Left:** Steven Klingshim, Voice of Democracy winner. **Right:** Trayling Sampson, Patriot's Pen winners with Donnalee Velvick. Photo by John Cossel Jr.



VFW honors HMS essayists

Merrill Tallman, service officer from the Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, right, presents checks to the top essayists in the Patriots Pen contest on Thursday at Homedale Middle School. Representing HMS were, from left, principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness, Riley Haun, Sarah Jones and Mariah Gaines. Gaines won the HMS contest and finished third in the Treasure Valley competition. Submitted photo



MMS student Aaron Draper (**top**) and MHS student Rebecca Cossel (**above**) were honored by Merrill Tallman for their winning essays. Photos by John Cossel Jr.

Farmers credited for improved sugar beet harvest

Amalgamated reports higher sugar content despite dip in tonnage

Cooler summer nights helped Owyhee County sugar beet growers bring in a more productive crop than a year ago, according to an Amalgamated Sugar Co. official.

Treasure Valley district agricultural manager Clark Millard said beets brought to five dumps throughout the county will yield a higher sugar content than 2009 even though less tonnage was harvested from the fields this year.

"Growers are paying closer attention to soil fertility and nitrogen management," Millard said. "And it was a better growing year as far as weather conditions.

"We had a long open fall with cool nights in August and

September."

The higher quality sugar beets dumped at sites in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View and Little Valley made up for a slight dip in tons-per-acre yield when compared to last year's harvest, he said.

Statistics from the district, which includes beet dumps from Glens Ferry west, show farmers brought in about 36.75 tons of beets per acre planted and that each ton of beets had a sugar content of 16.7 percent. Millard said sugar content of the 2010 crop is better than last year and that farmers planted roughly the same acreage both years. Farmers dedicated 7,000 acres to beet production in 2010.



Sugar beets are loaded into a semi-truck at the Homedale dumping station. The facility saw 39 tons of sugar beets pass through during this year's harvest.

Millard said Grand View-area farmers brought an average of 36 tons of beets per acre planted to that storage facility and the sugar content was 16.15 percent.

Grand View is the largest beet dump in the county.

Homedale's dump saw 39 tons per acre with the same sugar content percentage as Grand

View, he said.

Homedale's beet dump was cleared to Amalgamated Nampa processing plant on Dec. 4.

— JPB

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 21 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,799 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 29 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 150,252 acre-feet of water, on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site at 2:30 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/07	3.4	-99.9	7.0	28.8	28.6	35.6
12/08	3.3	12.0	6.9	31.3	21.6	31.3
12/09	3.5	-99.9	7.0	34.2	30.4	37.4
12/10	3.4	-99.9	7.1	34.7	31.3	35.2
12/11	3.6	-99.9	7.2	28.2	28.2	34.9
12/12	3.7	-99.9	7.4	39.2	27.9	34.2
12/13	3.6	-99.9	7.4	37.0	35.1	41.2
Reynolds Creek						
12/07	2.7	10.0	7.4	37.2	30.7	34.2
12/08	2.6	9.0	7.5	40.5	28.0	32.9
12/09	2.7	9.0	7.5	47.1	28.9	39.2
12/10	2.8	8.0	7.6	41.2	33.3	37.2
12/11	2.8	8.0	7.6	38.3	29.5	32.2
12/12	2.9	8.0	8.0	43.3	28.9	34.5
12/13	2.3	5.0	8.0	50.5	41.4	45.9
South Mountain						
12/07	5.1	-99.9	12.3	38.3	29.7	34.0
12/08	5.0	18.0	12.5	47.1	30.2	38.8
12/09	5.1	-99.9	12.5	45.0	34.3	39.4
12/10	5.3	-99.9	12.7	38.5	33.8	35.6
12/11	5.8	-99.9	13.2	36.3	28.9	31.8
12/12	6.1	-99.9	13.5	40.8	28.0	34.3
12/13	5.9	18.0	13.6	47.1	40.1	43.9

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Students trek to Nampa for Toys for Tots

Above: Jordan Valley Elementary School's third- and fourth-graders did a load of shopping last week at a Nampa Walmart. The shoppers that met with a Walmart representative included: **Front row:** Skyler Forsythe, Regann Skinner, Jacquatta Deen, Hayden Davis and Don Youren; **Back row:** Walmart public relations rep; Taylor Warn, Kort Skinner, Brandon Roe, Baylee Davis, Wade Raine and Zeke Quintero. **Below:** Students also got a tour of the KIVI Channel 6 studio in Nampa after making their delivery. Submitted photos

JV students complete Toys for Tots drive

Students from Sherry Jaca's third- and fourth-grade classroom at Jordan Valley Elementary School took advantage of a large contingent of fans traveling south for the Boise State-Nevada football game last month, holding a bake sale to benefit their Toys for Tots project.

The schoolchildren raised \$400 and last week bought 69 toys from Walmart in Nampa.

After meeting some Marines, who carry out the Toys for Tots drive each year, the children delivered the toys to the KIVI Channel 6 newsroom and got a tour.



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OHR float wins Homedale parade title

Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker got what he wished for Saturday with the Homedale for the Holidays Christmas parade.

Another record was set Saturday with the Chamber giving away 40 turkeys during the post-parade raffle on North Main Street. Two gift baskets also were given away.

“That’s the most ever,” Parker said of the turkeys donated by merchants. “Our local businesses really stepped up to the plate,” Parker said.

Children lined up around the corner of Idaho Avenue and Main Street for a chance to visit with Santa Claus and collect a bag of goodies.

Moxie Java Bistro won the

Christmas decorating contest, for which patrons voted when they submitted raffle entries in the days leading up to the parade.

Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center’s won the top prize in the parade for its float depicting Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and an elf. The award was a \$30 gift certificate to Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Cassie Nielsen of Emmett earned a \$25 gift certificate to Pruett Lumber for her second-place entry.

The Homedale Elementary School Club Kids After School Program entry, in which club members marched and sang, received a \$20 cash donation as the third-place entry.



Marsing Holiday Parade



It's Peppermint Season!

FAMILY FEATURES

Headline your holiday with the quintessential flavor of the season — peppermint. These extra special sweets offer a bountiful buffet of peppermint possibilities. Choose one or more for cookie exchanges, après caroling nibbles, gifts for teachers and Santa. Visit www.wilton.com for additional holiday ideas, and to order baking and decorating supplies.

Peppermint Ribbon Cookies

Makes about 6 dozen cookies

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1 1/3 cups granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract
- 2 to 4 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring
- Christmas Red Icing Color, as desired
- 1 package (14 ounces) Candy Cane Colorburst Candy Melts, melted

In medium bowl, combine flour, salt and baking powder. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and creamy. Add eggs, vanilla and peppermint candy flavoring; mix well. Add flour mixture, one cup at a time; mixing well after each addition. Remove 1/3 of dough; reserve. To remaining 2/3 dough in mixer bowl, beat in red icing color. Roll and shape dough between parchment paper into two 6 x 8-inch disks. Roll and shape untinted dough between parchment paper to a 6 x 8-inch disk. Chill all dough rectangles at least 1 hour. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. Peel parchment from dough pieces. Stack dough rectangles with untinted dough rectangle between the two red pieces, lining them up as evenly as possible; gently press pieces together. Gently roll with rolling pin to seal layers; trim uneven edges with sharp knife. Cut dough lengthwise into three 2 inch-wide slices; cut each column crosswise into 1/4 inch-thick pieces. Arrange 2 inches apart on parchment-lined cookie pans. Chill 1/2 hour. Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until bottoms are light golden brown. Remove cookies to cooling grids; cool completely. Dip cooled cookies into melted Candy Melts; set on parchment-lined cookie pans. Chill until candy is set. Store in airtight container.

Candy Cane Cookies

Makes about 2 dozen cookies

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 teaspoon Peppermint Candy Flavoring or 1/2 teaspoon Imitation Almond Extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- No-Taste Red Icing Color
- White Sparkling Sugar

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, cream butter with sugar with mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, vanilla and peppermint candy flavoring. Add flour 1 cup at a time to butter mixture, mixing well after each addition. If dough becomes too stiff, add water, a teaspoon at a time. Do not chill dough. Divide dough into 2 balls. Color one ball of dough red with icing color. Pinch off a 1-inch ball of each color dough. On flat surface, roll ball into 3-inch-long strips. Place red and white strips side-by-side; roll them together until the two colors have wrapped around one another and are twisted together. Curve the strip at the top to the shape of a candy cane and place on ungreased cookie sheet; gently press Sparkling Sugar into dough. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on pan 2 minutes; remove to cooling grid and cool completely.

