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### House burns near school



#### No evacuation needed at Homedale Elementary School

Homedale volunteer firefighters prepare to enter a home at 415 W. Washington Ave., on Monday afternoon. A report of a "fully engulfed" house fire directly across the street from Homedale Elementary School triggered the response in the early afternoon. Parents continued to pick up their children from school as the firemen dealt with the smoky blaze. According to Owyhee County dispatch traffic, it took Idaho Power more than 30 minutes to respond to a request to turn off the electricity at the house. Read next week's edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche* for more on the house fire.

## Grand jury indicts mother on murder

Jury remains empanelled  
to possibly hear other cases

A Homedale mother has been indicted on several felonies, including first-degree murder, in connection with the death of her 2-year-old daughter.

An Owyhee County grand jury handed down the five-page indictment against 29-year-old Veronica T. Herrera after a 10-hour hearing Friday in Murphy.

She was arraigned Tuesday after deadline in front of Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan in Murphy.

The 16-person grand jury was selected on Thursday, and may remain empanelled for up to six months. County Prosecuting

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## Property tax bills head for mailboxes

Assessed values  
up, so are some  
landowners' bills

Some Owyhee County property owners may see huge tax hikes when their bills come in the mail in the next week or so.

A combination of increased assessed property values and some higher levies could reflect bigger

amounts owed. County treasurer office staff members are set to put the first half property tax bills in the mail today.

The first half of property tax bills are due Dec. 20. Any balance left after the first payment is due June 20.

Patrons in the Bruneau-Grand View School District could see the most drastic tax increase even

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## Kristin Armstrong exhorts Homedale youth to 'Go On'

With examples from her own life, Olympic gold medalist Kristin Armstrong encouraged students at Homedale High School to follow their dreams, even when it isn't easy.

Armstrong addressed the student body last Wednesday as part of the "Go On: Make a Plan" program founded in Idaho by the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

Homedale earned a \$40,000 grant to start its own

program.

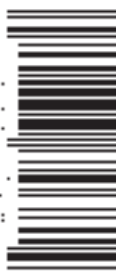
"Go On" is designed to motivate students to pursue goals beyond high school, whether it be going to college or vocational school, or serving in the military.

During her presentation in the HHS gym, Armstrong said she used to look at famous people and

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Standing near a poster signed by members of the student body, two-time Olympic gold medalist Kristin Armstrong addresses students from Homedale high school and middle school last Wednesday.



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# Homedale rallies for its needy

## Wish Tree under way, food drive starts Monday

Homedale’s annual community effort to help less-fortunate families in the area officially kicked off Friday when members of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority put up Wish Trees.

Trees with Christmas wish tags from children in the Homedale School District were erected at Paul’s Market, 20 E. Wyoming Ave., and Moxie Java Bistro at the corner of Industrial and U.S. Highway 95. More tags were distributed on a wreath at the Homedale Post Office on North Main Street and in a display at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street West.

Ashley Maxwell, Jacy Grimm and Jolene Maxwell joined fellow sorority members Diana Uranga Maxwell and Teresa Ryska to place the tags around town Friday afternoon.

Community members are encouraged to pick tags, fulfill the wish list and return the items to the locations with the tags. The list of needy children was compiled by Homedale Middle School and Elementary School counselor Randee Garrett. Each child has two tags, one for a toy and one an item of warm clothing.

The deadline to return the presents — wrapped or unwrapped — is Dec. 14. Personnel from the Homedale Fire Department and Police Department will help distribute the gifts to the families on Saturday, Dec. 22, just in time for Christmas.



From left, Jacy Grimm, her 6-month-old daughter Lynlee Ryska, and Ashley Maxwell place tags on the Paul’s Market Wish Tree.

Beta Sigma Phi has been putting on the toy and clothing drive for more than 25 years.

Each year, Wish Tree organizers hold a fundraiser to purchase any items not fulfilled by the community.

A Texas Hold ’em poker tournament will be played Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St.

The buy-in is \$30 with re-buy and add-on opportunities available. Players who reach the final table are guaranteed prizes.

Food and drink will be available, and there also will be raffle prizes and a silent auction.

The doors open at 6 p.m. with the tournament beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information on the tournament or the Wish Tree drive in general, call Uranga-Maxwell at 573-2285, Ryska at 608-8381 or Lori Badiola at 573-8456.

The Wish Tree effort coincides with the Hands Around Homedale food drive Garrett coordinates. The food drive begins Monday with Homedale schoolchildren and the various school organizations banding together to collect commodities that will be distributed to more than 40 families in the Homedale School District.

Garrett estimates about 225 people will be helped by this year’s Wish Tree and Hands Around Homedale efforts.

Hands Around Homedale began with Homedale Chamber of Commerce and the late Poke Henson decades ago.

— JPB

## School board clerk retires

The Bruneau-Grand View School District has a new business manager.

JayDene Aquiso began work in the district office in July.

She takes over for business manager/clerk Cathy Sellman, whose retirement was effective Oct. 1.

Aquiso also serves as clerk for the board of trustees, which next meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

## New Bruneau-GV schools boss resigns from post after month

### Murphey cites health, travel concerns

After having accepted the position of part-time interim superintendent of Bruneau-Grand View School District in October, Kelly Murphey resigned from the position unexpectedly on Nov. 12.

“He resigned out of the blue,” school board chairman Dixie Black said.

Health and travel played a role in Murphey’s decision.

“The resignation was totally my doing. The long drive (two hours each way) was a killer and being part-time and then distantly located was not producing what the district deserved,” the Twin Falls resident wrote in an email.

Murphey drove down from Twin Falls for a couple of days a week and stayed overnight in a place in Bruneau. He said his work at the school district was

interfering with his ability to keep up with his work at home.

“I just recently encountered a problem with my left eye that was making driving pretty interesting,” he said. “I will continue to be a friend of the board and district office via email and phone.”

Murphey is a longtime educator who, though retiring about four years ago, continued to work as a private small business and education consultant. During his time with the Bruneau-Grand View School District, he spent most of his time getting caught up with the district’s paperwork.

“We put an ad on the school website for a new superintendent,” Black said.

Several attempts to ascertain who would serve as interim superintendent during the job search were unsuccessful.

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School principal Will Goodman had served as interim superintendent until Murphey arrived early last month.

— GB

# Fitzer hired to unify Homedale city attorney duties

The City of Homedale will consolidate civil and criminal counsel into one position by the end of the year.

During last Wednesday’s meeting, the City Council agreed unanimously to retain Paul J. Fitzer as prosecuting attorney for non-felony crimes.

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Read more news from the Homedale City Council meeting.

Fitzer currently serves as the city’s civil legal counsel.

“It’s somewhat of a win-win for us both because I have been doing criminal law for a thousand years,” Fitzer said, “but I can be down here more often to deal with (civil matters) that crop up.”

He’ll earn \$1,500 monthly, the same salary earned by current prosecutor Russell Metcalf.

Metcalf’s contract expires in August after more than a year. The council then opened the job up for bids.

The council agreed to give Metcalf 30 days’ notice as required in his expired contract.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller seemed to welcome Fitzer’s inclusion. He asked Fitzer to provide regular legal training for his officers to keep them abreast of changes in the law. Fitzer agreed without objection,

saying that he has done seminars for the Idaho Peace Officers and Standards Training program as well as other Treasure Valley police departments.

Fitzer is part of Boise law firm Moore Smith Buxton and Turcke, Chtd.

He served as a deputy city counsel for Boise after earning his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1997.

— JPB

### Marsing Holiday Bazaar

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# Irrigation district election comes down to coin flip

Adrian alfalfa farmer ousts Ridgeview chair

With the flip of a coin, Ridgeview Irrigation District got a new director Monday.

Adrian-area alfalfa farmer Harold Bruning called “heads” and prevailed over incumbent John Lax in a tiebreaking ceremony at the South Board of Control office in Homedale.

Board vice-chair Bret Nielson flipped the coin after he and fellow director Mark Aman canvass the ballots to confirm that each man received 25 votes apiece in mail-in voting.

“The tie was unexpected,” Bruning said. “This is why people would have to understand the voting process and get involved in it.”

Water users in the district for the Oregon half of the Owyhee Project had until Nov. 13 to return ballots. Ridgeview officials said the rate of return in the weighted balloting

was about 48 percent. Producers received between one and three votes depending on how much acreage they operate. Forty acres equaled one vote, anyone with between 41 and 160 acres got two votes and those holding 160 acres or more got three votes.

After the tie became apparent, Ridgeview secretary Connie Chadez went about the business of figuring out what to do. This is the first tie since at least the 1970s and could be the first tie in Ridgeview history.

“I have been all over the Oregon code, frontwards and backwards,” Chadez said of her search to determine a remedy.

The solution turned out to be a special meeting Monday morning in the Homedale boardroom.

Lax, who currently serves as chair, recused himself from the canvass because of his involvement in the election.

The tie would be settled either by a coin flip or drawing straws.

“I don’t want to have to cut up all those straws,” Lax said in agreeing to the coin flip.

A quarter, borrowed from an observer, was used.

Lax’s term expires on Dec. 31, and Bruning’s first meeting is Jan. 8. Bruning, who has lived in the area for seven years, plans to attend next month’s meeting to begin his acclimation process.

Bruning, 54, decided to get involved in the election “because I felt there was a need to give somebody a break. I thought we needed some new blood and new ideas, and I wanted to help out and take on some of the burden.”

Bruning and his wife, Debbie, have been married since 1979. They have a daughter, Ashley, and a 4-month-old grandson, Michael Wayne.

The area irrigation districts next meet on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W, in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District meets at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem Irrigation District at 1:15 p.m. and the South Board of Control at 1:30 p.m.

— JPB



Above: Ridgeview Irrigation District vice-chair Bret Nielson flips the coin that decided the deadlocked board of directors meeting Monday. Left: Nielson, listens to district clerk Connie Chadez during the ballot canvass. Also attending were, from left, candidate Harold Bruning, incumbent John Lax and director Mark Aman.



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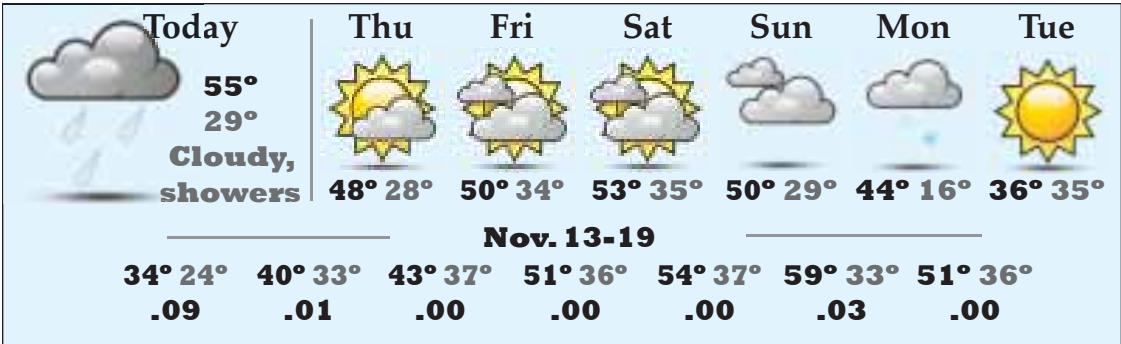


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# Prosecutor: Suspect equipment led to reduced drug charges

## Emery cites inability to verify pot owners, accuracy of OCSO scales

The questionable accuracy of scales in the sheriff’s office was one of the reasons felony drug charges against three California men were reduced earlier this month.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said the men — all in their 20s — could still face up to five years each in state prison, but they could avoid penitentiary time altogether.

“They’re looking at some time,” Emery said, adding that no deals were made on the possible sentencing. “There’s a possibility that the court won’t impose penitentiary time.”

Sergio Alejandro Bejar, Timothy Daniel Juarez and Christopher R. McMurray entered guilty pleas to the amended charge of possession of marijuana in a quantity in excess of three ounces.

The three men are scheduled to undergo evaluations — including a substance abuse evaluation — before their scheduled December court appearance for sentencing.

The men, all from Fresno, were originally charged with drug trafficking in marijuana and criminal conspiracy, both felonies, after David Green arrested them and one other male during a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 on Oct. 26. Bejar also was cited for speeding and all four men were charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

The men each faced a mandatory one-year prison sentence if they had been convicted of the trafficking charge. Emery said Green agreed to the strategy of the reduced charge.

Emery said he reduced the charge because the weight of the marijuana seized after a search of Bejar’s Dodge Charger may not have met the statutory standard for the trafficking charge. According to Green’s probable cause statement, the weight of several bags of marijuana totaled 4½ pounds.

Emery said the weight of each individual bag and the fact the sheriff’s office scales are not digital played a role in his decision to reduce the charge. It would be difficult to tie ownership of the bags to any of the suspects either, he said.

“You’re talking about a pound and an ounce, assuming you have a solid weight on each of those,” Emery said. “None of the dope had been fingerprinted to bog back to a particular subject.”

Emery also said that in a previous Ada County case, a defense lawyer was able to shoot down the prosecution’s case because time had passed from the time that the fresh marijuana evidence was weighed, allowing the pot to lose moisture and much of the weight on which the charges were based.

Emery also estimates that the accuracy of the Owyhee County scales could not have been certified.

“My belief is it’s not a scale that was approved by a state lab, just a generic scale,” he said.

Bejar, Juarez and McMurray entered pleas to the reduced charge on Nov. 9. Emery said it is customary to drop a misdemeanor charge when a plea deal is reached on a felony.

The fourth male, identified by Emery as Ernesto Franco, was original cited for misdemeanor possession.

