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## Homedale merchants pan King's intersection idea

Businessmen fear impact similar to U.S. 95 bypass

Citing safety concerns and the possibility to damage commerce, Homedale business owners denounced a proposal

*"... We don't need to do anything that doesn't invite commerce into our community."*

— Mike Matteson • Downtown business owner

to reconfigure the city's main entrance.

The Homedale City Council and Idaho Transportation Department

held a joint public hearing during last Wednesday's council meeting to take the pulse on an idea to make the Idaho Avenue-U.S.

Highway 95 intersection and true four-way crossing, which would eliminate the dedicated, sweeping right-hand turn into town.

The change has been proposed by ITD and King's Department Stores to create a driveway into the Homedale Auto Wreckers property on Idaho Avenue and rely anticipated traffic problems when store chain owner Tom King develops the parcel as a retail spot

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## BOCC closes roads for winter

Winter closures are now in effect for parts of three county roads.

With Resolution 2013-51, the Board of County Commissioners closed portions of Silver City Road, Bachman Grade Road and Mud Flat/Juniper Mountain Road on Monday.

According to the resolution, the roads have been closed because of ice, snow and weather conditions. The resolution will remain in effect until further action by the commissioners, which usually takes place once the snow and ice melts away from the roadway in the spring or — in rare cases — later.

There are signs posted on the portions of the roads that are closed.

County officials warn that if anyone travels a closed road and gets stranded, the motorist will pay for the cost of any rescue operations.

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## Visions of the season abound



### Cities ready for Christmas

*The appearance of the City of Homedale's Nativity scene (top), which is in its silver anniversary season, and a snowman at Marsing City Hall (left) means that Santa Claus and other festive images of Christmas can't be far off.*

*For a list of holiday closures for Christmas and New Year's, read Page 2A.*

*Photos by Karen Bresnahan*

## First-half property taxes due Friday

County introduces new online check payment option

Friday is the deadline for Owyhee County property owners to pay the first half of their 2013 tax bills.

On Monday, county Treasurer Brenda Richards reported that "quite a number of tax payments" had arrived in the weekend's mail.

Through the end of business Monday, the county has received nearly half of the total tax charge of \$5,664,697.38. Property owners had submitted more than \$2.5 million, or 45 percent of the total tax charge.

Last year at this time, the county had received about 42 percent, or \$2.4 million.

The county tax charge is about \$180,000 (or three percent) less than a year ago.

The first half or all of the 2013

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# Two cited after drug dogs sweep Homedale High

## Soft lockdown employed during Thursday operation

Principal Dion Flaming admits he was surprised at how few positive hits there were after drug detection dogs swept Homedale High School.

A student was cited for tobacco possession and another for drug paraphernalia possession after Thursday's multi-agency operation.

Two other students were counseled after dogs "hit" on a drug scent in their bags but no drugs were found.

"We know the kids are participating in this (drug use), that's not a mystery," Flaming said. "To what extent it's a problem here, I don't know."

"To be honest, I was surprised with all that I heard, that more was not found."

Owyhee County and Canyon County Sheriff's units and a canine officer from the Bureau of Land Management were among the six dogs on campus. Homedale Police Department, which will staff the new school resource officer position at the school district, received last-minute notification of the operation because of a communication breakdown officials said.

"I'm excited as all-get-out about having an SRO and having more assistance," Flaming said.

In addition to the law enforcement officers, who staged at Homedale Municipal Airport before deploying to HHS, Thursday's room-to-room search was coordinated with school administrators. The district's other principals – elementary school chief Terri Vasquez and middle school principal Amy Winters – also participated.

"They did a nice job," school su-

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— Dion Flaming • HHS principal

perintendent Rob Sauer said. "We appreciated the way they came in and put it together."

All three buildings at the high school complex and the parking lot were searched.

A security hold was called where all students stayed in their classrooms, and Winters and Vasquez ensured that no students were in the hallways to minimize the chance of warnings being sent out to other areas of the school.

Room-by-room, the students were asked to exit and leave behind their bags and coats. Once a room was empty, a dog and his handler, and a district representative, entered the room and executed the sweep.

The paraphernalia was found in a car in the parking lot, and OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said an 18-year-old male student received a misdemeanor citation. The tobacco violation was found after a dog alerted on a student's bag. Flaming said that student will face school-based discipline.

Bowman said the dogs are not trained to detect tobacco.

"The dog hit on probably (drug) residue in the backpack," Bowman said. "No drugs were located, but a pack of cigarettes was found."

Bowman said dogs detected residue in two other bags, prompting talks with the bags' owners.

"I met with those students and

informed them that the bags were searched and nothing was found," Flaming said, adding that the students received warnings.

"We bring them in and talk to them," Bowman said of law enforcement's intervention with the students. "We say the dog hit on them. We tell them you need to watch who you're hanging with."

Because of the number of canines deployed, the operation was quick and efficient, Bowman said.

"It was very smooth," he said. "Probably one of the better ones I've seen."

Flaming said that he welcomes searches in the future with short notice from law enforcement.

"We just want to send a message that we don't want drugs on campus," Flaming said. "We don't want any of that here, and if you bring it in, you're going to get caught."

There will be future searches, but officials won't put out a timeline.

"We hope that it would deter students from wanting to bring any kind of illegal substances on to school grounds," Sauer said.

"In some ways, it's similar to our drug testing policy for extracurricular activities. It's another opportunity for students to say no because they are concerned about the consequences."


— JPB



Bureau of Land Management law enforcement ranger Keith Whitworth, right, guides his dog through the halls at Homedale High School as Homedale Elementary School principal Terri Vasquez, left, and high school principal Dion Flaming, center, look on. Photo by Jon P. Brown

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# Owyhee Canyonlands book hits stores

A Treasure Valley author and photographer have teamed up to produce a book to help recreationists' pursuits of enjoying the beauty of the Owyhee Canyonlands.

*The Owyhee Canyonlands: An Outdoor Adventure Guide* is available at Homedale Drug, Logan's Market in Marsing and the Owyhee County Historical Museum bookstore in Murphy. It retails for \$19.95. There is also a full-color ebook available for \$25.

Steve Stuebner wrote the text and devised the maps for the book, while photographs by Boise gallery owner Mark Lisk illustrate the 240-page guidebook.

"It's been a long, fun and arduous journey to pull this book together," said Stuebner, the author of many popular outdoor guides, including *Boise Trail Guide: 75 Hiking and Trail-Running Routes*

*Close to Home, Mountain Biking in Boise and the Boise Road Cycling Guide*.

The book, which is available in paperback for portability, includes a guide to the 100-mile Owyhee Uplands Backcountry Byway as well as 55 hiking and biking routes on both sides of the state line.

"Because of the sheer remoteness of the Owyhees and lack of services, the Owyhees can be somewhat daunting and puzzling to outdoorsy folks," Stuebner said. "Our guide will provide tons of new camping, hiking, biking or driving adventures in this stunningly beautiful area. Detailed driving directions to trailheads, GPS coordinates for trailheads and fully detailed descriptions for hiking and biking adventures unlocks the mystery of these trips for the public to enjoy."