Peppermint Ribbon Cookies and Candy Cane Cookies



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| 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened | 1/2 teaspoon Imitation Almond Extract | Preheat oven to 400°F. In mixing bowl, cream butter with sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and extracts. In a separate bowl mix flour, baking powder and salt; add to butter mixture 1 cup at a time, mixing after each addition. Do not chill dough. |
| 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar | 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour | |
| 1 egg | 2 teaspoons baking powder | |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract | 1 teaspoon salt | |

Evergreen Treats

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

Roll-Out Cookie Recipe

- 2 to 3 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring or 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3 piece Trees Cutter Set
- Cookie Sheet
- Cooling Grid
- Royal Icing*
- Buttercream Icing*
- Leaf Green Icing Color
- Round Decorating Tip 3
- Candy Cane Sprinkles
- Yellow Colored Sugars
- Jumbo Nonpareils

Prepare *Roll-Out Cookie Recipe* following instructions, adding peppermint candy flavoring.** Roll out dough 1/8 inch thick; cut tree shapes and arrange on cookie sheet. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute; remove to cooling grid and cool completely. Prepare icings. Tint portions of each icing green, reserving some white. With royal icing, with tip 3, outline tree with green; fill in with thinned icing. Let dry. For trees with stars, fill in star with white icing; add yellow colored sugars and let dry. Add white icing garland using tip 3 outline, swirl or zigzag; arrange candy cane sprinkles. With green buttercream icing, spatula ice cookies smooth or cover cookies with tip 3 zigzag "tree boughs." For trees with stars, ice star with white icing; add yellow sugars, pressing lightly into the icing. If desired, add white icing garlands to trees. Arrange candy cane sprinkles and jumbo nonpareils. **Variation: tint cookie dough green with Leaf Green Icing Color. Cut cookies as above. Decorate as desired with white icing, sprinkles and sugars.

Candy Cane Chain

Makes about 2 dozen cookies

Roll-Out Cookie Recipe

- 2 to 3 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring or 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- Candy Cane Comfort-Grip Cutter
- Cookie Sheet
- Cooling Grid
- Red and White Cookie Icing
- Red and White Candy Melts, melted
- Ruby and White Pearlized Sugar
- Red and White Nonpareils
- Buttercream Icing*

Prepare *Roll-Out Cookie Recipe* following instructions, adding peppermint candy flavoring. Roll out dough 1/8 inch thick; cut candy cane shapes and arrange on cookie sheet. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute; remove to cooling grid and cool completely. To decorate with Cookie Icing or melted Candy Melts, drizzle in zigzag pattern or completely fill in stripes. To decorate with Sugars and Nonpareils, spatula ice cookies smooth. Arrange sugars or nonpareils in stripe pattern**, lightly press into icing. **To make it easier to place sugars and nonpareils, pour into Disposable Decorating Bag. Cut small hole in tip of bag and move the bag over the area to be covered.

*Note: Visit www.wilton.com for icing recipes.

Homedale boys surge to 3-0

Clutch shots from Stacey, Gonzalez sink Pilgrims

Homedale High School boys' basketball proved Friday that it can win the games, too.

After two blowout victories to start the season, the Trojans ran their winning streak to three games with clutch play in the fourth quarter of a 63-58 non-conference road win against New Plymouth.

Mario Gonzalez scored all five of his points in the final period, including two crucial free throws with a minute left in the game. He also had a three-point goal, and senior Jonny Stacey nailed a pair of big treys in the fourth quarter to help Homedale move ahead after losing momentum in the third quarter.

"We were ahead the whole (first) half, and then we didn't play very well in the third quarter," HHS coach Kenny Thomas said.

The Pilgrims surged ahead

with a 16-9 run to start the second half.

Junior Trey Corta missed only three times on 11 field-goal attempts and had team-high totals with 18 points and eight rebounds. Kenny Esparza and Walter Almaraz continued to pace the offense with 11 points each. Esparza grabbed five boards, and Almaraz registered five steals.

Thomas said he was concerned heading into the game after two easy victories against Nampa Christian.

"Not only that, but we'd been off for about a week," the coach said, referring to nine days between the team's two Nampa Christian victories.

"I told the kids before the game that I'll I'm worried about is their effort and attitude. We'll work on the execution as the season goes on."

Stacey scored eight points, and fellow senior Tanner Lair added seven.

Thursday: Homedale 72, Nampa Christian 56 — Trey Corta and Walter Almaraz fired in two three-point goals to spark another easy victory over Nampa Christian in Homedale's home opener.

Homedale scored 43 points over the second and third quarters and sped away from Nampa Christian (0-3) for the second time in as many meetings as Almaraz led all scorers with 17 points and Corta chipped in 13.

As in his team's 66-43 loss to Homedale on Nov. 30, Nate Forseth scored 15 points to lead Nampa Christian.

Trevor Gibson also broke into double-digits for Homedale with 10 points. He added a co-team-high six rebounds, including five on Nampa Christian's end of the floor. Jonny Stacey had four of his six rebounds off the defensive glass.

—JPB



Homedale's Trevor Gibson goes up for a layup over NCHS defender Nathan Forseth during Thursday's game.



Huskies players swarm MacKay Hall after his buzzer beating shot to take a win from Parma.

Hall's shot beats buzzer, Huskies claim another win from Parma

Marsing hosts league matchups on Thursday and Saturday

Fresh off their season-opening win over Parma at home, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team squeaked past the Panthers with a buzzer-beater

to sweep the series, 49-47.

"The play didn't work exactly like we drew it up. The ball was in bounded low," Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "MacKay (Hall)

was in the right spot at the right time and got it in bucket."

With 33 seconds left, Panthers Trevor Kramer drilled a jumper to tie up the game 47-47. The Huskies (2-0 overall) were able to burn time on the clock and stage

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Greenleaf holds on against Adrian

Adrian High School's comeback bid came up short Saturday in a non-league boys' basketball game in Greenleaf.

Greenleaf Friends Academy doubled the Antelopes' output in the first half on the way to a 51-41 victory.

Homedale resident Dalton Penrod led the Grizzlies with 15 points. Teammate JB Bermudez-Koch, who hails from Marsing, added seven points.

"We were able to close the gap in the second half and had a nice run but fell short," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "Our boys stepped up the defense in the second half to get us back in the game."

Adrian (1-4 overall) closed the

deficit to 40-32 by scoring 19 points in the third quarter.

Senior Blake Purnell collected another double-double with 22 points and 13 rebounds. He also had seven steals and six assists. Paxton Shira scored eight points.

The Antelopes's 6-foot-4 front line of seniors David Stones and Tommy Miller combined for six points and 11 rebounds.

"I was proud of our big guys, Tommy and David, stepping up on the boards," Ishida said.

Adrian opens the 1A High Desert League season Thursday against Dayville/Monument and plays non-league games against Cove on Friday and Powder Valley on Saturday.

Rimrock storms past JV

Rimrock High School won its third boys' basketball game of the season Friday with a strong second half against visiting Jordan Valley.

Oscar Gomez and Chris Smith scored 10 points each in the Raiders' 45-32 non-conference victory in Bruneau. Smith hit two three-point goals, and teammate Clay Cantrell chipped in eight points.

Jordan Valley (1-2 overall) held a 21-12 halftime lead before

Rimrock (3-2) wrested momentum away from the Mustangs late in the third quarter.

"We need to learn to play smart for the full 32 minutes," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said.

Tyler Elsner and Nate Elsner each hit three-point goals for Jordan Valley. Tyler led the team with eight points, and Ty Warn added six points and five rebounds. Nate Easterday collected six of Jordan Valley's 25 rebounds.

Sports

Late Homedale rally can't halt Adrian win streak

Antelopes hold off fourth-quarter charge, move to 3-1

Homedale High School's comeback try against one of the best girls' basketball teams in state of Oregon ran out of steam Friday night at home.

Adrian took control in the third quarter and held on for a 46-42 non-conference victory over the host Trojans. It was the third straight victory for the Antelopes.

"At this point, we have not been able to close out a team at the end of the game," HHS coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "It showed up in this game. We are always just one shot or one defensive stop from getting a win. It just isn't happening yet."

Homedale (1-5 before Tuesday's 3A Snake River Valley conference opener against Weiser) held a 22-21 lead 75 seconds before halftime when Sydney Cornwall hit a free throw to continue a see-saw second quarter.

The Antelopes (3-1 before Tuesday's non-league game against Greenleaf Friends Academy), though, got a basket later in the quarter to take a 23-22 edge into the locker room.

"While our record isn't where we wanted it to be at this point in the season, the girls are continuing to work hard each night and are improving," Chamberlain said. "I feel as though we are very close to making a breakthrough."

Four of Homedale's five losses before the start of the week had come by seven points or less.

"That tells me that our overall scheme is working," Chamberlain said. "We just need to pay closer attention to the small details."

Adrian, which won the 1A District 8 championship and qualified for the Oregon state playoffs last year, grew its lead to 36-28 by the end of the third quarter.

Homedale rallied in the fourth quarter, but couldn't close the gap.

