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### Marsing Lions pick up the torch



**Above:** Dauber marks populate Michael Taylor's head during the Nov. 3 bingo night. "I'm not a bobblehead, I'm a dauber-head," Taylor said of the superstitious ritual. **Below:** Marsing Lion Jeannie Marie Drennon calls out one of the numbers that popped out of the machine.

## Bingo night enters new era

Team of three  
doing work of  
one this year

For a guy who put Marsing's teams on a pedestal, Chris Salove did a lot of individual work — maybe even more than anyone realized until he was gone.

The Marsing Lions Club's bingo committee has found out first-hand exactly how much the community-minded businessman did when it came time to organize the games for the 2012-13 season.

Three women, all Lions, began gearing up for the monthly benefit bingo games in September. Club secretary Betty Ackerman, Lion Tamer/sergeant-at-arms Jeannie Marie Drennon and treasurer Deb Holzhey started divvying up the responsibilities — getting game cards, concessions and



other supplies.

"Before, Chris just kind of did all of that and it was just his," Ackerman said.

"We were flying by the seat of our pants," Drennon said.

Salove was the heart and soul of the bingo games at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center and had been for quite a few years — ever since he took over

after Mike Percifield's death.

"Chris would go down in the afternoon to turn on the heat because it would get cold in there with that cement floor," Ackerman said. "He did it all. We'd get there, and everything would be set up."

All that changed when Salove died in July.

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## Former building official sues county

Emery calls  
Ottens' claim  
"non-meritorious"

A former building inspector has filed a tort claim against Owyhee County.

Mark Ottens, who stepped down as the county's building inspector in the spring to accept a job with Ada County, alleges county officials and others representing Owyhee County deprived him of due process and violated his right to privacy. Hired as a part-time employee, Ottens also

claims he was uncompensated for time worked above his weekly threshold of 24 hours.

He was employed by Owyhee County from March 2011 to late April of this year.

No specific amount of damages is listed in the tort claim, which the county received from Ottens' attorney, Kail Q. Seibert, on Oct. 23.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery, who is among the people named in the tort claim, provided The Owyhee Avalanche with a copy of the document last Wednesday after a

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## Rimrock food bank helps less fortunate

The Rimrock Community Food Pantry hopes to benefit from this year's annual Christmas in the Country bazaar, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Grand View Elementary

School gym.

Co-chair of the food dispensary, Starla Pineda, said the pantry will raise funds for nourishment for the

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## Annual effort to assist OHR residents begins

Gift drive here;  
auction on tap

The Owyhee Avalanche is holding its annual gift drive to benefit the residents of the Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center. The drive will be held from now until Dec. 21.

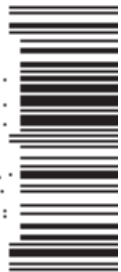
Residents of the center were asked to make "wish lists" of items they'd like to receive and

included on the lists such items as perfume, chocolates, clothing, and music boxes.

Area "Santas" may choose to give all the items on a wish list, or just select one gift to give.

Miscellaneous gift items may be donated and include chocolate, large-print word search puzzle books, crayons, large-print playing cards, family-style games,

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# Tickets still available for Santa Brunch

School fundraiser includes food, raffle, auction

Ticket sales continue this week for the first Santa Brunch at Homedale Elementary School.

The school’s Parent Teacher Organization spearheaded the event, but it now will feature the Homedale Chamber of Commerce’s annual turkey raffle giveaway.

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. Themes include:

- Boise State University from the kindergarten
- Date night from the first-graders
- Family game night from the second grade
- A car care kit compiled by the third grade
- Chocolate lovers from the fourth-graders
- In the kitchen from the kitchen staff
- A spa/relaxation collection from the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency/Special Day class.

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](mailto:homedale.elementary.pto@gmail.com) for more information.

There also is a Facebook page devoted to the Santa Brunch.

# Musicians to present concert to benefit HHS music program

Paul Schiller is a man of eclectic interests. A master pianist, he also likes to shoot sporting clays. Both endeavors have brought him to Homedale.

On Friday, he will perform at Homedale Middle School in an event billed as “A Night of Sounds & Sights.” A music preview and dinner begins at 5:45 p.m.; general admission opens at 7 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Homedale High School marching band and music programs.

“It has nothing to do with Christmas at all,” Schiller said of the concert.

In fact, both the music and photos that will appear on a screen while he is playing highlight the Grand Canyon, trains, and modern art, among other things.

One of the primary musical compositions that will be performed is related to an orchestral work titled “Pacific 231” by French composer Arthur Honegger.

“It’s about steam engines in London,” Schiller said.

He’ll open the performance

with “The Star Spangled Banner” while a photo of the American flag flashes onscreen. Then later in the performance, pictures of the Grand Canyon will be displayed to musical accompaniment.

Joining him onstage will be Lisa Larimore, who plays saxophone.

“We’ve played a lot lately, and we’ve done quite a few shows,” Larimore said.

Both musicians work at Dunkley Music in Boise, Schiller as a piano tuner and Larimore as a repairer of woodwind and brass instruments.

Dunkley is providing a grand piano for the performance.

Schiller said that throughout the years, he’s “done tons of concerts” in such venues as Hawaii, Twin Falls, McCall, Seattle and Columbus, Ga., among other places.

Originally from Winchester, Va., he began playing piano at age 5 and is now 62.

Both Schiller and Larimore are pleased to see funds generated from the concert go toward helping the Homedale High School music program. Larimore looks

at it very practically.

“My job depends on schools thriving,” she said. “The better they do, the more instruments I get to repair.”

General admission tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling Denise Dixon at (208) 840-0440 or Jessica Bohacek at 337-4613. The preview, dining and performance tickets are being sold separately as tables to groups; call Dixon for more information.

Dixon is a member of the executive committee of the Homedale High School Band Booster Club, and Bohacek is band director at the school.

“Sales are going well. We’re not completely sold out; we’d like to get some more people there,” Dixon said. “The kids are going on a (band) trip to Seattle in the spring. This will help them attain their goal to go on the trip. We also hope to be able to set up a scholarship fund, and we need some new band uniforms and some instrument repairs.”

Larimore will be happy to hear that.

— GB

# Families prepare for service project

Hands Around Homedale recipients to make stockings for soldiers

Families helped by Homedale’s annual food and gift drive get a chance to give back Saturday.

At least one representative from each of the more than 40 families slated to receive food and gifts through the Hands Around Homedale and Wish Tree projects will participate in a Stockings for Soldiers effort organized by school counselor Randee Garrett.

Each of the past three years, Garrett has selected a different

community service project for those who receive assistance. This year, the families will gather at the elementary school to make stockings that can be filled with care package items for soldiers deployed overseas.

“It’s always been fun and a way for us at the school to connect with the families on a non-academic level in a different setting,” Garrett said.

Garrett said the success of previ-

ous service projects shows that the families in need are just as willing to help others in need.

“I think the fact that they’re willing to come and give back shows (their gratitude),” the eighth-year program coordinator said.

Previous service projects have included making blankets for Project Linus and pillowcases for pediatric cancer patients.

“We always try to donate to a cause and create something that utilizes a skill that (the family members) can use,” Garrett said.

She said the skills can be used to create a livelihood if necessary, too.

“A week of food doesn’t give them a shot at life, but maybe teaching a skill will,” Garrett said.

Organizations in all three Homedale schools started the annual food drive for Hands Around Homedale this week. The food drive will last through Friday, Dec. 14, at which time the items dropped off at the schools will be transferred to the elementary school lunchroom for sorting and distribution.

“We welcome anybody in the community to come help sort,” Garrett said.