The book also can help recreationists learn the ins and outs of hiking, backpacking and camping in the Owyhee Wilderness formed by the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009, including the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness, Big and Little Jacks Creek Wilderness, Pole Creek Wilderness and Jarbidge-Bruneau-Sheep Creek Wilderness.

Both formats of the book can be ordered at SteveStuebner.com, liskstudio.com, and amazon.com.

Other retail outlets for hard-copy guidebooks, featuring a full-color cover and black-and-white images include Lisk Studio in Bodo in Boise, Idaho Mountain Touring, Rediscovered Books, Boise REI, Sierra Trading Post in Meridian, George's Cycles, Idaho River Sports, Cafferty's Cyclery in Nampa.

# County hires inspector for South Mtn. mill and mine construction

## Landfill cleanup engineers retained

A Canyon County building inspector has been retained to carry out the permitting work for planned construction on the South Mountain Mine and Mill.

The Board of County Commissioners hired Dave Curl as an independent contractor to essentially fill the geographic gap that existing inspection contracts with Canyon County and Elmore County do not cover.

"What we've done is hired a part-timer who works for Canyon County to do South Mountain or anything in that area," District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

Hoagland said Curl's duties could expand into other permitting in the southwestern corner of the county based on cost.

Owyhee Gold Trust LLC has filed two building permit applications to construct one temporary building at the mill and the mine, according to Owyhee County building specialist Kristal Soland.

The cost of the construction isn't known yet, but the BOCC has agreed to pay Curl 80 percent

of the building permit fee with the county retaining the remainder. Curl also will provide his own equipment and vehicle. He will not be reimbursed for mileage, Hoagland said.

Curl said one of the two structures Owyhee Gold Trust would like to build is a 40-foot-by-60-foot engineered "coverall" building at the mine. The building would consist of eco blocks, engineered aluminum trusses and an engineered fabric roof.

Curl does a lot of industrial building inspections for Canyon County, including work on the new Simplot Co. plant in Caldwell.

Curl said Owyhee Gold Trust also would like to erect a large ore storage building at the mill site.

## Dump engineer hired

The county will pay Paragon Consulting \$19,500 to help with the closure of the Bruneau-Grand View Landfill.

## Dispatch moves OK'd

The county commissioners have approved the hiring of jail dispatcher Lindsay Fuquay and the promotion of Jessica Ferdinand to lead jail dispatch.

—JPB

## Correction

Information provided by the Bureau of Land Management Boise District public information office implied that district manager Jim Fincher was a member of the newly formed Gateway West subcommittee. Fincher is not a member of the committee, although he sat at the table with the rest of the committee.



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# Some OCSO services unavailable today

Several Owyhee County Sheriff's Office licensing services will be unavailable today because of maintenance.

Deputy Bev White announced that the Murphy office for records, driver's license, concealed weapons permit and sex offender

registration will be closed because new carpet is being installed in the lobby.

The office will open again Thursday.

The OCSO satellite offices in Marsing and Grand View will remain open today.

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Owyhee Sand and Gravel's Chuck Maxwell, far left, states his case to a full Homedale City Council audience during last Wednesday's public hearing. Photo by Jon P. Brown

## Intersection: Council puts off decision until new elected officials are sworn in

for one or more businesses.

King's representative John Blaye of Aurora Development said that — regardless of what is decided about the intersection — the chain plans to build a 14,000- to 15,000-square-foot Homedale store and create seven to nine jobs. Construction could start next year, he said.

Business owners who testified last week compared the intersection idea to the U.S. 95 bypass of a couple decades ago, saying that eliminating a quick way into town would diminish the number of people who visit area shops.

"I think it's going to be harder for people to come into our town with this corner so narrow," Tolmie's Ace Hardware and Appliance owner Dirk Tolmie said.

Homedale Drug proprietor Rodney Roe harkened to the effects of the bypass.

"I know there were people who lost business because people stopped coming into town," he said. "Right now, it's easy to come into town, but if you take (the lane) out of there, it'll be real tough for people to come in."

Owyhee Motor Sales and NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts owner Mike Matteson said altering the

intersection could mean motorists "shoot by" Homedale before they realize it, lessening the chance they'll drive into town to shop.

"I can see our retail-type businesses taking a hit, and we don't need to do anything that doesn't invite commerce into our community," Matteson said.

Chuck Maxwell of Owyhee Sand and Gravel argued against the reconfiguration from a safety standpoint because, he says, making a squared intersection will create line-of-sight problems for anyone trying to turn from Idaho Avenue onto northbound U.S. 95.

"I think we're creating a lot worst accident problem," Maxwell said. "I think it works fine just the way it is."

Maxwell, who said he pulls 1,100 semi-trailer loads through the intersection each year, said that a three-trailer semi slowing to turn right into town from Canyon County will prevent an Idaho Avenue driver seeing any vehicles that are continuing south on U.S. 95.

He also said that rear-end accidents by folks who don't see a car slowing to turn right into town also is a possibility.

"Liability-wise, I think it's a lot worst than it is now," he said of

the proposed change.

Maxwell and others said the intersection would attract accidents similar to the intersection of U.S. 95 and Industrial Road, which is south of the intersection in question.

More than a dozen people attended the meeting with five people giving testimony during the hearing.

"We have not had any significant incidents with the merge," Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. "At the next intersection is 10-fold worse than the merge."

"I am concerned that with the right turn, the chance of accidents will go up."

The three councilmembers present (Councilman Steve Atkins did not attend) unanimously agreed with Council president Dave Downum's suggestion that action on the intersection restructuring be tabled until Mayor-elect Gheen Christoffersen's administration takes office next month. Kim Murray and Vonnice Harkins will succeed Downum and Tim Downing in two of the council positions at the Jan. 8 meeting.

All three incoming elected officials attended last week's hearing.

— JPB

# Homedale SRO to start in January

## District-driven MOU changes pushes program back a month

Homedale's school resource officer program won't start until students return from Christmas break next month.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge was scheduled to begin the assignment on Dec. 1, but the school district's legal counsel made a few minor changes in wording to the memorandum of understanding.

The City Council approved the retooled MOU last Wednesday.

School superintendent Rob Sauer said the contract will start on Jan. 6, which is the first day of school after the holiday vacation.

In other school district news,

the board of trustees discussed waiting until 2015 to seek voters' reauthorization of the plant facilities levy.

The 10-year levy, which brings \$150,000 annually for maintenance, is set to expire then. A super-majority of approval from two-thirds of the voters is required for passage. The district last held an election in 2005.

The school board met on Dec. 9 and honored high school migrant caseworker Becky Emery with the December Award of Excellence.

Also during the meeting, trustees accepted middle school track and field coach Nick Schamber's resignation.