Cornwall hit six of 10 field-goal attempts and led the Trojans with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Aubrey Nash finished with nine on the strength of a hot-shooting opening quarter in which she scored her team's first seven points. Deena Emry added eight points for coach Jeremy Chamberlain's squad, and Raven Kelly collected five rebounds.

Adrian's Madison Shira scored 14 points to lead all scorers, and teammate Nichole Orosco added a dozen.

"Adrian is a tall, aggressive team and their point guard (Shira) is the best that we have seen so far," Chamberlain said. "She did a good job of breaking us down and finding the open person."

Dec. 7: Nampa Christian 51, Homedale 47 — Chances at the charity stripe were the difference in Homedale's non-conference loss in Nampa.

Still, Nampa Christian had to hold back Homedale as it went on a 14-4 run to close the game. Homedale also opened the game on a 10-2 streak before Nampa Christian did the same thing to end the first quarter.

Nampa Christian made twice as many trips to the free-throw line as Homedale in picking up its first victory of the season. Homedale was 9-for-22 from the charity stripe, while Nampa Christian connected on 16 of its 35 tries.

The 40.9 percent from the foul line was a season low for Homedale.

"Normally we are above 60 percent," Chamberlain said. "The frustrating part is that they shot 35 free throws on our 25 fouls. We were in foul trouble the entire evening, and they took advantage of it."

Aubrey Nash hit six of eight foul shots and scored a team-high 10 points for Homedale. Courtney Schroeder led all players with 11 points.

Homedale's Bryce Osborn

added nine points, and Deena Emry and Kylie Farwell put in eight apiece.

Osborn also had nine rebounds to lead a balanced backboard game. Rave Kelly grabbed six boards before fouling out, and Sydney Cornwall added six rebounds. Nash and Emry collected five each.

"Defensively, we were solid for the most part, allowing Nampa Christian to convert on only 17 shot attempts and not allowing very many second-shot opportunities," Chamberlain said.

Chamberlain said the tightly officiated game took his squad out of its element.

"Instead of being a physical team, and aggressive on the perimeter, we had to really play off the ball," he said. "Obviously, we didn't adjust well to that."

Homedale High School junior forward Deena Emry shoots a pass around the defense of Adrian's Nichole Orosco on Friday on the Trojans' floor.





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Girls basketball

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Friday, Dec. 17, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20 vs. Spring Creek, Nev., at Elite Eight Inv., Nampa H.S., 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21 at Elite Eight Inv., Nampa H.S., 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Elite Eight Inv., Nampa, time and site TBA

Junior varsity

Thursday, Dec. 16 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17, home vs. Marsing, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph

Thursday, Dec. 16 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17, home vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Wednesday, Dec. 15, at tri-meet vs. Parma and Nyssa, Parma, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.



Basketball

Boys basketball

Varsity

Monday, Dec. 20 vs. Spring Creek, Nev., at Elite Eight Inv., Nampa H.S., 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21 at Elite Eight Inv., Nampa H.S., 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Elite Eight Inv., Nampa, time and site TBA

Junior varsity

Saturday, Dec. 18 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 4, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph

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Sports

Coaches association names athletic director of the year

Little selected top director in second year at the helm of Huskies athletics

In his second year as the Marsing High School athletic director, Tim Little was announced as the Third District Coaches Association Athletic Director of the Year for 2010-2011.

“This is an honor. I’m humbled to accept it,” Little said. “I don’t like this kind of stuff. I feel like the job I do, I do it because I set high standards for myself and I want to see Marsing athletics do well. We have had a great coaching staff this year, and all the programs have been working hard this year. It has been a great year for Marsing athletics.”

Volleyball coach Loma Bittick said she is appreciative of the efforts Little makes to keep things running smoothly.

“Tim has been really supportive of the sports programs,” Bittick said. “The players have a lot of respect for him. He was instrumental in getting a contribution from the boosters to help purchase new volleyball standards this year.”

Much of the work Little does is behind the scenes, scheduling games for all the programs, purchasing new equipment, organizing events for the student-athletes. Little attributed his recognition to the efforts of the coaches and the support they provide to the school and athletes.

“He doesn’t take credit for the things he does,” football coach Jaime Wood said. “I don’t know what the former ADs have

done in the past, but he has stepped right in there and done an amazing job. He is the best thing we have going for our students and athletics.”

Wood said at the beginning of the football season Little was able to help secure the necessary funding to support the team and the equipment needs for the overwhelming turnout of athletes.

“Tim is always at the school taking care of things. He has to worry about a lot of things, making schedules, getting busses and organizing officials for the games,” Wood said. “Tim is a great coach as well. I think that goes right along with knowing what the other coaches would want. It really makes him very efficient with what he does for everyone.”

—JLZ



Huskies varsity basketball coach Tim Little speaks with Candy Leon and Andrea Rodriguez during a recent home game in Marsing.

✓ Marsing: Hosts Melba and McCall

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a winning play a quick shot from junior MacKay Hall that claimed the contest from their former 2A Western Idaho Conference rival.

“MacKay hit the three to tie it toward the end of the fourth. He is one of those guys that always analyzes the game,” Chadez said. “I told him to stop thinking and play ball. When he learns to stop thinking and play ball he is great.”

Junior Agustin Paramo carried Marsing with 23 points. Paramo went 7-for-10 from the free-throw line and picked up eight rebounds. All of his points came in the second half with 16 coming in the fourth.

“There were some shots in the first that he shot that weren’t good,” Chadez said. “He really let the game come to him in the second half. He didn’t make a single bucket in the first half. I really had to get him to slow down and let the offense come to him.”

Chadez said the team as a whole has been working on slowing the game down and allowing their offense to work the ball and create opportunities to get points.

Miguel Leon finished with seven points, five assists, three rebounds and steals. He went 3-for-4 from the line.

“Miguel plays the game fast,” Chadez said. “He and Agustin control the court for us. We play nine guys, and they all can come in and contribute. Our bench is going to get more and more confident as we continue. Miguel and Agustin are thoroughbreds and can run forever, but some of our other guys need a break once in a while. That makes every guy on the bench important.”

Dakota Hill hit 2-of-6 field goals and went 2-for-5 from the line to finish with six points and one rebound. Hall and Jason Galligan each finished with five points. Hall had eight rebounds and Galligan had seven. David Loeffler added two points and three rounds, Bernardo Galvez had one point and two rebounds.

“Dakota is a real spark for us off the bench. Jason did real well, but as a sophomore he has room for improvement,” Chadez said. “We have some decent size but we aren’t big. These guys have to win

with their heart and hustle.”

The Huskies now prepare for 2A Western Idaho Conference games against Melba on Thursday night and McCall-Donnelly on Saturday. Chadez said Saturday’s match with McCall will be a big test for the team’s composure.

“McCall will be a big challenge for us,” Chadez said. “This will give us a great opportunity to see where we are at and where we can build from. Many coaches in the conference look at them as the team to beat. We have them at home, which is a good thing.”

The Vandals are 3-0 overall and play their first 2A WIC game Thursday against New Plymouth. In their opening game on the road in Council, the Vandals crushed the 1A Div. II team 90-17. Melba is 2-1 coming off a 71-56 win over Payette on Thursday.

“We have to work on these guys being physical. They have to work on being smart, playing tough and push it around a little bit,” Chadez said. “I am looking for our post to step up. We have to control the boards.”

—JLZ

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Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 17 at Homedale, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Friday, Dec. 17 at Homedale, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 16, home vs. Melba, 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6:15 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 16, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.

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Sports

Lady Huskies drop game to New Plymouth, 34-29



Deidrie Briggs lines up a layup attempt during the Marsing High School girls’ basketball game against McCall-Donnelly Thursday.

Fresh off their first loss of the season the Marsing High School girls’ basketball team is looking forward to the coming week’s competitions against Homedale on Friday night and Nampa Christian on Tuesday.

The Lady Huskies (6-1 overall, 2-1 2A WIC) traveled to new Plymouth on Saturday night for a 2A Western Idaho Conference showdown. Marsing came out swinging, heading into the half with a six-point lead only to be defeated 34-29.

“The fourth quarter was the biggest problem for us. We weren’t playing great going into the fourth, but we were playing all right,” Marsing coach Tim Little said. “We were taking care of the ball and giving decent pressure, and in the fourth we kind of lost out heads a little bit. When (New Plymouth) went up for the first time, the girls were a little defeated.”

Rebecca Cossel led Marsing with 11 points, six rebounds and one block. Andi Merritt finished with eight points and five rebounds. Ashley Hull went 2-for-2 from the line and 1-for-6 from the floor for four points. Deidre Briggs went 2-for-4 from the field to finish with four points. Briggs ended with four rebounds, one assist and one steal. Andrea Rodriguez finished

with two points, two assists and two steals.