The charge was amended to the more serious offense later, but Emery said Franco has returned to California. The Idaho courts repository indicates the Franco case has been sealed.

— JPB

# County receives money for new 911 mapping system

Owyhee County’s dispatch center will get a new mapping system under a grant from the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission.

A \$23,835 grant has been awarded, and IECC coordinator Eddie Goldsmith met with Sheriff-elect Perry Grant and the Board of County Commissioners last Wednesday to outline what can be expected.

The new system, created by Bullberry, will replace the county’s current GeoSolve mapping software, which hasn’t been updated in at least five years, Goldsmith said.

The Bullberry option is compatible with the next planned expansion of Idaho’s 911 system, Goldsmith said.

“If you don’t do it now, later on you will do it,” Goldsmith said of the county moving to the Bullberry product.

Goldsmith said 22 counties throughout the state already use Bullberry.

The county will pay \$3,600 annually as a maintenance fee, which includes a free monthly update of the maps. Currently, the county pays GeoComm \$7,700 each year for maintenance. Goldsmith added that going with Bullberry will eliminate the two contracts with GeoSolve for the software and GeoComm for the maintenance.

The maintenance fees are paid out of the county’s 911 fund, which receives money from a 25-cent surcharge on phone bills.

Goldsmith assured the commissioners that the ECC will submit legislation in January to prevent the planned sunset of the surcharge.

“This county has benefitted greatly from the fee, probably more than we’ve put into it,” BOCC chair Joe Merrick said.

The county’s new 911 phone system was funded through another ECC grant with 911 surcharge monies.

Unlike the current system, there will be little need for county dispatchers to work with the updates, Goldsmith said. Bullberry will make any corrections monthly, and the county assessor’s office will provide addressing information directly to the company.

“It’s going to be a lot less of a headache for all of us,” Grant said.

Grant said that a yet-to-be-hired 911 coordinator will work with Bullberry whenever updates are necessary.

— JPB

# Thanksgiving closures itemized

Thanksgiving break continues for Owyhee country schools while some government offices will close both Thursday and Friday.

Some offices in the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will remain closed Friday, including the DMV, Assessor’s office and Treasurer’s office.

The DMV in the Marsing annex will be open the day after Thanksgiving as will the county clerk’s office, prosecuting attorney’s office and Planning and Zoning Department in Murphy.

As usual, emergency and law enforcement services and sheriff’s office dispatch will be available throughout the county Thursday.

City Hall in Homedale will be closed Thursday and Friday.

City offices in Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian are usually closed Thursday and Friday of

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# County signs off on more grouse habitat restoration

The Board of County Commissioners has inked another contract to enhance sage-grouse habitat through juniper removal.

Commissioners approved a \$17,068 contract with Nyssa, Ore.-based Branch Enterprises. Under the contract, Branch will destroy a stand of habitat-robbing junipers on the private Pete Ranch, which is owned by Jordan Valley rancher Dennis Stanford, and state endowment land leased

to the Glenns Ferry Grazing Association.

"This is a great place," Branch Enterprise's Dave Bunker said. "It's a big saddle near Castle and Spring creeks. It's a very good sage-grouse area."

Bunker said the juniper stand on the 600-acre Pete Ranch meadow has grown thick because of a lack of fire activity.

Removing junipers restores meadows and extracts perches for predatory birds to

hunt sage-grouse in brood-rearing areas. Junipers also rob native grasses of water.

"We always try to keep the sage-grouse in mind because that's what's driving the dollars for (mastication)," Bunker said.

During last Wednesday's commissioners meeting, Bunker reported that he had just completed a 320-acre mastication project near Star Ranch. He was supposed to start work on the new contract immediately

and expected the project to take a week and a half.

The contract is funded by a 2010 grant secured by the Owyhee County Local Working Group for sage-grouse conservation. As part of that grant work, Branch completed a mastication job earlier this year on the Josephine Creek Ranch, Bunker said.

— JPB

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### ✓ Armstrong: Chase your dream, she says

think they all came by their successes easily; but ultimately, she said, she came to the realization that celebrities are not real.

The road to success is uphill and filled with challenges. She offered a brief sampling of her own life history as proof, focusing largely on her second attempt to secure a bicycling gold medal.

"I had a dream to stand on the podium in London," she said.

But her 30-something age and new role as a mother loomed as roadblocks to her aspirations. When she launched her comeback, she said, "My mind was ready, but my body didn't follow."

Many in the world of competitive cycling dismissed her comeback hopes, and for a while, she said, she agreed with them.

"I thought, 'They're right. I don't belong here. I have a child now,'" Armstrong said. "I had a choice. I could doubt myself and believe what others were saying."

To the applause of the students in the bleachers, she held up her Olympic gold medal as a visible sign of her choice. She had fought

back, worked hard and won.

"But it wasn't easy," she cautioned them. "Dreams are easy to visualize, but they don't come knocking at your door."

She asked the assembly: "What is holding you back from your golden moment?"

She exhorted the middle school and high school students not to devalue their own hopes and capabilities, and encouraged them to take advantage of resources at the school, including teachers, counselors and peers.

She concluded her message with the statement: "I want you to do it for you and for me. ... Dream big; own your own destiny."

Communications officer for the Albertson Foundation, Jennie Weltner, said the "Go On" program is important to Armstrong.

"Kristin feels very strongly about education in Idaho," Weltner said.

Idaho ranks 47th in the nation for the number of kids who go on to some sort of education or training beyond high school, according to Weltner.

"In 2009, we started asking why

they don't go on and we discovered they lacked the resources to navigate the complex processes. We break it down into something easy to navigate," she said.

That includes helping them find financial assistance and showing them the right classes to take in preparation for college, among other things.

In a pre-event interview, Armstrong explained why the "Go On" program is so important to her.

"I've been working with 'Go On' for a few years; it's a passion of mine," she said. "Education brought me a lot of my Olympic success."

She said that while in school, she learned time management, setting goals and budgeting money, among other life skills.

"It's not about showing my degree. Nobody has ever asked me for my degree," she said. "You're really doing this for yourself, to live the kind of life you want."

For more information about "Go On," visit [www.jkaf.org](http://www.jkaf.org) and click on "Go On."

— GB



Student members of Homedale High School's Go On organization, including Mackenzie Anderson, center, and Lydia Aman, chat with Kristin Armstrong prior to her presentation on Wednesday.

### Cyclist praises Homedale area

Kristin Armstrong may reside in Boise and be familiar with the sights, sounds and smells of Olympic venues in Beijing and London, but she's no stranger to Homedale either.

While getting in shape for cycling competitions, she has biked the roads of Idaho, including those in and around the local community.

"For me as a cyclist, Homedale would be a great place to live because of the country roads and the beauty," she said in an interview prior to addressing

students in the gymnasium of Homedale High School last Wednesday for the "Go On" program.

Armstrong said she has not entered any of the cycling competitions that have come through the Homedale area; but riding independently for training, she has biked through many Idaho communities such as Wilder, Marsing, and other area towns and locations.

"Lake Lowell ... the whole area is absolutely stunning," she said.

— GB

### ✓ Charges: Injury to child charges stem from mom having kids tend fire



A memorial at the Washington Avenue residence.

Attorney Douglas D. Emery said there are "one or more" cases the grand jury could hear. Emery couldn't comment on the specifics of other cases to be considered, but said that a grand jury generally is convened to consider felonious charges related to murder, drug offenses and sex crimes.

Herrera has been held in Owyhee County Jail since mid-August after she told Nampa Police personnel that something had happened to her baby. Homedale

Police arrested her on a destruction of evidence charge, alleging that she burned the body of her dead toddler in a barrel behind her West Owyhee Avenue home between Aug. 16 and Aug. 18. She has been behind bars ever since.

Friday's indictment includes the original felony charge as well as alternative charges of first-degree murder or murder in the second degree. She also was indicted on a felony charge of failure to report a death to law

enforcement and four counts of felony injury to a child.

The injury to a child felonies stem from the accusation that Herrera got her other children, ages 12, 9, 8 and 3, to help her burn the 2-year-old's body.

After the indictment was handed down, Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober set Herrera's bail at \$1 million. She had remained in jail since August on a \$500,000 bond.

— JPB

### ✓ Tax: Assessed property values on the rise in many parts of county

though property values in the district fell nearly \$5 million between 2011 and 2012 assessments.

The district was successful in its bid for a \$1.4 million supplemental levy earlier this year. The levy will bring in \$700,000 in tax revenue this year, amounting to nearly three times as much income as in 2011. Property owners in the district could pay nearly \$300 in school levy for every \$50,000 of non-exempt assessed value.

By contrast, the Homedale

School District's assessed market value jumped \$6.2 million to \$187.7 million, but even with an increase in the levy school coffers will see just \$90,000 more in revenue than in 2011. The levy for every \$50,000 in assessed value would be nearly \$223, an \$18 increase over last year.

Another hefty tax increase could come for the county road and bridge levy (Districts 1 and 3). Market value fell less than \$9 million, but the levy more than

doubled. As a result, the taxes dedicated to road maintenance and repair in much of the county could rise 96.7 percent.

The City of Homedale also could see a modest increase in its tax roll, about \$5,000, even though the levy dropped. Property values in Homedale rose \$3.25 million in 2012 assessments.

Market value in the City of Marsing grew by less than \$100,000 to \$20.2 million. The city's tax levy increased, but could result in less

than \$4,000 in net revenue gain.

The Marsing School District's levy plummeted, and tax bills could be considerably lower. The district could see a 45.2 percent drop in property tax revenue.

In Grand View, where market value jumped 14.6 percent, property owners will pay slightly higher taxes even though the levy was lowered.

Overall, the county's net market value gained \$2.5 million between 2011 and 2012, which is

an increase of half of one percent. The county's tax revenue could rise 8.6 percent because of a levy increase.

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# Anniversary

## Floyds mark 45<sup>th</sup> on Thanksgiving Day

High school sweethearts Dennis and Betty Floyd are celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thanksgiving Day.

The 1965 Marsing High School graduates were married on Nov. 22, 1967.

The Floyds have three children, including sons David (and his wife Kristy) and Darrin (and his wife Lois) and daughter Debbie (and her husband Casey Perci-field).

They also have six grandchildren, including Dean, Kourtney, Sami, Cody, Delaney and Abby.



Left: Dennis and Betty Floyd today. Right: The high school sweethearts at Marsing's 1965 commencement ceremony.



# GV serves

## free meal on turkey day

Grand View's community Thanksgiving dinner will be held at noon Thursday.

The dinner, which is free to the public, takes place at the Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St.

Volunteers to help with the dinner as well as donations of food and money to offset the expenses are welcome.

Call the senior center at (208) 834-2808 or Karon Nichols at (208) 918-2335 for more information.

The senior center typically is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.

# Birthday



Virginia Aman

## Dinner held for Virginia Aman's 91<sup>st</sup>

Virginia Aman of Murphy was honored at dinner Nov. 13, 2012, celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday at the Copper Kitchen in Nampa.

Attending were four of her six children and their spouses, Sue and Bob Davenport, Joe and Jan Aman, Gary and Trina Aman, and Lisa and Dennis Patrick.

Mrs. Aman's two other sons, Pete of Portland, Ore., and Terry of Kent, Wash., were unable to attend.

# Dance to benefit Marsing Senior Center

The Marsing Senior Center is bringing back a Saturday night dance as a fundraiser.

Vince Bingham, who plays regularly at the Caldwell Senior Center, and Howlin' Coyotes frontman Dale Borge will team up to provide live country and western music for the dance.

The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the senior center, 218 Main St., in Marsing.

A \$4 donation will be requested at the door, and the dance is open to all ages.

For more information, call 896-4634.

# Engagement

## Dixie Kent, Travis Leedom plan Valentine's wedding

Bonnie and Lucky Kent of Marsing announce the engagement of their daughter, Dixie Patricia Kent, to Travis Micheal Leedom, son of Allison Pierce of Kuna and Mike Leedom of McCall.

The future bride graduated from Marsing High School and Velvet Touch Academy. She is employed as a cosmetologist at the Rumors Salon in McCall. She also teaches Zumba and gymnastics at Payette Dance Academy.

The future groom, a Kuna High School graduate, obtained a Business degree from Treasure Valley Community College. He is employed as a manager for Leedom's



Dixie Kent and Travis Leedom Property Management in McCall. He also coaches wrestling at Payette Middle School.

A Valentine's 2013 wedding is planned, and the couple will live in Donnelly.

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Nov. 26: Wiener wrap, potato wedges, peaches

Nov. 27: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, roll, pineapple

Nov. 28: Burrito, Spanish rice, corn, pears

Nov. 29: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, grape tomatoes, banana

## Homedale Middle

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Nov. 26: Hot dog or turkey sandwich, baked beans, pears, jello

Nov. 27: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peaches, roll

Nov. 28: Toasted cheese or rib-b-que sandwich, corn, apple, fruit rollup

Nov. 29: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, mandarin oranges, cinnamon roll

## Homedale High

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Nov. 26: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 27: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 28: Spaghetti or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

Nov. 29: Hamburger or meatball sub sandwich, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice

## Marsing

Nov. 21-22: No school

Nov. 26: Spicy chicken & rice or homemade burritos, corn, salad bar (6-12)

Nov. 27: Rib-b-que sandwich or macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, salad bar (6-12)

Nov. 28: Chicken fajita or teriyaki chicken bowl, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar (6-12)

Nov. 29: Sub sandwich or beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar (6-12)

## Bruneau-Grand View

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Nov. 27: Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots, pears

Nov. 28: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli orange wedges, jello

Nov. 29: Nachos, black beans, Spanish rice, corn, sliced peaches

Nov. 30: Sloppy Joe/bun, sweet potato fries, grapes, celery sticks

## COSSA

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Nov. 26: Beef stroganoff w/pasta, peas, roll, pears

Nov. 27: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, bread, peaches

Nov. 28: Chicken, bean & rice burrito w/cheese, corn, banana

Nov. 29: Finger steaks, potato wedges, cheesy bread, green beans, applesauce

Nov. 30: Pizza, salad w/tomato, corn, pineapple

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# Death notices

ALBERT J. BLOOD, 91, of Middleton, formerly of Homedale, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012 at a Meridian hospital. A funeral service was held on Friday, Nov. 16, 2012 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Interment followed at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

DOLORES C. RENZ, 78, of Marsing, died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012 at a local care center. A viewing took place Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 at Dakan Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 19, 2012 at Lizard Butte Baptist Church in Marsing with burial at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.



