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Sheriff won't resign, won't run again

Commissioners lament sheriff's lack of communication, fiscal management

Daryl Crandall shot back at county commissioners late last week, saying he has conducted sheriff's office fiscal business responsibly and that he has no plans to resign.

But on Monday morning he confirmed for The Owyhee Avalanche that he won't seek

a second term as Owyhee County sheriff and plans to retire from law enforcement in January 2013.

"I continue to welcome (the commissioners) or the public coming to me with concerns as needed, and I appreciate the commissioners leaving the running of the

sheriff's office to the sheriff, the person elected to do the job," Crandall wrote in an unsigned statement released to the media Friday afternoon.

"I look forward to finishing out this elected term as sheriff with an increase of

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New district map splits Owyhee Co.

NW corner joins Canyon; rest goes with Elmore, Twin

County officials' worst fears were realized when a bipartisan committee released its new Idaho legislative redistricting map.

Owyhee County, which had enjoyed a decade of wholeness, now will be split into two separate state legislative districts as reapportionment is finally carried out.

The legislative district map released Friday puts the northwest part of Owyhee County, including Homedale, Marsing, Murphy and Wilson precincts, into District 11 with southern Canyon County.

The rest of Owyhee, including Pleasant Valley, Oreana, Grand View, Bruneau and all other voting precincts, will remain in District 23 with Elmore County and the western portion of Twin Falls County. Currently, Owyhee and western Twin Falls comprise District 23.

The committee unanimously approved a map that split the county in a way that caught some officials in Murphy off-guard.

"It'll be hard to work with it that way," County Clerk Charlotte

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Ready for action

Homedale Elementary kindergartener Titan Roland gets suited up in fire gear by Homedale volunteer firefighters Steve Nash, left, and Steve Atkins on Friday during a field trip to the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall. Students explored an ambulance and got tips from Homedale Police officers about Stranger Danger during the National Fire Week activities.

Marsing looks to hire marshal for city policing

Public hearing for ordinance slated for Nov. 9

Last week, the Marsing City Council took the first step in moving toward the formation of its own police department with the presentation of an ordinance to create a town marshal.

After much discussion between the council members and some input from residents about the direction the city needed to go, Mayor Keith Green unveiled ordinance No. 184, which would establish a town marshal.

Before the ordinance is enacted, the council will hold a public hearing during its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9 to hear input from Marsing residents.

The proposed ordinance states, "the Mayor and Council have determined that good cause exists for appointing an individual to be the City of Marsing Town Marshal".

After negotiations between the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the city failed to come up with an agreeable solution for a contract for a deputy to provide a dedicated officer for Marsing, Green felt it was necessary for the city to proceed on its own.

"The final contract (OCSO) sent was around \$62,000 for one officer dedicated to Marsing," Green said. "This contract limited us to a 40-hour work week for the deputy."

The \$61,598 proposal from June provided "when feasible" the city would receive 171 hours of dedicated patrol each 28-day work period.

Also included in the contract was the formation

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BLM finds mercury contamination at vandalized mill outside of Homedale

Bureau of Land Management officials are offering a reward as part of their investigation into the vandalism of an inactive mercury mill south of Homedale.

The BLM said the vandalism of the device called a retort has threatened the integrity of the milling structures and deposited leftover mercury on the ground.

BLM is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who have vandalized the retort. If you have information related to the vandalism, please call Stan Buchanan, BLM law enforcement, at (208) 384-3333.

BLM is actively working to identify and determine the extent of environmental impacts related to the retort. Soil samples have been collected and submitted for laboratory analysis to determine the extent of mercury concentrations in the soil directly under the equipment.

A perimeter fence is being built around the area. Flagging and signs warning of structural hazards have been placed around the site and on the milling apparatus.

“BLM is asking the public to stay away from the site due to the potential health hazard from mercury found under the equipment,” BLM hazardous materials specialist Carrie



Wontorcik said. “We are at the very beginning stages of characterizing the level and extent of contamination at and around the site.”

Soil samples from the site, which was last active in about 1966 according to BLM, won’t be back from the lab until the end of the month.

“It’s sad because that’s part of history, and it’s too bad someone decided to go out and vandalize it,” BLM Boise District public information officer MJ Byrne said.

Byrne said that components of the mill itself is unstable because the culprits apparently used a cutting torch to remove support structure.



Top: Remnants of a what Bureau of Land Management officials call a “retort” was vandalized at an inactive mercury mill south of Homedale.

Above: Another view of the area where someone used a cutting torch to remove portions of the inactive mill. BLM photos

City council OKs police car purchase

Homedale officals put rehab of First Street dips on hold

The Homedale Police Department will get another Dodge Charger patrol car after the City Council approved a purchase Wednesday.

According to the deal struck between HPD Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Oklahoma car dealer Joe Watt Motors, the department will receive a 2008 Charger with about 45,000 miles on it and a three-year, 36,000 warranty in exchange for HPD’s 2008 Ford Crown Victoria with the same mileage and \$8,117 cash.

The money will come out of the police department’s capital vehicle budget and more than \$4,000 of that will go toward equipping the Charger.

“By doing it the way we’re doing it now, we’re getting the absolute bang for our buck with the warranty,” Eidemiller said.

The council tabled further discussion on the policy of employees taking city vehicles home. At Wednesday’s meeting, Eidemiller had his first opportunity to speak out on the issue and said he supported a policy as long as it was uniform for all employees.

“I’m in full agreement that we need a policy, but we need to get past the point of talking about a policy and get it in writing,” Eidemiller said.

on the north side of both First Streets in town. Councilman Eino Hendrickson said motorists can damage their cars driving over the concaved roadways.

ASC Pavement had submitted an estimate of \$4,500 to repair the dip at North 1st Street East and \$4,000 for the North 1st Street West divot. The estimates were given to Mayor Harold Wilson.

“I pushed for these, and I’m a little concerned with the costs,” Hendrickson said. “Have you talked to anybody else?” he asked Wilson.

The mayor said that he only approached ASC because that was the contractor in town for the asphalt portion of the Local Improvement District. He added that maintaining drainage on both streets is one of the reasons for the higher estimates.

Councilman Tim Downing worried that the project would put another dent in the city’s Streets and Highways fund, and Councilman Aaron Tines said the work should wait until next budget year.

“That’s a pretty big pile of money for tow dips,” Council president Dave Downum said. “I’d rather see u put that money into asphalt instead of two little dips.”

Also during Wednesday’s meeting, it was announced that Brett Smith has been hired to replace departed public works employee Mike Shenk. Smith starts with the city on Monday.

Council members also had preliminary discussions about possibly repair massive dips

— JPB

Vandals strike two Homedale businesses

Vandals targeted two Homedale businesses last week three days apart. The Homedale Police Department is seeking information from residents who might have seen the incidents take place.

On Oct. 10, the Paul’s Markets business office reported a broken window to HPD. Law enforcement believes the window was broken sometime over the

weekend.

A report of another vandalism came in on Oct. 12 after a Family Dollar Store employee reported that the glass on the front door to the business had been broken.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller encourages residents who might have seen either of the vandalisms or has any information to call HPD at (208) 337-4642.

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MHS instructor selected as science teacher of the year

27-year veteran Cooney recognized by ISTA

Marsing High School teacher Janet Cooney was recognized last week during an annual science teachers conference as the 2011 Region 3 science teacher of the year.

The 27-year Marsing district veteran attended the annual Idaho Science Teachers Association (ISTA) conference in Idaho Falls and was presented with a plaque along with paying her expenses for the conference and a one-year's membership to the association.

"It is a great honor," Cooney said. "There are a lot of great science teachers out there, and it was very surprising."

MHS principal Wade Pilloud

nominated Cooney for the ISTA award.

"Wade told me he had nominated me, but I wasn't expecting to be selected," Cooney said. "A couple of months ago, he told me that he received an email that I had been selected."

During the two-day conference, an awards banquet was held for the statewide recipients of the honor.

"They read the biographies of each of the teachers who won during the ceremony. There are some very good teachers, and to be honored with them is great," Cooney said.

Included with the award was \$100 to spend in her classroom.



Marsing High School science teacher Janet Cooney talks to her class last week after she received the Idaho Science Teachers Association Region III instructor award. Cooney has taught in the Marsing district for 27 years.

Cooney said she plans on adding a few labs in her Earth Sciences lessons to help provide more content for her students.

The Kalispell, Mont., native said the school and community of

Marsing have provided her with a great place to work and every day she loves coming to work.

"I have been here long enough now that I am starting to get kids of former students in my

classes," Cooney said. "This is a great place to be. Getting to work with the students and help them realize if they work hard they can achieve is rewarding."

— JLZ

Herman enters Marsing council race as write-in

Time running out to submit questions for Homedale election forum

Marie Herman has turned the Marsing City Council election into a three-person race.

The incumbent city councilperson filed as a write-in candidate for the Nov. 8 election and will run against fellow incumbent Stella Bush and former Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy Chris Even.

The top two vote-getters will begin four-year terms on the council in January.

No write-in candidates were reported in Homedale or Grand View for either the mayoral or city council elections. Likewise, only incumbent Keith Green is running for the chief executive position in

Marsing.

The Homedale mayoral election will feature incumbent Harold Wilson, who is completing his first term, former five-term mayor Paul Fink and Trinity Holiness Church pastor Samuel Page.

Incumbents Eino Hendrickson and Aaron Tines each will seek second four-year terms on the city council against challenges from former Homedale Police officer Steve Atkins and resident Vonnie Harkins. As in Marsing, the top two vote-getters will join the council.

Citizens' questions still are being accepted for the Homedale

candidates forum organized by The Owyhee Avalanche and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

A form by which readers can submit a question for the candidates appears in this week's Avalanche and online at www.owyheeavalanche.com and also is available at the newspaper's office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Friday is the deadline to submit questions.

The forum takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 inside the Homedale High School library.

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State group honors veteran Homedale school nurse

Malmberg takes care of district’s schoolchildren every day

Nancy Malmberg has been a standard bearer for rural school nurses for a quarter-century.

The Homedale school nurse made a breakthrough of sorts earlier this month for her comrades when the School Nurse Organization of Idaho tabbed her as the state school nurse of the year.

“It’s really nice, especially when those of us who work in rural areas feel really isolated,” the 25-year Homedale nurse said.

“Nurses usually work with other nurses. When you’re the only school nurse at a rural school, you know you can’t do that. There’s no one qualified to give you advice or guidance.”

Malmberg received some trinkets signifying her award during the second day of the SNOI fall conference on Oct. 7 in Meridian. She’ll receive the actual award — for which Wilder schools nurse Barbie Vander Boegh nominated her — in May.

“The nurse must have demonstrated school nursing excellence as well as be a leader in the community and in the field of nursing,” SNOI president Susan Shriver said of the award criteria.

According to the School Nurse of the Year presentation information provided by SNOI, Vander Boegh cites Malmberg as her mentor in her first year as the Wilder nurse.

“Nancy has gone to bat for children who needed someone to stand up for them, and has become a walking encyclopedia of childhood and young adult maladies,” Vander Boegh said. “I think she could possibly educate a doctor. She is a font of knowledge behind a determined facade.”

Malmberg is all too familiar with Vander Boegh’s plight.

She came to Homedale in the 1980s after working as a registered nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. The transition from RN to school nurse was a little rocky as Malmberg tried to introduce medical ethics and proper procedures into a situation where her predecessor had no problem going outside the scope of practice to pull teeth and dig splinters from children’s skin.

Even while following the proper guidelines, though, Malmberg finds herself viewed as more than the school nurse by many of the children and their parents. To some, she’s a country doctor.

“I have kids who come to me not infrequently with conditions and I say, ‘What did your Mother say?’, and they say, ‘She said go see the nurse.’,” she said.

“With a lot of families, that’s where (medical care) stops.”

If not on a professional plane with the country doctor, Malmberg is akin to that long-ago concept occupationally.

She helps families find the proper medical care when needed.