“We ended with 13 turnovers in the fourth quarter. We set a team goal of only having 12 in a game. That was an issue,” Little said. “Defensively we lost our intensity in the fourth quarter. New Plymouth shot the ball well, which didn’t help. We were definitely moving at a different pace than we have been.”

Marsing finished with 23 turnovers to New Plymouth’s 12. Senior guard Kyndra Garrick and junior Melissa Woods led the Pilgrims with 10 points each.

“We need to improve on playing a solid 32 minutes,” Little said. “Being able to play our best no matter who we are playing and what the score is. This whole week is going to be about 32 minutes and taking care of the ball a little better.”

Thursday: Marsing 38, McCall-Donnelly 22 — The Huskies were able to take care of business at home against the Vandals in their first meeting of the season. Marsing was led by Hull, who completed 3-of-4 three-pointers for 10 points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Cossel finished with nine points, three rebounds, two steals and one assist. Merritt completed

3-of-4 two-pointers for six points, seven rebounds. Rodriguez had five points, six rebounds, three steals and two blocks. Briggs went 2-for-3 for four points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Lacey Usabel and Kate Blackstock each finished with two points.

“We were kind of blinded, and it took us a little bit the first half to get into a rhythm,” Little said. “Once we started clicking on defense and offense in the third, we scored 19 points. That got us going. In the third, we came out with more intensity, and our offense fed off that.”

Up next, the Lady Huskies take on a non-conference match against the Lady Trojans in Homedale on Friday night. They will continue conference play on Tuesday against Nampa Christian in Marsing with the varsity starting at 7:30 p.m.

“Homedale plays a similar style as New Plymouth. It will be a good test for us,” Little said. “They like to get the ball inside. I think after Saturdays loss the girls realize, we aren’t good enough to just show up. We have to be fundamental and stick to the little things. Homedale will be a good test for us. It keeps us playing at a higher level.”

— JLZ

HMS racks up championships

Wrestling, girls’ hoops sweep district play

That championship year continues at Homedale Middle School. The wrestling team and girls’ basketball teams swept to district championships last week.

The Trojans wrestlers pulled off a record-setting Saturday in Ontario to claim the school’s first district championship since 2005.

HMS has won five district championships this school year in wrestling, eight-grade girls’ basketball, seventh-grade girls’ basketball, seventh-grade football and seventh-grade volleyball. The eighth-grade volleyball team finished second in its district championship match.

Homedale wrestling set school marks for the number of finalists, the number of placers and team points. The Trojans racked up 251 points for an easy victory. Ontario was second with 196 points.

“The boys did a fantastic job,” HMS coach Toby Johnson said. “I am extremely proud of them.”

Four Trojans won title, and 10 reached championship matches in their respective weight classes.

Nash Johnson wrapped up a perfect 20-0 season by beating teammate Brady Brown in the 96-pound final.

Andrew Randall beat teammate Abraham Monreal for the 82-pound championship, while Jairo Barbosa (17-2) won the 110-pound title and Andy Montes (12-2) brought home the district crown at 75.

District runners-up also included Amos Aguilera at 138, Colton Grimm at 145, Cesar Vasquez at 160 and Jakobee Osborn at 185.

Luis Garza wrapped up a 9-3 season with a third-place medal at 103 pounds. Other third-place wrestlers were Matt Thatcher (75), John Collett (117) and Gavin Palumbo (152).

Jairo Hurtado (89), William Elordi (131) and Brandon Miller (145) earned fourth-place medals.

Homedale has won seven district team championships since 2000, but hadn’t brought home gold since their sixth consecutive title in 2005.

Other wrestlers competing Saturday included Hunter Thornton (103), Benny Schamber

(110), Abran Albor (117), Hernan Albor (131) and Manuel Baltierrez (138).

Girls’ basketball

Homedale’s seventh-grade squad capped an unbeaten 11-0 season Thursday with a 40-14 victory over Weiser. Tori Lane scored 18 points to lead the Trojans on their home floor.

The seventh-grade team coached by Nick Schamber and Taci Morris included Lane, Tristan Corta, Madi Fisher, Makayla Aberasturi, Adrianna Salutregui, Abbi Gibbens, Sage Morgan, Gardenia Machuca, Elizabeth Vargas and Sydnee Shanley.

The eighth-grade team averaged its only loss of the season with a tightly contested 28-26 victory over Weiser at HMS on Thursday to win the district crown.

Elise Shenk drained four of the Trojans’ six three-point goals in the game.

Homedale (10-1) was coached by Craig Pentecost and Steve Nash. The roster included Shenk, Michelle Castro, Morgan Nash, Tori Nash, Roni Black, McKenna Calzacorta, Hattie Mertz, Brooke Armenta, Vanessa Zenor, Kerigan Morris and Carlie Purdom.



Above: HMS wrestlers celebrated a district championship. Below: HMS seventh-grader Tori Lane drives past a Weiser defender.



Sports

Huskies football standouts named to all-conference team

The Marsing High School football team wrapped up its 3-6 overall and 2-3 2A Western Idaho Conference season nearly two months ago, but a few standouts are getting recognized on the all-conference team.

On offense, junior Pedro Carrillo was named a lineman on the second team. Carrillo recorded 22 unassisted tackles, five assisted and one fumble recovery throughout the season. Primarily used as a punter for the Huskies, he had 31 punts for 1095 yards and averaged 35.3 yards per kick.

“Pedro is probably the best kid you could coach. He isn’t the only one, but he never complained and everything with him was always ‘Yes coach’. He really is a great kid,” Marsing coach Jaime Wood said. “I don’t even know that his favorite sport is football, but he gives you everything he has. He did a great job punting. He will be a great asset for us next year.”

On defense, senior Rual Villa was named lineman to the second team. Villa notched 23 unassisted takedowns, 13 assisted, one fumble recovery and one quarterback sack.

“When I first came on as an assistant, Rual was a manager for the team. You couldn’t ask for a better leader,” Wood said. “I think he is one of those guys that if he would have had two more years he would have had more options. He could have gone both ways for us and named on both sides of the ball.”

Senior Oscar Ceballos was named to the second team as a linebacker. Ceballos finished the season with 78 unassisted tackles, 24 assisted tackles, two interceptions, one fumble recovery and one defensive touchdown.

“Oscar is a good football player. When he is playing linebacker, and what he loves to do, he is good,” Wood said. “He played well all season for us. He got interceptions there toward the end, and he really stepped up big.”

Receiving honorable mention on offense and defense was senior Nathan Danner as running back and defensive back. Danner rushed for 276 yards on 55 carries and finished with two touchdowns. He had 36 unassisted tackles, 10 assists and one interception.

“Nathan is a great player. He is another player that always had the ‘Yes, coach’ mentality,” Wood said. “He always did what you asked him to do. It didn’t matter where you put him and how many carries he got. He always performed.”

Sophomore Jesus Lino also received honorable mention as a running back. Lino pulled in 580 yards on 91 carries for four touchdowns. He returned 11 kickoffs for 272 yards, averaging 24.7 per return.

“I think Jesus will do well for us next year. He has great vision,” Wood said. “I really think in his junior and senior year he will rack up some big numbers. He loves football. He always does the best he can and plays with a lot of heart.”

—JLZ

Trojans face Silver State foes in tournament

If Jeremy Chamberlain doesn’t yet have a good read on how his girls’ basketball team performs against top competition, this week will be a good barometer.

Homedale High School already has played two squads that grabbed third-place trophies in their respective Real Dairy Shootout state tournaments last season (New Plymouth and Weiser) as well as taking on 1A Oregon power Adrian on Friday.

The Trojans (1-5 before opening the conference season against Weiser on Tuesday night after deadline) continues the 3A Snake River Valley conference schedule on the road against Payette on Thursday.

Then, it’s a red-hot Marsing squad at home Friday before moving on to challenge reigning 3A Nevada state runner-up Spring Creek on Monday in the opening round of the Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Invitational in Nampa.

The Spartans (2-4 this year after going 22-4 last season) won Nevada state titles in 2006 and 2007 and were denied a third crown last year when league rival Lowry prevailed by one point in overtime in the state final, which marked the fourth meeting for the two schools on the season.

Spring Creek brings height with at least four players 5-foot-9 or taller, but is young with only three seniors on the roster. Four of the team’s 11 players are sophomores. Senior Stacy Kerr is the team’s leading scorer, averaging 13.7 points per game. She scored a season-high 18 in a 55-44 season-opening win over Minico on Dec. 3, and chipped in 17 in Saturday’s 53-42 road loss to Reno, which was the fourth consecutive defeat for the Spartans.

Spring Creek and Homedale tip off at 3 p.m. inside the Nampa High School gymnasium.

The Homedale boys (3-0 before Tuesday’s late contest in Vale, Ore.) also will take on Spring Creek in the opening round, a contest beginning at 4:30 p.m. Monday immediately after the girls’ game.