Garrett said it’s not unusual for program recipients to also help in the sorting process.

The families will pick up care packages later in the day on Dec. 14.

Wish Tree gifts will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 22. Tags are located at Paul’s Market, Moxie Java, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant and the Homedale Post Office.

— JPB



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# Homedale insurance going up

A handful of catastrophic medical claims has put the City of Homedale's medical insurance carrier in a precarious position.

As a result, member organizations of the Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority (III-A) are being asked to increase their premium payments to keep the carrier solvent.

The Homedale City Council will consider a one-time payment of \$21,600 as well as a 31 percent monthly premium hike during a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The rise in catastrophic claims, many of which have run their course, resulted in III-A putting out more money than it brought in with premium payments.

Homedale joined III-A along with several other small and mid-sized Idaho municipalities to create a stronger pool for group coverage. III-A provides medical, dental and vision insurance.

The city currently pays \$4,537 each month for its employees, but the monthly premium will increase to \$5,944 in January.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said the city over-budgeted for medical benefits in fiscal year 2013. She said the city still will pay about \$1,000 per month less with the premium increase than it did with previous insurers Blue Cross and Ameritas. — JPB

# Herrera counsel requests more time

Veronica T. Herrera, 29, of Homedale, was arraigned early last week in front of Third District Court Judge Thomas Ryan.

The Nov. 20 felony arraignment came four days after a grand jury indicted her on several felony counts, including first degree murder, in the death of her 2-year-old daughter.

Her defense team, led by Owyhee County Public Defender William H. Wellman, requested additional time to review the superseding indictment. The defense indicated they would not be ready to proceed to trial by the end of January. A trial date had been set for the first month of 2013.

"The matter will be taken up for further review, at which time the defendant is formally expected to answer the charges (and offer a plea)," Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said.

The next review is set for 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 in the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. — GB

## Holiday shoppers flock to Marsing



Even Mrs. Claus got in on the act during Saturday's Marsing Holiday Gift Bazaar, checking out "spoon caddies" made and sold by Allen Davaz at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.



Treats that included caramels, cookies and popcorn were one of the big attractions at the Marsing Holiday Gift Bazaar Saturday.



Marilyn Long decorated and sold miniature Christmas trees at the bazaar.

## County helps HPD obtain cameras

Surveillance cameras will be installed in and around the Homedale Police Department with the use of federal funds.

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday accepted a bid from Caldwell-based A-Gem Supply to outfit the area inside and outside the police department with cameras. The county will use part of its Bureau of Homeland Security grant funding at the request of Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller.

A-Gem Supply will charge \$1,951 for the project.

Monday's vote wrapped up a discussion that began during the Nov. 19 BOCC meeting.

During the initial discussion, county emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond told the commissioners that the area where the cameras will be used can be viewed via computers, including home-based computers for specified personnel.

The security measure is part of the city's project to fence an area behind City Hall to house police vehicles.

Also during the Nov. 19 meeting, county commissioners heard an update from Owyhee

County Assessor Brett Endicott regarding a lighting proposal for the Owyhee County Courthouse. The county is working with Town & Country Electric of Nampa and is seeking, among other lighting, a light for the outdoor flagpole at the courthouse in Murphy.

A discussion on the use of more modern, energy-efficient lighting was taken up, with BOCC chair Joe Merrick saying he assumed the new lighting should likely entail high-pressure, sodium lights as opposed to the older mercury lights.

The transition won't allow for

an energy-efficiency rebate from Idaho Power, but could mean lower power bills, Endicott said.

Bill Brown, an Adams County commissioner, was nominated for a position on the Gem Plan Board of Trustees for District III. The Gem Plan Board helps small counties provide insurance for their police departments, according to District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi.

A resolution passed for destruction of property in the county clerk's office in the form of dated temporary and semi-permanent records. — GB

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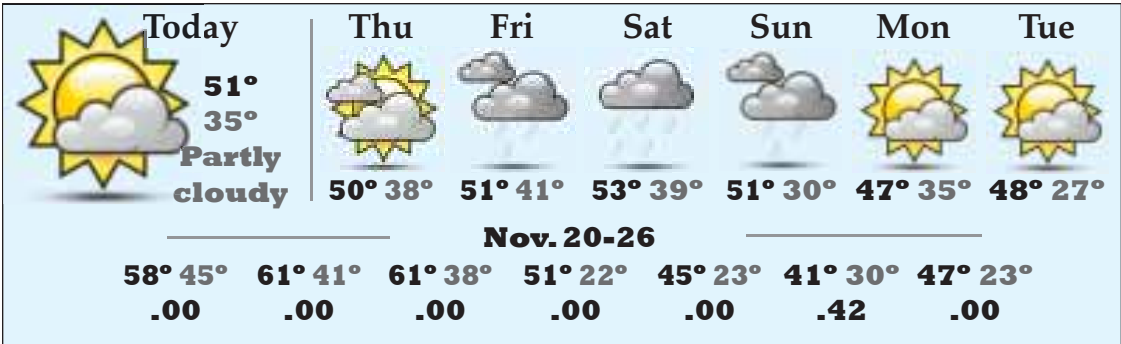
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## Girls dive into STEM at Micron campus

A group of eighth-grade girls from Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School recently took part in the Girls Go Tech Program. The program, which was presented at Micron in Boise, introduces young women into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) careers. The Rimrock group was among girls who attended breakout sessions and hands-on activities led by women who work in STEM fields at Micron.

## HHS alum earns nomination for work with developmentally disabled

Toni Belknap-Brinegar, a 1993 graduate of Homedale High School, was nominated for an Opening Doors award for her work with developmentally disabled adults. The recognition for her work, along with others in the same field, was part of the first annual Commitment to Community Awards sponsored by Community Partnerships of Idaho. The awards event, held earlier this month, was to honor individuals, organizations and businesses that place value on people with disabilities as an important part of the community, according to a press release from the organization. There were four award categories: Building Bridges, Plays Well with Others, Opening Doors, and the Commitment to Community Lifetime Achievement award. “The crux of the Opening Doors award was for people who go above and beyond to try and help people with developmental disabilities be included in their community,” Belknap-Brinegar said. She works with an agency in Boise called HISway, which helps



Toni Belknap-Brinegar

the developmentally disabled through a program she referred to as “supported living.” The agency provides hourly or 24-hour home care to adults with developmental disabilities. “I’ve been a service coordinator for the last 12 years, and part of that job is trying to develop a plan for people with disabilities to have a full life, to know people at the grocery store, for instance, or to

volunteer to help someone else. “Those are the things that help everybody to have a full life. We’re trying to help people enrich their lives,” she said. Asked to specify the disabilities of people she works with, she said, “My philosophy in life is that it doesn’t matter what your disability is, that you’re a person first.” “Based on her experience with a child who has a disability, Toni is able to see potential that is often overlooked,” Terry Hansen, marketing director with Community Partnerships of Idaho, said. Winner of the award in Belknap-Brinegar’s category was a Meridian-based grassroots organization called Stepping Steps, founded in 1979 by parents of developmentally disabled children to develop group homes. Hansen said Community Partnerships of Idaho has provided services to children and adults with disabilities and mental illness since 1995. Belknap-Brinegar has a degree in psychology. She works in Boise and lives in Nampa.