# Lizard Butte art exhibit features vanishing pastoral scenes

There are only a few days left to take in the work of the latest artist of the month at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing.

Caldwell artist Karin Cordes specializes in preserving rural scenes that are fading as housing and business development creeps farther out from the urban areas.

Cordes’ November exhibit can be seen at the library, 111 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. The library is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The building is closed on Sunday and also will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving.

Cordes has preserved a number of farm buildings and the surrounding scenery on paper.

She has produced over one hundred paintings of area barns,

and then makes prints of them, which she sells.

She also releases her watercolors in an annual Idaho Barns Calendars, which are available each September. Some copies of calendars from previous years are still available.

Cordes produced her first calendar in 2004, using a variety of her landscapes and only a few barns. She began painting scenes of barns and making that the exclusive content of the calendar when folks began asking for it.

Many of Cordes’ paintings are in private collections in Germany, France, Switzerland, Mexico, Japan, Russia, California, Texas, Idaho, Washington and Maine. Her international appreciation is in part from her European training and experience.

Cordes was born in Germany

and in her early youth studied anatomy and portrait painting. During her late teens, she left home to work for several printing companies in Germany and Switzerland. She has earned German journeyman papers as a lithographer.

In the late 1960s, she moved with her family from Switzerland to the United Sates. She resided in California and Idaho for 26 years, where she and her husband owned their own graphic arts business. In 1996 they moved to Seattle, and from there went to Guam where they spent more than two years. By late 1999, they returned to Idaho, and Karin started her paintings of Idaho pastoral landscapes.

You can find more of her work on her website, [www.cordesgraphics.com](http://www.cordesgraphics.com).

## Calendar

### Today

- El-Ada commodity distribution**  
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812
- Christian Life Club**  
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757
- Bruneau Valley Library preschool**  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.
- Job’s Daughters Bethel 31 meeting**  
7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

### Thursday

- Community Thanksgiving dinner**  
Noon, free, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808 or (208) 918-2335

### Saturday

- Homedale Running Club**  
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.
- Marsing Holiday Gift Bazaar**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-5055

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

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- Grand View Chamber of Commerce special meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Christmas in the County preparation, Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View

### Thursday, Nov. 29

- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting**  
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

### Friday, Nov. 30

- Story Time at Homedale Public Library**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- HHS music benefit piano concert**  
7:30 p.m., doors at 7 p.m., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale. (208) 840-0440 or (208) 337-4613
- Christmas in the Country dinner**  
6 p.m., American Legion Post 135 Hall, 90 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 834-2953


### Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012

- Homedale Running Club**  
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.
- Marsing Lions bingo**  
6:45 p.m., early bird; 7 p.m., regular game, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Christmas in the Country bazaar**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., vendor tables, \$20 each, Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 First St., Grand View. (208) 834-2953 or [cindaray@hotmail.com](mailto:cindaray@hotmail.com)

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

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com) (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

### Owyhee Then & Now



Michael Hanley

## Owyhee Graffiti

### Jess Lawson killed Noland 1911

From an interview with Frank Swisher at South Mountain:

“Jess Lawson, brother of Joe Lawson, who was shot and killed in Jordan Valley, shot a bully named Noland. Joe Lawson took up a piece of land on South Mountain and Bill Phifer contested it. Phifer hired a Caldwell boy, ‘Noland’, to whip him and run him off. Noland, in the company of several friends, dropped in on Lawson and threatened him. When Noland started getting rough, Lawson put a shotgun on him and told him to pull out. Noland pulled his shirt back and said, ‘Go ahead, shoot you cowardly son-of-a-gun.’

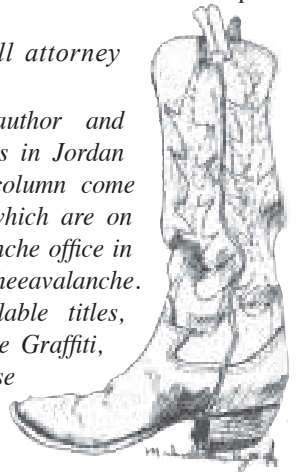
Now Noland was a tough bully, but he wasn’t a match for the shotgun, and the law took Jess to Silver to stand trial for murder.

Semore Staley was with Lawson when the shooting took place and was the only witness for Lawson’s defense. He didn’t want to get involved because he was afraid of Noland’s friends ... so he ducked out to Oregon so that he wouldn’t have to testify. Staley came to Jordan Valley and refused to go back to Idaho.

Frank Swisher said that he was in Jordan while the trial was going on and couldn’t stand to see Jessie being tried for his life. He bought a gallon of whiskey and took it to Semore and proceeded in getting him drunk. Then Frank and some others took him to Silver City where he introduced testimony in Jessie’s behalf that acquitted Lawson.”

**Next week:** A Caldwell attorney offers to defend Lawson

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit [www.owyheeavalanche.com](http://www.owyheeavalanche.com) for a list of available titles, including Hanley’s Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Stanford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.



## Senior menu

### Homedale Senior Center

- Nov. 21: Ham/cheese sandwich, salad
- Nov. 22: Closed, Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27: Noodles with alfredo sauce, chicken, broccoli, bread
- Nov. 28: Hearty beef stew, bread
- Nov. 29: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, California blend vegetables, bread

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# Chamber to discuss Homedale for the Holidays parade

Celebration  
tops agenda  
for Tuesday’s  
luncheon

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will discuss next month’s Homedale for the Holidays Parade at its Tuesday membership meeting.

This year’s parade theme, “Celebrating the Spirit of Owyhee County,” embraces the many cultures that have shaped Homedale and its surroundings, Chamber president Gavin Parker said.

The Chamber luncheon will be held at noon Tuesday in the banquet room at the Owyhee Lanes

and Restaurant.

During the meeting and up to the parade, the Chamber will accept \$20 donations to help purchase turkeys for the organization’s annual turkey giveaway at the conclusion of the holiday parade, which will take place Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.

Checks, made payable to the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, can be submitted at the meeting or dropped off at Bowen Parker Day CPAs, 19 E. Wyoming Ave.

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## GV Chamber to finalize country Christmas

Holiday event takes place Nov. 30-Dec. 1

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce will meet next Wednesday to put the finishing touches on a holiday celebration.

The Chamber usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month, which would be today, but because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the meeting was canceled.

A special meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday to shore up last-minute items for Christmas in the Country, which will be held Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1.

The meeting takes place at the Grand View firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St.

The Christmas in the Country weekend begins at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30 with the annual community dinner.

The event at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 90 Roosevelt St., will include games as well as a raffle and silent auction.

Christmas in the Country takes over the small town all day on Dec. 1.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., a bazaar will be held inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 First St.

Vendor tables are available for \$20 each.

In addition to holiday crafts and housewares, a chili lunch will be offered.

A bake sale will be held and lunch served with proceeds benefiting the local food bank.

Children can get their photos taken with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon during the bazaar.

Christmas in the Country also features a hayride and caroling in the afternoon. The community Christmas tree will be lit at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 during the Cookies with Santa activity.

A Cowboy Church will be held at 7 p.m. inside the Legion hall.

The Chamber-sponsored community Christmas light contest also will be held with judging taking place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.

For more information on the events, call Shawna Ridley at (208) 834-2953.

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## Extension staff leads Eat Smart tour at Paul’s

Just in time for holiday food shopping, a University of Idaho Extension program trained folks on how to eat healthy and economically.

The Eat Smart Idaho staff based in Owyhee and Canyon counties, recently took families referred by El-Ada Community Action Partnership and the Southwest District Health Women Infants and Children programs on tours of Paul’s Market in Homedale.

With a Share Our Strengths, Shopping Matters grant, three women from the Extension staff showed mothers how to shop for fresh produce in an economical manner, how to read food labels and how to identify whole-grain foods.

With the grant funding, the Eat Smart Idaho staff was able to provide calculators, an informational recipe book and reusable grocery bag for each participant.

Paul’s also allowed a \$5 challenge during which each participant was asked to see how many fruits and vegetables they



could purchase for \$5.

The Paul’s store also helped provide healthy samples for participants to taste during the tour.

The Paul’s Market tour was led by Rebecca Luna, a bilingual nutrition advisor serving Payette and Owyhee counties; nutrition advisor Patty Daughdrill from the Owyhee and Canyon Extension and program coordinator Bridget Aman.

Similar tours took place in Gem and Payette counties.

The Eat Smart Idaho program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. It provides nutrition education, food safety, physical activity and food resource management education to low-income families.

## Marsing to hold Holiday Gift Bazaar

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Holiday Gift Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center.

Susan Watson, owner of Spot Pizza and a member of the Chamber’s bazaar committee, said booths will feature mostly homemade crafts from local people, with a few businesses such as Scentsy selling their merchandise as well.

Items for sale will include jewelry, lotions, home décor, cosmetics, exotic teas, homemade peppermint popcorn and other goods.

Last year there were approximately 40 vendors, and Watson said she expects a similar number this year.

Watson is in charge of the concession stand, which will feature lasagna, hot dogs and cinnamon rolls.

“All the proceeds from the concessions will go back to the Chamber,” she said.

A canned food drive is also

planned and people who attend the bazaar are encouraged to bring a canned food item to be given to people in need in Marsing, according to Watson.

Also, a Hope Tree will be set up for children in Marsing schools who need toys for Christmas. The tree will be filled with tags that will designate a boy or girl and the child’s age so that gender- and age-appropriate toys may be purchased by people who take a tag from the tree.

Extra tags will be dispersed throughout the community in banks and other businesses so that all the children will be able to receive a toy.

Watson said that last year, about 80 kids were given gifts through the Hope Tree program.

She stressed that all charitable efforts of the bazaar – from the canned food drive to the Hope Tree – are for the benefit of the men, women and children of Marsing.

“It’s all about our community,” she said.

— GB

## Marsing Chamber members encouraged to work with youth

Jolyn Green is completing her second year as president of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, and with just one more year to go in the leadership position, she recently detailed the organization’s primary goals.

Not surprisingly, increasing business for the Chamber’s membership is top on the list. Like other chambers of commerce throughout the state, the Marsing Chamber is working with business and political leaders in the community to attract new enterprises to the area to support the growth and economic base of the town of approximately 1,031 people.

Green said the Chamber also encourages local companies to work with the student population to prepare them to become con-

tributing members of Marsing’s employment pool.

“We encourage businesses to expose students to the work force so the students have a better idea of what the businesses want out of employees,” Green said.

The Chamber meets the first Tuesday of the month, every three months. Extra meetings are held in preparation for such events as the annual 3rd of July Celebration of Our Nation, the recently held Christmas parade, and the Marsing Holiday Bazaar on Saturday.

— GB

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Joe Tietsort of Gem Gunite Pools works on the remodel of the Homedale swimming pool. Tietsort's grandfather built the pool in 1962.

# After debate, Homedale council buys new dump truck

## Idea to get truck with 311K miles splits council; HPD officer moves on

In the first split vote of Mayor Paul Fink's latest administration, the Homedale City Council approved the purchase of a new dump truck during last Wednesday's meeting.

Fink had to cast the tiebreaking vote to settle the debate over spending \$23,500 on a 1999 International dump truck with 311,000 miles on it.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer brought the proposal before the council, asking to replace the city's 1980s-era Chevrolet dump truck.

Councilman Tim Downing balked at the plan for myriad reasons, including the way the agenda item was handled. He said that Fink and Bauer negotiated the deal for the International six days before the council meeting.

"My concern is why this didn't get on the agenda until yesterday (Nov. 13)," Downing said.

He also pointed out that Bauer's quest to replace the gasoline-powered Chevy began with a \$13,000 price tag and the objective of securing surplus equipment from the Idaho Transportation Department.

The diesel-powered Interna-

tional was decommissioned from service with the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Bauer said.

Downing also said he felt the city didn't need to replace its dump truck.

"The truck that we have, albeit it's old, only has 44,000 miles on it and we purchased it at 35,000," he said.

"I think this one is good for another 44,000."

Council president Dave Downum also voted against the purchase.

"Originally I was in for the \$13,000, but not for this much," Downum said.

The city's dump truck is used to haul road mix from the city's stockpile at Owyhee Sand and Gravel northwest of town. It's also put into service for snow removal.

Councilmen Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins voted for the purchase.

Atkins agreed with Bauer that even though the current truck had relatively low miles, it wasn't designed for the workload.

"Even at 44,000 miles, the thing is on borrowed time," Atkins said, adding that the South Board of Control jettisoned its Chevy-powered gasoline dump truck because the vehicle couldn't handle the strain.

Fink said the Chevy dump truck also had become a safety hazard because its bed had dislodged from the frame, requiring him to fix it at his machine shop.