She works out of an office at Homedale Elementary School, but she’ll make trips to either the high school or the middle school whenever she is called upon — sometimes several times a day.

Other aspects of her job include making sure that teachers understand how to deliver emergency medications for diabetics or other students who have daily maintenance prescriptions. She also enforces the administration of vaccines.

“Nancy has always been a nurse who understands her role to the health of the community, and that starts in the school,” Vander Boegh said. “She has been an advocate for immunizations ever since I have known her some 20 years now. Even when immunizations were being debated, she held fast.”

Rural school nurses like Malmberg are almost as rare as the country doctor. Marsing doesn’t have a school nurse, she said, and Notus has cut back to one day per week. There are federal Medicaid grants available to help small and remote school districts attract and retain nurses.

“(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services officials) realize that in poor, rural schools, most of the kids we see are on Medicaid,” Malmberg said.

To deal with budget constraints, Homedale school trustees cut Malmberg’s hours earlier this year.

“After school started, and they realized everything she did, they gave her hours back,” the nomination introduction stated.

The intimacy of the rural setting requires enhanced vigilance to ensure that ethics are upheld.

“I try to be very aware of the line and the state board of nursing rules and stay within that,” she said.

It hasn’t hindered relationship-building. Malmberg said she’s still in contact with students from 20 years ago who she helped through traumatic medical experiences while in school.

“Sometimes when you deal with students you feel like you’re their family,” she said.

Malmberg lives outside of Marsing with her husband, Bruce. The couple’s four children — two are hers, two are his — all graduated from Homedale High School and the University of Idaho.

— JPB



Homedale school nurse Nancy Malmberg chats with kindergarteners Anahi Solano and Keegan McKay, both 5, Friday in the elementary school halls.



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✓ Sheriff: Office's cellular phone, fuel budgets in the red by thousands

respect and cooperation between all elected officials."

In Resolution 11-29, which passed unanimously after an Oct. 11 executive session with the sheriff, the Board of County Commissioners gave Crandall a vote of no confidence and also asked for his immediate resignation.

"... it is the consensus of this Board that it is in the best interests of the residents and people of Owyhee County that Daryl Crandall forthwith resign as Owyhee County Sheriff," the resolution states.

"We deliberated and deliberated amongst ourselves on what to do, and this is what we come up with," BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said. "It's not an easy thing to do, but we figured we had to do it publicly."

Hoagland said in mulling the resolution over the past months, the commissioners consulted with Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery, the Attorney General's office and lawyers from county insurance carrier Idaho Counties Risk Management Program.

ICRMP has raised the county's insurance premium, in part, because of previous litigation and the potential for more court cases. Citing confidentiality concerns, commissioners have refused to provide specifics on possible future lawsuits.

"It's just time that we had to do something," Hoagland said.

The detailed resolution cites several chapters of Idaho Code before itemizing the commissioners' concerns about Crandall, who has been investigated by the Idaho Attorney General's Office twice and also was named as a defendant in a federal civil rights lawsuit former OCSO employees filed earlier in his term. The lawsuit eventually was dismissed.

"... this Board has expressed concerns regarding the management of sheriff office staff and office procedures and matters, as well as, in those concerning the spending of county funds by the office of the Owyhee County Sheriff ...," the resolution states.

Crandall declined to address personnel matters.

However, in his Friday statement, Crandall asserted that his office finished fiscal year 2011 seven percent under budget, and that he will "turn back" nearly \$73,000 of his \$1.1 million budget to county coffers. He also provided data showing that the \$743,000 county jail appropriation was six percent under budget (representing a \$45,941.70 "turn back").

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn told the Avalanche that the sheriff's office expenses have not been closed out for the year. On Monday, commissioners approved some of the last claims — concerning the OCSO budgets for fuel and cellular telephones, both of which

are in the red. After Monday's accounting, the sheriff's office has \$68,681.23 — or six percent of the total appropriation — remaining.

The jail appropriation is now five percent under budget with \$35,443.95 remaining.

The latest OCSO figures show the fuel budget is 36 percent over budget with \$102,000 being spent from a \$75,000 line. In the phone budget, the sheriff's office has spent nearly \$6,000 more than budgeted — 22 percent in the red.

Overall, the sheriff's expense budget — which includes fuel and phones and other items such as office supplies — is two percent or more than \$4,600 over for FY 2011.

Sherburn also said more bills are expected before the budget can be closed out.

Earlier this year, the commissioners held a public hearing to address the overdrawn sheriff's office fuel budget as it approached 25 percent over the allocated \$75,000.

"The high cost of fuel put us over-budget, but by cutting expenses back in other areas, we were able to cut costs and bring the office in under budget, again," Crandall wrote in his statement.

The sheriff also said that the commissioners see OCSO's expenses every two weeks during the year.

"During all of last year, with

the exception of the fuel issue, the commissioners did not once express dissatisfaction to me about the budget of the sheriff's office," Crandall wrote.

In their resolution, commissioners also outlined their frustration after recent unsuccessful attempts to consult with Crandall on "pressing Owyhee County matters". According to the resolution, the commissioners issued a "date certain" for Crandall to comply with the request.

"The Owyhee County Sheriff, however, neglected or refused to comply and even so much as to respond ...," the resolution states.

OCSO staff, including part-time waterways deputy Rick Wiley, chief deputy Ken Hoagland and dispatcher Irma Shenk, have appeared before the board in recent weeks to handle business ranging from the hire of a new jailer, the proposed purchase of a vehicle and preparations for installation of the new 911 system.

The sheriff, however, has not attended any of those meetings. In the past, Hoagland has made in-meeting phone calls to the sheriff's office to request Crandall's presence to discuss questions on bills and other matters while other county officers routinely attend the weekly administrative meeting and give department reports.

Commissioners also questioned whether Crandall has conducted

sheriff's office business fairly.

"... there is a lack of confidence in the willingness of Daryl Crandall to objectively officiate as sheriff and to equitably administer the duties of such office ...," the resolution states.

Investigators are in the midst of a second probe, but — citing a policy against commenting on investigations — the AG's office won't release details or even confirm there is an investigation. Investigators have interviewed several current and former OCSO employees at the Canyon County Courthouse in Caldwell, with a handful of current employees receiving hourly pay as well as mileage reimbursement for the trips. Crandall approved the requests, and the commissioners OK'd the expenditures.

Former employees also have spoken of a hostile work environment, and a former dispatcher went so far as to launch an unsuccessful recall campaign.

The lawsuit brought by five former OCSO employees who were either discharged by Crandall or resigned under claims of duress originally named Crandall, the sheriff's office and Owyhee County. A federal judge dismissed the suit earlier this year. Crandall was removed from the suit in 2010 after the plaintiffs didn't submit a required \$25,000 bond.

— JPB

✓ Marsing: Ordinance first step in any future law enforcement moves

of an advisory group. The panel would consist of one representative from the city and OCSO. Both Marsing and the sheriff's office would "appoint a citizen of Owyhee County" to work as an advisory committee to counsel with OCSO resolving differences and determining policies.

If the town marshal ordinance were passed, the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)-certified individual appointed to the position would be a salaried position. The town

marshal would also handle all city ordinance compliance issues.

Section I of the ordinance outlines that the town marshal would be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the council and would report to the mayor. Green said the individual would be subjected to the same standards set forth by POST for officers.

"I think the town marshal is the best option," councilperson James Ferdinand said. "This (proposed) ordinance is a letter of intent to the people who live here."

Councilperson Marie Herman voiced her hesitation in moving forward until they have figured out some of the unknowns with passing the ordinance. The council explained that before any agency would talk with them about mutual aid or utilizing dispatch services the city would need to have the ordinance in place.

"Having it in writing is a must. In order to get it in writing, we have to put this ordinance in place," Green said. "The sheriff told me when we started this be-

fore he would deal with us if we had the ordinance. If we get two months into it and we say it isn't going to happen this way we can repeal the ordinance."

Passing the ordinance would provide a plan showing the city intends to pursue the town marshal position, allowing the council to apply for grants to assist in the possible formation of a police department down the road, Green said.

"(OCSO) still has the responsibility to respond to help with misdemeanors and felonies," Green said.

"If we want to develop our own (police department), we have to pass this and get things started."

When asked by Green, each council member agreed to moving forward and getting community input on the ordinance.

"This is the first step," Green said. "I honestly believe Marsing needs to go this way. It is going to cost us money. The contract with OCSO has been discussed for years. I think the biggest thing is getting rid of our fear of jumping out on our own."

— JLZ

✓ Redistricting: County officials disappointed with panel's decision

Sherburn said while reporting the map to the Board of County Commissioners.

"I didn't think they would split it like that," County Treasurer Brenda Richards said.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi questioned whether the proposed map was even constitutional, which is an important

criterion in possible appeals.

"I think we have some big grounds to work with because constitutionally it's pretty clear on (not) splitting counties," Aberasturi said.

BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland pointed out that the revamped District 23 doesn't pass muster with a statutory provision requir-

ing communities within legislative districts be connected by highways.

District 11 currently is represented in the state Senate by Melinda Smyser (R-Parma) and in the House of Representatives by Carlos Bilbao and Steven Thayn (both R-Emmett).

The reconfiguration of District

23 creates a merger with the present District 22 and could pit Rep. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls) against Elmore representatives Rich Willis of Glens Ferry and Pete Nielsen of Mountain Home, both Republicans. Additionally, incumbents Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Tim Corder (R-Mountain Home) may find themselves in the

same race for the District 23 state Senate seat.

The committee continues congressional redistricting work.

Reapportionment is required every 10 years and is based on population allocation reported in Census 2010.

— JPB

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Obituary

Patricia “Pat” K. Scott

Patricia “Pat” K. Scott, 69, of Marsing, Idaho, died September 28, 2011 with family by her side.

She was born March 18, 1942 in Tacoma, Washington, the daughter of John Cogswell and Katherine Malcolm. She was the younger of two children.

She married Larry Callaway and at age 22 gave birth to the first of their four children. Soon after the birth of their fourth child, they moved the family to Nampa, Idaho to be closer to his family. They later divorced, but remained friends and were supportive of each other while raising their children.

Throughout her life Pat was known for her great love of animals. She worked in animal



husbandry for many years and raised every imaginable domesticated animal. She developed a significant fondness for cats. Other interests she enjoyed were her love for music, dancing, fishing, supporting her grandchildren in their activities and sharing her knowledge of animal care.