— GB

## Basement furnace blamed for engulfing house in smoke

A furnace in the house at 415 W. Washington Ave. in Homedale is being blamed for immersing the residence in smoke early in the afternoon of Nov. 19. “The insurance company will do an investigation to determine the cause. At this time, we suspect it was an electric furnace in the basement,” Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said. No one was hurt during the incident, but according to Salutregui, there was a lot of smoke damage. “It was a total loss to the basement,” he said. The house sits just across the street from Homedale Elementary. Schoolchildren were in no danger at any time, Salutregui said. As firefighters worked over the course of several hours to quell the smoke, the Caldwell Fire Dept. was called to fill up their SCBA bottles, or self-contained breathing apparatuses. “We called the Caldwell Fire Dept. to bring their air trailer to fill up the extra bottles that we’d already used. It’s standard practice,” the fire chief said. The home is the residence of Kade and Stephenie Thomas, who have two small children, including a 3-year-old boy and a 5-month-old girl who suffers from a heart condition that required treatment earlier this year at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif. According to a family friend, Andi Sorrell, no benefit is planned for the family at this time. However, “we gave them assistance from our burnout fund and contacted the Red Cross,” Salutregui said. The couple is currently residing in Wilder, and Sorrell said family and friends have been in the house to help the couple retrieve furniture and other items that were salvageable.

— GB

## Irrigation meetings scheduled

Three irrigation boards will hold their final meetings of 2012 on Tuesday in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District meets at 1 p.m. The Gem Irrigation District board of directors meets at 1:15. The South Board of Control meets at 1:30. All three meetings take place downstairs in the boardroom at the SBOC office, 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W.

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Grand View gets into holiday spirit

Chamber holds multi-faceted Christmas in the Country celebration

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce will meet today to put the finishing touches on the two-day Christmas in the Country event set for Friday and Saturday.

The special meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand View firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St.

The Christmas in the Country weekend begins at 6 p.m. on Friday with the annual community dinner, which also includes games, a raffle and a silent auction.

The event will be held 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 hits high gear Saturday.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with a bazaar inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 First St.

Vendor tables are available for \$20 each.

In addition to holiday crafts and housewares from individual vendors, a chili lunch will be offered. The bazaar runs until 3 p.m.

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. 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 is planned this year. Judging takes place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.

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

Rimrock: Food support planned for 50-60 families

needy by selling food at the event. The fare, made and served by volunteers, includes homemade chili and baked goods.

The primary commodities that will be purchased with the funds include turkeys and other “holiday meats,” Pineda said.

The co-chair said instances of food insecurity are not greater in the Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana areas — all communities that are served by the pantry — but said donations from The Idaho Foodbank are somewhat lower this year. (The Foodbank is based in Boise and disseminates food throughout the state.)

“We get our food from the

Foodbank and we get it once a month, which is what they usually do. We’re only going to get 17 turkeys this year, which is fewer than what we usually get,” Pineda said.

She specified that the turkeys are for Christmas.

The Rimrock Community Food Pantry plans to provide food to 50 to 60 families, and that figure doesn’t include elderly citizens who will also be served.

“The seniors will put us up to 70,” she said.

People who receive food from the pantry must provide proof of identity and meet income levels below the poverty line. — GB



Above: Dozens of players showed up for the first Marsing Lions bingo night of the 2012-13 season Nov. 3 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. The second night comes Saturday. Below: Marsing Mayor Keith Green and his wife, Chamber of Commerce president Jolyn Green, took in the first game of the year.

Bingo: Games continue Saturday night

“It took three of us to do his job,” Ackerman said. “It’ll take a while to learn it.”

The women are up to the task, though, if it means continuing bingo night that benefits different charities each month.

Of course, they may have had some help during the November game just the same.

Drennon, who split the game-calling duties with Ackerman, had trouble getting the ping-pong balls to stay in the slots when they were selected.

“I figured he was the one knocking the balls off, saying ‘You think this is easy, girls?’ ” Drennon said with a laugh. “We had little gremlins called Chris that were helping us.”

The women also acknowledged how much help the bingo regulars were.

“The crowd had been coming and they were used to Chris,”



Ackerman said. “They kept me lined out.”

There obviously was a different vibe, though.

“It was kind of bittersweet for everyone there,” Drennon said.

Even in death, Salove seems to be helping the community that he loved.

There has been an upswing in new Lions Club members, for one. The new members were installed at the club’s Nov. 20 meeting. The Lions meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

“I think people are stepping

up,” Holzhey said. “People know what he did for the community.”

Proceeds from the November game, played the night after a state playoff football game, went to the Marsing Senior Center. Other games during the season, which lasts until March, regularly benefit a scholarship fund, the Lions Club International eyeglass drive and the town’s community center.

The next bingo night begins at 6:45 p.m. Saturday with an early bird session. Regular games start at 7 p.m. — JPB

County: Defamation, lack of due process top charges

public records request.

Ottens’ claim also names Owyhee County’s commissioners — Joe Merrick, Jerry Hoagland and Kelly Aberasturi.

“The matter has been staffed by (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) representatives,” Emery wrote in the cover letter to the public records request answer. “The claim is found to be non-meritorious and will be aggressively opposed.”

Ottens claims the county conducted an investigation into his professional conduct without notifying him of any claim. He further

claims that the investigation was launched after another county employee filed a complaint. The tort claim alleges the basis of the complaint was false.

Ottens asserts that the actions of the county and its agents have damaged his professional standing as well as his earning power with Ada County Development Services.

Ottens also claims breach of contract and says that Owyhee County failed to defend him as required under the International Residential Code and state law. — JPB

OHR: Benefit night set for Dec. 8 at Last Chance

or country music CDs.

Gifts for the center’s residents may be dropped off at the Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8 a.m. and noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The list appears on Page 9 of this week’s Avalanche.

The Last Chance Saloon, 120 E. Idaho Ave. in Homedale, will hold its annual Christmas benefit

auction beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

All proceeds from the event go toward purchasing presents and necessary personal items for OHR residents.

The auction will be followed by a live musical performance featuring the band Buckin’ Country. There will be drink specials and raffles throughout the evening. — GB

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Bountiful harvest at senior center

Two of the many seniors who attended the Homedale Senior Center's Thanksgiving meal fill up their plates with biscuits, butter and cranberry sauce.

OCHS elects new leadership

Bazaar set for weekend in Murphy

Longtime member Mary O'Malley of Murphy was voted in as the new president of the Owyhee County Historical Society during elections held last week.

She replaces outgoing president Merrill Ebbers.

Russ Hutchison, of Nampa, was elected as a new board member during a Nov. 19 meeting.

"We're pretty happy with the board selections," Owyhee County Historical Museum director Joe Demshar said. "Nobody else showed up to put their names in the hat. We're pretty sure we can work with this group pretty well."

There are six board members and five officers, bringing the total number of directors to 11, Demshar said.

Ebbers called his time on the board a learning experience.

"We went through quite a transition while I was on the board. ... Got rid of an old director and got a new one," he said.

In all, he served on the board for six years, and Ebbers said he'll miss it – or at least some of it.

"Like anything else like that, you miss the people. You don't miss the problems. We had some good people that worked on the board, and still do," he said. "I won't walk away. I've got a lot of time invested out there and a lot of friends in Owyhee County."

He praised the newly elected officer and new board member.

"They've been pretty active as far as coming to the field trips and meetings," he said.

"We'll build on the wonderful museum that we have," O'Malley said regarding her plans for the organization during her term as president. "We'll have a full sched-

ule of field trips."

She said her interest in the OCHS stems from the fact her own family has lived in the area since the 1800s. "My great-grandparents came to Silver City in 1864 and settled along Succor Creek in 1865, so my family has always been involved in history."

The society is holding its annual Christmas bazaar, chaired by Neva Miller, this weekend.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy

"We'll be selling our Charlie Brown Christmas trees," Demshar said.

There will also be local arts, crafts, music and food.