But the Spartans squad the Trojans boys will encounter is a mere shadow of its former self.

Spring Creek (1-3 heading into a Friday game against Douglas, Nev.) lost a senior starting five — including the school’s all-time leading scorer — after last season’s 11-17 season. The team’s top six scorers from 2009-10 have moved on.

The Spartans edged Wooster, Nev., 64-62, in the Red Lion Winter Games tournament Friday behind 19 points from senior Tyler Scott.

Other teams in the Elite Eight girls’ bracket include Ontario, Ore., Nampa, La Grande, Ore., Elko, Nev., Nyssa, Ore., and Skyview.

The rest of the boys’ bracket features Nampa, Skyview, Ontario, La Grande, Nyssa and Cole Valley Christian.

The tournament continues Tuesday and Wednesday in Nampa at either Nampa or Skyview.

—JPB

HHS seniors finish third at Calhoun meet

Seniors Todd Bahem and Justin Ensley both grabbed medals for Homedale High School at the Calhoun Classic wrestling tournament in Nyssa, Ore.

Bahem at 112 pounds and 125-pounder Ensley each went 3-1, finishing the weekend action with victories in the third-place matches Saturday.

On Wednesday, Bahem pinned his opponent in the night’s final match to seal the Trojans’ season-opening dual-meet victory over 4A Bishop Kelly. The Trojans prevailed, 42-36.

Other victories in the Bishop Kelly dual included Alfonso Barbosa (119), Ensley, Phillip Moulton (130), Cole Jeppe (135), Cayetano Montes (145) and Jovan Cornejo (152).

Thirteen Homedale wrestlers made the trip to Nyssa to compete in the Bulldogs’ annual tournament named for Nyssa’s longtime successful coach, Mel Calhoun, who was on hand for the action.

Most of the Trojans saw action in the junior varsity tournament, with freshman 152-pounder Cornejo grabbing four second-round pinfalls on the way to a championship.

Montes, a sophomore, was 5-1 for a third-place medal in the JV 145-pound bracket. Another sophomore, Barbosa, went 3-2 to earn a fourth-place medal.

Moulton, a senior wrestling at 125, grabbed a win the varsity tournament, while freshman 145-pounder Curtis Stansell also got a victory in the JV tourney.

Adrian’s Ishida off to good start on the mat

Mark Ishida launched into his junior season for Adrian High School wrestling Saturday with a fourth-place showing at the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

Ishida medaled at 145 pounds to continue a career that has featured a runner-up medal at last season’s district tournament and a near-miss at a medal at the state tournament.

“For Mark it was a good stepping stone to where he wants to finish the year,” Adrian coach Eddie Kinkade said of the season-opening tournament.

Two freshmen — Travis Rust at 285 pounds and Shane Miller at 125 pounds — also showed promise at the two-day tournament in Nyssa, according to Kinkade.

Rust pulled off a big victory in the final seconds of his second match of the tournament, beating Grant Union’s Arron Palmer, 7-5.

Miller, who wrestled in the junior varsity tournament, collected a 87-second pin in his high school debut.

“This was a good tournament for all three wrestlers,” Kinkade said. “For Shane and Travis, it was a good eye-opener for what to expect at the high school level.”

Adrian is back on the tournament trail Friday and Saturday in Elgin before wrapping up the calendar year at the Imbler Tournament on Dec. 30.



Adrian freshman Travis Rust picked up one victory during the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore., last weekend. Photo by Autumn Snyder, AHS

Adrian girls look to set tone with size, speed

Adrian High School girls’ basketball coach Gene Mills has a healthy dose of players back from last year’s district championship team.

Still, the coach shows the wisdom of more than 35 years on the bench when he doesn’t point out any players as being standouts.

“Team balance is a strength,” he said.

That may not be a diplomatic statement. It may be a fact.

Four key contributors from last year’s 23-7 squad are back, including 5-foot-5 seniors Jessica Morton and Madison Shira, 5-8 junior Maddy Pendergrass and 5-10 sophomore Madison Purnell.

Stepping up in their first varsity seasons are 5-9 senior Ester Gordon and 5-10 junior Annie Bowns.

“We are quick and athletic with decent size,” Mills said.

That combination may help the Antelopes carry out the tough, pressure-on-the-ball defensive style their coach is so fond of.

Other players listed on the Adrian roster this year include 5-7 senior Rebekah VanCorbach; juniors Janeth Santiago (5-0), Olivia Morton (5-3) and Dulce Beltran (5-8); sophomores Olivia Walker (5-2), Nichole Orosco (5-8) and Alessandra (Ssanja) Kleps, a 5-7 German exchange; and freshmen Tane’t Campbell (5-3) and Raquel DeHoog (5-10).



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Samantha and Braveheart

My hat is off to parents who have a job in town but insist on raising their kids in a “rural lifestyle.” 50 or so thousand young people were at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis last year. I would bet at least 3.4 of them come from rural lifestyle families.

The relationship between kids and their livestock, including rabbits and horses, is an intimate one. The animals are all named, the facilities are often much-repaired, and responsibilities are shared.

Samantha’s older brother was going to junior college in their Idaho hometown. He still kept a small herd of four longhorn cows and a bull that had been his high school FFA project. The Bull-of-The-Woods was named Braveheart. That fateful morning, Samantha didn’t have class and had slept in. Upon rising, she peeked out her window to see the light blue sky, high stratus clouds, and brother’s cows strung out along the paved road that went by their house!

She pulled on her boots and a hoody over her colorful pajamas and marched out the door muttering Technicolor threats to the cows, her brother and Braveheart! She didn’t even have time to put in her contacts and sharpen her claws!

Tromping down the inside of the fence, she was singing curses to all involved! Several civilians drove by and waved at her cheerfully. They never stopped to help, thinking maybe she was a Swiss milkmaid out to gather her cows on an Alpine hillside.

Once past the cows, she crawled under the fence and chased them back to the home lot. Then she returned to pick up the trashcan the cows had knocked over, and looked back to see that the cows had turned around and were escaping again!

Bravely standing in front of the charging herd, she yelled and waved an empty COB sack in their faces! Braveheart snorted, ran by her and crashed through the neighbor’s fence wherein four sheep, three Bohr goats, two llama, a burro and several ducks watched with interest.

Back to the house she raced. She’d forgotten her cell phone, of course, and called her brother who was in class. He got excused.

With a little alfalfa bait, some clever sorting maneuvers, and his collector ’72 Chevy pickup, they finally managed to get the traveling herd back in their own lot.

That evening after chores, they had a “rural lifestyle family meeting” and voted. The result was one to three. Braveheart is now in the freezer and his head is curing on the roof of the shed. Brother is considering an ostrich project and Samantha was awarded the American Farmer degree. Congratulations to you both and don’t forget to thank your ag teacher and your mom.

— 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* Inspiration from a quitter



I recently ran across a column that wasn’t one of my best efforts from a writing standpoint. It wasn’t even funny. But it was about one of the more significant moments in my life. The column was written on Oct. 16, 2007 — the day I quit smoking.

More than three years have passed since I wrote that column. I can honestly report that since that day, I have not smoked. There hasn’t been any backsliding — no sneaking a few puffs in hiding. I have even amazed myself.

I’m sure there are folks out there who have never smoked who wonder why it’s such a big deal to quit. Well, when you have had a habit for more than four decades it’s not easy to break it. And when that habit happens to be one of the most addictive a person can have, it’s even more difficult. Plus, the more non-smokers preached at me, the more stubborn I got.

I’ll be honest. I didn’t want to quit. I enjoyed smoking. But I decided I needed to quit if I wanted to have any chance of spending the money I have been paying into Social Security since I was 18 years old, or seeing our two granddaughters grow up.

Quitting was hard, but not as hard as I thought it would be. My approach was to consider every day that I didn’t smoke as time that would be wasted if I had even one cigarette. The longer I didn’t smoke, the more I had to lose. There were times I wanted a cigarette. But the knowledge that even one puff would mean having to start from zero again was a great motivator for me.

Since I quit smoking, I have had fewer “colds” and/or “allergies.” I have an amazing amount of extra time. When I go out in public, I don’t have to worry about smelling like an ashtray. I haven’t shed the pounds I gained after quitting. But I can guarantee you that extra

weight won’t kill me nearly as quickly as cigarettes were killing me.

Then there was the cost of smoking. When I quit three years ago, smoking was expensive. Today, it probably costs at least twice as much with the additional taxes every level of government has added on. And the taxes are likely to go up again. If they didn’t raise the taxes on tobacco, they might be forced to raise the taxes on alcohol (heaven forbid).

If I still smoked, I wouldn’t have enough extra money to do much of anything but smoke. When I see people smoking who obviously can barely keep a roof over their heads, I wonder what necessities they are doing without in order to feed their habits.