She is survived by her son, Lath

(Stacy) Callaway of Marsing, Idaho; daughter, Shauna (Billy) Peace of Meridian, Idaho; daughter, Tricia Callaway (Larry Anderson) of Boise, Idaho; and daughter, Jody Bostrom of Marsing, Idaho. Grandchildren include Cody, Casey and Curt Callaway; Tyler, Mackenzie, and Tucker Peace; Lauren and Holly Anderson; Kristin Laureitzen, Bren and Trever Bostrom, and Nicholas Mulligan; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Katherine Malcolm; father, John Cogswell; and brother, Jack Cogswell.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 7, 2011 at Canyon Hill Cemetery. www.cremationsociety-idaho.com

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

- Oct. 19: Ham & beans, mixed vegetables, corn bread
- Oct. 20: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread
- Oct. 25: Noodles & sausage, salad, bread
- Oct. 26: Baked fish, potato, beets, bread

Marsing Senior Center

- Oct. 24: Breakfast: Ham & cheese omelet
- Oct. 25: Fried chicken, potatoes & gravy, spinach, orange salad, bread, cake & ice cream
- Oct 26: Baked potato bar w/bean soup, broccoli, chili, cheese, etc., fruit, bran muffin, seasonal fruit

Rimrock Senior Center

- Oct. 20: Chili w/beans & hamburger, baked squash, cole slaw, muffin or cornbread, molasses cookie
- Oct. 25: Clam chowder, tossed salad, ham sandwich, apricots or cantaloupe, sweet roll

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Oct. 19: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, French fries, fruit & veggie bar, cake
- Oct. 20: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit, brownie
- Oct. 21: Cheese pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit, cookie
- Oct. 24: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit, pudding
- Oct. 25: Nachos or baked potato, fruit, cinnamon breadstick, fruit snack
- Oct. 26: Hamburger or oven fried chicken, baked beans, fruit, cookie

Homedale Middle

- Oct. 19: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover
- Oct. 20: Nachos or baked potato, salad, carrot sticks, fruit, rice krispie treat
- Oct. 21: Chicken tenders or baked ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit
- Oct. 24: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, fruit, cookie
- Oct. 25: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie
- Oct. 26: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp

Homedale High

- Oct. 19: Enchilada or pizza hot pocket, veggies, fruit & salad bar
- Oct. 20: Chicken patty, hamburger or cheese burger, potato chips, fruit & salad bar, sherbet cup
- Oct. 21: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit bar
- Oct. 24: Pepperoni pizza or philly steak/cheese hot pocket, chef salad, fruit bar, strawberry shortcake
- Oct. 25: Beef nuggets or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar
- Oct. 26: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar

Marsing

- Oct. 19: Pepperoni pizza, salad w/ranch, PB&J, potato chips, soup & salad bar, cookie
- Oct. 20: Burrito, corn, hamburger, tater tots, soup & salad bar, rice krispie treats
- Oct. 21: No school.
- Oct. 24: Chicken nuggets, Sichuan chicken & rice, green beans, soup & salad bar, pudding
- Oct. 25: Beef finger steaks, spaghetti, mixed vegetable, roll, soup & salad bar
- Oct. 26: Pepperoni pizza, salad w/ranch, baked potato, soup & salad bar, cookie

Bruneau

- Oct. 19: Mandarin orange chicken, rice, stir fry veggie/mandarin oranges, pumpkin bars
- Oct. 20: Chili/crackers, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
- Oct. 21: Corn dogs, wedges, veggie/fruit, cookie
- Oct. 25: Chicken noodle soup/crackers, cheese yum, salad, fruited jello
- Oct. 26: Haystacks, refried beans, green beans, fruit, bread sticks

COSSA

- Oct. 19: Stir fry chicken, steam rice, stir fry vegetables, pineapple
- Oct. 20: Biscuits & sausage, gravy, hash browns, peaches
- Oct. 21: No school
- Oct. 24: Finger steaks, onion rings, corn bread, fruit medley
- Oct. 25: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, oranges
- Oct. 26: Chicken parm pasta w/marinara, green beans, bread sticks, apple sauce

Birthday

Homedale TOPS member turns 100 on Oct. 28



Hazel Smallwood

A woman involved with Homedale Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) turns 100 on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011.

Hazel Smallwood, who has lived in the same Wilder home for 63 years, will be the guest of honor at an open house scheduled for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011 at the Golden Gate Baptist Church annex on

the corner of 2nd and B streets in Wilder.

Her family requests no gifts, but cards are welcome.

Smallwood’s family is six generations strong and she quilts, works puzzles and weeds her flowers. She retired at age 75 after working at Swift’s and Simplot in Caldwell as well as local fruit sheds.

Death notices

DETTA ASPIRI, 87, of Boise and a Marsing High School graduate, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2011. A viewing took place Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Services were held on Friday, Oct. 14, 2011 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Caldwell. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

GREGORIO JIMENEZ JR., 52, of Marsing died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011 at home. A graveside service was held Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

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Calendar

Today

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, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board
Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639

Thursday

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

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

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

Friday

Homedale Drama Club Spook Alley
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$3 or five for \$12, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Saturday

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

Homedale Drama Club Spook Alley
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$3 or five for \$12, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Sunday

Children’s clothing exchange
2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Garnet Road Youth and Community Center, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday

Community blood drive
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (800) RED-CROSS

Homedale library Tween and Teen program
6 p.m., open to ages 10 to 17, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons

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

Wednesday, Oct. 26

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

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Thursday, Oct. 27

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

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

Bruneau Valley Library District meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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

Friday, Oct. 28

Community blood drive
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (800) RED-CROSS

Tuesday, Nov. 1

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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

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

Wednesday, Nov. 2

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

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

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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

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

Homedale Highway District board meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District Office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3500

Thursday, Nov. 3

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
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Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639

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

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



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— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com.*

Marsing gears up for annual holiday events

Plans for the upcoming holiday season in Marsing are ramping up in advance of next month’s annual events.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce-sponsored holiday parade and bazaar will run on consecutive weekends in November. The official parade time hasn’t been determined yet, but will take place in the evening on Nov. 19 as a night light parade. Following the parade, the annual tree lighting ceremony will be held at Island Park.

The Chamber’s bazaar will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 26. The craft fair takes place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Currently the Chamber is seeking vendors for the bazaar. The 10-foot-by-10-foot booth space is available for \$20 and includes on six-foot table. Extra tables are available for \$5 each. Electricity is available for booths situated along the walls.

Vendors are encouraged to reserve their booths by Nov. 18 by contacting Susan Watson by email at susanawatson@gmail.com or by calling The Spot Pizza at (208) 896-5055.

According to the Chamber, the bazaar will feature numerous crafters with great gift-giving items. There will be lotions, cards, bags and purses, toys, and homemade jewelry, pies, cookies and candies.

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Oct. 16	71	44	.00
Oct. 17	58	37	.46

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HHS hoops’ early-season home games moved to Middleton

Gym’s closure forces schedule, practice alterations

Homedale High School’s basketball teams have found a new home as the damaged gymnasium is repaired.

Schools superintendent Tim Rosandick said the district has struck a deal to play a portion of the boys’ and girls’ basketball home games at Middleton Middle School.

“The insurance company (CNA) will pay for all the costs associated with being displaced,” Rosandick said. Previously he said that the costs would include gymnasium rental and team transportation.

The Homedale School District must pay a \$25,000 deductible on the claim. Insurance adjusters

determined that cracked and misshapen wooden joists holding up the 40-year-old gymnasium’s roof were damaged by strong winds earlier this year.

Construction officials briefed school trustees at their October meeting last week.

Rosandick said that Matt Newton of general contractor Beninton Construction and Bill Hamlin for Design West Architects told board members that six steel replacement joists are being manufactured now and should be delivered by the middle of November.

The timeline to reoccupy the gym remains sometime before

Christmas, Rosandick said.

The girls’ basketball team’s home schedule begins Tuesday, Nov. 15 against Melba. The team has only eight home games scheduled, including four before Dec. 20.

The boys’ basketball home schedule begins Nov. 29 against Marsing and includes five home games in the first 10 days of the season. After a Dec. 9 clash with North Star Charter, the Trojans have only four home dates, beginning with a Jan. 13 3A Snake River Valley conference game against Weiser.

The wrestling team has only one home meet in the first six weeks of the season, playing host to Fruitland in a 3A SRV dual meet on Jan. 5.

Three massive scaffolds have

been erected on the gymnasium floor to shore up the sagging beams. Rosandick said engineers and building safety officials “are comfortable” with students and others using areas once off limits, the boys’ locker room, the gymnasium foyer and the weight room.

Middle school and high school basketball coaches have formulated a practice schedule utilizing the old gymnasium

and middle school before and after school. Rosandick said the schedule includes 6 a.m. workouts as well as two-hour practice blocks at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The gym will be in use until 9 p.m. each night.

Wrestling practice isn’t affect by the gym closure because coach Toby Johnson’s program utilizes the dedicated room to the south of the foyer.

— JPB

Steel to replace wooden joists at Homedale gym

Construction officials briefed school trustees last week on the Homedale High School gymnasium rehabilitation progress.

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The timeline to reoccupy the gym remains sometime before Christmas, Rosandick said.

“It isn’t ideal, but we’re fine,” HHS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said. “And soon we will have a gym again that is safe, looks better, repaired to meet the current codes, and this inconvenience won’t seem so glaring after Christmas.”

Three massive scaffolds have been erected on the gymnasium

floor to shore up the sagging beams. Rosandick said engineers and building safety officials “are comfortable” with students and others using areas once off limits, including a locker room, the gymnasium foyer and the weight room.

“This was great news,” Asumendi-Mereness said. “We had around 185 kids displaced due to the lack of a weight room/gym area, so we were glad that the engineers and inspectors granted access.”

“Even with access, we have guidelines, which are that our students enter and exit the weight room or girls’ locker room area from outside. The boys can enter and exit the varsity locker room from the cafeteria. Having the foyer back, and students being able to exit directly into the parking lot has been nice, too.”

— JPB

Volunteers sought for the Smokey Bear poster contest

The Owyhee Gardeners are seeking volunteers for the upcoming Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest.

Contest organizers are looking for Homedale and Marsing area residents to help fourth- and fifth-grade students from the two school districts with their posters.

The Owyhee Gardeners sponsor the local contest and will provide all the needed materials for the posters. Students can choose between the Smokey Bear Forest Fire Prevention or the Woodsy Owl Anti-Pollution-themed


posters.

Last year, Homedale Elementary School student Kaitlyn Hansen won first place for all fourth-graders statewide. Ana Alvarez of Marsing won the state award, the Pacific Northwest and the national fifth-grader competitions.

Organizers are looking for volunteers who can spend a couple of hours each week working with students on their practice posters along with their final entries.

To volunteer or for more information, call Ellen Dines at (208) 896-4221 or Judy MacKenzie at (208) 896-4441.



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State funds could help schools improve energy efficiency

Homedale district may get help for HVAC work

Participating in a state energy audit pilot program could pay off for the Homedale School District.

Superintendent Tim Rosandick announced at last week's school board meeting that the state's Office of Energy Resources (OER) has stepped forward to finance upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at two schools.

John Chatburn, interim OER administrator, told The Owyhee Avalanche that the state has \$2.6 million for qualifying HVAC projects in the state's schools.

The Homedale district volunteered to participate in the Idaho K-12 School Efficiency Project in the summer of 2009. Upgrades needed to tune-up the district's energy efficiency were identified, and school trustees developed an implementation strategy.

Recently, the state OER informed the district that funding was available to help pay for some of the upgrades. Rosandick said he received the news in an email from Sue Seifert, who is in charge of the Community and Commercial Buildings portion of the OER's energy efficiency operations.

Chatburn said that several eligible contractors submitted proposals for upgrades at various schools, and engineers currently are evaluating those plans to see which ones can be funded.

"Hopefully in the next week or two we'll have a final decision and start final upgrades not only on Homedale but the other schools as well," Chatburn

said.

Rosandick said Homedale upgrades on the state's radar include retrofitting the HVAC system at the high school annex (library and adjacent classrooms on the west end of the campus) and replacing worn-out heat pumps at the elementary school with modern energy-efficient devices.

“The state (energy audit) identified the elementary school heat pumps as an area where considerable energy savings could be realized with upgrades,” Rosandick said.

The aging heat pumps were scheduled for phased replacement, Rosandick said, but the state's announcement will allow a wholesale conversion.

Originally, Rosandick said trustees had appropriated fiscal year 2012 funding for only the first phase of the annex project, but with the infusion of state money the entire project could be completed this year.

The second phase of the annex work would include five to seven additional rooftop heating and air conditioning units and alterations to the associated duct and electrical systems.

Rosandick said it's unclear how much money the state will provide, and a total price tag for the upgrades at both schools isn't yet available.

The school district won't be involved in the bid process, Rosandick said. The state OER uses a pool of pre-approved contractors.

Additionally, the superintendent said, the state's involvement will allow the high

school to obtain equipment with a higher efficiency rating than the district would have been able to afford on its own.

"All of this is a good deal," Rosandick said.

Blue Ribbon delegation tabbed

Rosandick will accompany current Homedale Middle School principal Amy Winters and teacher Shannon Johnson and former HMS chief Luci Asumendi-Mereness to next month's Blue Ribbon School presentation in Washington, D.C.

Because the monthly school board meeting originally coincided with the first day of the Nov. 14-15 event in the nation's capital, trustees will hold their November meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Future City team has new advisor

New HMS teacher Amy Vitek has succeeded departed science teacher Jennifer Martin as the school's Future City Engineers advisor.