Louis Monson of the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District said the agency will have its chili booth fundraiser at the bazaar as well. New chili varieties will be offered, along with the mainstays.

"We're having two kinds this year: Texas Red and New Mexico Hot," he said. "Everybody complained the chili wasn't hot enough last year. This year, I'm making chili with crushed red New Mexico hot peppers. It's a little more spicy than most chilis."

"We'll have chili for everybody; we're gonna have a variety. Everybody liked the mild that Jack Young makes," Monson said.

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Benefit planned  
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# Avalanche Sports

HHS girls back after  
well-deserved break

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## Meyers named 1A WIC’s defensive player of year

Large Rimrock  
contingent earns  
football honors

Austin Meyers led a slew of Rimrock High School football players to earn

recognition in All-1A Western Idaho Conference voting.

The senior was named the conference’s Defensive Player of the Year. He also was one of eight first-teamers from the conference champion Raiders.

Meyers was a first-team selection at running back.

Quarterback Cristian Ayala, lineman Ramon Salinas and tight ends Jacob Black and Porter Simper joined Meyers on the first-team offense.

Black and Salinas were two-way first-team picks. Both also earned all-conference nods for their play as defensive ends.

Cole Pattee was a first-team, all-

conference defensive lineman and Jared Lemieux pulled down a first-team nomination at defensive back.

Kicker Nick Bennett rounded out the Raiders’ first-teamers.

Conference coaches placed linebacker Austin Barzee on the honorable mention list.

## Rimrock boys seek happy medium

The key to success this year for the Rimrock High School boys’ basketball team will require the Raiders to walk a fine line.

“We will need to be patient on offense but turn up the tempo on defense,” third-year coach John Hannah said. “We need to have a good transition game.”

With just one player standing taller than 6 feet — junior forward and varsity newcomer Jared Lemieux — the two seemingly opposite philosophies make perfect sense for a team that was 7-10 a year ago.

“Size is a disadvantage for Rimrock along with scoring,” Hannah said. “We will need to be physical and play hard, tough defense.”

Seventeen players came out of the program this year with

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## New coaches lead Trojans

A new coaching staff sails into a new season Thursday when Homedale High School opens the boys’ basketball season on the road against Vale, Ore.

Casey Grove moves up after three years as a subvarsity coach to take over the reins from Kenny Thomas.

The Trojans went 4-17 a year ago and finished fifth in the 3A District III Tournament.

New to the Homedale coaching ranks this year are junior varsity A coach Danny Abrego, a former coach at Wilder and Caldwell, and Homedale graduate Luke Ankeny, who is undertaking his first “official” coaching job at the JV B level after many volunteer hours.

Abrego is a Wilder gradu-

— See *Trojans*, page 13

## Payette beats Marsing on backboards



Marsing High School defenders, including Shelby Dines (25), try to pressure a Payette shooter during last week’s non-conference road loss. Photo by Dan Pease

## Lack of depth, size hinder Huskies

Playing without one of their post players, Marsing High School got knocked around last week by the Payette girls’ basketball team.

Still, the Huskies were in contention against the rough-and-tumble Pirates until the latter stages of a 36-29 non-conference loss on Nov. 20 in Payette.

“It was closer than a seven-point game,” Marsing coach Tim Little said. “There at the end, we had to foul and put them at the line.”

Marsing (0-2 overall) played the game without starting sophomore Destiny Reynolds, who has been sidelined by a concussion suffered in the middle of the season opener against Parma on Nov. 15.

“It kind of hurt us inside,” Little said of Reynolds’ absence.

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## Rimrock, Marsing stars shine in all-star wins



The four seniors who represented Rimrock High School in the District III East-West Shrine All-Star Game on Friday in Meridian were, from left, Cristian Ayala, Austin Meyers, Porter Simper and Jacob Black. Submitted photo

## Huskies’ Galligan terrorizes East QB in 11-man tilt

Austin Meyers scored on a 75-yard play Friday to help the East to a 36-16 victory in the annual District III East-West Shrine All-Star Game for eight-man football.

Meyers was joined on the East squad by fellow Rimrock High School seniors Cristian Ayala, Porter Simper and Jacob Black.

In the 11-man game, Marsing seniors Justin Glenn and Jason Galligan came out on the winning side as the West thumped the East 34-16.

Galligan was a standout on defense with a pair of quarterback sacks.

Homedale’s Robert Evans and Xavier Hernandez competed for the East squad.

Both games were played at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian.



Sports

Trojans hope for fresh legs after Thanksgiving break

Offense sputters one night after 66 points vs. NC

A hectic start to the girls' basketball season put Homedale High School on a roller coaster. The team is 3-3 already, having played six games in its first week under new coach Joe Betancourt. The Trojans fell at home, 50-32, to non-conference foe New Plymouth on Nov. 20 and then embarked on what Betancourt characterized as a much-needed break.

"The break came at a good time for us," Betancourt said. "We get to practice again and get some things worked out." Homedale returns to action after the Thanksgiving holiday with back-to-back home games Thursday against Melba and Friday against Marsing. The Trojans played back-to-back games to start last week and split the difference. Before losing to New Plymouth on Nov. 20, Homedale outlasted visiting Nampa Christian, 66-55, on Nov. 19. **Nov. 20: New Plymouth 50, Homedale 32** — After playing even in the first eight minutes, the

Pilgrims took control with a 19-6 run through the second quarter. Betancourt said the Trojans' offense struggled in the final eight minutes of the first half. A night after shooting well against Nampa Christian, Homedale's players were unable to put down their open looks against New Plymouth. "By the third quarter, I could finally see playing five games in six days finally caught up to us," Betancourt said. "They were just exhausted." Freshman Tory Lane scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds to lead Homedale. Teammates Elise Shenk

and Kaylee Rupp chimed in with six points each. Rupp led the rebounding effort with 11 boards. **Nov. 19: Homedale 66, Nampa Christian 55** — Lane broke out with 13 points and three assists as Homedale turned away its non-conference foe from the 2A Western Idaho Conference. "This is the most minutes she's played in a game this year, and she played very well," Betancourt said. "I was happy to see us score 66 points, but giving up 55 is still something we need to address." Homedale's offense was in high gear with the team holding a

35-26 halftime lead before piling on 21 points in the third quarter behind balanced scoring and perfect free-throw shooting from Lane and Morgan Nash. Nash was 7-for-8 from the foul line and finished with 15 points. Shenk drilled a pair of first-quarter three-point goals and wrapped up the night with 11 points. Shenk also grabbed five rebounds and led the defense with four steals. Rupp scored seven points and collected seven boards. She also blocked a pair of shots. Hattie Mertz contributed eight points.

New Marsing High School wrestling coach Jon Nelson monitors a recent practice. A former volunteer assistant, Nelson has assumed the Huskies' helm recently after the departure of Rick Folwell.



Spot Pizza to host wrestling team fundraiser

A fundraiser for the Marsing High School wrestling team will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Spot Pizza, located at 12 Sandbar Ave. in Marsing. "A portion of the money raised from sales during those four hours will be donated, including tips," Susan Watson, owner of Spot Pizza, said. New head coach of the Marsing wrestling team, Jon Nelson, said the money will be used to help athletes who couldn't otherwise afford to join the team. Uniforms and practice gear will be purchased for them. Other fundraisers are planned at Spot Pizza at other times. "We just want to help those school kids as much as we can," Watson said.

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# Sports

## ✓ Marsing: Conference slate starts vs. NC

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“Payette is a big team. They’ve got three girls around 6 foot, and their size really kind of gave us fits.”

The Pirates used the size advantage to yank down 20 offensive rebounds.