Two other coaches and an advisor were hired, including boys' basketball coaches Zack Kimball (seventh-grade B team) and Shari Kirk (eighth-grade B team) and Angel Salazar as HHS band percussion assistant.

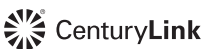
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## Taxes: Several ways to pay your taxes

property taxes are due to the treasurer's office by Friday. If property owners pay only half of their bill, the second half is due by June 20.

Richards said her office will accept payments that are postmarked by Friday. All payments postmarked after that date will incur late fees and interest penalties.

Taxpayers can take advantage

of two e-check options on at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net) under the Treasurer's drop down menu, Richards said.

The treasurer's office staff also can accept debit card and credit card payment over the phone, at the counter in Murphy or online.

Credit and debit card transactions are subject to a 2.75 percent non-refundable fee, which is collected by third-party service

provider Access Idaho.

The online check option found at the county's website is new and carries a non-refundable \$1 fee that also is collected by the third-party provider.

For more information about paying property taxes, call the treasurer's office at (208) 495-1158.

— JPB



# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Dec. 18: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, broccoli, applesauce  
Dec. 19: Turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit salad, roll w/jelly, pumpkin pie  
Dec. 20: Pizza, salad, baby carrots, pineapple  
Dec. 23-31: No school

## Homedale Middle

Dec. 18: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, salad, apple  
Dec. 19: Beef or chicken taco, corn, baby carrots, pears  
Dec. 20: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, salad, grape tomatoes, pineapple  
Dec. 23-31: No school

## Homedale High

Dec. 18: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice  
Dec. 19: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, jello fruit salad, roll, pumpkin pie filling  
Dec. 20: Pulled pork BBQ or toasted cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar, fruit choice  
Dec. 23-31: No school

## Marsing

Dec. 18: Teriyaki chicken bowl w/roll or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar (6-12)  
Dec. 19: Lasagna & Italian breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar (6-12)  
Dec. 23-31: No school

## Bruneau-Grand View

Dec. 18: Chicken patty/bun, steamed broccoli, fruit  
Dec. 19: Soft taco, black beans/salsa, corn, fruit  
Dec. 20: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks, cauliflower, fruit, rice krispie treat  
Dec. 24-31: No school

# Photographer enjoys second stint as Lizard Butte artist of month

December’s Friends of the Lizard Butte Library art display has shifted gears to photography.

Marsing resident Dan Pease, who is a contributing photographer for The Owyhee Avalanche, makes a return appearance as the artist of the month at the library, 111 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing.

Pease was born and raised in Weed, Calif., at the foot of Mount Shasta. His family frequently took camping vacations in the mountains.

“My interest in cameras was at 11 or 12 years of age,” he said. “My parents had an 8mm movie camera that they used for documenting birthdays, holidays and vacations.

“It wasn’t long before I talked my way into getting to use that camera, though Dad was not always happy with how much film I used taking pictures of sunsets.”

Pease later used a 35mm camera borrowed from his father-in-law to take slides. He has joined a digital Nikon D90.

“Taking pictures gives me another way of looking at the world,” Pease said. “We can all go to beautiful and interesting



The photographic eye of Marsing resident Dan Pease is back on display at the Lizard Butte Library. Submitted photo

places, but having a camera can help us look at smaller pieces of that world and enjoy that, too.”

A four-year veteran of the Navy, Pease came to Idaho in 1965 to attend The College of Idaho.

He has been a professional farrier for the past 30 years, and his daughter and son-in-law — Heidi and Barry Kendall — live in Marsing with their

children Grayson and Audra.

Pease’s photography can be seen the rest of this month at the library or on his website, danpeasephotography.photoshelter.com.

The Lizard Butte Library is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

# Homedale library to beef up its children’s selections

Organizations with Owyhee County ties are among groups receiving support from the Whittenberger Foundation.

During its 40<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon, the foundation announced that of the \$170,000 in grants:

- The Homedale Public Library

would receive \$1,000.

Library director Margaret Fujishin said the money will be used to enhance the children’s material.

“We will use \$500 to purchase additional educational DVDs for children such as the Eyewitness

series and the Magic School Bus series,” she said. “We have some of each series already and hope to complete those sets. If the money stretches far enough, we will add some other educational DVDs that we don’t have yet.”

The balance of the grant will

be used to purchase new fiction and nonfiction titles for children, she said.

- Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency will get \$1,000.
- The Mentoring Network Inc. will receive \$4,000.

The Mentoring Network has

several adult volunteers who spend one-on-one time with at-risk children in the Homedale School District each week. In many instances, the relationships expand beyond the few hours during school time and the mentors play shaping roles in the children’s lives.

# Death notices

**CHARLES E. COOK**, 81, a Plano, Texas resident formerly of Homedale and Wilder, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, in a traffic accident in Bonham, Texas. A memorial service was held Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013 at Hampton Inn in Boise. There will be no graveside service. (208) 440-7986

**ROBERT “BOB” T. DELLE**, 68, former Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School principal and two-time state champion girls’ basketball coach, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, at his home in Meridian. A private family viewing will be held at the Cremation Society of Idaho. A celebration of life is planned for August at Kimberly Lake in the national forest near McCall.

**RONALD L. KAUFMAN**, 64, of Central Cove, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at a Boise hospital. There

will be no services, and his family will scatter his ashes over a favorite spot in Oregon next spring. Arrangements are with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

**ALLAN BOOTH OFNER SR.**, 79, of Homedale, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 at a care facility of natural causes. Arrangements are under the direction of Cremation Society of Idaho.

**DONNA MAE SHILLEY**, 74, who raised cattle with her husband in Marsing, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2013 in Portland, Ore. A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, 2013 at Faith Lutheran Church, 2915 S. Montana Ave., Caldwell with a committal service to follow at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, 15862 S. Indiana Ave., Caldwell.

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# Homedale first- and second-graders to perform “A Rockin’ Christmas”

## Concert slated for middle school gymnasium

The Homedale Elementary School first and second grades will be performing at a Christmas concert Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The concert will take place at the Homedale Middle School gymnasium, instead of at the elementary school. Kindergarten-sixth grade music

instructor Tony Bradshaw said the location change was made because there is more room at the Middle school to accommodate parents. The program entitled “Rockin’ Christmas”, will be directed by Tony Bradshaw. Songs on the program will include: “North Pole Rock and Roll” “Hip Hop Reindeer” “Christmas Makes Me Sing” “Cancion De La Navidad” “A Nice, Nice Christmas”

“Snow Cow” “Rock and Roll Snowman” “Santa Claus Rock” “Season of Bells” “Jingle Bell Rock” “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” “Snowman Jump” “Like Diamonds in the Night” “Don’t be a Turkey” “Santa’s Gettin’ Fit for Christmas.” Anyone in the community is welcome to attend. For more information, call 337-4033.