"We were very lucky we didn't get an employee killed," he said.

Downing said that he felt the city might be rushing into a deal.

"I'm not sure we couldn't take

more time and still come up with one of those," he said.

The council will consider declaring the current dump truck surplus at its Dec. 12 meeting.

### Swimming pool rehab work begins

The refurbishment project has begun at the city pool in Riverside Park.

The work, bid at \$48,000, includes new gunite decking, stairs and steps, new tile, a rehabilitation of the pool's surface and an upgrade on the skimmer system.

"When we get done, I think we'll have a showpiece for today's world," Bauer said.

Gem Gunite Pools Inc. of Nampa is doing the work. The third-generation owner of the company said his grandfather built the Homedale pool 50 years ago.

Bauer said the city has been saving up money to pay for the first significant overhaul since the pool was built in 1962.

### Police department looks for new officer

Homedale Police Department has begun the search for a new patrol officer.

Officer Jeff Jensen, who has been with the force since October 2008, will start work with the Caldwell Police Department on Dec. 3, according to Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

During Wednesday's meeting, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced that he had sold one of the department's patrol cars as surplus.

In his departmental report, Eidemiller announced that he had sold an out-of-service vehicle for \$1,000. Eidemiller has fiscal year 2013 appropriation to buy a new patrol car.

—JPB

# Homedale builders slow in getting required permits

## Council approves salon operating without variance since March

Construction projects are popping up in Homedale, but some of the principals have been slow to get the necessary permits.

Planning and Zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem updated the City Council last Wednesday, the same night that the council gave final approval to a special use permit for a home-based business that also had been lax in obtaining the required permits.

"There seems to be a pattern of people starting construction without permits," Bahem said.

Bahem cited three unpermitted projects, including a new garage with no setback and a commercial operation that picked up the proper building permit after being contacted by City Hall. The owners of the third project, remodeling a garage on Cascade Drive for a home business, obtained the building permit prior to Wednesday's meeting.

In a sign that the economy could be picking up a bit, Bahem also said a fourth permit was filed for a 2,600-square-foot expansion of The Outhouse 95 bar operated by Lori Badiola on U.S. Highway 95.

Bahem said that builders who start construction without the required building permits can be fined up to three times the amount of the permit fee. The permit deposit is \$100, and there is a sliding scale for the fee based on the value of the project, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

"If we have rules and regulations, we need to enforce them or issue a stop order," Councilman Aaron Tines said.

Bahem said city building official Steve Pierson has been efficient in issuing stop orders when non-permitted construction is discovered. She also said that the illegal build on the new garage was stopped when she contacted the property owner.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said the permit process is in place to ensure safety. An inspection from Pierson accompanies each permit process.

"We're here for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizenry," Fitzer said.

He added the builders cannot apply for a variance to a building regulation once they've begun construction.

Later in the meeting, the coun-

cil held a public hearing on the special use permit application for Amber Sevy, who has been operating a hair salon out of the garage of her home at 506 Cascade Drive.

Amber's husband, Ross, said he built a non-load-bearing wall in the family's garage to wall off the area where she would do her work. The couple apologized for not obtaining the proper permits. The building permit application was submitted hours before last week's council meeting and hasn't been approved yet.

Fitzer pointed out that not complying with permit laws could result in the closure of a business, but the council backed the mom and pop business.

"Small businesses are what make a town, what make our economy anymore," Tines said. "I'm in favor of small business."

Citizens who testified at the hearing had no objection to the business, either.

"The thing I admire about this couple is how hard-working they are and that they want what's best for their children," Nancy Belknap said.

Bahem pointed out during the hearing that the Sevys carried out the construction without obtaining a permit and then proceeded to operate the salon without a special use permit.

Ross Sevy said that the couple operated under the assumption that permits weren't needed because they had friends who did similar work from home in other towns without a permit.

Amber began operating the salon business in April, but didn't apply for a permit until August after the city contacted her about the noncompliance. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the special use permit despite the six-month delay in compliance.

The city council, likewise, unanimously approved the permit last week, but not before making clear that the protocol should have been followed.

There were special conditions, such as compliance with all building and safety codes within 30 days. Fitzer said that the Sevys will be held to more-stringent commercial codes because of the presence of the business. Mayor Paul Fink also asked that it be clear that the business could have only one employee and that provisions be made to ensure parking doesn't disrupt any other traffic or neighbors on the dead-end street.

"I wish you the best of luck, but in the future do your homework," Fink said.

—JPB

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# HMS Academic Bowlers rally for co-title

A rally in the lightning round pushed Homedale Middle School into a tie for first place at the latest Academic Bowl.

The Trojans tied for the win with Parma during the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet in Weiser last Wednesday.

“This is a very strong team,” HMS Academic Bowl advisor Jan Silva said. “It’s one of the best we’ve had at HMS in a while.”

The Trojans improved on their October performance in the first two rounds of competition last week, but found themselves in third place heading into the lightning — or buzzer — round. Homedale won outright last month.

“Our last round — the buzzer round — started off slowly, but we steadily answered many questions correctly,” Silva said. “By the end of that round, we had come on pretty strong.”

There is no Academic Bowl scheduled in December.

Homedale will play host to the next meet at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Other schools that compete in the Academic Bowl include Payette Lakes from McCall, Fruitland and McCain from Payette.

Next up

The Trojans play host to the next Academic Bowl on Jan. 16.

# Bowers, Line 1-2 in Marsing FFA Creed

Brady Bowers won the Marsing FFA chapter’s Creed Contest prior to the Nov. 8 Harvest Dance.

“The Creed Contest was extremely close as all of the students did an excellent job reciting the five paragraphs and answering a question from the context of the creed itself,” Marsing FFA advisor Mike Martin said.

Bowers received an FFA jacket for his efforts. Runner-up Caitlyn Line was presented with a scarf.

Other contestants included Nick Mulligan, McKenna Hall and Connor Rhodes.



## Lucky residents get early presents



### Homedale Senior Center announces raffle winners

Three different drawings produced three different winners from Homedale at the end of the Homedale Senior Center’s holiday bazaar earlier this month. From clockwise from top Grace Sepulveda won the dollhouse, Duane Ash won the quilt made by Romona Andrus (left in the photo) and Patti King was the afghan winner. The photo of Ash and Andrus was submitted.



The Marsing FFA Creed contestants included, from left, Nick Mulligan, McKenna Hall, Caitlyn Line and Brady Bowers. Cody Rhodes, separate photo on right, also competed. Submitted photos

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# Marsing moves forward with grant to recover methane

The Marsing City Council convened last Wednesday and, among other business, held a public hearing on the city’s Community Block Grant application for methane recovery.

The city has been working for two years to design and install equipment to generate electricity from methane produced by municipal water wells, according to city superintendent John Larsen, who attended the council meeting.

Amy Woodruff, city engineer, addressed the council members regarding the block grant, which would come from the Idaho Dept. of Commerce. The approximate amount of the grant would be \$230,000, and council members queried Woodruff about the gap in funds should the grant not cover all the costs of the project.

“I’m excited about the project, but dollars are always a concern,” Councilman James Ferdinand said.

Woodruff provided figures on how much the city has already spent and the possibility that when the project is put out to bid there may be a shortfall, but that that is an unknown that will need to be dealt with should it arise later in the process.

She was also asked whether Idaho Power would buy surplus power. She replied no, but said that the city would be using less power because of the electricity generated through methane recovery and could see a significant reduction in its power bills.

Jonathan Jarboe, wastewater and water treatment employee for the city, told council members, “The project is such an awesome opportunity for the community to recover some of the natural resources that have been venting into the atmosphere since the (city water) wells were drilled.”

After hearing all comments, the council moved to approve the block grant application and send it forward.

In other business, city attorney Cherese McLain discussed an “abatement of nuisances and unsafe buildings” problem the city is having with Richard Rodriguez, owner of a structure at 3 East Main and 5 East Main in Marsing.

Rodriguez was asked to sign a document directing him to clean up the property.

“Mr. Rodriguez signed, but struck out all the deadlines,” McLain said. “It’s not enforceable without deadlines.”

Rodriguez was advised to hire an attorney and he said he was working to repair the property, McLain said.

This is not the first complaint brought against the Marsing resident.

“I asked Janice (Bicandi, Marsing city clerk) to check out how many notifications Mr. Rodriguez has been given over the years,” Mayor Keith Green said. “It’s just got to go forward and push it until we get results.”

A public hearing on the issue is slated for 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St.

McLain requested that city building officials be in attendance at the meeting because the issue “could be litigious.”

Council members also reviewed a previously tabled agenda item regarding Valli Information Systems’ proposal to provide computer hardware and software upgrades at City Hall.

After a discussion about the labor costs involved in the upgrades, a request was made by the council to have the Boise-area tech firm provide a breakdown of labor costs in hour blocks. The council would then reconsider the proposal at a later date after receipt of the labor-costs document, it was determined by council members.

— GB

# Commissioners get behind Bruneau QRU building goal

## Volunteer outfit seeks private funding, grants

The Bruneau Rural Fire Protection District has pledged to try to help pay for maintenance and operation of the new Bruneau Quick Response Unit building if a state grant is secured.

Bruneau QRU has applied for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant through the state Dept. of Commerce, and a public hearing on the application was held last Wednesday before the Board of County Commissioners.

The commissioners signed a letter of support addressed to the Dept. of Commerce after the hearing.

During the hearing, QRU spokesperson Mary Tindall told the commissioners that the fire district will float a levy election to raise maintenance and operating revenue for the building, if the QRU is successful in its quest for the \$350,000 ICDBG grant.

The levy would amount to \$7,500 each year, and Tindall said if an election fails, the fire department would be unable to provide assistance.

“I’m fairly confident the people of Bruneau will support this levy and follow through just because of the type of people they are,” BOCC chair Joe Merrick said.

The QRU’s block grant application is in a category competing against water and sewer improvement projects across the state, and there is only \$3.4 million in the grant pool, Tindall said.

“We’re not putting all our eggs in this basket,” she said. “We are planning to use our funds.”

The Bruneau Fire District has paid maintenance of the town’s existing emergency services building for 35 years, Tindall said, adding that the gesture has always been appreciated.

The QRU wants to erect a 4,448-square-foot building on the site of the former Valley Merc. Tindall said the building would feature a three-bay garage and space for training and education opportunities.

The estimated value of the entire project is \$583,198, according to public hearing testimony. That includes the block grant, more than \$180,000 in cash from the QRU, a \$10,000 donation from Idaho Power Co., \$16,500 in pledged asphalt work and \$19,231 for the value of the site.

Tindall said the QRU also has applied for grant funding from U.S. Ecology and Farm Credit Service. She also told the commissioners the organization plans to ask for an allotment out of the county’s haz-mat fund.

Bruneau QRU submitted the ICDBG grant application for county endorsement two days before the submission deadline.

Tindall explained there were many factors with the last-minute nature of the applications.

Originally the Idaho Council of Governments – formerly Sage Community Resources – was on board to help with the grant. But, Tindall said, the landscape changed in September when ICOG lost an employee and backed away from assisting the QRU’s effort.

“At that time, we put up a sign with the goal to raise \$350,000 on our own to build it,” Tindall said.

The sign, which highlights how much more money is needed and salutes donors, stands on the proposed construction site.

Once the sign went up, according to Tindall, a 23-year veteran of Sage — Shawn Charters — stepped forward last month and offered to write the Idaho Community Development Block Grant application.

Tindall said the QRU will continue to try to raise private funding while pursuing the block grant.

The fundraising included proceeds from the recent Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Bazaar weekend and the ongoing raffle of a Traeger BBQ.

— JPB

## Story Time takes a break



**Homedale library closed for Thanksgiving**  
*Laryssa Takashige reads “The Night Before Thanksgiving” to a group of preschoolers Friday during the Homedale Public Library’s Story Time. The program is on hiatus this week because the library will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. The library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. opens again Saturday, and Story Time returns at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 30.*

# Homedale PTO gears up for Santa Brunch

## Elementary school group seeks volunteers

Preparations for a new holiday event at Homedale Elementary School swing into action this week.

Third- and fourth-graders are selling tickets for the Parent Teacher Organization’s Santa Brunch, raffle and silent auction.

The Santa Brunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 inside the elementary school’s multipurpose room, 420 W. Washington Ave.

The brunch and raffle is a fundraiser for technology at the school and field trips for its students. A visit from Santa Claus is expected, too. Event officials say the idea came about as a way to replace the Homedale International Smorgasbord as a fundraiser.

Tickets for the brunch are \$5 per plate or \$20 for a family. Children 2 and younger eat for free. The class with the highest ticket sales earns a pizza party, and the top two students in raffle ticket sales also will be rewarded.

Tickets also will be available at the door.

Raffle items will include a bicycle, an art print and a gun. Specific details on the raffle items will be released later.

The silent auction features gift baskets themed by each of the school’s grades.

The Santa Brunch also will feature a baked foods table and a craft table. Donations will be accepted for those items.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce’s turkey giveaway, which is separate from the Santa Brunch function, will be held at the start of the event at HES. The Santa Brunch festivities begin immediately after the Homedale for the Holidays parade downtown.