Although I’m glad I quit, you won’t find me harassing people who still smoke. There are few things more irritating than a self-righteous ex-smoker. I know how hard it is to quit. I’m convinced quitting smoking isn’t a matter of wanting to stop. It’s a matter of convincing yourself you NEED to stop.

If you want to quit, don’t wait to make it a new year’s resolution or for some national stop smoking day. Just wake up some morning and tell yourself, “I’m not going to smoke any more.” And when you have a moment of weakness, think about me:

I smoked for 45 years, usually two packs a day. Much of the time when I wasn’t smoking, I was thinking about how many hours or minutes it would be before I could have another cigarette. Folks, if I can quit smoking, ANYBODY can quit smoking.

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

Letter to the editor

Writer: Officials dropped ball on awning permitting

It’s interesting note that Homedale’s mayor and city council allowed Homedale Youth Sports Inc. and the Softball Tournament folks to build structures in Sundance Park without obtaining proper permits. Last time we checked there is no exemption in Homedale ordinances to not obtain proper permits before constructing anything. This law applies no matter how worthy one may consider the project to be. In fact the Homedale Ordinance states “No construction of any kind shall be allowed to proceed without proper permits being issued”. What is so difficult about this requirement for the folks in charge to understand? Aren’t we paying these elected officials good money to be aware of at least the minimum requirements of our law?

Now Homedale’s citizens face the question of just who is going to be liable for this fiasco and who will ultimately end up paying the bill due to ignorance, incompetence and laziness on the part of Homedale officials. Most importantly, the snow-caused collapse of the huge awning could have resulted in someone death or serious injury all because the leaders in charge failed to do their job. Proper reviews should have been made and permits issued only after all factors of our ordinances had been met. Heading the review list should have been the awning’s snow-carrying capacity. Obviously it was not even considered.

The end time for our elected city officials playing house has come. In this day of reduced personal earnings and high tax liability, we must start demanding, for the sake of our pocket books and for the safety of our citizens that Homedale Officials live up to their responsibilities

Correction

A typographical error changed a dollar amount in Dale Mendenhall’s Dec. 8 letter to the editor regarding a possible Marsing city police department. Mendenhall’s letter should have stated: “Can one really expect \$111,385 will cover salaries and uniforms for two policemen, a clerk (that was overlooked), purchase of two cars including gas and maintenance, office space, supplies, utility bills and insurance?”

and they promised under oath to carry out. Without an immediate and improved performance each of these folks on the Council need to be replaced at the next voting opportunity.

Gary Evans
Homedale

Letters to the editor

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

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Commentary

Financial management

Debt snowball plan encourages through accomplishment

Dear Dave,

Why do you recommend paying off your debts from smallest to largest when doing the debt snowball?

— Mike



Dear Mike,

This is a really good question! A lot of people wonder the very same thing when I bring up the subject of the debt snowball.

Many folks think paying off the debt with highest interest rate first is the best approach. This seems to make sense mathematically, but I realized a long time ago if those people could do math they wouldn't be drowning in debt in the first place! Debt is not a mathematical problem, it's a behavior problem. I'm convinced that personal finance is 80 percent behavior, and only 20 percent

head knowledge.

The reason the debt snowball pays off debt from smallest to largest — even though it may be mathematically incorrect — is that modifying your behavior and inspiring your desire to get out of debt is more important than the math. Your probability of becoming wealthy has more to do with your behavior than your financial sophistication or academic pedigree. And besides, I'm a practical application kind of guy — not a theory guy. That's why my way actually gets people

out of debt when lots of other practices fail.

When you pay off a small debt it means you've experienced success, and that gives you hope. Then, you move on the next larger debt. When you pay that one off — and you've wiped out two debts — it really energizes you. At that point you start to believe in yourself and that you're on the road to becoming debt-free!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I borrowed money from my parents and paid it back over time, but now the relationship has become very difficult and strained. How can I fix this?

— Claudia

Dear Claudia,

If you paid them back,

especially if it happened slowly or intermittently over time, there's really not a lot you can do if they choose to hold a grudge over the situation. Generally speaking, though, it just takes a little time to heal these kinds of things. My guess is they'll become more and more forgiving as time goes by now that they've been paid back.

I'm sorry you have to go through this, but I hope you've learned a valuable lesson in the process. Someone who lends money to a loved one has their heart — not their head — in the right place. It's OK to give money as a gift sometimes, but loaning money to or borrowing from someone you know will usually lead to broken hearts and broken wallets.

The borrower is always slave

to the lender, Claudia. Besides, holiday dinners taste better when friends or relatives don't owe each other money. Eating with your master isn't nearly as much fun as eating with your family!

— Dave

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Americans for Limited Govt. Federal pay freeze not enough

by Bill Wilson

On the surface, Barack Obama's announced two-year freeze of federal civilian pay may sound like a reasonable overture to congressional Republicans and the American people who want unsustainable government spending to be reined in. But, just below the surface is the reality that the "freeze" is a token, meaningless move that will do nothing to cut spending.

Take the supposed cost savings of the proposal. According to the AP, "The freeze is expected to save more than \$5 billion in savings over two years, \$28 billion over five years and more than \$60 billion over 10 years, White House officials said." One might read that and come to the conclusion that this much money was actually being cut out of the budget. It will not. These are projected increases in spending that would merely be delayed.

As noted by U.S. News & World Report editor-in-chief Mortimer Zuckerman, "In 2008, the average wage for 1.9 million federal civilian workers was more than \$79,000". That amounts to over \$150 billion every year in the budget, just for wages. Public sector pay has never been higher.

Zuckerman notes the tremendous disparity between public sector pay and the 108 million private sector workers, who only make \$50,000 on average. So, all a "freeze" of public sector pay would do is lock in this historically high disparity between public and private workers.

But that part of the story is apparently not registering with Obama. Obama is portraying his proposal as a cut. "The hard truth is that getting this deficit under control is going to require some broad sacrifice, and that sacrifice must be shared by the employees of the federal government," Obama said in his announcement of the federal pay freeze.

Sacrifice. That means somebody is giving something up. But in this case, that somebody — public sector workers — would only be giving up pay increases, and only temporarily at that. Is that really a sacrifice?

There are obvious alternatives to Obama's approach, if he is sincere about slashing the \$1.3 trillion deficit, to say nothing of reducing

the \$13.7 trillion national debt. How about cutting public sector pay and slashing the overall workforce? What about paring back onerous health and pension benefit plans? By announcing a pay "freeze," Obama is staking out very particular territory, one that precludes any possibility for cuts in these areas.

In several respects this is a preemptive move on Obama's part, attempting to run to the political right on fiscal issues as a more conservative Congress prepares to take power in January. To pull it off, however, Obama needs public sector unions to decry the move. And ever dutiful, that's exactly what the unions are doing, even if their objections are sincere.

"This proposal to freeze federal pay is a superficial, panicked reaction to the deficit commission report," said American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) National President John Gage, as reported by the Huffington Post. "This pay freeze amounts to nothing more than political public relations. This is no time for scapegoating." AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka accused Obama of "undermining" the jobs of public sector workers.

The unions obviously fear that by ceding pay increases for the public sector that actual cuts become more likely. They are right. Reports the Huffington Post, "the question [unions and liberal economists are] asking in private is, what exactly did the White House get in return for the chip it gave away?"

What indeed. Obama thinks he has a guard on his sword with which to parry the American people's demands to cut spending. It gives him something to talk about whenever the issue of the budget comes up. But that is probably not good enough. The Obama proposal will do nothing to actually cut spending.

Which is exactly what congressional Republicans ought to be saying. Except House Republicans support the pay freeze. To be fair, they have also called for a hiring freeze. But to be effective, they need to go much, much further and put proposals on the table that actually slash government spending in a meaningful way.

— Bill Wilson is the president of Americans for Limited Government.

Sen. Mike Crapo Compassion, service among state's commodities

Many demonstrate steady acts of compassion: donating to canned food drives in local schools; collecting coats for those without them during the cold months; tutoring struggling students; and visiting with seniors. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines compassion as "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." Recognizing the kindness and giving spirit throughout Idaho, I am not surprised by the numerous examples of compassionate Idahoans. However, I am constantly impressed by the magnitude of their generosity. Idahoans dedicate countless hours, often overcoming their own personal challenges, to serve others throughout our communities. This abundance of altruism is truly inspiring.

During November, when I visited with area veterans organizations to recognize outstanding veterans and volunteers in our communities with the Spirit of Freedom Award, I was reminded of the remarkable spirit of compassion and generosity throughout Idaho and our nation. The 14 Spirit of Freedom award recipients for 2010 included a veteran who, despite battling Parkinson's disease, dedicates hundreds of hours to serving fellow veterans. He focuses on visiting those who may not have family or others to spend time with them. Another award recipient, a Vietnam War veteran, consistently goes to the local airport, sometimes early in the morning, to be there to provide a warm "welcome home" for returning service personnel. Despite all that he has done for our country and veterans, he says that he wishes he could do more. Similarly, another award recipient, who served in World War II, has dedicated more

than 6,000 hours of his time to serving fellow veterans. This month, Governor and Mrs. Otter also honored more than 100 individuals and groups for their exemplary volunteer work through the Governor's Brightest Star Awards.