This year's team is preparing for the 2012 regional competition, which takes place in January in Boise. The national finals will be held during the Presidents Day weekend next year in Crystal City, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

Earlier this year, the HMS team won the regional competition and earned a special award for Most Sustainable Food Production System in the school's first-ever trip to nationals.

Coaches approved

A former starter on the

Homedale High School boys' basketball has joined his old team as a volunteer coaching assistant. Trustees approved Tyler Gibson for the post during their Oct. 10 meeting.

Jane Olds, a former captain and record-setting player on the Northwest Nazarene University women's basketball team, has been hired as Homedale's frosh-soph girls' basketball coach. Olds served one year as an assistant coach with the Crusaders.

Jason Kiester, HMS counselor, received a contract as the froshoph boys' basketball coach at HHS.

Former Homedale state champion wrestler Ryan Nash has been hired as an assistant coach for the middle school wrestling team.

— JPB

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Library hosts Halloween party for Tweens and Teens

Prizes will be offered to the best costume and the person with the best Halloween knowledge during Tuesday’s Tween and Teen event.

The Homedale Public Library’s program for ages 10-17 meets from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Costumes will be judged on creativity and originality.

Scheduled games include musical chairs and Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin, with the winners collecting prizes.

Refreshments of pumpkin bread and witches’ brew will be served, and participants will receive treat bags as they leave the library.

For more information, call program coordinator Sara Martin afternoons at the library, 337-4228.



From left: Zion Parker, Olivia Cardenas and Kaitlyn Hansen pose for the camera after watching The Spiderwick Chronicles at a Tweens and Teens event on Oct. 11 at the Homedale Library. Submitted photo

Counting monkeys at Story Time

“One Monkey Too Many” by Jackie French Koller is the featured book for Story Time at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library.

Follow the silly antics of a

bunch of monkeys as they push the limits of different modes of transportation, such as a bike and a golf cart.

Songs, refreshments and crafts also are part of the event for preschoolers and their families.



Tim Slawson, left and Colt Nielson pick up a leaf during the Story Time at the Homedale Library last week.

HHS actors will scare for funds

Spook Alley event this weekend raises money for lights, curtains

The Homedale High School Drama Club is using the darkness of Halloween to raise money for stage lighting.

Foregoing its usual fall play, club members aim to produce chills and screams for children and adults alike during a Spook Alley fundraiser on Friday and Saturday.

“Our drama upperclassmen have been asking about doing a spook alley for

years,” club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said. “We will give Lyndee Coombs the credit for presenting the idea. Now that they

are the upperclassmen, they are winning the vote and proceeding with plans.”

Thatcher said 30 students are involved in the production, which will include two spook alleys for adults and a “nerve-friendly” Children’s Alley for children younger than 10.

Tickets are \$3 or five for \$12. An adult may accompany a small child in the Children’s Alley free of charge.

“There will be a spooky A and a spooky B ‘show’ using the same alley but changing it up a bit in case someone wants

to be spooked more than once,” Thatcher said.

The Spook Alley will take place inside the old HHS gymnasium between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available at the door.

“We are working towards lighting and curtains,” Thatcher said. “We want to make future performances that much better.”

Thatcher warned that the Drama students are taking their roles as spook-meisters quite seriously.

“We are recommending ages 10 and up for our spook alley, since we really intend to spook,” she added. “Any weak of heart or nerve may want to try our Children’s Alley.”

— JPB

Clothing exchange readies families for cooler temps

Free clothing is available for those who need it during the Children’s Clothing Exchange on Sunday at the Garnet Road Youth and Community Center.

Children’s jackets are featured

as families prepare for cooler weather. Anyone with good used clothing to exchange or donate is welcome to bring it down to the center, which is located at 16613 Garnet Road

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By Janet Tharpe

Enjoy Flavors of the Season in Pineapple Upside Down Cake

“This is a great cake!”

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Kentucky

Mmmm! Pineapple Upside Down Cake is one of my favorite desserts, and Theresa Dibert’s version is no exception. This is the first time I made the classic cake in an iron skillet, and to my delight, it was a snap to prepare and tasted as wonderful as ever! The combination of cinnamon and nutmeg with the roasted pecans and pineapple create the perfect punch of flavor that makes this cake a must have at seasonal celebrations.

See step-by-step photos of Theresa Dibert’s Iron Skillet Pineapple Upside-Down Cake recipe and thousands more recipes from other hometown Americans at: www.justapinch.com/upsidedown

You’ll also find a meal planner and coupons for the recipe ingredients. Enjoy and remember, use “just a pinch”...

- Janet

Iron Skillet Pineapple Upside Down Cake

What You Need

- 1 1/3 c butter
- 1 c brown sugar
- 1 20 oz can pineapple slices
- maraschino cherries
- 1/2 c chopped pecans
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 c all purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 c buttermilk

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Melt 2/3 cup of butter; stir in brown sugar.
- Spread in bottom of 12 inch iron skillet or a 13x9x2 pan. Do not grease.
- Arrange pineapple slices over sugar mixture; place a cherry in the center of each.
- Sprinkle with pecans and set aside.
- In large bowl cream sugar and remaining butter.
- Beat in eggs and vanilla.
- Combine all dry ingredients; add alternately with the buttermilk, mixing well after each addition.
- Pour carefully over sugar mixture.
- Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes or toothpick test says done.
- Immediately invert onto serving platter.

Submitted by: Theresa Dibert, Kentucky

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ADRIAN 2011 HOMECOMING



Homecoming Queen Olivia Morton poses with her parents Julie and Carl Morton.



Carla Combe follows Dulce Beltran into the end zone for a score in the White Team's 20-12 victory. Photo by Bob Radford



The White Team celebrates its victory after defeating the Green Team in the annual Powder Puff game. Photo by Bob Radford

Front, from left: Chris Roth, junior representative; Francisco Ramirez, sophomore representative; Chase Walker, freshman representative. Middle, from left: Kristal Goul, junior representative; Rachel DeHoog, freshmen representative; Kellie Barraza, freshman representative. Back, from left: Oliver Cszasz, senior prince; Tasha Garner, senior princess; Homecoming King Dylan Osborn; Homecoming Queen Olivia Morton; Joan Salazar, senior prince; Lizzy Furtado, senior princess.

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Nine TDs, 500 yards offense lead Adrian to third straight

Kurt Nielson was five yards shy of single-handedly matching his opponents' total offense output in Adrian High School's football victory Friday.

Nielson rushed for 297 yards and five touchdowns on 13 carries as the Antelopes rolled to a 66-20 victory over Spray-Mitchell in 1A High Desert League action.

Adrian (5-1 overall, 3-1 league) scored 22 points in the opening quarter of its Homecoming game.

The Antelopes gained 525 total yards, including 501 on the ground, in collecting their third consecutive victory.

Nielson scored the first of his touchdowns on runs of 37 yards and one yard in the first quarter. Mark Ishida added six-yarder in the frame.

Paxton Shira rambled 68 yards to give Adrian a 30-0 lead in the second quarter.

Nielson scored on runs of 65 yards in the second quarter and 80 yards in the third quarter.

Spray-Mitchell Lane Graham played a part in all three of his team's TDs. He threw a 56-yard scoring pass to Arnie Fox in the second quarter and also scored on runs of 38 yards and three yards.

Adrian wrapped up the scoring in the fourth quarter when Nielson scored on a 35-yard run and Chance Marquez added a 54-yard scoring play.

J.J. Maxwell led Adrian's defenders with 10 tackles.



Homedale High School sophomore wideout Talon Frelove tucks a pass in front of a Fruitland defender Friday for one of his two receptions.

Trojans become spectators this week

Smarting from Fruitland loss, HHS awaits fate in bye week

A perfect storm of bad luck doomed Homedale High School football Friday night.

Entering their final regular-season game having not seen the inside of their weight room in more than a month, the Trojans were manhandled by the stronger, larger, healthier top-ranked Fruitland squad.

The unbeaten Grizzlies scored all but one of their touchdowns before halftime, riding an awesome display of offensive cohesiveness to a 57-0 3A Snake River Valley conference victory.

Fruitland pushed their opponents all over the field, racking up 341 yards rushing and 445 yards overall. Homedale managed 127 yards total offense.

Homedale's athletes have been without their locker room and weight room because of the school gymnasium repairs. The gym has been closed since the middle of September, preventing the Trojans from strength training and forcing them to suit up for practice in their vehicles, HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

And Friday, the Trojans went head-to-head with a program that, according to Holtry, has the top weight-training program in the conference.

"No matter what, you're going to lose strength if you haven't been lifting," Holtry said. "We had kids who were doing push-ups the other day and they were sore, and that's not a good thing."

The Trojans (5-3 overall, 1-3 in conference) ended the week with the inside track on the District III's fourth seed into the state playoffs and a road game against the 3A SRV champion — either Fruitland or Weiser, depending on which 7-0 unbeaten wins their showdown Friday at Walter Johnson Memorial Field.

If Parma could find a way past Payette, Homedale could have a chance at the No. 3 seed, which would put the Trojans on the road against a District IV representative.

"In a way we're kind of rooting for Parma because if they get that win, it gives us an opportunity to capture that No. 3 seed still," Holtry said.

Holtry said that a Parma victory over Payette would create a three-way tie for the No. 3 seed and force a Kansas City-style playoff on Oct. 24. All three teams would compete in a two-game mini-tournament. One team would get a bye in the first round and play the winner of the opening game for the No. 3 seed. The winner of the first game would be guaranteed at least the fourth berth.

Regardless of the outcome of Friday's SRV finales, the Trojans might just be glad they're not lining up for a week.

"I'm not one to make excuses. We're beat up badly," Holtry said. "We pulled every string we had to get that win against Parma. The kids are banged up."

"We've got kids with shoulder separations. We've got kids with back spasms. We've got every excuse, and we've got to get healthy."

Homedale was thin in numbers Friday against the Grizzlies. Despite still dealing with a high ankle sprain, quarterback Trey Corta made a return to the starting lineup, but was under pressure most of the night. He was sacked once and threw two interceptions.

"They beat us up at the line of scrimmage tonight, they really did," Holtry said. "Both offensively and defensively, they won the battle at the line of scrimmage, and that makes it hard to do anything offensively."

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Game-changing penalty cripples Huskies' momentum

Marsing drops to third in 2A WIC standings

Leading the game 21-13 in the second half, the Marsing High School football team controlled the momentum over Cole Valley Christian.

With an admittedly incorrect call by the referees, coach Jaime Wood isn't making excuses after the 24-21, 2A Western Idaho Conference loss in overtime.

"I'm not going to make any excuses. We still should have won, and that is just the way it goes," Wood said. "The (touchdown) called back by the refs was wrong. The refs called it wrong, and I got a call from the ref that made the wrong call. There was no apology, he just told me he got it wrong."

The call came after Marsing sophomore quarterback Austin Williams scrambled out of the pocket from nearly 30 yards out into the end zone. When Williams approached the seven-yard line, he hoisted the ball into the air and crossed the goal line.

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Marsing Football (5-2, 2-2)	
Marsing	21
Cole Valley	24



Marsing's Jason Galligan struggles to take down Cole Valley wide receiver Chase Renfrow during Friday's 24-21 loss to the Chargers.

Sports

Huskies drop opening round match of districts to Melba

Marsing volleyball wraps regular season with two losses

Putting the final games in the books of the 2011 regular season, the Marsing High School volleyball team lost one league and one non-conference match before being dropped by Melba in the opening round of the 2A District III tournament.

On Saturday, the Huskies traveled to Melba for the opening round of districts as the No. 5

seed. The No. 4 seed Mustangs dropped Marsing, 25-23, 25-15, 25-22.

“We didn’t get a flow going in that match at all,” Marsing coach Loma Bittick said. “They gave us a lot of opportunities in game No. 1 and No. 3, but we made some mistakes that aren’t normal for us.”