# Calendar

### Today

**Story Time**  
10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

**Christian Life Club**  
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., kindergarten to sixth grade, transportation provided, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

**Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

**Job’s Daughters Bethel 31 meeting**  
7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

### Thursday

**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Friends of Lizard Butte Library board meeting**  
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 W. 3rd Ave. S., Marsing. (208) 455-2550

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

### Friday

**Oregon Food Bank distribution**  
9:45 a.m., produce only, W.W. Jones Elementary School, 3513 Arock Road., Arock, Ore. (541) 889-9206

**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228; call afternoons Monday through Saturday

**Oregon Food Bank distribution**  
11:30 a.m., produce only, Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 U.S. Hwy. 95, Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206

**Oregon Food Bank mobile food pantry**  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., eligibility guidelines apply, Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 U.S. Hwy. 95, Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206

### Saturday

**Teens and Tweens program**  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

### Sunday

**Longest Night Service**  
4 p.m., Homedale Christian Church, 110 W.

Montana Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3626

**Middle school youth group**  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**After-school Story Time**  
4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

**Christmas Eve worship**  
6:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder, ID 83676

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd., Wilder. (208) 337-3151

### Thursday, Dec 26

**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

### Saturday, Dec 28

**Teens and Tweens program**  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

### Sunday, Dec 29

**Middle school youth group**  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409


### Tuesday, Dec 31

**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**After-school Story Time**  
4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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### Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

#### The Fat Horse

We went to the Caldwell Night Rodeo one time when it was still held in the old stadium. We arrived late and had to sit in the front row just behind the arena fence. The riding clubs were parading through and were accompanied by loud music on the public address system. My dad had his hearing aid turned off because of the noise, but he was intently watching the riders.

A heavysset lady was riding by on a fat, old horse. She was wearing well-filled-out green pants which lapped over the saddle’s Cheyenne roll and her stomach rested snugly on the saddle horn. My mother had just sat down when my dad elbowed her and said, just below a shout. “Look at the fat lady on the fat horse.” My embarrassed mother looked up into the frowning face of the object of my dad’s attention. We kids weren’t too surprised about our father’s statement because, as granddaddy said, “Fat looks good on everything but a horse and a woman.”

#### Balky Horses

There is nothing as disgusting as a balky horse that refuses to work. He will always quit right when you need him the most, and it tries your patience to the core.

A preacher, at Diamond, Ore., lived at the top of a hill. He had to haul his household water by the barrel in a wagon. Every time he’d just about get to the top with the water, the team would balk and he’d have to about empty the keg before going the short distance to his house.

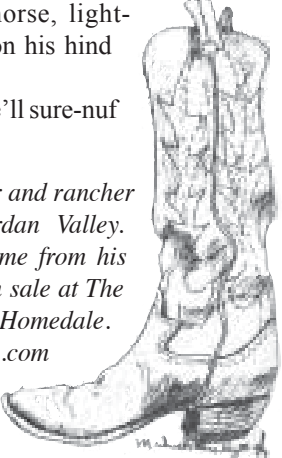
One day, this happened and he was overheard talking to his team. “If I wasn’t in such dire financial straits and such a religious man, I’d shoot you two sons of guns.”

#### The Cure (John Falen)

John Falen was in the process of dealing on a horse, and the owner was going on about his finerpoints. “He’s a good cutting horse, light-mouthed, slides to a stop on his hind feet, and turns on a dime.”

John answered, “Well, we’ll sure-nuf cure him of that.”

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit [www.owyheeavalanche.com](http://www.owyheeavalanche.com) for a list of titles.



# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

Dec. 18: Pasta primavera, bread  
Dec. 19: Christmas Dinner, turkey & all the trimmings  
Dec. 24: Baked fish, baked potato, beets, bread  
Dec. 25: Closed

## Marsing Senior Center

Dec. 18: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, cauliflower w/cheese sauce, cole slaw, roll, fruit cobbler  
Dec. 19: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, cranberry sauce, jello salad, pumpkin roll  
Dec. 23: Breakfast – Pancakes & eggs, sausage or bacon, potatoes, oatmeal, fruit, juice  
Dec. 24-25: Closed

## Rimrock Senior Center

Dec. 19: Turkey dinner  
Closed Christmas week

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

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



# What’s in a Santa suit? Is it magic?

Local man wishes he was  
a millionaire,  
so he could make wishes  
come true



After 28 years of wearing a Santa suit, Bob Hulse believes in Santa. What does it take to be a Santa Claus? He has endless stories to tell of his adventures as a Santa in Caldwell, Nampa and Homedale.

The man looks incredibly like the legendary Santa Claus, and he takes the part very seriously. He wears the long white beard year-round and never shaves it.

“My wife says it changes my personality,” he says with a chuckle. “She even says it changes my voice, and I become a much more polite guy.”

Being Santa Claus has no doubt changed the man’s life.

“I used to be a logger and miner and one heck of an onery guy,” he said. Hulse used to smoke and drink and then one day he suddenly realized that he wasn’t the kind of guy kids would expect when they met Santa. “That day, in November ’85, I quit cold turkey,” he said proudly.

Hulse had a dear friend who told him, “If you’re gonna do it, do it 365 days a year, or don’t do it at all.” Those are the words he lives by.

“Anybody can grow a white beard and put on a Santa suit,” Hulse said. “But you’ve got to have a feeling down here,” he said, as he pointed to his heart.

Why be Santa? Well, Hulse said, “When I’ve got a kid on my lap, I can read that kid. It’s kind of like magic.”

There are times Hulse wishes he could do magic. Playing Santa has been a lot of fun, but he says it has brought him a lot of tears, too.

He has seen many situations with children and adults where they told him their deepest wishes, hoping that Santa would make them come true. Some situations have been heart-wrenching, because he has seen people struggling in their lives.

“If you’re gonna be Santa Claus, you’ve got to wear a lot of different hats,” Hulse said.

Santa has to be a parent, a friend, child psychologist, and a marriage counselor, he said.

Many times, the job has made him feel deeply for other people’s problems. He assumes the position with a kind of humble attitude, with a reverence for his role.

Perhaps there is magic in the Santa suit.

“I don’t know how, but I seem to know things when I talk to people,” he said. He has made predictions about the weather and foretold when babies are born. He has seen families grow up and come back to him every year. Being Santa is all about listening, and he has gotten very good at that.

He has seen rich children ask for money to give to the poor. He has seen crippled children tell him they want nothing but to give to their dad. He has had women ask if he would please help them get back together with their ex- husbands, and husbands asking if they could have their wives back. He has heard kids ask if he could make it so their parents wouldn’t fight anymore. He has helped grieving kids face their loss.

He feels like he has helped people, the same way the fairytale Santa would do.

There are times he feels like “somebody puts the words in my mouth, because I’m not that dad-gunned smart.”

While wearing the red suit, Hulse says he has been through a lot of difficulties, but he believes it has all been worth the effort. When he understands someone and gives them help in some small way, he feels rewarded.