“Especially with Destiny out, we’re even younger and don’t have a lot of depth right now,” Little said. “We’re just trying to figure out our roles, and the kids are learning. But they’re competing.”

Marsing trailed by a bucket after eight minutes and was within a point, 20-19, after three quarters of a slow, grinding game inside the Pirates’ dungeon-like domed gymnasium.

“The girls were really grinding it out,” Little said. “It was a very physical game, especially down low.”

Freshman Shelby Dines led the rebounding effort with five boards. She was the second-leading scorer on the team with four points.

Senior Ashley Hull led the way for Marsing with 19 points, while junior Marissa Hardy notched four points and four boards.

Katelyn Bradshaw and Natalie Nelson scored 10 points each for Payette.

The Huskies open defense of their 2A Western Idaho Conference championship Thursday at home against Nampa Christian.

## ✓ Rimrock: Raiders head south to start

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Hannah searching for the next bits of talent to replace 2012 graduates Clay Cantrell and Oscar Gomez.

Three-year starter Austin Meyers (6-0, sr., post) returns and brings a physical inside presence, Hannah said.

Also back are tough-rebounding forward Jake Black, a 6-0 senior, 5-10 junior guard Cody Steele and 5-6 senior guard Cristian Ayala.

“Cristian brings quickness and defensive skills to the team,” Hannah said.

The coach also expects scoring and ball-handling contributions from Steele.

Two newcomers from the 2011-12 junior varsity team include Lemieux and 5-10 senior forward Porter Simper. Hannah anticipates Simper will help out on defense.

“(Lemieux) provides much-needed height,” Hannah said. “He’s a good ball-handler and scorer who will play on the perimeter.”

The lack of height will require quickness out of the team’s big men as well as strong team performances in defense and rebounding, Hannah said.

The Raiders open the season at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Nevada against Owyhee. Rimrock plays host to Sho-Ban at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday and travels to Jordan Valley for a 6 p.m. tipoff on Friday, Dec. 7.

The 1A Western Idaho Conference season begins with a boys’ and girls’ doubleheader on Monday, Dec. 10 at Gem State Adventist in Caldwell.

## ✓ Trojans: Abrego’s experience welcomed

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ate who coached six years at Wilder and comes to Homedale after spending the past seven at Caldwell.

“He brings a lot of intensity, discipline and knowledge to our program,” Grove said.

“He brings 13 years of coaching experience to our program, which is much needed with our young staff.”

Homedale opens the home portion of its season at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against non-conference opponent Melba.

— A complete preview of the team will appear in next week’s edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*.



Jordan Valley kindergartener Kendra Williams shows off her freshly shorn hair. Submitted photo

## Jordan Valley girl donates long locks

*by Natasha Keller and Hayley Caywood, JVHS*

some of mine,” she said.

The organization does have restrictions however; the minimum of hair you can donate to Locks of Love is 10 inches.

If you were to donate curly hair, it must be pulled straight to measure out to the 10-inch requirement. Layered hair is accepted if the longest layers are 10 inches. Locks of Love does not accept dreadlocks.

Locks of Love’s goal is to restore the self-esteem and confidence of many people, from young, to old, and allow them to face their peers and the world with high spirits and bright smiles.

Kendra may have found out about Locks of Love from her mom, but you can visit [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org) for more information on how to donate your hair, and support their cause.

Locks of Love is an organization to which you can donate your hair for children who are financially struggling and suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis throughout the United States and Canada.

In small-town Jordan Valley, a kindergartener named Kendra Williams decided she would donate her long, thick, blonde hair to Locks of Love this year.

“It was so long! I couldn’t do anything with it, and it took forever to comb,” Kendra said.

You may be thinking this is a daring act for a 5 year old, but Kendra realizes that her hair is going to a great cause.

“Some people may not have hair, so I was happy to give them

# MARSING HUSKIES

## Go Huskies!

### Girls’ Basketball

Varsity  
Thursday, Nov. 29, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 30 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 4, home vs. Homedale, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity A  
Thursday, Nov. 29, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 30 at Homedale, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 4, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.  
Junior varsity B  
Thursday, Nov. 29, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 30 at Homedale, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 4, home vs. Homedale, 4:45 p.m.

### Boys’ Basketball

Varsity  
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity A  
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Parma, 6 p.m.  
Junior varsity B  
Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Parma, 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.

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# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense Barry and Otis

Readers send me stories and ideas for the column. Sometimes they are so good they deserve retellin’ in their own words. This is Barry’s tale about a “real cowboy,” named Otis.

Otis wore his long-sleeved shirt and long-handled underwear winter and summer. It worked like a thermos, he claimed: cold in the summer and warm in the winter. His old Blanchard spurs left tracks in the dirt when he walked because the heels were so wore down on his boots.

Otis showed up at Barry’s place one morning to help him gather a cow and calf that had been missed. Otis is a real ol’ timer, a typical Arizona no-nonsense cowboy. “Is that a new horse?” asked Barry.

“You bet,” said Otis, “Best horse on the ranch, goes back on a direct line to Man O’ War, Yellow Jacket and Hancock. Why, Cody Ohl’s cousin-in-law almost bought him for Cody to ride at the Finals!” Barry was impressed.

They set out on a high trot, however, about the third stride Barry said he witnessed one of the most interesting bronc rides he’d ever seen! Otis went up and down for about four jumps and then the horse took off for the walnut grove doing 160 mph! WHAM! BAM! SLAM! Barry said he’d never seen anyone on horse peel so much bark off of so many trees!

Otis was hangin’ in there despite the fat lip, torn clothes and blood dripping from assorted contusions, abrasions and lacerations. He looked like he’d spent 15 minutes in a clothes dryer with a bear and 50 horse shoes! His horse was just getting warmed up as he squealed and bucked so high Barry could see the frogs in his feet! They came down in a heap, driving Otis’s head down in the dirt adding more “crash marks” to his old Stetson leaving it looking like something a hippopotamus regurgitated!

After reviving, recovering, re-standing and re-mounting, both cowboys resumed their search and found the missing pair. Otis immediately threw and caught the calf, and half-hitched the rope to the saddle horn. Then using the tried-and-true vaquero technique (although most tie the rein to the rope), he tied his left split rein around his leg as he dismounted to flank the calf. The calf did not cooperate, having never seen a human up this close, he bawled and kicked. The mama cow was incensed and charged Otis! This “best horse on the ranch” saw a wreck coming and wheeled for home! He was accompanied by the calf, still tied to the horn, and Otis still tied to the rein!

Barry remarked he’d never seen such a strong split rein, as Otis, the horse and the calf careened through the junipers and banged over the rocks! Barry finally caught up with this cowboy version of the potato sack race, and got ’em stopped, whereupon, the cow laid a track up his back as he was cutting the rope and the rein. True to his cowboy nature, when he regained consciousness, Otis dressed Barry down for cutting his favorite rope and ruining his brand-new split rein.

EPILOGUE: Barry said the last time he saw the “best horse on the ranch” was at the National High School Rodeo Finals in Rock Springs, Wyo. They’d named him Otis.

— 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.

Sen. Mike Crapo



## From Washington Constituent input vital part of finding fiscal solutions

I recently held my fourth and final tele-townhall meeting of the year. These regular meetings are one of the many ways I learn from and get the insights of my fellow Idahoans. I value this guidance greatly.

The primary purpose of the tele-townhall meeting held on Nov. 14 was to discuss the nation’s calamitous fiscal situation. I have been working with senators from both sides of the aisle to advance responsible solutions to address our growing debt crisis. Most immediately, the country faces a pending “fiscal cliff,” which includes massive tax increases and poorly designed spending cuts beginning in January.