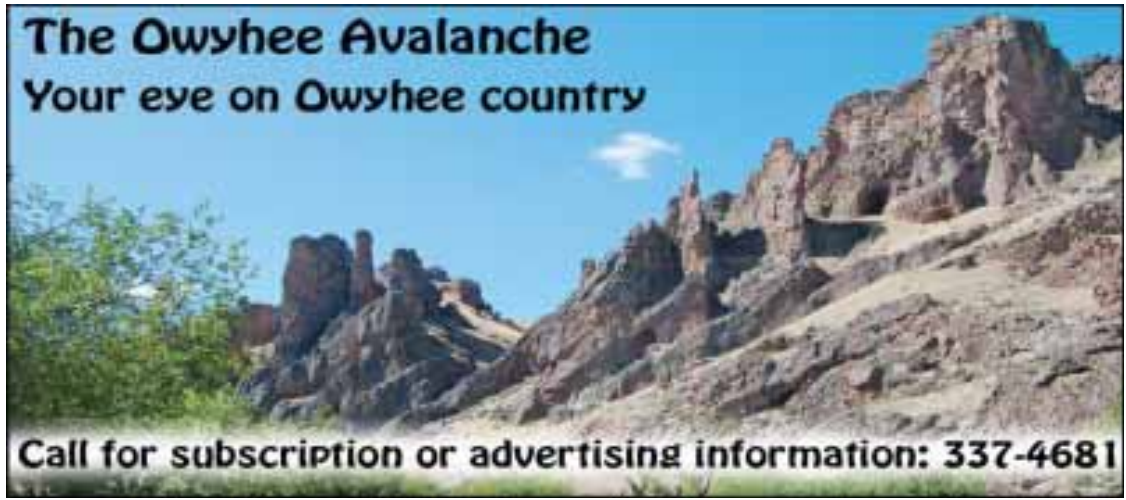
The PTO also is looking for volunteers to teach the final art class of the year on Monday. Call Chris Marston at 841-2975.

Volunteers also are still needed at the school library. Call Nikki at 249-6645 for more information.

Homedale Elementary School PTO is always looking for general volunteers. Contact the group through its Facebook page or email at homedale.elementary.pto@gmail.com for more information.

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# Marsing welcomes the holiday season



## City warms up with parade, tree lighting

*Through a little cold rain, the folks in Marsing kept their spirits bright Saturday night with the second annual Night Light Parade and tree lighting.*

*There were some traditional and non-traditional entries in the parade down Main Street, but each person involved ran with the idea and festooned their rides with as many lights as possible.*

*Afterward, Mayor Keith Green lit the community Christmas tree and Santa Claus greeted the bundled-up children while the Marsing schools choir sang carols.*





Lady Trojans go 2-2 in tough first week

# Avalanche Sports

Linemen present, past shine for HHS

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## One more on the road



Robert Evans, left, and Xavier Hernandez close their Homedale High School football careers Friday as all-stars.



After spending a magical season opposite each other on the Marsing defensive line, Jason Galligan, left, and Justin Glenn are together again.

### Trojans skill players attain goals

Last summer, Robert Evans didn't have time to think about what accolades he would receive after his senior season.

The Homedale High School football player was too busy learning a new position.

Turns out, the son of Jennifer Jacobs and Bob Evans didn't need to worry about anything.

Dubbed by Trojans' coach Matt Holtry as the most athletic guy on the roster, Evans spent the summer figuring out the responsibilities of a tight end and H-back.

The studying paid off: He's one of two HHS players set to take part in Friday's District III East-West Shrine All-Star Game.

"(The All-Star berth) was one of my

primary goals, but being at a new position, I was more concerned about working for the team," Evans said.

Receiver Xavier Hernandez, the son of Marc and Anna Hernandez, also will suit up for the East squad Friday at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian.

"Hopefully we'll get the opportunity to show what we've got," Hernandez said. "We're going to give it everything we've got the whole time."

Evans will line up in a skill position a year after playing his junior year at left tackle on the team's offensive front.

"It gives me a lot of confidence that I can play any position," Evans said of his

— See *Trojans*, page 17A

### Marsing DEs team for last time

Justin Glenn is glad he's Joey Martarano's teammate during Friday's all-star football game.

"I'm just glad I'm playing with Joey Martarano because I'd hate to have to run the ball and get hit by him," the Marsing High School senior said.

Although Glenn and fellow Huskies senior Jason Galligan have been selected to play defensive end in the annual El Korah District III East-West Shrine All-Star Game, there is a possibility both could see offensive snaps for the West squad.

That means Galligan could haul in a pass from Martarano, the Boise State commit who has terrorized opponents on both sides of the ball as a quarterback and linebacker at 3A Fruitland. Glenn could also take a

handoff from him.

Overall, though, the duo that bookended the Huskies' defensive front during a historic march into the 2A state semifinals is happy to be ending their prep careers in the same fashion they played them — side-by-side.

"It brings a lot of confidence because we usually know what the other is going to do," Galligan said.

Glenn mixed his metaphors when describing the teammates' symbiotic relationship regarding opposing quarterbacks.

"I like to chase them and Jason likes to have them come to him," he said. "I like

— See *Marsing*, page 17A

## Huskies get their due from WIC coaches



Jaime Wood

### Wood earns Coach of the Year; Galvez dubbed best defender

A historic season was answered with a historic haul for Marsing High School in all-conference football voting.

Jaime Wood, who led the Huskies to their first 2A Western Idaho Conference championship since 1997, was pegged as the 2A WIC coach of the year by his peers.

Solidifying the notion that it was Marsing's defense that got the team into the 2A

state semifinals, junior Charlie Galvez was named the conference's Defensive Player of the Year.

"That's awesome for him," Wood said. "There were only three nominations on the board, and they were all from Marsing."

"He's a good football player, too. He's got a good nose for the ball and flows downhill."

Besides Galvez, the Huskies put four players on the All-WIC first-team defense.

Senior Jason Galligan earned a spot as a defensive end. He was a two-way first-teamer, picking up recognition for his receiving, too.

"Jason had a great run during the state

— See *WIC*, page 17A



Charlie Galvez







Sports

HHS girls earn split in busy week

Sophs step up for first-year coach

The score was the same as four days earlier, but the outcome was different in a quick rematch for Homedale High School.

The Trojans' girls' basketball team saw its record level out when it lost, 43-41, to Cole Valley Christian in Meridian on Saturday.

It was the second setback in as many nights for first-year coach Joe Betancourt's squad (2-2).

"For the first week, I thought the girls have played pretty well," he said.

Two first-year varsity players led Homedale's scoring attack, but the Trojans couldn't fully recover from a scoreless second quarter against the Chargers from the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Morgan Nash scored 15 points, and fellow sophomore guard Elise Shenk fired in three three-point goals to finish with nine points and four rebounds for Homedale.

"Morgan is as solid as always. She's already our on the floor leader and had a breakout night Saturday for scoring with 15," Betancourt said. "What she does for us doesn't always show up in the stat sheets."

The Trojans trailed 17-11 at the break after Cole Valley (2-1) went on an 8-0 run through the second quarter. Homedale rallied with an 18-point third quarter, but couldn't complete the comeback.

Hattie Mertz, another first-year

player, chimed in with four points and four rebounds.

Sierra Rice led Cole Valley with 18 points, while teammate Logan Pergande ripped down 13 rebounds.

**Friday: New Plymouth 71, Homedale 39** — The Trojans' first loss of the season was a lopsided one in a non-conference game on the floor of another 2A WIC member.

"Friday night at New Plymouth was a letdown and a learning experience," Betancourt said.

Homedale played without junior center Kaylee Rupp, who was attending a concert for her birthday. In her absence, Destiny Long scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds and Hattie Mertz had six points and six boards.

The Pilgrims rolled behind 24 points from Brittany Verigan and 21 from Kylee Garrick. Verigan connected on nine of 12 foul shots, and Garrick knocked down half of her team's four three-point goals.

Tory Lane rallied from a scoreless first quarter to put in a team-high 10 points for Homedale. Shenk added nine, and both girls hit treys.

**Thursday: Homedale 49, Melba 37** — The Trojans stormed through the second quarter to take command of a non-conference game played on the Mustangs' floor.

Trailing by two points after eight minutes, Homedale dominated Melba of the 2A WIC in the second quarter, lighting off on an 18-3 run and a 13-point halftime edge.

Rupp and Mertz scored eight points each to lead the Trojans. Morgan Nash and Shenk nailed one three-point goal apiece. Stephanie Villarreal picked up five points in Homedale's balanced attack.

Nicole Hoagland scored eight points, and Kara Leavitt and Bailey Helm added six apiece for the Mustangs, who lost for the second time in as many outings.

**Nov. 13: Homedale 43, Cole Valley Christian 41** — Shenk hit her team's only three-point goal and scored 13 points in her varsity debut as the Trojans edged the Chargers with a strong second half.

"Elise has been all around great for us so far. Her scoring is coming along as well as her ability to defend," Betancourt said. "We've given her the challenge of defending the other team's scorer and she has done a good job."

Homedale trailed by 11 points after eight minutes in the non-conference game, which marked Betancourt's varsity coaching debut.

The Trojans battled back from a 10-point halftime deficit behind Shenk and fellow scorers Rupp and Long, who put in 10 and nine points, respectively.

Villarreal knocked down six points.

Homedale won the game despite only taking seven free throws, making four. Cole Valley was 10-for-12 from the charity stripe.

Chargers junior wing Sierra Rice led all scorers with 21 points.

Trojans first-teamers have common thread

Although separated by new assignments, Homedale High School's linemen stuck together in this year's all-conference voting.

The Trojans' three first-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference selections have a common bond of knowing what it's like in the trenches.

Robert Evans and Britt Eubanks were linemates a year ago; Luke Flaming turned heads on the defensive side this season in his first full year on varsity.

Evans earned recognition from the conference's coaches for his play on both sides of the ball.

A year after playing left tackle, the senior earned a first-team slot with his play as a tight end and H-back in the Trojans' offense.

That doesn't mean he didn't forget the roots he laid down in the trenches.

"Robert was instrumental in our offense this year both as a blocker and a receiver," HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

He also landed a second-team nomination at linebacker.

"He was a leader all year for us on defense and was a solid, consistent presence on the defensive side of the ball," his coach said.

A junior, Eubanks anchored the offensive line as the center. He was a first-teamer.

"Britt was a solid blocker for us and was able to be a voice for our O-line," Holtry said. "He has the potential to do some special things as a football player if he keeps working at it."

Flaming, also a junior, had stretches of dominance on the Trojans' defensive line in 2012.

"Luke was silent but consistent, and he has a motor that doesn't stop," Holtry said. "He's a great all-around kid that is coachable and gives everything he has on every play."

Brad McCain was the Trojans' only other two-way selection. The senior earned second-team tight end honors for his receiving and blocking ability and was an honorable mention at linebacker for a year in which he was second on the team in tackles and earned the unit's captainship.

Holtry said big things could be ahead for second-team all-conference running back Casey Hansen, who rushed for 798 yards in just six games as a junior.

Two players — junior Nathan Leslie and sophomore Dayne Jacobs — were second-team defense. Leslie led the Trojans in tackles from the linebacker spot. He also was placed on the honorable mention list as an offensive lineman.

Jacobs returned an interception for a touchdown against Parma to highlight his All-SRV season at safety.

Quarterback Matt Hetrick closed his high school career — and first action since his sophomore year — as an honorable mention.

Two juniors were honorable mention — Angel Cardenas (receiver and defensive back) and punter Jovan Cornejo. — JPB

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Elise Shenk, soph., girls' basketball

The Play — The 5-foot-3 guard put together started her varsity career on a strong note as Homedale split four games in a busy week. She averaged 8.75 points and also connected on a five three-point goals. The daughter of Dave and Shelley Shenk started the week with a game-high 13 points in a season-opening victory over Cole Valley Christian on Nov. 13.

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Junior varsity  
Thursday, Nov. 29 at Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph  
Thursday, Nov. 29 at Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Dec. 7 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 8 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 10 a.m.

Go Trojans!

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Sports

# District III All-Star Game

## Shrine football stars ready to shine Friday

For those who got too much turkey on Thanksgiving, but can never get enough football, the El Korah Shrine is serving up the District III East-West Shrine All-Star games again Friday.

Homedale and Marsing will have two players each competing in the 11-man game, on opposite sides of the ball.

The 11-man game starts at 2 p.m. Friday at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian. The festivities get going at 11 a.m. with the eight-man game.

Rocky Mountain High School is located at 5450 N. Linder Road in Meridian.

Rimrock typically has strong representation in the eight-man game, and this year should be no different after coach Juan Colunga led the Raiders to the 1A, Div. I state playoffs for the third consecutive season.

Tight end/H-back Robert Evans and wide receiver Xavier Hernandez will represent Homedale. Marsing defensive ends Jason Galligan and Justin Glenn also will see action.

Specific details on which teams the local players will suit up for and which Rimrock seniors have been selected have been hard to come by. Attempts to obtain rosters from El Korah were unsuccessful.

Practice began Monday at Rocky Mountain.

Proceeds from the game benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children and the Patient Transportation Fund. For tickets, call (208) 343-0571.

### ✓ Trojans: One ends career, other hopes to extend his

selection as an all-star at a new position. “It shows versatility and, hopefully, that will give me more opportunities.”

Like Evans, Hernandez put a red circle around the Friday after Thanksgiving when he started his senior year.

“It was my goal during summertime that I wanted to make the all-star game and get 1,000 yards receiving,” Hernandez said. “I got

close on the 1,000 yards.”

After a career in which he played against Class 2A and 3A talent, Evans is looking forward to sharing the field with athletes from some of the Treasure Valley’s larger programs.

“It’s a real honor to be considered among the best around the valley,” he said. “It’ll be great to play with all the 5A schools.”

— JPB

### ✓ Marsing: Galligan eyes Div. I opportunity

to pursue and herd them to Jason, and Jason’s like the wolf.”