Two different times, he has been a Santa with a broken leg. He had to take the cast off, in order to put on the boots. The first time he broke his leg, he was deer hunting (“Don’t tell anyone I tried to shoot Bambi,” he said.) and the second time, he had an accident running a loader.

Either way, he has worn the same pair of plastic boots for more than 20 years, and that seems to bring him luck. He says the original chair he sat in is now in the Caldwell museum.

Hulse really enjoys being in parades and he has been in almost every parade in the region. One of the best parades he experienced was about four years ago in Homedale, when the snow was fresh, the parade was big, and so were the snowflakes. “But it was so warm and comfortable,” he remarked with childlike awe. At some parades he has had former classmates come up and tell him how good he looks as a Santa.

Hulse said he isn’t particularly religious, but he doesn’t have anything against religion. Then, he says with conviction, “You’ve got to forgive and forget.”

He enjoys being Santa because, “I get quite tickled by kids. I really do enjoy it.”

One day, when asked if he could take a pacifier away from a 6-year-old, he bargained with the kid and bought the pacifier from him for the total cost of four suckers.

Once, when asked how Rudolph got his red nose, Hulse launched into a detailed story of how the young deer stuck his nose under the sink and got into the chemicals that he wasn’t supposed to.

Hulse began his Santa career earning a meager \$3 an hour, but his face lights up a little when he says the most he ever made was \$150 per hour. In that instance, he worked at an orphanage in Sun Valley for the holidays. Another twinkle comes to his eye when he mentions that he has had Adam West’s grandkids on his lap.

After all his experiences in the Santa suit, Hulse says, “I wish I was a multi-millionaire.” That way, he could actually make some wishes come true.

As Santa, Hulse has worked with many elves on many occasions. Once he had a real dwarf (small person) that worked with him as an elf. And, he has seen his elves grow into adults. He mentioned a teacher named Katie Anzalone at the Homedale Elementary School that once was his elf. “I learned a lot from her,” he said.

When asked how old he is, Hulse said he tells kids, “I’m older than my teeth and the same age as my tongue.” He is a spry 74, but he said, “I feel like I’m in my 40s.”

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Hulse describes himself as a modern-day Santa. He walks two to four miles every day to stay healthy. “I’m gonna live to be 105, just to make my enemies miserable,” he said.

Next April, Hulse and his wife Linda will be married 50 years. “I’ve got three mothers-in-law and two fathers-in-law,” he said. “Try and figure that one out.”

Hulse is just as mysterious as the Santa legend. He was born in Boise in 1939, at the old Salvation Army Hospital. He is the youngest of 10 children, and one of the remaining three living. He spent his youth in Boise, but moved to Middleton when he was 20. Then, he joined the Army and served from 1959 to 1963 at Fort Ord, Calif. “I went into the Army when the Berlin Wall was being built, and I got out after the Cuban missile crisis.” If someone told me back then I would be Santa Claus, I would have called them a dirty name,” he said.

After the Army, he says he came home and says he went “hog wild.” He drifted from job to job and worked some as a cattle ranch hand, then a logger and miner. When he was 42, he fell while working in a mine and broke his back. Hulse spent two years in college and studied parks and recreation at Spokane Community College. He spent time in Spokane at a VA hospital as recreation director, and then in Coeur d’Alene where he worked as recreation director at a nursing home. In other jobs, he worked for Simplot, and the Canyon County Courthouse in maintenance.

In 1983, Hulse said he was so beat up, he walked with a cane and dragged one leg. He went to the Caldwell Snake River Valley Training Center and recovered almost completely. He also worked setting up shows for professional wrestling in Caldwell for a few years. He said that job was the most fun he ever had working.

Hulse and his wife have three children, Teresa, 48, Tracy, 43, and Tony, 38. With their children grown, the Hulses are in the process of adopting five more children, whom they have partially cared for during the past three years. While they lived in Spokane, the couple were foster parents to up to 13 children at a time.

Presently, besides being a devoted Santa Claus, Hulse is an avid collector of different things. He enjoys collecting belt buckles, canes, signs, Santa Clauses, brass animals, rocks from various places, and knives and swords. He has “no idea” what to do with all of them, but he enjoys collecting them.

Mainly what occupies his time now is storytelling. He enjoys making up stories and telling them to both children and adults. He tells stories of all kinds, Christmas stories, hunting stories, fishing stories, etc. A while back he worked at the Wagner Corn Maze, which he describes as the first corn maze in the valley. He worked as a storyteller there. He loves to kid around, and spends a lot of time teasing his friends at the Homedale Senior Center.

“I just love to make people laugh,” he says merrily.

Hulse seems to have a way to capture people’s attention and their hearts, just like Santa Claus.



Bob Hulse as Santa Claus rides in the Homedale Parade on Dec. 7, in downtown Homedale.



Story and  
photos by  
Karen Bresnahan



Above and center: Bob Hulse (Santa) has a quiet conversation with Charity Pate during the Homedale Santa Brunch on Dec. 7, at Homedale Elementary School.



Left: Hulse (Santa) enjoys hearing what Diamonique and Dreaiden Valle would like for Christmas.





# Creative mom makes scented soap

Little House on the Prairie inspiration for local craftsperson



*“I love doing this....it’s from my heart.” — Allie Sellers*

Ambition has gone a long way for a mother of three from Marsing, who is determined to make her dreams come true.

What began as a simple desire to please other people and give them gifts has in 12 years grown into a full-time business that involves her husband and children.

Allie Sellers is the creator and proprietor of Alvina Jane’s Handcrafted Soaps, which she recently displayed at a craft bazaar in Marsing at the Festival of Trees event.

The line of more than 30 different scented soaps includes such varieties as energy citrus, blackberry sage, peppermint, spice mahogany, angel kisses, sweet pea, cabernet and oatmeal milk and honey.

The bubbly mother of three, who also homeschools her children, says she has always enjoyed doing many hobbies. In addition to the soaps, she also sells crocheted children’s hats and has future plans to add lotion to her line of products.

“I love doing this,” she says, “because I can see results fast. I can pop out four hats in a day if I need to.”

“Between the hats and soaps, I am burning the candle at both ends,” Sellers said. “I’ve got so many orders, I’m exhausted.”

She used to do about 10 batches of soap in a year, and now she is producing more than 10 batches of soap a month.

The soap-making process involves heating up separately the essential or synthetic oils, in addition to a lye water, and goat’s milk mixture. At the right temperature, the ingredients are

combined and poured into a mold. After 24 hours, the molds can be cut, but the entire drying process takes from four to six weeks.

The goat’s milk comes from the family goat. “She is small, but she



*Allie Sellers and her children Zachary, 13, Libbey, 10 and Destiny, 15. She has a home-based business, Alvina Jane’s Soaps, and she produces scented soap. She also makes crocheted children’s hats and homemade lotions.*

*Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan*

flavors as I can. It’s crazy what people like,” she said. Some smells even remind them of a memory.”

Sellers enjoys making her products because they are homemade.