Our national debt is more than \$16 trillion. Important programs such as Social Security and Medicare will be insolvent within a generation, absent structural reform. The tax code could not be more burdensome, complex, anti-growth and anti-competitive. To grow our economy and reduce our deficit, we must enact a comprehensive plan that stops federal deficit spending and provides the necessary tax and entitlement program reform to put our nation on a more competitive fiscal path.

During the tele-townhall, I heard concerns about the fiscal cliff and questions about uncertain new taxes. A military family member asked about the anticipated impacts on our nation’s armed forces if the \$1.2 trillion in federal spending cuts take effect. To fix our debt crisis, we must achieve these savings and more. However, Congress and the president must act to find a responsible way to

achieve these reforms and reductions without depleting critical programs such as our national defense.

We discussed the need to shift away from the debate on taxation levels that creates a false choice, and move on to reforming our tax code and providing greater revenue through economic expansion. I also heard the understandable frustration of someone whose family is expected to lose their current employer-provided health insurance because of the enactment of Obamacare. Absent action, in January, at the same time that many of the Obamacare tax hikes are scheduled to hit, more tax hikes on all Americans will go into effect upon expiration of the bipartisan 2001 and 2003 tax reductions. Enactment of job-stifling taxes is not the answer.

I heard the ongoing frustration with the gridlock in Congress and the need for bipartisanship. We do not have time for gridlock or gamesmanship any longer. We must work together across party lines. This does not require giving up principals, but requires finding win-win solutions to help our country move forward. I am hopeful that we can work together to avoid the fiscal cliff and get America on a better path toward economic growth.

The audio from this tele-townhall and past tele-townhall meetings can be accessed through my website, <http://www.crapo.senate.gov>. My website also includes information about accessing my Facebook and YouTube pages, as

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## Americans for Limited Govt. Congressional Republicans must stand firm against Obama, refuse collaboration

by Bill Wilson

So, what have we learned from the most fractious presidential election of my lifetime? We have learned that if you put \$1 billion behind a campaign of cynicism, racial division, class warfare, and extreme pettiness an incumbent with one of the worst records in modern times can barely squeak into a second term. And with such a narrow and demeaning “win,” what exactly does Barack Obama think he has achieved?

Well, to paraphrase Ronald Reagan, he gets nice public housing for another four years. And, of course, there will be plenty of golf and parties and trips. But what does he hope to achieve for the American people, what does he think this campaign of small things gets him?

The answer, oddly enough, is not in his hands. Under normal circumstances, a re-elected president can direct the debate. He has set out an agenda or has done so well in the first term that the country simply wants “more of the same.” Nobody – and I mean nobody – wants four more years of the same inane, vapid socialism of Obama’s first term. But, if Obama cannot determine the course we take, who does?

That answer is yet to be decided. The reason the issue is in doubt is because we do not yet know what the Republicans in Congress will do. They have a very real choice. The Republicans can surrender to Obama, collaborate with his regime and institutionalize his radical, leftist agenda.

Or, they can fight; fight to the last man standing, refusing to concede an inch to an alien ideology that at its core is opposed to the founding principles and ethic of the nation.

What will the GOP in Congress be; free and defiant, standing up for principle and fighting Obama and his

cronies? Or, will they cower at the sight of Obama’s meager margin and do his dirty work for him?

There are plenty of those inside the GOP who will want to cut and run. Colin Powell, Ray LaHood, a host of northeast liberals, and more than a few in positions of power inside the House all embrace collaboration. Seeing nothing worth fighting for, they are all too ready to peddle themselves to the highest bidder.

And on the surface, for all too many GOP officials, such a course may appear the easier, softer way. After all, taking such a path will be sure to get rave reviews from the propaganda organs of the establishment-Left. They will be invited to all the right parties and be hailed as having “grown” and being a “good Republican.” Future employment opportunities will look very bright.

But there is another side to this. To millions of conservative, free-market advocates and the core of the Republican Party, they will be reviled and hated. For these grassroots activists, such actions by their representatives in Congress or in governors’ mansions will be viewed as outright treason. Knowing that all the House of Representatives has to do is refuse to fund Obama’s monster government and the whole thing stops will mean that anything less is sure to be met with intense anger and resistance.

How this existential debate inside the GOP plays out will decide the next four years. While it would have been better to have an adult partner in the White House instead of the childish, churlish Obama, it is of really little consequence. The real battle for the future of America is inside the Republican caucuses.

— Bill Wilson is the president of Americans for Limited Government. You can follow Bill on Twitter at @BillWilsonALG.



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Analyze house-flipping deals before diving in

**Dear Dave,**

My wife and I want to do a live-in/flip real estate purchase. The idea is to buy a fixer-upper and rent out the basement to help with the mortgage payments. What do you think about the idea?

— **Brian**



It puts your family in jeopardy if this happens, so to me it's not an option.

Honestly, I think you've got house fever right now. The possibility I just mentioned isn't a rare occurrence. Lots of people have had the same idea, with the best of intentions, and still end up in a big mess. But if you and your wife are willing to accept the possibility of things not working out like you planned — and the fact that you might have to take additional jobs for an unknown period of time just

to make ends meet — then it might be a play. Me? I don't like putting myself into skin-of-my-teeth positions intentionally. When I wore a younger man's clothes, I was willing to do stuff and ignore the risk involved. Going broke years ago knocked that out of me in a hurry. Any deal that runs the risk of leaving you bankrupt, or the victim of a foreclosure, just isn't worth it!

— **Dave**

**Dear Dave,**

I'm in a very fortunate position when it comes to my finances. I'm 25, and I make \$50,000 a year. I'm also completely debt-free. In your opinion, when is it appropriate to let someone you're dating know about your financial situation?

— **Anonymous**

**Dear Anonymous,**

Wow, you are in a great position for someone so young. I'm not sure how you got there, but it certainly wasn't by being dumb or immature.

I think it's only natural in a dating situation to reveal more about oneself as time passes and the relationship gets deeper and more serious. In my mind, people who start throwing around financial information on a first date are either extremely superficial or just plain weird.

But after you've been dating a while, and definitely before you're engaged, you should know everything about the other person. There should be complete disclosure in every area of your lives. That's called intimacy. There's no room for skeletons in the

closet when it comes to a healthy relationship.

Just take your time and make sure you're both committed to being open and honest about things. Then, as the relationship progresses, the depth of intimacy and the depth of information will progress in all areas of your lives.

— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and Entrepreneurship. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

## Changing health care

### The impending disaster of the Obamacare exchanges

by Sally C. Pipes

All eyes were on Election Day, but the true make-or-break moment of President Obama's political career — regardless of his successful re-election campaign — hasn't come yet.

The federal government has extended to Dec. 14 the deadline for states to submit a blueprint to the federal government for Obamacare's insurance exchanges — a key component of the new healthcare law.

The original deadline was Nov. 16.

Already, the exchange system is proving to be an unmitigated disaster.

No one should be surprised by this. Like so much of the president's gargantuan healthcare entitlement, the exchanges are burdened by a spider's web of confusing regulations, poor design, and a top-down, command-and-control structure.

These exchanges were conceived as state-based insurance marketplaces. They were intended to reduce costs and increase access by streamlining the process of buying coverage. States would customize their exchanges to meet specific local needs. They could experiment. And individual consumers and small businesses would have an easy avenue to get coverage.

It seemed to be a rare instance of liberal lawmakers taking Justice Louis Brandeis' advice to use states as "laboratories of democracy." In practice, however, nothing could be further from the truth.