These outstanding Idahoans are a mere tip of the iceberg of the numerous, little-noted examples of devoted and selfless community service. According to estimates from the Corporation for National and Community Service, more than 33 percent of Idaho residents volunteer. Based on 2007-2009 data, Idaho ranked third among states for average hours of service per resident, and Idaho residents contributed more than \$1.2 billion worth of service. The top four volunteer activities were tutoring/teaching, general labor, mentoring youth and the collection and distribution of food. Many people may not report their volunteerism, as it is just part of their way of life, and they may prefer to give anonymously. Therefore, estimating volunteerism can be challenging. The number of Idaho volunteers is likely greater than current estimates indicate. But, trying to put a price on these gifts can never fully measure the true impact on people's lives.

Idahoans step in and protect families and homes when wildfires burn through communities, care for the sick, feed the hungry, shelter those out in the cold this winter, comfort the mistreated and provide guidance for the lost. Most importantly, they remind us that no matter the challenges, we are not alone. This spirit of looking out for each other is all around us, making Idaho and our nation so great. The countless, encouraging, everyday heroes are among the many blessings I am counting this holiday season.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 18, 1985

Marsing Boosters to battle with IHSAA on A-3 ruling
Last year, the Idaho High School Scholastic Activities Association (IHSAA) transferred Marsing High School from the A-4 athletic bracket to a A-3 level with larger schools, to the chagrin of many players and parents.

The Marsing Booster Club doesn’t intend to take the decision lying down.

Representatives of the Booster Club appeared at the Marsing trustee session on December 10 with a detailed study of school numbers in the state. Pam Dugger, booster spokeswoman, proved some details.

Marsing High School, with a figure of 150 from the Idaho Educational Directory, is the smallest A-3 school in the state. The 1984 directory showed Gooding had 163 more students, Fruitland 205 more, and Homedale had 126 more students. New Plymouth is the school closest to Marsing’s size in the WIC A-3 ranks and is 52% larger. During the 1985 football season, Marsing had four freshmen and four sophomores playing.

Last year, the IHSAA changed Marsing’s athletic bracket when it counted 153 students. Weeks later, when migrant students left the district, the number reverted back below the 150 A-3 cut-off point. At the last meeting, IHSAA Executive Director Dick Stickle said there was very little chance for Marsing to return to A-4, as it was in the first year of a three-year rotation period.

At the last school board meeting, the trustees made a request that the IHSAA take quarterly population figures and determine an average for the year, rather than one tally on October 1, because of the area’s migrant fluctuation. The boosters supported this idea and suggested the IHSAA take the projected number in November because of its unique problem. They also urged splitting the A-4 into two divisions with a breaking point of 75 students. The larger teams could choose to play 11-man football, while the smaller squads opt for 8-man.

Silver anniversary of Homedale PTA Smorgasbord set

The Silver Anniversary International Smorgasbord is already in the planning by the Homedale PTA, with January 18 set as the date.

Chairmen of this year’s fundraiser are Joe and Penny Masar, and co-chairmen are Doug and Mary Jo Larzlier.

Masar said this week that food booth chairmen have been named, and tickets will be going on sale soon.

The sixth grade students will be selling the tickets. Ticket prices will be the same as last year. They are \$16.00 for a family pass, \$4.50 for junior high through adult, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.00 for grades 1-6 and \$1.00 for preschoolers.

Booth chairmen include: Toni Ross, American; Jeanie and Mary Freelove and Janice Bruneel, European; Ken Tamura and Bette Uda, Oriental; Joe Renteria, Spanish; Candi Bicandi, Basque; K. C. Kelly Breach and Rose Leavitt, potato bar; Nancy Hunt, salads; Terri Pearson, desserts; Carla Haylett and Margie Wroten, breads; Tom and Robbie Busse, drinks; and Mary Yamaschida, kitchen.

Marsing senior news

New officers were elected for 1986. They are: Mary Mahler, president; Frances Jeffries, vice president; Dorothy Dickey, secretary; June Weizorech, treasurer; Ina Marshall, Frances Dobbins, and Cliff Miller are presently serving on the board.

Rimrock news

The Rimrock senior citizens held their regular business meeting, December 9 at the center. Among the items of interest considered was the election of officials for the coming year. Ernest Agenbroad was elected president with Virginia Beeman elected secretary, Donald Jess was elected as treasurer. The four members of the board are: Bob Harris, Bill Blascow, Donna Anderson, and Jeanette Hemenway.

50 years ago

December 15, 1960

Gem irrigation district elects two directors

R. F. Malmberg and A. J. Muldoon both of Marsing Rt. 1 were named directors of the Gem Irrigation district in an election held Tuesday. They will each serve a three-year term.

A total of 98 votes were cast in the election with 69 being cast at the Wo-He-Lo clubhouse in Marsing, 8 at the Homedale Legion hall and 21 at the Gem office.

Malmberg, who was unopposed in Div. 1, received 85 votes, Arlie Parkins received 1 write in vote and P. T. Rathbone received two.

There were 48 votes cast for A. J. Muldoon, 23 for Roy Loucks and 20 for Ronald Dobbin in Div. 2.

Marsing downs Grand View

The Marsing Huskies beat Grand View in a non-conference tilt Friday evening 17 to 34. Both teams started with a very slow scoring first half which ended 18 to 10 with the Huskies in front. After the first quarter which ended in a 6 to 6 tie Marsing’s lead was never threatened. It was 37-21 at the three-quarter period.

Percifield of Marsing was high scorer of the game with 24, 18 of those were in the second half of play. Terry Field of Grand View led the Devils with 15, scoring 13 to the second half.

Masons hold installation of officers Dec. 10

Visitors from Nyssa, Boise, Caldwell, Vale, Meridian and Placerville attended the local Masonic lodge meeting on December 10, when an election of officers was held.

Lester Buck was granted a dual membership with Silver City Lodge No. 13 and a lodge in Santa Lucia, Calif.

Officers installed at the open installation following the meeting were Don Townsend, worshipful master; Roy Ganow, senior warden; Kenneth Downing, junior warden; Vic Ford, treasurer; Bert Adams, secretary; Bob Mount, senior deacon; Keith Eachus, junior deacon; Rolf Geertson, senior steward; Forrest Thompson, junior steward; Bill Marston, marshal; Lester Buck, chaplain and Wilter Hawes, tyler.

Installing master was Bowman Vertrees of Caldwell and the installing marshal was Harry Andra, also of Caldwell.

Melba loses to Marsing 43-42

The Melba Mustangs, one point victors over Bruneau Friday night, tasted defeat by the same margin Saturday night, bowing to Marsing 43-42.

The Mustangs had a chance to tie the game up in the final 15 seconds with a pair of free throws but missed the second one for the final margin of one point.

High point men for the game were Jim Crifffield of Marsing and Ken Charters of Melba, both with 18 points.

Marsing: Welty 3, Dennis 2, Percifeid 18, Kirk 10, Nakano 1, Tullis 9, Melba: Smith 2, Gant 9, Charters 18, Brewer 10, Pratt 3.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Ira VanDerhoff called on the Wally VanDerhoff family Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Horn left last week to spend the holidays with her son, Lt. Bud Griffin, and family in Maine.

Lucy VanDerhoff and a girlfriend, Tony Carpenter, who is a student at the C of I, were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira VanDerhoff. Lucy is a member of the college choir that sang at the Boise store Sunday afternoon.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnston of Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howland of Central Cove. Other callers at the Johnston home were Mr. And Mrs. Ivan Lowry and Laurence Smith of Caldwell.

Mrs. Nellie Murphy entertained Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coffey and Mrs. and Mrs. A. E. Murphy at dinner Friday night in honor of their birthdays, which they all celebrate within a few days of each other.

143 years ago

December 21, 1867

WE HAVE had a remarkably mild winter thus far — scarcely any winter at all. In many respects it has been similar to that of ’63-4. Snow fell several times during the last month, but invariably disappeared in a few days, till a couple of days ago it commenced snowing, kept it up at intervals since, and now it is about six inches in depth.

SALE OF RISING STAR MINE. We learn from good authority that the Rising Star mine, in Flint, has been sold to Wm. M. Lent, Gen. Hearst and others of San Francisco. They have also purchased Gen’l McQueen’s lease: so that now they own the entire mine — discovery claims and extensions — for which they paid \$30 per foot, cash down. We are informed that the purchasers have incorporated under the name of the “Rising Star Silver Mining Co.” The parties having charge of the mine have suspended work thereon until the arrival of the agent, who is expected from San Francisco in about a week, when, all productivity operations will be vigorously resumed. We understand it is the intention of the Company to erect a large mill as soon as possible, which, together with the expense of putting the mine in proper shape for working, will cost a large amount of money but which will soon be repaid after they begin to make silver bricks. It affords us pleasure to hear of such men as Messrs. Lent and Hearst becoming interested in our mines — well known, substantial men: men of capital; and, what is better still, men of extensive mining experience.