With apologies to Duran Duran, both players are probably hungry like the wolf to make their mark in their last high school game.

But, after talking to 2011 Marsing Shrine player Pedro Carillo, both athletes know what it will take to snag a sliver of the spotlight.

“He said that everyone gets pretty equal playing time as long as they come to practice,” Galligan said. “He said it was hard, and he said the competition was a big step-up.”

Galligan isn’t worried about the elevated competition, though.

“I felt pretty honored being selected because we’re being recognized for a hard-working position that doesn’t always get the glory,” he said.

For Galligan, it’s just another step in his grid career. For Glenn, Friday is most likely the end of the line.

Glenn will focus on baseball after high school, while Galligan is looking at a possible future in Division I college football.

“According to Coach (Jaime Wood),” Galligan says, there has been interest from Utah State and Nevada in the Football Bowl Division and from Idaho State, Weber State and Montana State in the Football Championship Division.

— JPB

### ✓ WIC: Slew of young talent dots all-conference landscape for Huskies

playoffs,” Wood said. “I hope he gets All-State honors.”

Another senior, Miguel Leon, and junior Austin Williams were selected for their play in the secondary.

“Miguel was a three- or four-year starter at defensive back,” Wood said. “He just has good discipline in his job out there. He’ll be a hard one to replace. We will miss him.”

Another underclassman, junior Tristan Jacobi, earned a nod at linebacker. Wood sees versatility in Jacobi that could mean he’ll inherit a job now that Galligan and second-team defensive end Justin Glenn have completed their prep careers.

“Tristan is one of those guys who could move into one of those defensive end spots,” Wood said. “He can play linebacker, defensive end or defensive back. Tristan is just fast and he plays hard and he’s good.”

Although Williams earned his spot on the team as a safety, he didn’t finish the year there.

“Austin played safety for most of the year then we ended up moving him to outside linebacker with Tristan the rest of the year,” Wood said.

The 5-foot-7 Williams also earned first-team quarterback honors.

“He had some long pass plays with Jason and Tristan, and he just made plays with his legs,” Wood said. “He got us out of trouble a bunch of times.”

“He’s just a good athlete, no matter how tall he is. And he can throw the ball a long way.”

Marsing put two linemen on the first-team offense, including third-year starter Angel Loera, who moved into the blindside left tackle position vacated when Pedro Carillo graduated in the spring.

Cody Rhodes, the team’s senior center, also was a first-team pick.

“We gain a lot of respect with the coaches from getting the linemen in,” Wood said. “Cody was a good leader, and after the snap he got off the ball and blocked hard.”

Running behind the likes of Rhodes and Loera, senior tailback Jesus Lino also was a first-team selection.

“During the season, the guy just ripped it up,” Wood said. “That’s goes for special teams, too. He’s a threat to return it every time on the kickoff.”

Marsing’s second-team selections included Hudson Sauer at defensive back and Glenn at defensive end.

“He definitely should have been first-team all-conference,” Wood said of Glenn.

Honorable mention nods went to Glenn at wide receiver; two-way lineman Roy Olvera, a senior; two-way lineman PJ Even, a 6-foot-5, 295-pound junior; senior receiver Logan Jarvis and junior linebacker Raul Garcia.

— JPB





Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Danged if you do

The rancher’s dilemma: if it snows you don’t have enough hay. If it doesn’t snow you won’t have any hay! See, heavy snows will delay “turning out to grass,” so you’ll be feeding more hay. But if it doesn’t snow the reservoir won’t fill up and you won’t have enough water to irrigate the hay meadows. You’re danged if you do and danged if you don’t.

If you don’t take off the tourniquet you’ll get gangrene. If you do take it off you’ll bleed to death! It’s a choice.

If you order a BLT you get tomato. If you order a BLT without tomato, you don’t get a BLT.

If you’re against global marketing because it takes jobs away from Americans, don’t shop at Walmart. But if you don’t shop at Walmart, it will take jobs away from the Chinese and we’ll have to send them foreign aid.

I remember the 2008 primaries; if you voted for Hillary, you got Bill. If you didn’t vote for Hillary, you got Barack.

If you don’t rope right-handed, you’ll never be able to borrow a horse. On the other hand, if you rope left-handed no one will borrow your horse ... same for a guitar!

Love means never having to say you’re sorry. If you’re sorry, it won’t make any difference, no one will love you anyway.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, but one bird in the bush is lonely.

They say a watched pot never boils. I say a boiled watch won’t keep time.

A penny for your thoughts. Make it two thoughts if you can’t make change.

If your throat is sore you get hoarse. But if a pig loses his voice, he gets disgruntled.

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, does that mean a cowboy gets deranged?

If four out of five people suffer from diarrhea ... does that mean one out of five enjoy it?

If a fish went on a diet, would he be lighter on the scales?

They say a stitch in time saves nine, but will it keep a mime in stitches?

If you are really into sanity, does that make you insane?

A cowboy without a horse is like a bird without wings. A cowboy without wings is like a bow-legged ostrich!

There are three kinds of people: those who can count and those who can’t.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his new children’s Christmas book, “Reindeer Flu!”, other books and DVDs.

Letters to the editor

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

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

- E-mailed to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto: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.

Harold Nevill, Ph.D., COSSA director



Ideas on education Get politics out of Idaho’s educational decisions

If you are as sick as I am with educational decisions being driven by political ideology instead of best practices, this idea might appeal to you. It is not a new idea, but it may be an idea whose time has come, considering the rancor and division that occurred as a result of the recently passed and then recalled Students Come First Legislation. It may result in less politically driven decisions by our educational leaders, and it may additionally save Idahoans some money.

The idea is simple in concept yet complex in execution: change the state’s constitution so that the state-level tier of educational leadership mirrors that found at the local level. This idea requires three interrelated steps:

First. Change the State Board of Education (SBOE) from a gubernatorial appointment into an elected body, with seven members representing the seven geographic areas of Idaho. This elected body would correspond to the elected Board of Trustees at the local level. The advantage of geographic distribution is that Idaho’s community and technical colleges are also distributed in this manner. Elected Board members are accountable to the voters, not political parties, and if the electorate who sends them to the SBOE doesn’t like their decisions, they can be replaced.

Second. Change the Superintendent of Public Instruction from an elected official into a position hired by the SBOE. This corresponds to the hired superintendent in local school districts. The SBOE would be able to hire the best educational leader they can find for the money, and hold that individual accountable for all of Idaho’s education. If that individual does not perform, he/she would be replaced without having to wait for an election. A hired, professional, Superintendent of Public Instruction would work between the elected, policy-making Board and the teachers and administrators at the local level — and would hopefully make educational decisions based on best practice and not political ideology. Additional constitutional duties of the superintendent, such as membership on the Land Board, can either be divided among the SBOE or simply done away with.

Third. Combine the currently separate State Board of Education staff with the State Department of Education (SDE) staff. There are efficiencies to be gained by reducing the total number of staff and combining functions. A properly organized educational staff could serve all levels of Idaho’s educational system, and break down the barriers

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Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington As your family sits down for Thanksgiving, thank a farmer

*“Improving agricultural productivity has been the world’s primary safeguard against a recurring Malthusian crisis -- where the needs of a growing population outstrip the ability of man and resources to supply food. Over the past 50 years, global gross agricultural output has more than tripled in volume, and productivity growth in agriculture has enabled food to become more abundant and cheaper ... If productivity growth slows, then more resources -- land, labor, energy, fertilizers, and other inputs -- would be needed to meet rising demand, raising the cost of food.”*

This observation was included in a recent report by U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service researchers about the expected productivity growth in global agriculture.

Farmers are working hard every day to meet this rising food demand. Each Thanksgiving, as we prepare meals to celebrate our blessings, I count American farmers among our many blessings. Unfortunately, an estimated 50 million Americans lack enough income and other resources for food, and many Idahoans, food banks, churches and other organizations are among those working to address this problem. However, in general, Americans spend a lower percentage of our income on food than anywhere else in the world.

This is a benefit that cannot be taken for granted. Globally, more than 800 million people are estimated to be hungry. Additionally, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the world’s population exceeds 7 billion, and is expected to reach 8 billion in 2026 and 9 billion in 2042. Population growth puts increased demands on agricultural production to meet the needs of families around the world.

Many of us are shielded from the hard work of food production, because of the hard work of American farmers.

American farmers are overcoming challenges — increased regulation and paperwork requirements, tax uncertainty, high fuel and other input costs, limited water, emerging pests and plant and animal diseases to name a few. They are overcoming these challenges and getting high-quality, affordable food to our tables and tables around the world this Thanksgiving and every day.

We have an interest in staying at the forefront of investment in agricultural technologies and research, ensuring the wise use of water and other limited resources, expanding the use of conservation practices that enable long-term agricultural production, advancing economic reforms that put American producers on better footing, reducing unnecessary regulatory burden and decreasing foreign trade barriers that limit access to reaching consumers around the world. Making progress on these objectives can help ensure that America’s farmers are best equipped to help meet increasing food demands in the years ahead.

In 1789, when proclaiming the first national Thanksgiving Day under the Constitution, President George Washington recognized the request from both Houses of Congress “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God ...” One of the great favors we have as a nation is an abundance of affordable, quality food. This Thanksgiving, I will again be thankful for the American farmer and the work they do every day to feed American families and families around the world.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. To view his responses to issues of interest, visit <http://crapo.senate.gov>.



# Commentary

## Financial management NFL tickets can wait until you score financial security

**Dear Dave,**  
In terms of a family's financial plan, when is it OK to purchase something like NFL season tickets? Is this the kind of thing that should wait until you're debt-free and can afford to pay cash for them?

— Greg

**Dear Greg,**  
Absolutely, you should wait until you're debt-free and can pay cash. That kind of thing is a prime example of an expensive, luxury purchase.  
I'm an NFL season ticket holder for the Tennessee Titans. But I've been debt-free for years, and my family's financial future is very secure. Whether the Titans win or lose, or whether I watch the games in person or in front of



the television, has no impact on their security. However, if you're sitting there with credit card debt, a car payment and living paycheck to paycheck, you've got no business buying season tickets. Get yourself out of debt, build an emergency fund, and make sure your family is taken care of first. Then you can have some fun. Live like no one else so that later you can live like no one else. And then, if that includes season tickets to your favorite

football, baseball or hockey team, have a blast!  
Remember, this kind of thing is entertainment. I know a lot of silly people out there act like whoever wins a football game is a matter of life and death, but it's just a game. Your life and your financial future are not games, and they're not things to be taken lightly. First things first, Greg. There will be plenty of time for that kind of fun when you can afford it!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My brother asked me to put his name on my credit card as an authorized user. He said it will help improve his credit score. Is this true, and would it help my score in any way?

— Anna

**Dear Anna,**  
Your brother is wrong. It will not improve his credit score at all. As an authorized user, he is not the owner of the debt. There's a high likelihood that it will affect your credit score in a negative way, though, because there's a good chance he'll do some dumb things with your card.  
Look at it this way. Why would someone give him credit, or raise his credit score, just for using your credit? It doesn't make sense. Your credit score is affected by things like whether or not you pay your bill on time. The card isn't in his name, so really all this amounts to is him having fun with your card, and you're the one who's liable for the damage. The truth is that authorized users shouldn't even show up on a credit report.

It sounds like your brother has some financial problems. While I admire the fact that he wants to fix things, this is not the answer. Don't misunderstand what I'm saying, Anna. Chances are he's not trying to con you. He probably just got some bad information. But the hard truth is this: If you go along with his idea, it's not going to help him, and it's going to hurt you. Don't do it!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations.

## The high price of gasoline Taxes help government benefit most from gas sales

*by Dave Johnson*  
With the average price of gas in America hovering around \$3.50 per gallon for regular unleaded, it costs more than \$50 to fill a typical car's 15-gallon tank.  
But why does gas cost so much?  
You may blame high gas prices on rich oil company executives or greedy gas station owners. But the truth is, governments rake in a larger profit than anyone at the pump — and with gas taxes on the rise in many parts of the country, there's no relief in sight.  
The price of a gallon of gas is based on the combined cost of four different expenses: the price of crude oil, the cost of refining/manufacturing gas, distribution and marketing expenses, and the amount of taxes levied on gasoline.  
Oil costs comprise about 76 percent of the cost of gasoline, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). That means \$2.66 of a \$3.50 gallon

of gasoline is set before the oil is even refined and turned into gas.  
Global markets, reacting to supply and demand, determine the cost of crude oil. Just like any commodity, from gold to corn, a shortage in supply or an increase in demand leads to a rise in prices.  
Refining oil to manufacture gas is the next step in the process — and the next expense for drivers. During the refining process, gasoline is extracted from crude oil, and additives, including lubricants and detergents to reduce engine deposits, are added. As of January 2012, the EIA found that the refining process was responsible for six percent of the cost of gas (or 21 cents of a \$3.50 gallon)  
Distribution and marketing — the part of the process most apparent to consumers — constitutes another six percent of gas prices. That portion of the cost includes the shipping and transportation of the gasoline, a markup to

cover retailers' expenses, and any advertising done to appeal to customers.  
The remaining 12 percent — about 42 cents per gallon — goes directly to federal, state and even local governments in an array of sales and excise taxes.  
The federal gas tax is 18.4 cents on every gallon of gasoline sold in America. State gas tax rates vary from a low of 8 cents per gallon in Alaska to a jarring 49 cents per gallon in New York. Other states where it's steep to fill up include California and Connecticut — each with 48.6 cent per gallon state gas taxes —and Hawaii at 47.1 cents per gallon.  
Some local governments have gotten in on the gas tax act, too.  
California's local sales and excise taxes on gasoline average 3.1 percent, according to the Los Angeles Times. That works out to about 12 cents in local taxes for each gallon of gas, based on the state's \$3.80 a gallon average.  
Skokie, a suburb north of Chi-