For starters, each state's base plan must abide by federal mandates regarding application requirements, income verification, and appeals processes. Regulations released earlier this year by the Department of Health and Human Services

state the situation plainly: "The Affordable Care Act does not contemplate divided authority over an Exchange."

In other words, it's the fed's way or the highway. If a state refuses to start up an exchange, the federal government steps in and forcibly establishes one for them.

So much for experimentation.

But it gets worse. Even now, state governments have no idea what standards or rules they will actually have to abide by. The federal government still hasn't even spelled out the so-called "Essential Health Benefits" — that is, the set of minimum benefits every plan on the exchange has to offer. (Then again, what do you expect from a government that hasn't even passed a budget in three years?).

As Pennsylvania State Insurance Commissioner Michael Consedine recently explained before Congress, "Continuing without answers to these crucial issues is like driving down a winding road, at night, without any headlights — nothing good will come of it."

But even if the government had done its job and spelled out the rules, the exchanges would still be a raw deal for the states.

To date, only 15 states plus Washington, D.C. have declared their intention to set up insurance exchanges. The rest are holding back, upset with the costs associated with running them.

States have to bare the expenses of staffing these exchanges and financing development of needed technologies, like website registration systems. Many worry that these costs will deplete funds for more immediate needs, like education and transportation.

It's for such reasons that Florida and Louisiana have opted not to set up their own exchanges.

Back in September 2010, financially strapped California was the first state to sign legislation creating an exchange. California's pocketbook was already hurting then and things have only gotten worse since. Cities like Stockton and San Bernardino have declared bankruptcy.

Now the Golden State will have to shell out for an exchange expected to cost over \$2 billion a year. With little progress being made since California accepted the first funds from the feds to set up an exchange, Peter Lee, who is in charge of establishing the exchange, has hired the consulting firm Accenture to help build it.

California Health and Human Services secretary Diana Dooley has even criticized the essential health benefits requirement. These mandates drive up the price of plans. As a result, some insurance companies may decide not to participate in the exchanges at all. And, as Dooley recently told the New York Times, many of the required benefits "go beyond what I would call essential."

Making matters worse, the original deadline for compliance came in the throes of a presidential election, ensuring that the issue would be fraught with political baggage. Some conservatives, like New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman, decided to wait until after the election to make any major decisions about the exchanges.

Like Obamacare itself, the exchange system is plagued by incompetent management, burdensome regulations, and inept political calculations.

— *Sally C. Pipes is president, CEO, and Taube Fellow in Health Care Studies at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is The Pipes Plan: The Top Ten Ways to Dismantle and Replace Obamacare (Regnery 2012).*

## ✓ Input: Bipartisanship a key element to avoiding nation's fiscal cliff

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well as a link to follow me on Twitter. My office contact information for phone calls and letters can also be found on my homepage. The website's email system provides an expedited way to get information to me. This website also features audio of teleconferences, recent correspondence on top issues, links to legislation and other resources to assist Idahoans who need help with federal agencies. Please

check the website after the first of the year for dates for tele-townhalls next year.

The input of Idahoans is very valuable as we tackle significant national challenges. Please continue to contact me and share your thoughts and ideas.

I will continue to work to build bipartisan and workable solutions that avoid going over the fiscal cliff, take advantage of opportunities to fix entitlement programs and

tax policy and make America a strong, vibrant economy again.

— *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>.*



# Looking back...

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

## 35 years ago

December 1, 1977

**Chamber elects new officers**

HOMEDALE—New officers for the 1978 calendar year were elected by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce when the organization met last week at the senior citizen center.

Elected as president was Monte Kristine, manager of Paul’s Foodland; public accountant Jim Duncan was chosen to serve as vice president; new directors are Roger Nash and Jay Jackson.

The group voted to again hold the “Great Turkey Giveaway” as it did last year. The promotion will begin in next week’s Chronicle.

The next C of C meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, at Max’s Cafe dining room.

**Grand View man wins ICA championship**

Buster (Alec Jay) Ridley of Grand View has won the Idaho Cowboys Association bulldogging championship for 1977. His awards consist of a beautiful silver and gold buckle and trophy saddle. Buster began his first professional year in rodeo by winning the Wells, Nevada Rodeo bulldogging, prize money of \$220.00. However he had failed to join the association, so these winnings were not counted. (Every dollar earned in approved shows is counted as a point in the standings race.)

He then had to come from behind and took over the lead in the last rodeo of the year held in Boise. As a result of his outstanding performance, Buster has been awarded the “Rookie of the Year” award. This honor is decided by the directors of the ICA, just prior to the awards banquet. The award consists of a handcrafted silver and gold buckle with a ruby mounted thereon.

Credit should also be given to Bill Ridley, who was Buster’s hazer, and “Roanie,” who has carried Buster to this point in his career.

**Rimrock faces deficit; alternatives outlined**

The trustees of Rimrock School District may be looking at either cuts in the staff and programs, or an increase in property taxes, Superintendent Brandon told the board at a recent meeting.

According to a report on the meeting, the district is presently facing a possible \$90,000 deficit by the end of the fiscal year.

Three factors are blamed for the shortage of funds, the superintendent said. They are reduction in student enrollment for the current year, increased tuition of border students attending Nevada schools, and loss of a part of the remote sparsity factor funds.

With the exception of emergency items, all purchases by the district have been “frozen.”

**Coach honored**

HOMEDALE.—Daryl Kellum, head coach of Homedale High School, was presented with the 1977 Coach of the Year Award at a special banquet held Wednesday night at the Golden Pheasant in Caldwell, and attended by coaches of District III and the Coach Association.

Mr. Kellum was presented a plaque at the banquet. It is the fifth year in a row that he has received this award for District III.

**’Round Homedale**

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Parker spent Thursday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, at Vale. Bryan and Tony Martin returned with their grandparents, the Parkers, for a weekend visit. The Martins visited the Parkers last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Waugh and daughter Chandell, Mrs. Clara Coombs of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rumble of Homedale were guests at the Clarence Waughs for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Prow, Melba; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ferguson and sons were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prow.

## 50 years ago

November 29, 1962

**Three-way reloader marketed by Homedale inventor**

Ralph A. Thompson, who two years ago invented and put on the market a hand reloader for shotgun shells, has come up with a new reloading press for shotgun, rifle and pistol shells.

The new invention has evolved from the old hand reloaders, Thompson says, and weighs slightly over 15 pounds. The reloader can produce four recharged shells, Thompson reports. The three stage (when reloading shotgun shells) press will sell for approximately \$100 and used shells will be reactivated for less than \$1 per box with reclaimed shot. He has applied for a patent.

No manufacturer has been found yet for the new press, and Thompson says it will be produced by the same firm which manufactures his hand reloader if an Idaho firm will not take the job.

Thompson has been in the shot reloading and reclaiming business for more than eight years and reports reclaiming shot saves reloading buffs about one-third the cost of recharging with new shot.

Always thinking up new ways to help the outdoorsmen, Thompson promised another invention in the next year to interest big game hunters. “I can’t talk about it now — it’s still in the paper stage,” he said, “but I’m sure it will catch on.”

The new press will have calibrated adjustments to control the amount of shot and powder put in different shells, has a disposal for spent primers and regulates wad pressures. The press is designed for all gauges and calibers of shotgun, rifle and pistol shells.

**Schools hold defense drills Wednesday**

Wednesday at 2:15 o’clock the Homedale school took part in a civil defense drill. When the alarm was released the students left everything and boarded the buses at the high school in 4 minutes and 35 seconds, Principal Clare Walker said.

To enter the building after it was evacuated to see ink bottles open, pens and pencils lying on desks and books open gave an eerie feeling to the person, Mr. Walker said.