Senior Andrea Rodriguez

paced Marsing with four kills and two blocks. Lily Bowers pulled in three kills and two blocks followed by Deidrie Briggs with five blocks in the loss.

“We weren’t earning our points,” Bittick said. “Many of our points were from their mistakes. We weren’t placing the ball and putting it where it needed to be.”

With the loss, Marsing played in the loser-out No. 5 game Tuesday night at Valivue High

School in Caldwell. They lined up against the loser of game No. 4 between No. 2 seed Cole Valley Christian and No. 3 seed New Plymouth earlier in the night.

For results from Tuesday’s match, check The Owyhee Avalanche website.

Oct. 13: Nampa Christian def. Marsing, 3-0 — In the final 2A Western Idaho Conference game of the season, the Huskies were dispatched by the Trojans, 25-16, 25-16, 25-22.

On the night, Rodriguez led Marsing with five digs and three kills followed by Shelbi Ferdinand with five assists. Briggs chipped in three digs in the loss.

Oct. 10: Parma def. Marsing, 3-0 — In a “Dig Pink” benefit game raising awareness for breast cancer, Marsing was dropped 25-19, 25-8, 25-19.

Briggs paced the Huskies with four kills and three aces followed by Lacey Usabel with eight assists.

Antelopes roll to more volleyball victories

Annie Bowns averaged 12 kills in each match Friday night as Adrian High School volleyball ran its league-opening streak to seven matches.

Chelsey Heller served eight straight points to help the host Antelopes gain control in the third and final set of a hard-fought 25-20, 25-12, 26-24 1A High Desert League victory over Mitchell.

“It was a good match against a much improved Mitchell team,” Adrian coach Aimee Goss said. “(Mitchell) battled pretty hard that third set.

Mustangs wrap league volleyball Friday

Team beats PC to rally from second HDL setback

Jordan Valley High School split its weekend volleyball matches in the 1A High Desert League, halting a two-match losing streak.

The Mustangs (7-6 overall, 6-2 in league) are scheduled to finish the 1A HDL season Friday with a home tri-meet against Spray and Mitchell.

Saturday: Jordan Valley def. Prairie City, 3-1 – First-year coach Sarah Bengard watched her club rack up 40 kills and five blocks in a 21-25, 27-25, 25-16, 25-15 league victory on the road.

“The first two (games) were close, again preparing us for close games at districts. We have to learn to fight to the very end,” Bengard said.

“We served better this game and worked better as a team. We hit the ball harder and played great defense.”

Senior Meagan Fillmore had 11 kills and a block, and Andi Warn added 10 kills and three blocks. She also had eight digs.

Christina Rogers also chipped in with eight kills, and Jessi Carson had seven kills to go

with two aces and six digs.

Hayley Caywood had seven assists, and freshman Sarayah Cline and Stephanie Youren registered four digs and two digs, respectively.

Friday: Monument/Dayville def. Jordan Valley, 3-2 – Bengard credited Cline with her best game of the season after she led a strong ninth-grade showing with eight digs and pivotal kill.

“My freshman girls played really well both on defense and offense,” Bengard said. “They are adjusting to playing at the varsity level.”

But Bengard admitted that unforced errors gave the Tigers the momentum in a 24-26, 25-

20, 25-16, 17-25, 15-11 league victory.

“The matches were tight. These games are preparing us for district, when every point is going to count,” she said. “During this game, it seemed like we were beating ourselves. We were making silly mistakes and not serving the ball well.”

Warn had eight kills and two blocks to go with an ace and five digs.

Rogers chimed in with a team-high nine kills and an ace, while Youren served a pair of aces.

Fillmore had three kills and two blocks, and Carson served two aces and carded four kills. Caywood notched six assists.

MARSING HUSKIES



Student Athlete Spotlight

Becky Carter Senior Volleyball

The Play: In Marsing’s last three games, Carter has racked up four digs and two aces.

Coach’s take: “She is a defensive specialist. She has really, really improved on her defense. Becky has improved and is making sure she is in the spot she needs to be and reading the hitters well. This is her fourth year playing volleyball and first year on varsity.”

— Loma Bittick



Football

Varsity - Friday, Oct. 21, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity - Thursday, Oct. 20, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4 p.m.

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✓ Marsing: Preps for McCall on Friday

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that happened.”

Following the penalty assessment, the Huskies (5-2 overall, 2-2 2A WIC) turned the ball over, and the Chargers (4-3, 2-2) marched down the field to tie the game 21-21 with a little over seven minutes left in the third quarter.

On Saturday, athletic director Tim Little sent an email asking for clarification on the ruling to the District III officials’ commissioner.

The commissioner responded to Little and the coaches via email after he had talked with the head official:

“...there were two unsportsmanlike fouls on a play that resulted in a touchdown. (The referee) and the crew admit that the application of the rule was enforced incorrectly. This was an error by the whole crew and cannot be blamed to anyone individual on the crew. However, the white hat is ultimately responsible for penalty enforcement.”

Despite the controversy surrounding the touchdown, Wood realizes there will always be situations where calls could go either way and “that is just the way it goes.”

The Huskies dominated the first half, trading touchdowns in the opening minutes with the Chargers. Jason Galligan pulled in a Williams pass for the first TD of the game. Thirty seconds later, Cole Valley the end zone after a Mitchell Vanderwiell completion.

Less than 10 seconds later, Tristan Jacobi weaved his way 80 yards down the field on the kickoff for another touchdown. The Huskies’ final strike of the game would come in the opening minutes of the second quarter again on a Williams-to-Galligan connection.

On the night, senior kicker Jose Quiroz would remain perfect leading up to the final minutes of the game.

Quiroz lined up for a 37-yard field goal attempt with five seconds on the clock. His kick cleared the defense, but squarely pegged the lower crossbar of the uprights, sending the game into overtime.

“Missing the field goal at the end isn’t Jose’s fault. It gave us a chance to win, but it isn’t his fault,” Wood said. “The kids played hard, but we left every opportunity for Cole Valley to stay in the game with us. You can’t leave those opportunities out there.”

In the Kansas City-style overtime, Marsing was given the ball first but failed to punch the

ball into the end zone, setting up another Quiroz kick. It appeared his attempt was tipped by defense, causing the ball to go astray, Wood said.

During the Chargers’ possession, the Huskies’ defense held its ground, forcing Cole Valley’s first kicking attempt of the night. Conor Hebert placed the 25-yard kick directly through goal posts to clinch the battle.

“The defensive game was good. Our guys played hard and made some key stops,” Wood said. “The turnovers and penalties hurt us. You can’t have them this late in the season. We have to clean them up to compete. (Some of our athletes) just play with more emotion than others, which causes many of the penalties.”

— JLZ

7 p.m., Friday Marsing hosts McCall-Donnelly

Marsing High School bid farewell to 10 seniors as the Huskies host McCall-Donnelly.

The team will be without two seniors, Huskies coach Jaime Wood said. The 5-foot-10, 205-pound lineman Grayson Kendall is in Indianapolis at the National FFA Convention. Another unidentified senior will be out due to personal reasons.

“I still believe we have the best team in the league,” Wood said. “If we cut down on the penalties and turnovers and play our game, that is all we can ask. We will go out and play our game. The defense will change up a little bit. I truly believe that if we don’t get penalties, we won’t get turnovers, we won’t get beat.”

The Vandals are coming off a 26-6 loss at home against New Plymouth. A win in Friday’s game against the Vandals will somewhat shore up where the Huskies will compete in a 2A state play-in game.

Wood said if Marsing controls the 60-minute game and utilizes a home-field advantage, the Huskies could lock up the third seed, putting them on the road. If Cole Valley Christian loses at Melba, it would bump the Huskies into second place with the ability to host a first-round game.

If Marsing takes the third seed, the Huskies would travel to District I to play the second-place team. With a Cole Valley loss and a Huskies win, they would potentially host a District IV team.

“We will have to win and Cole Valley will have to lose to get that second-place spot,” Wood said.

Nampa Christian locked up first place in the league with its 35-14 win over Melba last week, leaving Cole Valley, Marsing, New Plymouth and McCall in a jumble for second through fourth in the final games of the season.

Rimrock, Jordan Valley on opposite ends of streaks

Two Owyhee-area eight-man football teams split their daytime contests Friday.

Rimrock High School picked up its fourth consecutive victory, drubbing host Greenleaf Friends Academy, 58-12, in a 1A, Div. I game.

The Raiders (5-1 overall, 4-0 in conference) visits Horseshoe Bend for a 7 p.m. kickoff

Friday.

In Dayville, Ore., Jordan Valley scored its most points since Week 2 but fell, 64-20, in a 1A High Desert League game against Dayville/Monument.

Jordan Valley (3-3, 0-3 in league) takes a three-game losing streak into a 2 p.m. home game Friday against league foe Spray/Mitchell.

✓ Homedale: Looks to use bye week to get kids healthy

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“You want to pass, but at the same time, getting that much pressure, we’re trying to protect Trey as it is.”

Sophomore running back Ali Garcia was bottled up as well. He gained 38 yards on 13 carries. Corta had 20 yards on eight carries, while completing just three of nine passes for 39 yards. His longest completion was a 23-yard strike to Brett Shanley on the game’s second play from scrimmage.

Meanwhile, Boise State-bound quarterback Joe Martarano was a force for Fruitland. He completed six of nine throws for 104 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed four times for 144 yards and two more scores.

Fruitland used the Wing T formation to perfection. With power, deception and speed, the Grizzlies chewed up large areas of real estate.

Martarano scored on runs of 50 and 32 yards, and Daulton Blackwell had a 44-yarder and opened the game with a one-yard scoring blast.

“They do a very good job of coaching up their kids. The nice thing about it is that they run that program from the junior high to the JV. They run the same stuff over and over and by the time they get to varsity they’ve got their program down pat,” Holtry said.

“They’ve set their program up for success. They’ve done it the right way.”

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Deer hunting cow lick

I’ve got a mule deer hangin’ on my wall from northern New Mexico so I could relate to Rafael’s story.

He had joined two of his cousins for a deer hunting trip near Cuba, N.M., where his uncle had a cabin. They arrived late and missed the first day because cousin Dee Dee was going through changes in her life. To be fair, Dee Dee was a good hunter, so her ditsy behavior was unexpected.

Rafael had agreed to guide, cook and pack. He was up at 5 a.m. getting the cook stove ready, the firewood gathered and making a racket. By 5:30, he could hear Dee Dee getting ready. A waft of something floral floated from her room. A sugary sweet lilac scent filled the cabin and made his coffee taste funny!

“What the heck are you doing?” he asked.

“Putting on lotion,” she answered. “Women of a certain age need to protect their skin.”

He knew she was recently divorced and maybe she was trying to be more desirable. That could explain her mood swings. He was understanding.

They left the cabin at 6:30 a.m. Rafael knew the better hunting areas, so he led. In his backpack he stuck in a bottle of water, a skinning knife, twine and trail mix for himself. The rest of his backpack carried her essentials: Sugarless Gatorade, cookies, sardines, crackers, smoked oysters, aspirin, Alka-Seltzer, toothpaste, toothbrush, energy bars, peanut butter, hair brush, half a cantaloupe, matches, Steno, clean T-shirt and socks, binoculars, extra ammo, GPS, two-way radio and TP. All this in spite of the fact that he had casually reminded her that they planned to be back to the cabin by Beer:30.

By 10 a.m., they had picked a blind along a well-traveled trail. In a short time, they heard a small herd of cows coming their way. They had been handled and were not spooked by the humans. Bringin’ up drag was a big red-brown Beef Master bull. He sniffed the air and cautiously walked toward our hunters. Dee Dee got itchy.

“Just don’t move,” whispered Rafael, “Don’t be aggressive, and he won’t hurt you.”