“I love doing this. It’s from my heart,” she said. “It’s just like Little House on the Prairie, where everyone gave a homemade gift at Christmas.” People can tell if they have chosen a good gift, Sellers said, “when you buy one for someone you love, and keep one for yourself, too.” Homemade gifts simply mean more, she said.

Sellers has been married for 19 years to her husband Rob, who grew up in this area and is employed as a truck driver.

“I met my man and moved to Idaho,” she said, explaining that it all happened very quickly.

The story of their meeting is somewhat unique. A friend of hers encouraged her to write a letter to a man she had not met. Then, after exchanging just two letters, she came out to Marsing to meet him and they’ve been together ever since.

Her husband Rob is very supportive of all the crafts she does. He constructed the molds she uses to make the soaps and continues to help her do the business marketing.

“I’m not a seller, oh, but I am,” she said laughing. “I prefer to just be the creative one.”

Sellers, who was raised on a ranch in Montana, has decorated her home with cabin type décor. As you drive up the dirt road leading to her home, there is a traditional feel of country, especially with the large porch. “I couldn’t wait to get out to the country,” she said.

The family lives west of Marsing on Jump Creek Road, with a full view of the Owyhees.

Just four years ago, they had a double-wide trailer brought in to replace the single wide they were living in. Before they moved out to Marsing, the family lived in Caldwell for 10 years.

Sellers can recall the first time she came to Idaho and she and Rob went for a hike up Jump Creek Canyon. She is amazed that they now have a home with a view of that canyon.

Sellers dreams about someday having a little retail store located along Jump Creek road. Her goal is to continue developing her hobby so that it continues to be a family-run business involving her children. The Sellers’ three children are Destiny, 15, Zach, 13, and Libbey, 10. Sellers is currently working on teaching her daughter Destiny how to do what she does.

Sellers is mostly interested in keeping her business local. With the success of her growing business, she says gratefully, “This (business) is what is keeping us afloat.”

Last year Sellers put her products online at ETSY and she has seen a steady increase in customers. She also sells her product at Ste. Chapelle Winery and at the Marsing Thrift Shop. For more information on Alvina Jane’s Soaps, visit [alvinajane.com](http://alvinajane.com) or call 649-5348.

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# Longest Night, Christmas Eve services scheduled

## Mountain View Nazarene to host gospel concert


Homedale churches have announced plans to celebrate Christmas in the coming days:

- Homedale Christian Church will hold a Longest Night Service at 4 p.m. on Sunday.
- According to a press release announcing the event, the church invites people “who are not having a very merry Christmas and friends who support them” to sit with each other at the service that speaks of God’s love for the grieving.
- The service allows attendees to remember the departed through music, silent remembering, scripture and prayer.
- The Homedale Christian Church is located at 116 W. Montana

Ave., and can be contacted at 337-3626.


- Homedale Friends Community Church also plans a Christmas Eve worship service beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- The church is located at 17434 Hwy 95 north of Homedale in Canyon County. For more information, call 337-3464.
- Mountain View Church of the Nazarene will hold a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.
- The community is invited to the event, which will feature special music and the biblical Christmas story from the book of Luke.
- The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. Its phone number is 337-3151.
- Mountain View Church of the Nazarene also announced plans for a Liberty Quartet southern gospel concert at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Today




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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
<b>Mud Flat</b>						
12/10	0.3	5.0	2.0	19	-10	4
12/11	0.3	4.0	2.0	28	-1	11
12/12	0.3	4.0	2.0	32	4	18
12/13	0.4	5.0	2.1	34	14	24
12/14	0.4	5.0	2.1	38	19	28
12/15	0.4	5.0	2.1	37	13	24
12/16	0.4	5.0	2.1	40	19	29
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
12/10	1.1	6.0	3.8	18	5	13
12/11	1.1	6.0	3.8	23	12	18
12/12	1.1	5.0	3.8	26	12	18
12/13	1.2	5.0	3.9	32	13	24
12/14	1.2	5.0	3.9	37	26	31
12/15	1.3	5.0	4.0	40	28	34
12/16	1.3	5.0	4.0	50	35	41
<b>South Mountain</b>						
12/10	1.6	8.0	3.6	25	4	15
12/11	1.6	7.0	3.6	27	20	22
12/12	1.8	7.0	3.6	38	19	28
12/13	1.8	6.0	3.7	42	30	35
12/14	1.8	7.0	3.7	38	26	30
12/15	1.9	6.0	3.8	44	28	36
12/16	1.9	5.0	3.7	52	39	43

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was seven percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 125 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 24 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 51,780 acre-feet of water on Monday.

**Note** — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website Monday night (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale



### Women’s prayer group strives to give year-round

Members of the Homedale Christian Church’s Disciples Women’s Prayer Group regularly collect canned food items for El Ada’s Owyhee County pantry. The women, from left Leora Zanks, Kathy Henson, Shirley Jones, Jan Aman and Lillian Troxel (Wasalea Henson, not pictured) emphasize that giving to the less fortunate is important year-round, not just at Christmas. The prayer group meets at 2 p.m. at the church on the second Wednesday of each month. Submitted photo

## Oregon Food Bank plans Friday stop in Jordan Valley

Weather permitting, the Oregon Food Bank-Southeast Oregon Services staff will presents its final Harvest Share Project stops of the season Friday in the Jordan Valley area.

Bread and produce will be available beginning at about 10 a.m. at the W.W. Jones Elementary School, 3513 Arock Road, in Arock, Ore.

The staff will hold another Harvest Share distribution of bread and produce at around 11:30 a.m. at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 U.S. Hwy. 95.

From 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the OFB-SOS mobile food pantry will be open at the Lions Hall.

OFB-SOS branch services manager Peter RC Lawson said in an email that the Jordan Valley Lions Club has allowed the food

distribution to take place inside the den, so folks won’t have to wait outside in the frigid temperatures very long.

Lawson reminds people that the start times for all three food drops are approximate and depend on road conditions and the volume of people who turn out to seek assistance.

Lawson said Friday’s Harvest Share stops in Arock and Jordan Valley probably will be the final rounds until April “because the harvest season has essentially passed and we’re not seeing as much produce as we had earlier in the summer and fall.”

The mobile food pantry program is not part of Harvest Share and will continue its visits to the area through the winter, conditions permitting.

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# Marsing school board hears about possible care facility

## Board also spends time reviewing district strategic plan

In a report to the Marsing School Board, Diana Zigars informed the school board that in November COSSA (Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency) had received a call from a private company from California, called Jagsalive.com. The company is planning to open a residential care facility in the Wilder School District, east of the COSSA technical center. The facility would house female minors that have been victims of sex trafficking, between the ages of 7-17. Zigars is special services director of special education and gifted and talented programs at COSSA.

The proposed facility would provide a private school called Aslan Christian Academy (the name is taken from the book Chronicles of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis), and would open initially with eight girls, but

could house up to 100, she told the board. The company plans to use Alpha Omega Online School to educate their clients.