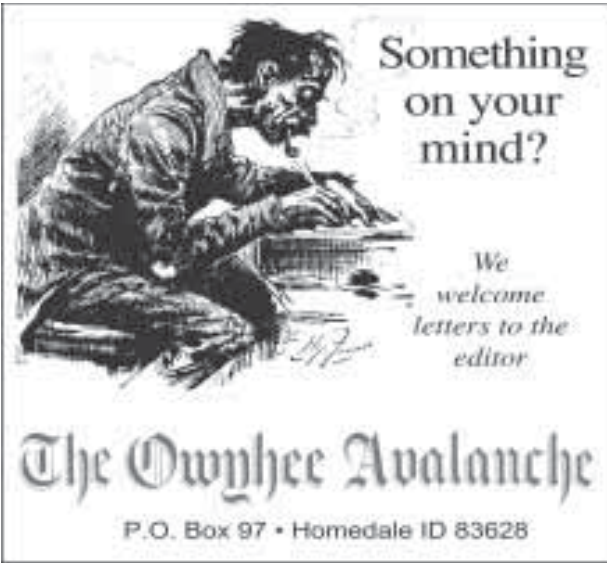
cago, levies a three-cent-per-gallon gas tax. You'll pay an extra nickel per gallon at gas stations in Eugene, Ore. And the next time you're in Las Vegas, don't spend all your money at the casinos. You'll need to have plenty of cash left over to cover Clark County's budget-busting 10-cent local tax on a gallon of gas.  
Florida Today reports that Brevard County — the Florida county home to the Kennedy Space Center — expects to siphon more than \$15 million from motorists this year.  
Believe it or not, government makes far more from gas sales than all of the oil companies put together.  
ExxonMobil for example, made only seven cents per gallon of gasoline in 2011. That's just a drop in the bucket compared to the nearly 50 cents per gallon that federal, state and local governments rake in on an average gallon of gas pumped in the United States.  
Gas taxes are particularly un-

fair because they hit the poorest people the hardest. Most people have to drive, whether to work, to the grocery store, to pick up kids from school or any of the dozens of other reasons we pull out of the driveway each day. These responsibilities don't change whether you make \$25,000 or \$250,000 each year. The only difference is for someone struggling to make ends meet, paying 50 cents per gallon in taxes, may be the difference between driving to work and putting dinner on the table.  
The next time you begin to blame oil companies, speculators or service stations for high gas prices, remember, no one gets richer off of gasoline than government.  
— Drew Johnson is a senior fellow at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA), a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to a smaller, more responsible government. Visit TPA online at [www.protectingtaxpayers.org](http://www.protectingtaxpayers.org).

## ✓ Politics: Abolish partisanship at state level

*From Page 18A*  
between K-12, community colleges, and Idaho's four-year colleges and universities — with a possible concomitant improvement in the percentage of Idaho high school students who go on to professional schools and/or higher education. Professional staff members would be selected to get the best person for the job without regard to political affiliation.  
I believe that these changes will reduce the number of decisions made solely to score points with a political party instead of what is best for Idaho's students. These

would not be easy changes — but the gain in removing politics from educational decisions is worth the hard work to implement these changes.  
— Harold Nevill, Ph.D Ed. is the CEO of Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency, which provides professional-technical, gifted and talented and special education for Marsing and Homedale school districts. He has 15 years experience in education as a science and math teacher, an electronic instructor and a PTE administrator. He also is a Navy veteran, retiring as a lieutenant commander in 1997 after 21 years.





# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 35 years ago

November 24, 1977

### Snow blankets valley

The first snowstorm of the season hit the valley Saturday morning, causing slick roads, which, in turn, put many motorists in the ditch.

Football fans traveling to Boise Saturday witnessed dozens of cars off the freeway, due to ice and snow. Closer to home, the hill three miles east of Homedale on the Homedale Road was especially tricky, putting many motorists in a ditch, and off the road. Some of the victims were fans on their way to the championship game.

Service stations were “snowed under” with customers wanting snow tires. For some, it was Tuesday before drive-in customers could get winter tires put on without waiting in line.

Wind and snow continued to plague motorists Monday and Monday night, with about six inches on the ground Tuesday morning.

Business establishments reported “business as usual” with little effect by the weather on sales.

### Trojans win A-3 championship title

Brett Tolmie caught the kickoff ball and ran it all the way — 82 yards — to score the first six points for the Homedale Trojans in the A-3 championship game Saturday at BSU’s stadium. The Trojans went on to win the title 31-13 from West Jefferson.

The excited Homedale fans again saw Tolmie, and again in the first quarter, steal another six points with a 46-yard run. With Pearson’s extra point after the first TD, the first quarter ended 13-0.

The early part of the game bore a resemblance to ice hockey, with the slippery Astroturf being coated with the winter’s first snow. Players were slipping and sliding, falling, and skating on the unfamiliar ball field.

Tolmie’s first-play score gave the Trojans a mental win, and at the same time seemed to defeat the surprised West Jefferson team. Homedale’s line hit hard and kept the Trojans way out front on the scoreboard. Doug Williams had established the Trojans’ defensive tone when he intercepted a Shane Thompson pass to set up Tolmie’s second TD.

### False arrest insurance rates up

The cost of a sheriff being insured against false arrest has increased drastically, according to a letter addressed to the county commissioners.

Sheriff Tim Nettleton said in a letter to the commissioners that the cost of false arrest insurance has increased from \$340 in 1975 to \$4,103 in 1977, or approximately 3.4 percent of the department’s total budget.

### Voters to decide bond issue

MARSING—On December 15 Marsing’s school board will ask voters to approve a \$988,000 bond issue for a new middle school and gym and for the purchase of land south of the present elementary school as a building site.

The election date, amount of bond issue and site location were decided at a recessed meeting last week after board members spent two hours mulling over figures and alternatives.

The board met again in recessed session to sign legal papers advertising the bond issue and to discuss funding help for tiling a drain ditch which runs through school property.

Earlier the board had discussed three site locations: a seven-acre tract of land the school district presently owns west of the grade school; the football field-baseball diamond area, which would require moving those facilities elsewhere; and a tract of ground south of the grade school which the board can purchase for \$37,500.

The tract south of the school, which they ultimately chose, was originally estimated at eight acres. However, after investigating the property with aerial photographs and taking into account land which would be usable after the drainage ditch west of the property is tiled and covered, the board learned the site comes closer to 11 acres.

## 50 years ago

November 22, 1962

### BLM returns 3,873 acres to reserves

The Bureau of Land Management announced Tuesday that 3,873.38 acres of land are being restored to the national land reserve.

Michael T. Solan, Boise, land office manager, said the lands were reconveyed to the United States by landowners in various exchanges under the Taylor Grazing Act. The lands are located in Bingham, Blaine, Butte, Lincoln and Owyhee counties.

Solan said the lands are typical of any dry grazing lands in southern Idaho and will be open to the filing of applications under the various public land laws. The land must be examined and classified as suitable for the type of entry sought, he added.

The lands in Owyhee County are about 70 miles southwest of Bruneau and four miles west of the west boundary of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

### Kiwanis Club elects new officers Wednesday

Jim Duncan was elected president of the Homedale Kiwanis Club at the regular monthly business meeting held Wednesday noon.

Vic Uria was elected vice-president. The officers will also serve on the board of directors along with retiring president Bob Kniefel and newly-elected directors Roy Vance, Deward Bell, John Kushlan, Russ Sayers, Herman Koenig, George Murray, and Bill Bredy.

The six men selling the most Kiwanis calendars were treated to a steak dinner, while other club members ate hamburger patties. The six super salesmen were Ed Maning, Jim Duncan, Vic Uria, Merrill Baigrie, Deward Bell and Herman Koenig. Pen and pencil sets were given the last four.

### Merle Brandau receives watch as 4-H club award

The annual Owyhee County 4-H Recognition meeting was held at Homedale Saturday evening, in the Washington grade school multi-purpose room. Carl Van Slyke of Homedale was the master of ceremonies.

The evening began with a potluck supper, then the Wilson 4-H club gave a musical number.

Immediately following their number, V. H. Budell, of the First Security Bank of Nampa, presented Merle Brandau of Wilson a wristwatch for being the outstanding 4-H girl in the county.

Becky Brandau, Merle’s sister, was presented a \$200 Union Pacific scholarship by Russell Eldredge, the Marsing Union Pacific railroad agent.

### Ihli pledged to military honor soc.

James H. Ihli of Murphy is among 22 advanced course ROTC cadets at Idaho State College who have been pledged to the ISC chapter of Scabbard and Blade, national honor society.

This year’s pledge class, when initiated, will give the ISC chapter its largest membership since the society was organized on campus in 1957.

### Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tidwell and Mrs. Mike Parson and children of Emmett attended the fairyland parade in Boise Saturday. Mrs. Parson and children returned to the Tidwell home and spent the week end here while Mr. Parson went deer hunting, returning Sunday evening and taking his family back to Emmett.

Jim Gibson went deer hunting over the week end on Rabbit Creek near Idaho City returning with a five-point buck.

Rickie Jensen of Caldwell spent the week end with his aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Ezola while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jensen went hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, Sr., are entertaining their entire family during the Thanksgiving holiday, with Lt. Col. Ray Cook and family coming from Perris, Calif., and Glenn Cook from Brawley, Calif.

## 140 years ago

November 23, 1872

A MATRIMONIAL BROKER. An old Pole in New York is well known to the frequenters of the Atlantic and Pacific beer gardens, in the Bowery, as a matrimonial agent. If he sees a young man whom he imagines to be a good matrimonial subject, he seats himself by his side and ingratiates himself into his good will. He treats to beer and cigars, and learns if the young man is married, and if not, draws gradually from him his occupation, means and prospects. On learning that he would like a wife, he shortly disappears and soon returns with a young lady on his arm. After another conversation upon general subjects with the young man, he casually introduces him to the young lady, who becomes conversational and renders herself agreeable. On finding the young man interested, he leaves the couple, and if an engagement ensues he obtains a commission from either or both. He makes the acquaintance of women of all ages, equally with men, and in the case of young ladies, negotiates very considerably with mothers or chaperons. On the side of the gentlemen he does not confine himself solely to the young, but has candidates for matrimony of all ages on his list. The ceremonies under his auspices are nearly always economically performed by police justices.

FINANCIAL FAILURE. The firm of Bowles Bros. & Co., an American house doing a banking business in Paris, has suspended. The liabilities of the house are estimated at \$500,000. The sufferers are principally American travelers in Europe. It is believed that arrangements have been made with Drexel, Morgan & Co. in favor of Americans now on the Continent, to honor drafts drawn on the letters of credit of the bankrupt firm. The failure is attributed to reckless investments of the capital of the concern, and considerable advances to the Japanese Government, payments on which are now overdue. The hope is expressed, however, that the house may be able to resume business, upon a settlement with creditors at the rate of seventy-five per cent.

A MINE JUMPED. Yesterday morning, or some time during the previous night, Col. Fogus took possession of the Illinois Central mine which has been worked by the Sands Brothers and H. S. Cheasbro for nearly two years past. They had not been working at night but went to the mine as usual in the morning and found Fogus and some other parties on guard with Henry rifles. We know nothing in relation to the title to the mine. Fogus may have a just claim to it, and he may not, but we cannot, nor shall we countenance any such high-handed proceedings. If his claim is right and just, he should have sought redress in our law courts, instead of taking forcible and armed possession of the mine. In this matter the general sentiment of the community is against Fogus and the quicker he leaves the Illinois mine, the better it will be for him.

Later, Col. Fogus arrived at the Idaho Hotel, at 2 o’clock this morning, and has probably given up the idea of holding the mine.

CARL BOSCO. This world-renowned slight-of-hand performer and illusionist gave one of his wonderful entertainments in Good Templar Hall last night. The Hall was crowded, and everybody present was immensely delighted. Among other incomprehensible tricks performed were the following: The Enchanted Cards; Candles and Handkerchief; Wreath and Rings; Coin and Decanter; Aerial Bell and Frame; Mystic Clock; Demon Hat, or how is that for high? Floating Stick; Mysterious Water; The Hindoo Chain; Lessons in Legerdemain; Mystic Ball; Turkish handkerchief; Treasures in the Air. Mr. Bosco will give another performance at the same place this evening and we advise everybody to attend, as it is decidedly the best “show” that Silver City has ever had.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Morality is still triumphant. Fans are getting fashionable. Raffles are all the go here now. Iced lemonades ain’t just the things now.



# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF  
OWYHEE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2012  
MURPHY, IDAHO**

Bills paid: Current Expense- \$81,350.00, Road & Bridge- \$7,527.17, District Court- \$5,325.38, Fair, Grounds & Buildings- \$1,473.62, Probation- \$1,351.14, Museum- \$775.22, Indigent & Charity- \$18,642.64, Junior College Tuition- \$9,250.00, Revaluation- \$1778.65, Solid Waste- \$26,263.06, Tort- \$3.38, Weeds- \$145.00, 911- \$1.805.25, Vessel- \$6.26.

Reviewed bill weekly bill paying.

Approved Juvenile Detention Housing Agreement with Canyon County.

Approved Contract with .uslocality domain.

Approved Sheriffs Office credit card increase.

Approved a letter of support for grant funding for City of Grandview.

Resolution 12-29 adopted. Granted modifications for the control stations for dispatch.

Approved a letter for DEQ supporting Owyhee Restoration Incentive.