They stood like Easter Island statues as Big Red walked up to Rafael and took a mighty whiff! Then he stepped to Dee Dee. “Hold still,” she heard Rafael say. She froze in fear, her eyeballs about to pop out. Big Red stretched out his huge neck, ran out his big ol’ slobbery tongue and licked Dee Dee across the mouth!

Epilogue: the bull ran over Rafael trying to escape Dee Dee’s screaming! Rafael went down, smashing the cantaloupe in his backpack trying to escape! And Dee Dee hung her pant leg upside down on a barb wire fence trying to get away! Finally they managed to evade a swarm of bees by dousing Dee Dee with toothpaste and the sugarless Gatorade mix. It came off like stucco.

— *Baxter’s back in Idaho this week, taking in the Trailing of the Sheep in Sun Valley on Saturday. Can’t get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books and DVDs.*

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Time for some good news



Got a phone call last week from someone pleading that we put some good news in the paper.

We weren’t able to cover the specific event this gentleman spoke of — a World War II veteran taking the first airplane ride of his life — but the caller did shed light on a fantastic point.

Too often newspapers get bogged down in reporting the hard news, which lately has been less than uplifting.

Even news junkies like myself welcome, encourage — heck — crave good news.

That was a minor force behind honoring veterans this November with biographical vignettes about their service either in wartime or peace time.

We have received three submissions thus far, but with Veterans Day — and the cool date of 11-11-11 — fast-approaching, it would be great to see more come into the office.

All veterans are welcome to tell their stories and submit photos. Service photos are preferred, but if none are available, veterans are welcome to call the Avalanche office and make an appointment to have a photo taken.

We’re looking for all the different slices of life the soldier, airman, sailor or Marine experiences while in the service — from the heroism of battle to the hilarity of R&R.

While we hope that such a feature would be enjoyable for readers there, of course, is a more profound reason for opening the pages of the Avalanche to the recollections and remembrances.

Veterans Day is a time to remember those who have served to preserve our freedoms.

That would, of course, include those who are currently deployed or recently returned from deployment in the Middle East. People such as Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, who is back on the job after the 116th Brigade Combat Team deployment to Iraq; or Frankie Garrett, the Canyon County apple grower who spent part of his youth island-hopping in the Pacific as part of the famous Amphibious Scouts and Raiders in World War II.

Of course, there are many other veterans’ stories to be told, and it is our hope that we can help share as many as possible in our Nov. 9 edition.

Readers can do their part by submitting the stories of family members who have served or currently are serving in any branch of the military.

We welcome details of the person’s service, including theaters of war and commendations, if they apply. A contact number for the service member or the person submitting the information would be helpful, too, in case we want to do some follow-up.

Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday, Nov. 2.

It is preferred that submissions are made by email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com or john@owyheeavalanche.com. Other ways to submit veterans stories and photos include mail at The Owyhee Avalanche, Attn.: Veterans Day, P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628 or by dropping off the information at the Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

For more information, call (208) 337-4681 and ask for a news staffer.

With your help, the Avalanche would like to give more than just a handshake of thanks to the country’s heroes this Veterans Day.

Accuracy In Media Operation Fast and Furious is a scandal that can no longer be denied

by Roger Aronoff

The usual truism is that many politicians make the mistake of not coming completely clean when allegations of wrongdoing surface. The cover-up, it is said, is often worse than the underlying crime or ethical violation. This has often been cited as the mistake made by people including Richard Nixon (Watergate break-in), Bill Clinton (Lewinsky, not to mention Filegate and Travelgate), and John Edwards (love child and cheating on his cancer-stricken wife). More recently, Anthony Weiner. There is a long list.

But in some cases, the crime, or lapse in judgment, is definitely worse than the cover-up. That appears to be the case in a simmering scandal engulfing the Obama administration that the mainstream media have tried their best to ignore for many months. It is known as Operation Fast and Furious.

It involves the Obama Justice Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). It involves some 1,500 guns, about 1,000 of which ended up in Mexico, and a Border agent, Brian Terry, who was murdered with weapons found near the scene of the crime in Arizona. The weapons were among 57 linked to Fast and Furious which have been tied to at least 11 violent crimes in the U.S., including the Terry murder. The Justice Department, while largely stonewalling, has admitted this much to Congress, as reported by The Los Angeles Times. In addition, at least 200 people have been killed or wounded in Mexico with weapons linked to the operation.

There has been some reporting on the incident in the

mainstream press, but not much. Congressional hearings have taken place under the chairmanship of Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.). Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) has led the way in the Senate. But they have mostly been met by a stonewalling Justice Department.

There has been some good reporting by Sharyl Attkisson of CBS News, and Brian Ross of ABC News. Fox News has been all over the story, and Sean Hannity had a one-hour special back in July devoted to this emerging scandal. Others in the conservative media have done an excellent job, including Pajamas Media, Michelle Malkin, Andy McCarthy of National Review Online, American Thinker, WorldNetDaily, the Heritage Foundation and Andrew Breitbart through his many platforms, among others. This has perhaps been why the mainstream media have largely ignored the story. Even when they have reported it, they have gone to great lengths to be sure that it didn’t implicate President Obama, much less his Attorney General Eric Holder, for anything other than being out of the loop.

But that may have ended with recent revelations that the federal government apparently purchased weapons and sold them directly to criminals in Mexico. As Michael Walsh of the New York Post wrote, “the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives apparently ordered one of its own agents to purchase firearms with taxpayer money, and sell them directly to a Mexican drug cartel. Let that sink in: After months of pretending that ‘Fast and Furious’ was a botched surveillance operation of illegal gun-running spearheaded by the ATF and the

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Commentary

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Flipping houses is a dicey way to build a down payment

Dear Dave,

I live in New York, and even though I follow your advice and live on a budget, it's really hard to save up for a down payment on a house. My family in South Carolina advised me to buy cheaper property down there, fix it up and flip it to get the money I need. Does this sound like a good plan to you?

— Adrian

Dear Adrian,

I wouldn't do it. Fixing and flipping properties is a very hands-on business, and trying to do it from another state could be a nightmare - especially with the weirdness in today's economy.

When you take on this kind of work you need to oversee what's happening every step of the way. You're also working out the details, and keeping an eye on the crew to make sure they're doing things right. Besides, you can't just walk up to a house, buy it, and



expect to get a great deal.

Professionals who flip houses for a living often look at 100 or more properties to buy just one. It's not an easy way to make money, and it's definitely not something to consider doing from a distance.

Just keep on working the budget and save as much as you can. You might even consider getting a part-time job for a while to bring in some extra cash. But waiting and saving up is a lot smarter plan than fixing and flipping houses 900 miles away!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My girlfriend and I recently

got engaged, and our parents are contributing financially to the wedding. We've noticed that both sets of parents are pressing their ideas of what they'd like the wedding to be like, who to invite and who to include in the wedding party. I know in the end it's our call, but traditionally do parents have some kind of say if they contribute money to help pay for the wedding?

— Chris

Dear Chris,

No. Traditionally, they take a say. And traditionally they're a pain in the behind! But they only interfere because they're so excited and love you so much. They want to be part of the happiness and for everything to be perfect.

As soon as they deliver a little girl, lots of mothers start planning their daughter's wedding. They've had several years to dream and form an opinion on this, and your

fiancé's mom has probably been doing it, too.

Since this is such an emotional event, I think you two need to have some reasonable boundaries. But you also should keep in mind that your parents are just as excited – if not more – than you guys are. When you come to a disagreement tell them firmly, but gently, that you love them, but you're going to do things your way. If they're footing part of the bill they'd have the right to decide not to pay for something, but unless there's some moral issue involved they probably won't act badly.

I think if you just step back and take a breath you'll realize what a big deal this is to everyone involved. Chances are you'll also be able to come up with some creative ways to allow them to participate without your wedding losing its identity.

My biggest suggestion to you is to make sure that you're the

buffer between your fiancé and the parents. Don't let anyone push her around, and do everything you can to make sure your wedding is what you both want it to be!

— Dave

— *Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of The Total Money Makeover. His new book, EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Wisdom from the Trenches, is available at retail outlets now. He also is the host of The Dave Ramsey Show that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. He also has a radio call-in show. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027*

Letters to the editor

Letter-writer: Homedale-Marsing PD worth a look

I was raised in Homedale and still have relatives is Owyhee County, so I am interested in the happenings of the county. It appears there are issues with the sheriff's office and Marsing needs police protection.

Has anyone thought about looking into a combined Homedale-Marsing police department? I know this is "out there" in thinking, but it could have real benefits for both communities. The main department would still be in Homedale, but Marsing would be able to get a patrol officer

and coverage at what should be a reasonable price. It's a lot closer to Homedale than Murphy.

I realize this would take some serious research and commitment on both Homedale and Marsing City Halls as well as Homedale's Chief of Police, but it may have merit.

Just a thought.

Robert T. Simon
Boise

Letter-writer: It's time for the sheriff to give up his post

What part of no confidence does the sheriff not get? The sheriff must have a very narcissistic attitude if he still thinks he is not in the wrong on this one.

When you have the majority of people not happy with your performance, it is time to give it up. When you have the Attorney General investigating you, not once but twice, and the FBI doing the same, it is time to give it up.

He is no more than a puppet to his own ego. He thinks he is above the law. He thinks his self-worth is more than it is worth. In other words, he just doesn't get that he is a big joke to the people.

The people, county and the state have had enough of his mishandling of funds, employees, and the well-being of the communities involved.

When you fire people who had been serving the community for years because you are afraid they might

cause you a problem or they may know more than you do, it is time to give it up.

There has been a great deal of lack of communication on his part, and if he thinks everyone should acknowledge him as a "leader". Come on, when your staff is accused of stealing in the jail, not showing up to meetings, your consistent investigation by authorities, you are not a leader and have not earned the respect of a goat.

It's time to give it up. I don't think there is anyone that believes a thing he says. How can he sleep at night knowing that people are not happy with his performance? He should be aware that his time is limited and should simply give it up for the good of the People, the County and the State.

Deborah Even
Boise

✓ Cover-up: Increased violence at U.S. border

From Page 18

US Attorney's office in Phoenix, it turns out that the government itself was selling guns to the bad guys."

This revelation may prove to be the game changer, and force the Obama administration to turn this over to an independent counsel.

Recently the story gained critical mass in the establishment media. CNN decided it can no longer duck and cover, and shield the Obama administration from a scandal that has the potential to make Whitewater and Watergate pale by comparison. Anderson Cooper deserves a lot of credit for putting this story together. In a long overdue report, he detailed much of what is known so far, including comments from Rep. Issa talking about the stonewalling he has met from the Justice Department, and comments from Sheriff Paul Babeu of Pinal County in Arizona, who talked about the betrayal and potential criminal activity perpetrated by U.S. government officials.

Cooper's reporter on this story, Drew Griffin, tried to explain a possible motive for Fast and Furious. He said that "the operation makes no sense." So in attempting to explain it, he invoked the usual bogeymen. "So what's the real purpose?," Griffin asked. "The lack of sense, the apparent cover-up has opened the door now for these conspiracy theorists. And you got to follow this. They believe this was part of a convoluted plan for the Obama administration and the attorney general to actually increase the level of violence on the Mexican border with assault weapons purchased in the U.S. in an apparent attempt to rekindle interest in an assault weapons ban. As wacky as that may sound, I must tell you that theory is gaining traction, not just among the Second Amendment crowd, because this operation makes no other sense."

Griffin is correct that such theories are out there. But until some independent entity can get to the bottom of this, hopefully with the cooperation of the Obama administration rather than the stonewalling and obstruction that has characterized their response up to now, the reasons for the operation might remain theoretical. Let's see if the cover-up proves worse than the crimes.

— Roger Aronoff is the editor of Accuracy in Media. He can be contacted at roger.aronoff@aim.org.

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 8 election until noon on Friday, Oct. 28.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer

Submit letters in one of four methods:

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

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

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

October 23, 1986

Audit: Marsing schools began with \$106,550 deficit

The trustees of the Marsing School District learned last Tuesday evening that the district began the fiscal year with a deficit of \$106,550.