“It sounds like a wonderful project,” Zigars said. However, she expressed concern that there would be a large facility operating in such a small school district. The term “emotionally disturbed” falls under the category of special needs, and so there would definitely be an impact on COSSA, she said.

Although the proposed facility would be privately run, Zigars said COSSA would have obligations to do evaluations there, because of the Child Find program, which involves doing assessments, such as IQ and social, emotional and academic evaluations.

Normally about 10 percent of students in a district fall into special education categories, she said. As of November, 60 students in the Wilder School District were identified as special education eligible. If the new facility would house up to 100 students, many, if not all could be eligible

for special education, she said.

“Since the Wilder School District is relatively small, their number of special education students could be significantly disproportionate to the number of students that would normally be anticipated for such a small district,” Zigars said.

It has not been determined what effect the facility could have on the Marsing and Homedale school districts.

Also at the meeting the board reviewed an initial draft of a strategic plan for the Marsing School District.

The board reviewed a preliminary document that is the result of nearly six months of planning, said district superintendent Norm Stewart. The last time a district plan was developed was 1993 and it expired in 1999, so a new one is needed, he said. The strategic plan is being developed with the input of the board, school administrators, staff, parents and students, he said.

“It outlines all the things that schools do,” Stewart said. “It is hard to make decisions, when you don’t know the final

destination,” he said.

The plan will outline the goals and objectives the district wants to accomplish in the next five years, he said. The document is under review and is expected to be finalized at the January school board meeting.

Also at the meeting, the board heard a transportation report requesting the purchase of a new school bus. After hearing an option to piggy-back a bid made by the Homedale district, the board approved the option, which would bypass the normal bid process and purchase the same bus as the Homedale district.

On another matter, the board heard a COSSA report from trustee Betty Ackerman about the Christmas fundraiser that was held for the scholarship fund, and a report that the Khan Academy film crew spent a day in the district Dec. 9.

Other reports were made to the board about the elementary school’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Math Night, and the success of the Annie play, which was a joint school and community effort.

—KB

## Hands Around Homedale thrives again



Students from Homedale High School’s National Honor Society chapter fill one of three pickups full of food, which was delivered to the elementary school Friday. Food was collected by Katie Anzalone’s class, Mike Greeley’s class and Heidi Ankeny’s cross country team. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



Hands Around Homedale coordinator Randee Garrett, far left, helps direct volunteers in sorting and packing food boxes for the district-wide food drive Friday at Homedale Elementary School. Program families arrived later to accept their care packages. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



Mary Marston, right, holds the quilt she won with a little help from the quilt-maker, Romona Andrus. Photo by Jon P. Brown

## Senior center: Good bazaar despite weather

Nasty winter weather knocked down the attendance, but organizers still see the Homedale Senior Center holiday bazaar as a success.

Senior center coordinator Shirley McAbee said the snow and frigid temperatures may have discouraged many folks from showing up on Dec. 7, but the bazaar and other fundraising still brought in nearly \$1,500.

Of the \$1,449.80 that was raised, McAbee said more than \$1,000 came from folks who took a chance on winning Romona Andrus’ latest quilt. Homedale-area resident Mary Marston claimed the quilt two days after

the bazaar.

Patty King of Homedale won the wall hanging that also was raffled.

A third prize, a cookware set, wasn’t raffled because not enough tickets were sold, Andrus said.

McAbee said the barbecued pulled pork sandwich luncheon also brought in improved receipts for the kitchen. Last year, the bazaar featured the less-popular fare of hot dogs.

The senior center’s next big event is the Christmas dinner at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.

The center will be closed Christmas Day and Dec. 26 as well as Jan. 1-2.



Homedale High School choir members sing from the upper level of the old gymnasium during Dec. 9’s Christmas concert. The band closed the show. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

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# Homedale schools panel hears benefits of four-day week

## Shorter week could actually mean more class time

A four-day school week could actually mean more instruction time for Homedale students, according to a recent presentation.

The Homedale School District four-day school week committee heard from Shoshone superintendent Dr. Rob Waite and Vale, Ore., schools boss Matthew J. Hawley during its Nov. 20 meeting.

Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer said that among the points Waite made:

- Because of the longer instruction day necessitated by fewer school days, students in four-day schools actually receive nearly nine more days of instruction than the traditional five-day school week.
  - In the four-day plan, students are in class for seven hours a day for 149 days, which amounts to 1,043 instruction hours for a school year. In the five-day setting, instruction is five to six hours per day for between 170 and 179 days or 990 instruction hours.
  - Teachers will have nine built-in days for professional development on Fridays during the school year.
- Sauer said this would allow more efficient development for the teachers and instruction for the students.

“Because of furloughs, we don’t have many professional development days, so we have to pull teachers out of their classrooms and bring in substitutes,” Sauer said.

That means teachers have to prepare lessons for the substitutes and then may be distracted during the professional development day wondering if their students are focused on learning because of the tendency to relax with a sub, Sauer said.

During the 2013-14 school year, new teachers in the district will miss six days because of professional development. Under a four-day week, Sauer points out, there would be a net of 14 additional instruction days for those teachers because of the six days retrieved because of the built-in development days and the additional eight that the four-day format creates.

Waite also told the committee that it’s hard to find a district that has returned to the five-day format once the four-day plan has been adopted.

At the same time, he said, individual districts must do what’s right for their goals and their students’ best interests. The success

### What’s next?

- Before the schools let out for Christmas break, school staff will complete and return a survey devised by the Homedale School District four-day school week exploratory committee.
- The committee will meet in January to work on a parental survey.
- The committee’s recommendations will be brought before the school board by the end of February.
- After public input, the school board could make a decision in time to plan the 2014-15 school calendar.

**Note** — This is the second time the Homedale School District has examined the four-day school week. In 2011, the board decided against a shortened week after commissioning a study for \$1,500.

lies in the district’s execution of the plan, not the strategy to the get there.

The four-day week isn’t a magic pill to cure issues with academic achievement, though, Waite said.

“He said that the schools doing well academically before the four-day switch continue to do well, but those five-day districts whose students struggle continue to struggle,” Sauer said.

The Friday-free school year doesn’t mean the schools are completely shut down on the fifth day.

In addition to the professional development days, Fridays can be used for discipline or academic improvement. Student detention could be held on Fridays, and

Sauer said under a four-day school week the Saturday School used to help students save credits and graduate on time would shift to Fridays.

In addition to remedial and disciplinary opportunities, Fridays could be used for enrichment days such as field trips to museums or libraries or social activities.

Waite said that under their regular contract, teachers have five total Fridays during the year for enrichment or to staff detention and remedial learning centers.

As for athletics, Sauer said Fridays could be used for an extra preparation day for football or they would allow the wrestling team to travel to participate in a two-day tournament without losing a day of instruction.

The fiscal savings for the district would come from reductions in student transportation, one less day of food service preparation and electricity savings, Sauer said.