Approved contract with Intermountain Hospital for Indigent Care.

Indigent and Charity cases reviewed.

Approved a letter to Walt George Project Manager Gateway West Transmission Line Project E.I.S.

Executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1),(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) for personnel matters, attorney memo's and possible litigation.

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

11/21/12

**CITY OF MARSING  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

This hereby serves as public notice that the City Council of Marsing, Idaho will hold a Public Hearing at **7 p.m. on November 28, 2012 at Marsing City Hall**. The Public Hearing is for property located at 3 East Main & 5 E. Main St., Marsing, Idaho and for the abatement of nuisances and unsafe buildings located at the property. Written comments can be provided prior to the hearing at the Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., P.O. Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639. The hearing will be held in a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have any questions please contact the City Clerk, (208) 896-4122 ext.1.

11/14,21/12

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows:

1998 Thomas MVP-ER Rear Engine Transit 78-passenger bus (VIN # 1T7HR4B21W1157198) 2 0 0 0 T h o m a s / International Conventional 71-passenger bus (VIN # 1HVBABN5YH278031)

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$2,900.00 (the appraised value) for

the 1998 Thomas MVP-ER Rear Engine Transit 78-passenger bus (VIN # 1T7HR4B21W1157198) and \$4,600.00 (the appraised value) for the 2000 Thomas/ International Conventional 71-passenger bus (VIN # 1HVBABN5YH278031). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on December 10, 2012 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of November 26, 2012 and December 7, 2012.

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager  
11/21,28/12

**REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS FOR  
ENGINEERING OR  
ARCHITECTURAL  
SERVICES**

(Published Advertisement)

The Bruneau Quick Response Unit is requesting proposals from qualified Architects to provide architectural and associated services for the design and construction of a new Emergency Services Facility in Bruneau, Idaho.

Owyhee County on behalf of the Bruneau Quick Response Unit is applying for federal assistance to fund the project.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the following criteria. The maximum point value of each criterion is shown in the parentheses:

Capability to Perform Project (30); Relevant Project Experience (30); Qualifications of Project Team (25); Project Approach and Schedule (15); Selection Committee Interview (30)

A request for proposals may be obtained from Mary Tindall at mtindall3@mindspring.com or call 208-845-2821.

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. November 30, 2012. Please mail to:

Bruneau Quick Response Unit, Attn: Mary Tindall, P. O. Box 294, Bruneau, Idaho 83604

11/14,21/12

**LEIN SALE**

1978 Ford F150 Vin# F14HRCG5930 and a 1984 Datson pickup Vin# JN6ND06Y8EW014799 to be sold on November 30, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) located at 19244 Allendale Rd, Wilder, ID 83676.

11/14,21/12

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 2, 2012 File No.: 7307.24965 Sale date and time (local time): March 7, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 5658 Old Bruneau HWY Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Marc Castor and Leann Castor, husband and wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration

**NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED  
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

P.O. 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, 2012, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2010, 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, 2012, 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 inquires direct to Gem Irrigation at the above named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/09	Misc Costs
Ryan Kish	Sec. 28, T3N, R4W PT NW SE	2010	450.13	159.14	39.38
Jordan/Jennifer Knarr	Sec. 16, T2N, R4W PT E1/2 NB NW	2010	85.43	29.17	39.38
Rick J. Lacer	Sec. 28, T3N, R4W, Parcel J, PT N1/2 SW1/4	2010	305.24	107.34	39.38
Fred W/Mary Larsen	Sec. 16, T2N, R4W, PT NW NW	2010	140.19	48.81	39.38
Michael/Sara Larsen	Sec. 16, T2N, R4W, PT NW NW	2010	73.70	25.31	39.38
James/Donna Mummert	Sec. 28, T3N, R4W, PT NW SE	2010	82.79	27.48	39.38
Norman/Marlene Simpson	Sec. 32, T3N, R4W, PT SW SE	2010	126.41	44.06	39.38
John Wardhaugh	Sec. 15, T3N, R5W, PT NW NE	2010	230.67	80.71	39.38

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012  
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Connie Chadez, Treasurer  
11/7,14,21,28/12

Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for D.L. Evans Bank Recording date: 10/17/2007 Recorder's instrument number: 262809 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 2, 2012: \$178,482.06 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: A parcel being a portion of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 34; thence South 89 degrees 37' 06" East along the North boundary of the said Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, a distance of 317.59; thence South 19 degrees 36' 09" East along the centerline of a 4-foot wide concrete irrigation ditch, a distance of 307.14 feet, thence South 88 degrees 14' 17" West a distance of 419.64 feet to a point on the West boundary of the said Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter; thence North 0 degrees 13' 20" West along the said West boundary, a distance of 304.36 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.24965) 1002.231149- File No.

11/14,21,28;12/5/12

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE**

On March 12, 2013, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock PM of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse,

20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., 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 the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

**Lot 3 of Block 1 of the original Townsite of Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof dated September 25, 1937 and filed August 17, 1938 as No. 56105 in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho**

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **12913 Delmar Avenue, Murphy, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Daryl Crandall and Jennifer Crandall, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans as the Beneficiary,

under the Deed of Trust recorded August 24, 2007, as Instrument No. 262194, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Midfirst Bank, recorded November 5, 2012, as Instrument No. 279136, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$872.16 for the months of April 2012 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$105,133.62 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.0% from March 1, 2012, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2012.

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106

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# Public notices

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 9, 2012 File No.: 7763.10753 Sale date and time (local time): March 11, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 10103 Locust Ln Melba, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Nathan Parkinson Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Co, a California Corporation Original beneficiary: Washington Mutual Bank Recording date: 01/14/2005 Recorder’s instrument number: 250604 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 9, 2012: \$281,222.93 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: That portion of residential Lots 2 and 3, Block 4 as recorded December 16, 1981 as Sunrise Sky Park Subdivision as Instrument No. 171169 in the Recorder’s Office, Owyhee County, Idaho. Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 2, Block 4 and proceeding North 43 degrees 38’ 00” West 79.00 feet; thence South 46 degrees 22’ 00” West 260.14 feet; thence South 43 degrees 38’ 00” East 79.00 feet; thence continuing South 43 degrees 38’ 00” East 96.00 feet; thence North 46 degrees 22’ 00” East 260.14 feet; thence North 43 degrees 38’ 00” West 96.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7763.10753) 1002.233299-File No. 11/21,28;12/5,12/12

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. ID-MWB-12002567

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **March 5, 2013**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT ‘A’ AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 6900 WILD GAME LANE, MARSING, ID 83639-5038, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JOSEPH HILL AND LORETTA HILL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to TITLE ONE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MOUNTAIN WEST BANK, as Beneficiary, dated 5/8/2009, recorded 5/14/2009, under Instrument No. 268175, rerecorded under Auditor’s/Recorder’s No. 268467, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MOUNTAIN WEST BANK. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 5/8/2009, FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$216,582.67 PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST AND CHARGES AS SET FORTH, WHICH BECAME DUE AND PAYABLE BY REASON OF BENEFICIARY’S EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHT TO ACCELERATE THE LOAN SECURED BY SAID DEED OF TRUST, WHICH RIGHT OCCURRED UPON THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISION OF THE DEED OF TRUST WHICH ALLOWS BENEFICIARY TO CALL ALL AMOUNTS DUE AND PAYABLE IN FULL UPON DEFAULT OF MONTHLY PAYMENTS. All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$216,582.67, together with interest thereon at 4.980% per annum from 8/1/2012, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 11/5/2012. Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services By Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Secretary c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510 EXHIBIT A This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15 of Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the

Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence South 00° 04’ 05” West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on R.O.S. Instrument No. 165969 on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 89° 54’ 51” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 439.88 feet; thence leaving said North boundary and bearing South 24° 27’ 45” West a distance of 165.26 feet; thence South 56° 24’ 01” East a distance of 141.72 feet; thence South 00° 03’ 35” West a distance of 211.27 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Parcel 5; thence North 89° 54’ 51” West along said South boundary a distance of 787.33 feet to the Southwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence traversing the West boundary of said Parcel 5 as follows: North 10° 57’ 29” West a distance of 254.02 feet; North 51° 42’ 29” West a distance of 226.70 feet; North 20° 13’ 29” West a distance of 53.82 feet to the Northwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence South 89° 55’ 08” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 542.88 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Together with a 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement described as follows: A 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement being a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, the centerline of which is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence South 00° 04’ 05” West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on Record of Survey Instrument No. 165969, on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89° 54’ 51” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 1265.77 feet to a point on the centerline of the Old Bruneau Highway; thence South 08° 13’ 59” West along said centerline a distance of 223.80 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said centerline and traversing a curve to the left having a radius of 95.84 feet, a central angle of 37° 25’ 19”, an arc length of 62.60 feet and a long chord which bears South 61° 19’ 15” West a distance of 61.49 feet; thence South 42° 35’ 57” West a distance of 66.89 feet; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 150.26 feet, a central angle of 62° 19’ 14”, an arc length of 163.44 feet and a long chord which bears South 73° 45’ 34” West a distance of 155.50 feet; thence North 75° 04’ 49” West a distance of 185.28 feet; thence North 84° 44’ 08” West a distance of 318.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. 11/14,21,28;12/5/12

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s

date: November 7, 2012 File No.: 7043.22363 Sale date and time (local time): March 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 6116 Dunlap Road Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Stacey E. Eickhoff & Edward W. Eickhoff, Jr., wife & husband Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: First Horizon Home Loan Corporation Recording date: 08/11/2004 Recorder’s instrument number: 248787 and Modified on February 01, 2005 as Instrument No. 250762 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 7, 2012: \$194,202.60 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: A part of Lot 5 of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows: Beginning at a point 40 feet East of the Southwest corner of the half section line running through said Lot 5, which Point of Beginning is also described as a point 40 feet East of the point of Intersection of the North and South half section line and the South line of said section; thence in a Northeasterly direction 742 feet to the Fork of Snake River; thence Southeasterly along the bank of Snake River 567 feet to the South line of said Section 21; thence West 942 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7043.22363) 1002.233135-File No. 11/21,28;12/5,12/12

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 24, 2012 File No.: 7303.20639 Sale date and time (local time): March 22, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 3025 Pioneer Road Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: James R. Hellman & Brandie J. Hellman, husband and wife Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee

for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank N.A. Recording date: 03/26/2008 Recorder’s instrument number: 264358 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 24, 2012: \$293,043.63 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: This parcel is a portion of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, a found G.L.O. brass cap monument; thence South 89 degrees 24’ 59” West along the North boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter a distance of 429.28 feet to the True Point of Beginning, 1/2 X 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence South 00 degrees 07’ 07” East parallel with the East boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter a distance of 374.18 feet to a point on the Southerly boundary of the parcel described in the deed recorded as Instrument No. 249746, records of Owyhee County, a 1/2 X 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence traversing said boundary as follows: South 87 degrees 19’ 29” West (of record North 87 degrees 02’ 50” East) a distance of 33.28 feet to a 5/8 X 30 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 36 degrees 59’ 41” West a distance of 255.90 feet (of record South 37 degrees 16’ 20” East 255.90 feet) to a 5/8 X 30 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 36 degrees 00’ 53” East a distance of 179.90 feet ( of record South 35 degrees 44’ 00” West 179.90 feet) to a 5/8 X 30 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 00 degrees 07’ 07” West (of record South 0 degrees 21’ 40” East) parallel with the East boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter a distance of 25.00 feet to a point on the North boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, 5/8 X 30 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 89 degrees 24’ 59” East along the North boundary a distance of 80.73 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7303.20639) 1002.231708-File No. 11/7,14,21,28/12



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<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	 <b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E., 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder</b> 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
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Homedale School District’s November Award of Excellence recipient Marciela Guzman, left, reviews some material with elementary school principal Terri Vasquez.

# Guzman named Homedale schools employee of month

Maricela Guzman is going back to college to learn what she already knows how to do: work with schoolchildren. She was named the Homedale School District Employee of the Month for November for her work as a paraprofessional at Homedale Elementary School.

Guzman, who goes by the nickname “Maudi,” said she is going to attend either Treasure Valley Community College or the College of Western Idaho, first obtaining her associate’s degree in early childhood development and then going on to earn a four-year degree.

“She’s a natural. She already has the talent. It’s just a piece of paper to say she can do what she’s already doing,” Terri Vasquez, principal at Homedale Elementary School, said.

According to friends, associates, and the children she works with, Guzman exemplifies enthusiasm coupled with energy. Her to-do list includes: reading with the schoolchildren; helping them with math; opening the elementary school library in the morning; working in an after-school program as a tutor; and making home visits to migrant parents to help them prepare their kids for school.

She also serves as a chaperone

for high school-age students in the Future Hispanic Leaders of America organization.

“I’ve known many of them since preschool,” she said.

Guzman started with the district in 1997 but left for a few years to care for her ailing mother. She returned to the district in 2001.

Vasquez explained that, generally, principals select who will be named Employee of the Month for the district. But she made the decision to enlist the help of staff in deciding who deserved the honor this time around.

“I decided to put it out to the staff so they could have their say. It has more meaning coming from peers,” Vasquez said.

She said the response in favor of Guzman was overwhelming.

In a prepared text read aloud at the Nov. 12 school board meeting, fellow elementary school paraprofessional Becky Forth said, “Maudi makes everyone feel important. Parents know she wants the best for their children, and students know she expects the best from them.”

“I feel blessed to be here (at Homedale Elementary),” Guzman said. “The whole staff makes you feel like family.”

“A hard-working family,” Vasquez said.

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