The figure was included in the 1985-86 audit compiled by the firm of Dille, Crandall and Swenson of Nampa.

Further information from the audit showed that expenses exceeded revenues during the fiscal year by \$145,620. A fund balance from the previous year of \$39,074 resulted in the bottom line deficit of \$106,550, the audit showed.

Specific areas reflected in the audit showing over-expenditures of the budget were: Administration: district clerk \$2,004, office personnel \$1,080, contracted services \$2,461, travel \$3,115, and supplies \$1,432.

Instruction: Although the total budget for instruction was not overspent, several specific items were. Three line items in this category were not budgeted for, but expenses were accrued. They included benefits \$8,267, counselor salary \$22,324, and librarian salary \$30,678. Other line items in the instruction category which expenditures exceeded budget included secondary teacher subs \$5,472, ancillary teacher aides \$19, elementary supplies \$936, secondary supplies \$9,898, secondary textbooks \$9, principal salaries \$8,375, secretary salaries \$799, and travel \$3,487.

Transportation: The district overspent the budget in transportation on every line item except “other.” Individually, by line item, deficits appeared in mechanics salaries \$2,048, drivers salaries \$9,391, contracted services (not budgeted) \$9,251, insurance \$6,683, repairs \$21,543, fuel \$1,959. The total deficit spending in the transportation department was \$47,875.

Local teen among group to Wash. DC

A Homedale youth was one of three youths to attend the National 4-H Teen leadership program Profiles for Tomorrow at the National 4-H Center in Washington, DC. The program was held October 10-13.

Attending were Tracy Leavitt of Homedale, Alicia Johann of Genesee, and Toni Sutton of Midvale.

The purpose of the program is to provide leadership training to teen-age 4-H members serving in leadership roles and to involve teens in program development and in assessing community needs.

McCall captured by Trojans 40-0

It took only a minute and 13 seconds for the Homedale Trojans to set the pace against the McCall-Donnelly Vandals last Friday night at Deward Bell Stadium.

And the Vandals went home with no more points than they arrived with. The Trojans shut out the Vandals 40-0.

On the third play of the game (the Trojans received the kickoff) Steve Purdom broke loose from the pack for a 63-yard run, scoring the first TD of the game.

The second quarter saw the home team break loose from the clutches of the M-D defense, as Purdom made another TD with a near-record run of 95 yards. Shortly after Purdom’s long run, Ryan Nash nearly matched it with a 93-yard dash to the uprights. Then it was Purdom again. This time he took it in with a pass from QB Cook for another 57 yards and another six points.

In the final quarter, Nash gathered up a pass and went 32 yards for the final touchdown of the game.

About folks you know

Alice Edmiston, Homedale 4-H leader and coordinator for the exchange program in Owyhee County, attended the Idaho State Forum and International Coordinators workshop in Sun Valley last weekend, Oct. 16-18. Theme for the seminar was ‘4-H Leaders Sculpture the Future.’

Dr. Jim Kern, San Antonio, Texas, who speaks throughout the United States to teachers, young people and their leaders, was guest speaker. “Understanding Ourselves and Others” was his keynote address on Friday. “Joy in Realizing Our Potential” was the topic of his talk on Saturday.

50 years ago

October 26, 1961

Highway 51 Association elects officers at Marsing

The Highway 51 Association, which held its annual meeting at Marsing last Thursday, re-elected its current officers.

They are Arson Alzola, Roland, Nev., president; Mrs. Carl Agenbroad, Bruneau, secretary-treasurer; and Ed Riddle, Riddle, vice president.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce arranged the dinner at the Marsing grade school multi-purpose room that preceded the business meeting at the Wo-He-Lo clubhouse attended by 84 persons.

Sen. Church hopeful for 51

Senator Church told the Chronicle this week that the Bureau of Public Roads has assured him it will give “very careful consideration” to a request for \$300,000 for Highway 51, in Owyhee County.

Earlier this month Church urged Federal Highway Administrator Rex M. Whitton to allocate that amount of money from public lands funds for improvement of the section of the highway between the Duck Valley Indian reservation and Bruneau.

“We have requested the states to propose projects for the allocations of the \$3 million authorized for the fiscal year 1963,” Whitton wrote Church.

Marsing routs Wilder 68-0

A business-like Marsing eleven recovered a first period fumble, scored quickly and went on to rout an outmanned Wilder squad by a score of 68-0 in a game at Wilder in the rain Friday night.

According to the Wilder coach, “It was simply a case of too much Marsing and too many Wilder fumbles.”

Wilder fumbled the opening kickoff on its own 30-yard line and Marsing recovered. Three plays later the Huskies were across the goal line.

Fullback Larry Kirk of Marsing scored three times, tailback Jim Percifield four times, one of which was a 70-yard run of the second half kickoff. Quarterback Brad Arnold scored once and passed to Givens for another Kirk ran 40 yards after interception of a Wilder pass and Dennis, who ordinarily plays back tackle, assumed a backfield position and scored on a plunge from six yards out.

Trojans dump Notus 42 to 2

Scoring in every quarter on a wet field, Homedale celebrated Homecoming with a 42-2 Snake River Valley B League rout of the Notus High eleven here Friday evening.

Homedale fullback Jim McClure and halfback Glenn Kushlan accounted for all six touchdowns, and five of the conversion points.

Notus earned its two-point safety in the second quarter when Kushlan was tackled behind the goal line on the soft field.

Homedale has won three and lost two.

Homedale Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Seattle, Wash., visited Mrs. Elizabeth Batt Tuesday. A dinner was given in honor of the Davises Sunday by Mrs. Irvin Hetrick.

The Mmes. Boyd Jemmett, Leslie Selders, Dave Phelps, George Keith and Ron Pottinger attended a Thursday Musicale meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Hulse of Notus.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brant of Boise were in Homedale and Marsing Saturday to attend the grand opening of the new banks. They also visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Murray have returned home after spending five days in Utah visiting their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Lew Buck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Manning and daughter of Boise were weekend guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Manning.

140 years ago

October 21, 1871

TWO LITTLE GIRLS were gravely discussing the question of wearing earrings. One thought it wicked; the other was sure it could not be, as so many good people wore them. The other replied, “Well I don’t care; if it wasn’t wicked God would have made holes in our ears.”

LOCAL MINING RECORD. The Oro Fino is now yielding 30 tons per day of fine looking ore. Proposals will be received till noon to-day, by Mr. Thomas, foreman of the mine, for running a 50-foot drift in the second level, south of the shaft. The drift is to be 4 feet wide and 6½ feet high. The contractor will be required to pay 7 1/2 cents for each drill sharpened; other tools will be supplied and sharpened free of charge. Candles will be furnished at \$6 per box; black powder, \$7.50 per keg; Giant powder, \$1.50 per pound; fuse, 2 cents per foot; handles, 60 cents each.

The Home Retreat, situated a short distance above the War Eagle mine, and owned by John Grete, Fred Grete and Fred Reunter, is looking well. The shaft is down 45 feet and drifting is going on both north and south. The vein is from 16 inches to 3 feet in width and easily worked, requiring but little blasting. They now have out 65 tons of ore, which is being worked at the Webfoot mill. It is chiefly gold bearing and, judging from the appearance of the amalgam, will pay handsomely.

Superintendent Davis is making numerous improvements at the Golden Chariot. A structure, 20x24 feet, is being added to the front of the main shaft house, and a building, 28x30 feet, in which to assort ore is being erected. Extensive snow sheds are also in course of the construction.

The Morning Star shaft is now down 130 feet. Edgerton & Co. will sink it 100 feet deeper and then drift north a distance of 200 feet in order to connect with the lower level formerly worked by Moore & Fogus. The mine then will be in splendid shape to yield ore.

The Noonday is still yielding a rich quality of ore.

The latest information quotes Golden Chariot at \$16; War Eagle, \$8½; Ida Elmore, \$3½; Mahogany, \$9½.

Wells Fargo & Co. shipped from here this week 10 bars of bullion, valued at \$14,659.90.

SOME SQUASH-OWYHEE AHEAD. The Baker City *Democrat* is blowing about a squash raised in that vicinity which weighs 73 pounds. Pretty good squashes, gentlemen, but rather small in comparison to those produced in Owyhee. There is one on exhibition at the store of S. Lebrecht, in this town, which is egg-shaped, 5 feet 8 inches in circumference, and weighs 106 pounds. This mammoth squash was raised in Tracy & Bacheler’s garden on Trout Creek, and if Nevada, Webfoot or any other place can beat it we would like to know it.

RELIEF FOR CHICAGO. Last Saturday, Acting Governor, E.J. Curtis, issued a proclamation to the citizens of Idaho recommending contributions in aid of the suffering and unfortunate people of Chicago. But Silver City, ever willing to aid the needy, did not wait to be reminded of its duty by the Executive. On the same day that the proclamation was issued, and two days before its arrival here, \$642.50, in coin, was collected and immediately dispatched to the destitute and homeless inhabitants of the ill-fated city. Besides this the Odd Fellows of Silver City nobly gave \$100 to there suffering brethren in Chicago, and other societies here will doubtless contribute to the same worthy end.

TOBACCO SEIZURE. On the 16th street inst. Internal Revenue Collector, J. C. Geer, seized about 1,200 pounds of tobacco belonging to Sam Heidelberger of this place. Sam purchased the tobacco at the Camp Three Forks Government sale, on the 29th of July last, and says that he had no intention of defrauding the United States as under the circumstances, he did not suppose the tobacco was subject to the revenue tax. He will lose about \$300 by the transaction.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2011

Payment of bills approved from the following funds: Current Expense \$31,868, Road & Bridge \$14,924, District Court \$1,855, County Fair \$1,400, Fair Grounds \$9,217, Probation \$894, Museum \$100, Indigent & Charity \$43,299, Revaluation \$449, Solid Waste \$1,472, Tort \$52,902, Weed \$63, 911 \$41.

Polling places approved for the November 8th Election as follows: City of Grand View-Eastern Owyhee Library City of Marsing- County Extension Office City of Homedale & Homedale Fire- Homedale City Hall

Certificates of residency approved for tuition assistance for students attending CWI. Approved contract with AAA of Jerome for waste disposal in the Three Creek area. Approved re signing of Idaho Power Law Enforcement Agreement. Approved letter to BLM on Parkinson right-of-way.

Continued Order to Show Cause Findings on Wilke. Indigent & charity; 11-47, 11-48 liens approved, 11-46 approved, 11-45 denied. Approved Road Maintenance Agreement with Silver Falcon Mining and Earll Excavation. Letter approved to BLM requesting gravel from community pit. Meeting with Western Alliance. The complete minutes can be viewed on owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.

10/19/11

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Ecology Idaho, Inc. (USEI) is hereby providing notice of a recent Class 3 Permit Modification in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 270.42(c). This permit modification request is for the design, construction, operation, monitoring, and closure of new landfill cell 16 to increase waste disposal capacities at Site B in Grand View, Idaho. The required 60 day comment period shall begin on the date of publication of this notice in the Idaho Statesman. All comments should be addressed to:

Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255 Attention: Ms. Kim Custer

A Public Meeting shall be held regarding this Class 3 Modification request at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School in Owyhee County at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Copies of the request for modification and supporting documentation are available for viewing and copying at the following locations:

State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho

US Ecology Idaho, Inc., 20400 Lemley Road, Grand View, Idaho

Eastern Owyhee County Library, Grand View, Idaho

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) contact for request for permit modifications is Ms. Kim Custer at (208) 373-0130. USEI's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the IDEQ contact person.

If you have any questions regarding this Permit Modification, please feel free to contact the USEI's contact person, Mr. Matt Alvarado at (208) 834-2275, or Ms. Kim Custer with the Idaho Department Environmental

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT PO BOX 67 HOMEDALE, ID 83628 OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2011, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2009, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before December 31, 2011, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above named address.