It took the grade school 9 minutes from alarm time until buses left the school.

“This shows us that the entire school can be evacuated and the students returned to their homes safe in 45 minutes, Superintendent of Schools Deward Bell declared.

**Train ride enjoyed by Cub Scouts**

Mrs. Ernest Johnson, den mother of Den 2 of the Cub Scouts, and seven Cub Scouts left Caldwell on the train Friday for a ride to Boise.

They were met there by Mrs. Roy Yamamoto and Mrs. Boyd Jemmett. They ate their lunch at the airport terminal and toured the airport and one of the passenger planes.

They visited several other places in Boise. Riding the train were Craig Curtis, Daryl Jemmett, Craig Johnson, Jimmie Yamamoto, Eddy Salisbury, Bobby Salisbury, Ricky Jereb and Mrs. Ernest Johnson.

**Legion appoints five chairmen**

Bob W. Knudsen, state commander of the American Legion, has announced the appointment of five chairmen of Legion statewide committees for the coming year.

Russell Sequest of Grand View has been re-appointed chairman of the national security committee.

**Ambulance called twice**

The ambulance was called to the Allen George corner, southwest of Homedale Saturday at 2:30 p.m. where there had been an auto accident. Roy Aoyagi, driver of one of the cars involved, was taken to the Caldwell hospital by Tom Morris and Bob Ensley. It was learned later that Mr. Aoyagi had sustained a broken hip.

The ambulance was called to the Blackman home Tuesday morning at 7:15 where Mrs. Blackman was taken to the Caldwell hospital. Drivers were Mr. Blackman and Bob Ensley.

## 140 years ago

November 30, 1872

THANKSGIVING.—This day, more than all others, is hailed with joy by those who have dear ones scattered far and wide. In New England many homes are bright and joyous on this occasion. This annual feast is truly a festive one, and no pleasanter scenes can be witnessed than these family re-unions. Two weeks previous but little else is talked of at the fireside, preparations are made to suit the tastes of the absent, and all is activity. The labor grows lighter as the day draws near. At last, every arrangement is completed, every nook and corner is ready for the little ones, loving hands have done all that could be thought of for the comfort of those dearest to the old folks, and now, with hearts overflowing, they sit listening for the voices which will make the old house ring for many a day.

Their Heavenly Father has dealt kindly with them if the group is complete; and, when all are once more under the paternal roof, they will mingle their voices in praise to God the giver of every blessing. The morning church service is always attended, eloquent sermons are delivered, and when the Te Deum is over and the benediction is given, friendly greetings are exchanged as the audience leaves the sacred building. After a brisk walk in the keen, frosty air, all are ready for the beautiful repast; and the table well nigh groans under the weight of the good things. The merry peals of laughter of the young people together with the voices of their elders seem to echo through the house. The great pitcher of sweet cider is brought on, and with raised glasses the health of all is drank, toasts are given and lively speeches made; the scene is a joyous one, and they are loath to leave the social board.

Tea is a mere form, after that come the entertainments for the juveniles, which are entered into with glee by the older ones as well. Games of all kinds are played, stage-coach, blind-men’s-buff, puss-in-the-corner, and so on, and many a loved one is carefully watched while skipping past the open fire-place; the large back-log and fore-tick making the room radiant with light. Music is not forgotten, soon the violin is brought forth, sets are formed, old and young joining in the dance. At the early hour of ten, all is quiet, the dear old father, with his face beaming with happiness, takes the family bible from the shelf and reads words suited to the occasion, then all kneel down while his voice is raised in prayer and thanksgiving. Good-nights are then spoken, and soon the little ones are snugly tucked in their beds. This has been a peaceful and happy day. May there be many like this throughout the land.

INCREASE OF SALARIES. The Philadelphia Post has the subjoined paragraph. It is ridiculous that our Government does not pay its highest officers better salaries. No member of the Cabinet gets more than a common lawyer can make in his profession in any small city, and the salary of the President is notoriously petty and inadequate. The Press says:

Mention is made from Washington that a proposition will come before Congress this winter increasing the salaries of the members of the Cabinet and the Heads of important Bureaus. Accompanying this information is the statement that the present pay of these officials is not sufficient for the keeping of the establishment and the style of entertainment the people expect of them. This is a fact which has long been known and regretted, and we are glad that some action is soon to be taken.

The Cabinet officers should receive at least \$20,000 per annum and the President \$50,000. There will be little opposition to the proposed increase.

THE ELECTORAL VOTE. It seems that Greeley has carried the States of Missouri, Kentucky, Georgia, Maryland, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas. Total number of electoral votes, 74. Grant has carried thirty States, with 312 electoral votes.



# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

**OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO**

Approved contract with Branch Enterprises for Juniper Mastication. Public Hearing on Idaho Department of Commerce Grant for Bruneau QRU. Approved contract with Bullberry Systems for 911 mapping. Approved Prosecutorial Services Agreement with Virginia Bond. Approved certificate of residency to North Idaho College. Approved amendment to Historic Preservation Society Grant. Indigent & Charity: 12-52 lien, 12-53 lien and approval, 12-34 withdrawal of application. Canvass of the Ballots for the 2012 General Election The complete minutes can be viewed online at [owyheecounty.net](http://owyheecounty.net).  
11/28/12

**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

**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessments levied by the Gem Irrigation District in 2012, for 2013, by virtue of the public notice given by the Bureau of Reclamation under Owyhee Project contract requires that payment is due in full before water will be delivered.

This assessment will become delinquent and subject to a penalty and interest unless paid before 5:00 p.m. on each one-half due date. Provided the first half of the assessment may be paid on or before December 20, 2012 and the remainder, or second half paid on or before March 15, 2013, or the delivery of said water will be withheld.

Payment of the assessment may be made to the Gem Irrigation District, in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, Idaho, during office hours of any business day or mailed to P.O. Box 67, Homedale, ID 83628.

Connie Chadez, Secretary/  
Treasurer  
Gem Irrigation District  
11/28;12/5/12

**NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Directors of the Gem Irrigation District will meet at their office at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 to sit as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of reviewing and correcting its assessments and apportionment of taxes for defraying the expenses of the District for the year 2013. Any complaint concerning the assessments or any changes desired must be entered with the secretary of the District before the above date to receive proper consideration from the Board.

The 2013 assessment may be seen at the Gem Irrigation District office in Homedale, Idaho.

Connie Chadez, Secretary  
11/28/12

**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 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 of the Northwest quarter, a distance of 317.59; thence South

**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					

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](http://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  
11/14,21,28;12/5/12

**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. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7763.10753) 1002.233299-File No.  
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# Public notices

**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

**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.

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ROOM GALORE in Homedale near City Park/Downtown, corner lot, 3/bed - \$129,900

HORSE READY on 3.3 ac. w/irrigation, 3 bed/2 bath MHF on foundation - \$170,000

BUILDING LOTS in Homedale Sch Dist, 5 city lots for \$45,000, or 1-ac. lots for \$37,500 ea.

HWY. 95 FRONTAGE/Homedale, zoned industrial (incl. some commercial types) - \$58,000

77-acre SUCCOR CREEK RANCH in Homedale Sch Dist – live water year-round - \$819,800

BLDG. LOT/PARMA w/city services on .42 ac. - \$30,500

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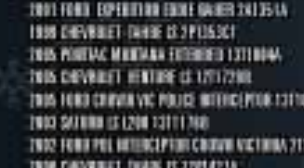
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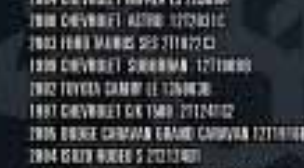
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