FOSSIL REMAINS. There is an extensive and interesting field for geological research on and in the vicinity of Sinker Creek, commencing at its junction with Snake River and extending several miles up the creek. Mr. J. C. Holgate, of this place, who is quite a practical geologist, has recently made some interesting discoveries in that section, showing abundant evidence of its having been densely populated by animals that existed during the Cretaceous period of the Reptillian age. Among other things of interest that were shown us by Mr. H, were a number of bones, that from their size and appearance, unmistakably have belonged to the Macedon gigantesous, long before man’s appearance on the earth. It is thought the entire skeleton to which these bones belong can be exhumed. In the collection we observed the head of a reptile, well preserved and almost entire, somewhat resembling that of an alligator of the present day. It had fearful looking teeth and its jaws were firmly set, as if sealed by some great and sudden convulsion of nature. Marine shells and petrified wood also abound. Facts like these, if investigated by Agassie, would form valuable contributions to science. As it is, they exhibit one among the many interesting features of Owyhee County.

C. P. R. R. — Mr. Geo. Brewster arrived here last Tuesday per the Railroad Stage from San Francisco direct. He furnishes us with the following facts relating to the present operation of the railroad over the Sierras: A construction train runs from Cisco to the summit, a distance of fourteen miles; stages run from the summit to Coburn’s, ten miles, and a construction train thence to Camp 24, twenty-four miles, which brings it ten miles from Hunter’s Station, the whole distance from Cisco to Hunter’s being sixty-two miles. It is expected that passenger cars will run the whole distance from Cisco to Camp 24 the first week of January. As it is at present, the worst portion of the staging over the mountains is dispensed with.

GREETINGS. Before we again appear to our readers, Christmas, 1867, will have passed away. What it is and for what it is celebrated we presume is too well known to make it necessary for us to state. This one makes up the number of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven Christmases recorded on the books of Time. It is always customary to have a good time generally on this occasion. Old and young look forward to this holiday as a time for jollity and recreation. Let next Wednesday be no exception. We wish our patrons and everybody else a very “Merry Christmas.”

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES NOVEMBER 23, 2010

Approved payment of outstanding bills: Current Expense \$56,193, Road & Bridge \$3,741, District Court \$6,562, County Fair \$5,000, Probation \$1,504, Museum \$295, Indigent & Charity \$14,296, Revaluation \$940, Solid Waste \$6,479, Weed \$894, 911 \$2,136.

Denied Sheriff Crandall's request for life flight memberships.

Reviewed Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

Adopted Resolution 10-40 Destruction of Records.

Adopted Resolution 10-39 Transfer of funds from Vessel Account.

The Assessor's Sub-roll was reviewed.

Approved pay request for Road & Bridge employee Tyler Harrigan at \$13.47.

Adopted Ordinance 10-01 Adopting Owyhee Code.

Approved job description for Court Security Officer.

Accepted Gary Aman's resignation as Chairman of the Recreation Task Force.

Indigent & Charity 10-42, 10-45 approved. 10-46, 10-49 denied.

Approved letter to Roger Nelson on violations in Silver City.

Executive Session 67-2345

The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.

12/15/10

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On January 5, 2011 beginning at 10:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below. After the hearing, the Commission will take up administrative matters.

The Commission will hear conditional use permit application 11-02 submitted by Tom Basabe on behalf of Simplot Livestock Company seeking to construct an attached three unit residential labor housing structure on the pivot corner of a 320 acre parcel of land located in an Agricultural zone approximately 5 miles South of Grand View.

The subject property is located in the northwest corner of Section 14 of Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

A copy of the proposed project is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.

12/15/10

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING

Case No. CV 2010 1745 H (I.C. 15-1-401)

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: JOSEPHINE KINNEY, Deceased.

1. Notice is hereby given that on October 28, 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 February 2, 2011, at 10:30 o'clock, a.m. via telephonic conference to be initiated by the court by calling (208) 332-7961.

DATED this 30th day of November, 2010.

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 Facsimile: (208) 334-6515 ISB No. 2173 whitem@dhw.idaho.gov

12/8,15,22/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS #: ID-09-326343-TD

On 3/15/2011, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 1 of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Government Lot 1, a found brass cap monument: thence South 89°57'06" West along the North boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 933.00 feet; thence South 0°02'54" East perpendicular to the North boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 33.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING: thence South 1°50'17" East parallel with the East boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 118.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence South 89°57'06" West parallel with the North boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 66.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 0°46'29" West a distance of 117.95 feet to a point which lies on a line 33.00 feet Southerly from and parallel with the North boundary of said Government Lot 1, a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 89°57'06" East along said parallel line a distance of 63.81 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113

Idaho Code^ the Trustee has been informed that the address of 999 MAIN ST, MARSING, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by LESLIE F DANNER AND TERRIANN R DANNER, WIFE AND HUSBAND as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS WHOLESALE CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and STEWART TITLE as Trustee and recorded 4/30/2007 as Instrument No. 260799 in book -, page -, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 4/27/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,467.81, due per month for the months of 7/1/2009 through 11/16/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$200,000.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.3750 per cent (%) per annum from 6/1/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 11/05/2010 Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Angelica Castillo, Assistant Secretary For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency

if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3806359

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Title Order No: 4442603 T.S. No.: T09-57091-1D NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 02-22-2011 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 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE, AND STATE OF IDAHO, TO WIT: A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO; THENCE SOUTH 89° 53' 00" EAST 357.80 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, TO THE INITIAL POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTH 89° 53' 00" EAST 100.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTH 0° 07' 00" WEST 435.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 53' 00" WEST 100 FEET ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 0° 07' 00" EAST 435.60 FEET TO THE INITIAL POINT. 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: 5757 DUNLAP LANE MARSING, ID 83639-8062, 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: NATHAN W. EELLS AND PAULINE M. EELLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of CITICORP TRUST BANK, FSB, As Beneficiary, dated 05-07-2007, recorded 05-17-2007, as Instrument No. 261000, 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: \$176,242.12. 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 20, 2010 Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. 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# 3819973

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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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LOST AND FOUND
Missing-Please Help! \$100 Reward!! Pug mix, 8 mos old & a Huskey (droppy left ear). Last tracks in snow Thurs, Dec 2nd, tracked to Hogg Rd near Thompson & Market Rd. Please call if you know anything! 250-4171 or 761-4400

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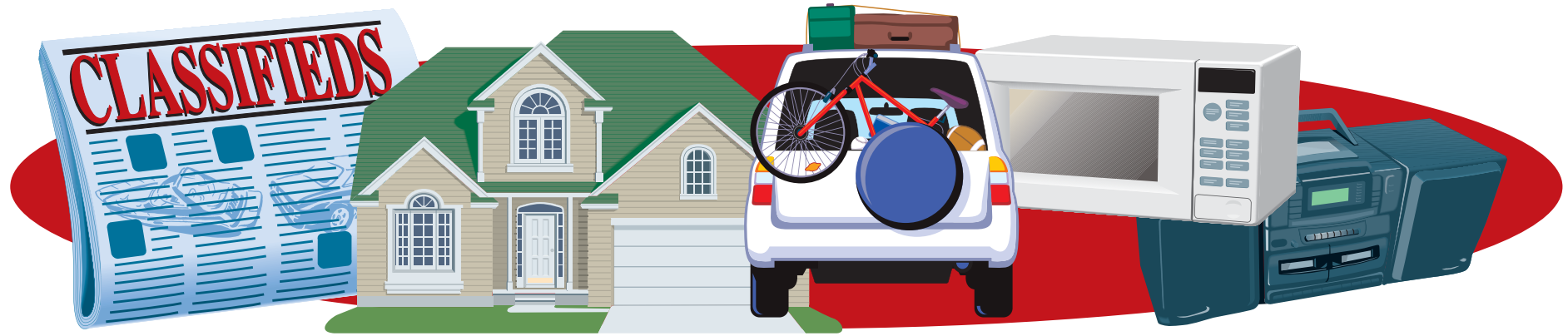
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Homedale: Building Lots/2.2 to 7 acres, \$44,000 to \$140,000, will build to suit
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Dog Bones **89¢** lb.
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Pork Chops **\$2⁹⁹** lb.

Whole or Sliced 8 oz.
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3 lb. Bag Apples
Red Delicious **\$1⁵⁹** ea.
1 lb.
Baby Carrots **\$1¹⁹** ea.

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