Person	Property	Year	Delinquent Assessment	Interest to	Misc Costs
Assessed	Description	Assessed	& Penalty	12/31/09	
Robert/ Rhonda Chioino	Sec. 17, T3N R5W Pt SW SW	2009	400.86	141.48	47.25
Walter/ Leona Garrison	Sec. 17, T3N, R4W Pt Lot 5	2009	141.03	49.79	47.25
Walter/ Leona Garrison	Sec. 17, T3N, R4W Pt Lot 5	2009	300.90	106.20	47.25
Scott Jensen	Sec. 28, T3N, R4W Pt NE SE	2009	300.90	106.20	47.25
Adan Ponce	Sec. 31, T3N, R4W Pt NE SW	2009	117.98	41.64	47.25
Jeff/ Rebecca Wasson	Sec. 21, T3N, R4W Pt SW	2009	100.98	35.64	47.25

Dated this 12th day of October, 2011
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Connie Chadez, Treasurer
10/12,19,26;11/2/11

Quality for further information at (208) 373-0130.
10/19/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0182380 Title Order No. 090869542IDGNO Parcel No. RP 0035 000 10050 A 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 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, on 02/13/2012 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 07/22/2008 as Instrument Number 265684, and executed by JORDAN J. RELK ANDERINE. RELK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., 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 5, BLOCK 1, ROYAL VISTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 239203, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. 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, 2562 ROYAL VISTA DRIVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 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 a 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 that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.375% 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 \$242,470.50, 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: 09/29/2011 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 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee /S/ Melody Dewald ASAP# 4100889
10/12,19,26;11/2/11

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 10:00 o'clock A.M. (recognized local time) on February 7, 2012, on the Front Steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, Scott D. Stufflebeam, Attorney At Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 5, Big Sky Estates No. 2, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed April 22, 1988 as Instrument No. 194804 in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2413. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of

609 Selway Dr., Homedale, Idaho is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Annabelle Machuca, an unmarried person, as Grantors, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, recorded April 13, 2009, as Instrument No. 267927, all records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make the monthly installment due on the 13th day of each and every month. As of August 18, 2011, the account is \$2,903.20 delinquent and the monthly payments are \$517.27. The last payment was made on February 13, 2011.

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. The balance now due is \$93,250.51 in Principal; Interest is \$1,900.80 subsidy granted is \$2,674.32 and fees currently assessed are \$49.08 computed through August 18, 2011 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of 10.2192. Interest continues to accrue. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2413.

DATED October 4, 2011

/s/ Scott D. Stufflebeam, Attorney At Law
Successor Trustee
10/12,19,26;11/2/11

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION(S) HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 2-10465 DALE VAN ES, JACKIE VAN ES, 8222 DESERT DR, MARSING, ID 8363

Point of Diversion L1(NWNW) S23 T02N R04W OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary COLUMBIA RIVER Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 3.59 CFS
Total Diversion: 3.59 CFS
Date Filed: 5/23/2011
P l a c e O f U s e : STOCKWATER
T02N R04W S28 NESW NWSW SWSW
T02N R04W S29 NESE SESE

The application proposes an alternate source of stockwater for a dairy only.

No expansion of dairy herd. Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp for a full description of the right(s). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before

November 7, 2011. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Interim Director
10/19,26/11

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SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV11-1884
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
COLLECTION BUREAU,
INC., an Idaho corporation,
Plaintiff,
-vs- BOB ALLEN, Defendant.
TO: THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANT(S):
You have been sued by the
above named Plaintiff.
The nature of the claim against
you is monies due and owing.
Anytime after 20 days
following the last publication
of this summons, the court may
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without further notice, unless
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form, including the case number,
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served a copy of your response
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Complaint can be obtained by
contacting either the Clerk of the
Court of the attorney for Plaintiff.
If you wish legal assistance, you
should immediately retain an
attorney to advise you in this
matter.
DATED this 5th day of October,
2011.
Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of
the Court
Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
10/19,26;11/2,9/11

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE
CASE NO. CV 2011-1969M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, a s
CUSTODIAN/TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
THOMAS M. RICKS,
Defendant.
Under and by virtue of a Writ of
Execution issued out of the above-
entitled Court, in the above-
entitled action, dated September
15, 2011, wherein the plaintiff
obtained an Amended Judgment
and Decree of Foreclosure
against the defendant THOMAS
M. RICKS, on the 12th day of
September, 2011, determining
that the plaintiff is owed the sum
of \$477,381.85, I have levied
upon all right, title, interest and
claim of said defendant of, in and
to the following described real
property, appurtenances, fixtures,
personal property and water rights
located in Owyhee County, Idaho,
to-wit:
REAL PROPERTY:
IN TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH,
RANGE 3 EAST, BOISE
MERIDIAN, OWYHEE
COUNTY, IDAHO Section 25,
being fractions of West half
Northwest Quarter, Southeast
Quarter Northwest Quarter,
Southwest Quarter, Northwest
Quarter Southeast Quarter,
Section 26, being fractions of East
Half Northeast Quarter, Northeast
Quarter Southeast Quarter,
more particularly described as
follows:
BEGINNING at the Northwest
corner of Northeast Quarter
Northeast Quarter, Section 26,
Township 5 South, Range 3 East,

Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,
Idaho; thence
South 0°03' East a distance
of 2600 feet to a point on the
West boundary line of East Half
Northeast Quarter; thence
South 9°54' East, a distance of
249.5 feet to a point on the East
right-of-way line of the Grand
View Mutual Canal; thence
North 78°16' East along a ditch
433.0 feet to a point thence
South 80°04' East along a ditch
145.5 feet to a point thence
South 36°04' East along a ditch
430.0 feet to a point thence
South 77°04' East along a ditch
209.5 feet to a point thence
South 69°16' East along a ditch
700.0 feet to a point thence
South 57°56' East along a ditch
200.0 feet to a point thence
South 37°56' East along a ditch
600.0 feet to a point thence
South 58°56' East along a ditch
692.0 feet to the centerline of
Shoofly Creek; thence
North 56°03' East, a distance
of 1690.4 feet more or less to a
point on the Southwest sideline
of the R/W of Grand View Canal;
thence Northwest along the above
R/W line of the Grand View
Canal, a distance of 4488 feet,
more or less, to a point on the
North Section line of Section 25,
Township 5 South, Range 3 East,
Boise Meridian; thence
North 89°57' West a distance
of 1403 feet, more or less, to the
Northwest corner of Northeast
Quarter Northeast Quarter, THE
POINT OF BEGINNING.
IN TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH,
RANGE 3 EAST, BOISE
MERIDIAN, OWYHEE
COUNTY, IDAHO A parcel
of land lying in the following
Sections:
Section 25: Fractions of
Southeast Quarter Southwest
Quarter, West Half Southwest
Quarter
Section 26: Fractions of
Southeast Quarter
Section 35: Fractions of
Northeast Quarter
Section 36: Fractions of
Northwest Quarter Northwest
Quarter more particularly
described as follows:
BEGINNING at the Northwest
corner of Northeast Quarter
Northeast Quarter, Section 26,
Township 5 South, Range 3 East,
Boise Meridian, thence
South 0°03' East, 2600 feet
to THE TRUE POINT OF
BEGINNING; thence
South 0°03' East, 1360 feet to
the Northwest corner of Southeast
Quarter Southeast Quarter,
Section 26; thence West 553 feet
along the North boundary line
of Southwest Quarter Southeast
Quarter, Section 26 to a point on
said boundary line, 15 feet West of
the West side of Shoofly Canal (no
Grand View mutual Canal); thence
Southerly on a meandering line 15
feet West and parallel to the West
side of Shoofly Canal (now Grand
View Mutual Canal) for a distance
of 3571 feet, more or less, to a
point on the South boundary, also
referred to as the South sideline,
of Northwest Quarter Northeast
Quarter, Section 35, Township
5 South, Range 3 East, Boise
Meridian; thence East a distance
of 200 feet more or less to the
center of Shoofly Creek; thence
Northeasterly along the centerline
of Shoofly Creek a distance of
3592.58 feet more or less to a
point; thence
North 58°56' West along a ditch
692.0 feet to a point; thence
North 37°56' West along a ditch
600.0 feet to a point; thence
North 57°56' West along a ditch
200.0 feet to a point; thence

North 69°16' West along a ditch
700.0 feet to a point; thence
North 77°04' West along a ditch
209.5 feet to a point; thence
North 36°04' West along a ditch
430.0 feet to a point; thence
North 80°04' West along a ditch
145.5 feet to a point; thence
South 78°16' West along a ditch
433.0 feet to a point; thence
North 9°54' West, a distance
of 249.5 feet to the POINT OF
BEGINNING.
IN TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH,
RANGE 3 EAST, BOISE
MERIDIAN, OWYHEE
COUNTY, IDAHO Section 26:
A tract of land lying South and
East of the Grand View Mutual
Canal main canal in the Northwest
Quarter Northeast Quarter and
more particularly described as
follows:
BEGINNING at the Southeast
corner of Northwest Quarter
Southeast Quarter, Section 26,
Township 5 South, Range 3 East,
Boise Meridian, THE TRUE
POINT OF BEGINNING;
thence
North 0°03' East along the East
boundary line of the Northwest
Quarter Southeast Quarter, Section
26, as described above, 1,077.24
feet to a point on the Grand View
Mutual Canal thence
South 27°18' West, 235.52 feet
along the Grand View Mutual
Canal right-of-way to a point;
thence
South 31°27' West, 235.25 feet
along the Grand View Mutual
Canal right-of-way to a point;
thence
South 55°20' West, 217.40 feet
along the Grand View Mutual
Canal right-of-way to a point;
thence

South 19°23' West 357.42 feet
along the Grand View Mutual
Canal right-of-way to a point;
thence
South 8°04' West, 93.55 feet
along the Grand View Mutual
Canal right-of-way to a point;
thence
South 16°51' West, 114.31
feet to a point on the South
boundary line of the Northwest
Quarter Southeast Quarter of
Section 26; thence East 554.8
feet along the South boundary
line of the Northwest Quarter
Southeast Quarter of Section
26 to THE TRUE POINT OF
BEGINNING.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM:
That potion of the Northeast
Quarter Northeast Quarter and the
North 165 feet of the Southeast
Quarter Northeast Quarter of
Section 26, Township 5 South,
Range 3 East, Boise Meridian,
Owyhee County, Idaho, lying
West of the Grand View Mutual
Canal.
TOGETHR WITH:
EQUIPMENT:
5 H.P. Electric Motor and Pump,
Pump – Parma Water Lifter
Type PA254, Serial Number:
UB1579
¼ mile 8" Gated PVC Pipe
WATER RIGHTS:
#02.56 Snake River Irrigation
6/1/1912 8.84 cfs
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Domestic 12/31/1935 .04 cfs
The property is farm ground
and the legal description is the
best address for the property.
I am commanded and required
to proceed to notice for sale
and to sell at public auction the
above-described real property,
appurtenances, fixture, personal

property and water rights, and
to apply the proceeds of such
sale to the satisfaction of said
Amended Judgment and Decree
of Foreclosure in the total amount
of \$477,381.85 with interest
thereon at the statutory rate of
5.25% per annum, of \$66.66 per
day, from September 12, 2011,
and my fees an costs.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN: That on the 17th day of
November, 2011, at the hour of
1:00 o'clock p.m., at the front
door of the Owyhee County
Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy
78, milepost 29, Murphy, Idaho,
I will attend, offer and sell at
public auction all or so much of
the above-described real property
and appurtenances as directed to
be sold as may be necessary to pay
and satisfy the Amended Judgment
and Decree of Foreclosure as set
out in the Writ of Execution, with
interest thereon and costs, to the
highest bidder for cash, in lawful
money of the United States of
America.
A Sheriff's Certificate of Sale
will be delivered to the purchaser
and the real property sold shall be
subject to redemption rights as set
forth in Idaho Code 11-402 of one
year if the property sold consists
of a tract of land of more than
twenty (20) acres, and six months
if the real property sold consists
of a tract of land of twenty (20)
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