The HSD four-day committee also conducted a remote question-and-answer session with the Vale superintendent through a Web-based service called Face Time, which is similar to Skype, Sauer said.

Hawley’s Q&A revealed a remedy to concerns that the longer school day may have on younger students. Unlike Homedale, Vale has an all-day kindergarten.

Sauer said Vale teachers are mindful of the mental fatigue that sets in for the younger students so they set activities for the part of the day when the children’s attention span is the best. The superintendent said Homedale teachers already follow a similar gameplan.

There are 39 school districts and charter schools in Idaho that run under a four-day week, and Sauer said he has had conversations with administrators from several, including Marsh Valley, Preston, Gardn Valley, Marsing, Wendell and Gooding.

Preston’s enrollment is larger than Homedale’s, while Gooding’s enrollment is comparable.

— JPB



From left: Lydia Aman, Kaylee Rupp, Edmy Vega, Hattie Mertz, Destiny Long, Tori Nash and Dayne Jacobs. Photo by Jon P. Brown

# Homedale students find compassion for rivals in need

## High school ASB leads fundraiser to send \$500 to Fruitland cancer patients

Swallowing their pride for the betterment of their peers, Homedale High School students recently raised more than \$500 for three teenagers battling cancer.

On Friday, Homedale’s student body officers and another senior presented a check for \$503 to the Fruitland student body officers. The money will be used to help the three families affected by the disease and offset travel costs related to treatment.

“I felt it was a very positive reaction,” HHS Associated Student Body President Edmy Vega said.

“Our school has a big rivalry against Fruitland, and we set that aside.”

Plastic jars were set up at two locations on campus, and the fundraising actually began during the Trojans’ 3A state semifinal playoff game against visiting Fruitland last month.

“The kids have thrown in a buck, 10 bucks. I even saw kids throwing in 20 bucks,” Homedale principal Dion Flaming said.

Flaming heard of the plight of the Fruitland students at a 3A Snake River Valley conference athletic meeting. Payette High School principal Mark Heleker brought the situation to light and suggested that each SRV school and Emmett, which will join the conference next school year, try

to raise \$500.

The campaign hit home with the HHS students, Flaming said.

“We had kids crying because I think they look at how fortunate and blessed they are, and they just go, ‘Wow. What if I were one of those kids?’”

Student body officers including Vega, vice-president Tori Nash, secretary Hattie Mertz, treasurer Lydia Aman, sergeant-at-arms Dayne Jacobs and historian Destiny Long spearheaded the drive, but Vega pointed out that senior Kaylee Rupp took a leading role in the effort, too.

“Personally, I’m proud of the student body because they came together and did something nice for another community, which doesn’t happen very often,” Vega said.

— JPB

# Toys for Tots bring joy

The annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots program has been in full swing this season in the Homedale area, and gifts donated to the program are being delivered to children this week.

Toys were gathered at several locations in Homedale, including the county probation office, El Ada, and Latah Motors.

The primary location for toy collection in Homedale was the El Ada office. El Ada manager Olga Valero tried to coordinate the local efforts this year. All the donated toys in Homedale and Marsing have already been picked up, Valero said. The toys are being distributed this week, up until Friday.

Valero said gifts will be provided for about 36 families. The families already filled out applications earlier this year and will be notified to pick up their gifts, she said.

A second location for the Toys for Tots collection was the Owyhee County Probation Office. Chief Probation Officer Doris Jewett said her office delivered a large box of toys to the collection point at Boise’s Gowen Field this year.

Jewett said she estimates there were several hundred dollars worth of toys gathered at her location in Homedale this year. Her office created a list of nearly 50 families in town that needed help.

Between the two locations, about 86 families in Homedale



Homedale Mayor Elect Gheen Christoffersen and his wife Devra help arrange the Toys for Tots display at the Owyhee County Probation Office. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

will receive gifts through the Toys for Tots program.

A third location for toy collection was the Latah Motors location on the southeast corner of West Idaho Avenue and 1st Street West in Homedale. Owner Nick DiPietro said he was very disappointed in the response for his collection box. He said he has been actively participating in the program for 20 years, and this is the lowest response he has ever seen.

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## Marsing's Wood chooses hoops over football

Coach resigns after one of most successful runs in Huskies history

Saying a split focus isn't fair to his players, Jaime Wood decided to go with his first love.

The former Marsing High School football and basketball standout resigned as the football coach of his alma mater on Dec. 10.

"It was hard because we worked so hard to get our football program

going like it was," he said. "But, like I say, it just comes back to being fair to the kids.

"They need someone who is going to be fully dedicated to football."

Wood took over the Marsing girls' basketball team from Tim Little earlier this year, and he admits that roundball always has been his primary passion.

"Just growing up, basketball was my love and passion, and it college it was the same, so that's just kind of direction I was heading," he said.

Wood helped the Huskies to the A-4 state tournament in basketball under Mark Owen, and he was the starting



— See *Wood*, page 3B *Jaime Wood*

## Trojans trounce Vale ahead of tourney

HHS boys to start in Nampa's Elite Eight Thursday

It all came together Saturday night for the Homedale High School boys' basketball team.

Five scorers reached double figures and the Trojans held the hosts under 40 points in an 80-38 non-conference victory over Vale, Ore.

Trey Lane and Dillon Lowder scored 14 points each, and Homedale outscored the Vikings, 50-23, in the second half. Lowder was strong on the defensive end with a team-high seven steals and six deflections.

Connor Carter and Garrett Carter scored 12 points apiece for the Trojans, who outscored Vale, 25-6, in the third quarter and also allowed only five first-quarter points.

Efficient senior Lane Sale had another solid night in the paint, hitting five of six shots inside the arc for 10 points. He also led Homedale with 10 rebounds and six blocked shots. After two consecutive games of foul trouble, the senior committed just one infraction.

Caleb Oviedo was held to five rebounds, but also had four steals and six deflections.

The Trojans (4-1 before

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Homedale High School's Connor Carter goes up for a shot against a Nampa Christian defender during last week's narrow loss at home. Photo by Jon P. Brown

## Workhorse Huskies unbeaten in 2A WIC

Marsing girls go 2-1 while playing three straight nights

A strong start to the second half set up fourth-quarter heroics as the Marsing High School girls' basketball team remained unbeaten in conference play Friday.

The Huskies edged visiting Nampa Christian, 32-30, to move to 2-0 in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.



Marsing *Shannon Clover* (3-4 overall, 2-0 2A WIC) ignited the comeback with an 11-4 run through the third quarter after trailing 21-14 at the break.

Sophomore Shelby Dines had another strong night with 10 points, and senior Shannon Clover hit a pair of three-pointers on her way to eight points.

Marsing sank four of its seven chances at the foul line, including 2-for-2 from senior Marissa Hardy, while Nampa Christian was 5-for-11 from the stripe.

The Trojans received 11 points from Katie Rhodes, while teammate Megan Castledine hit three treys for her nine points.

"That was a hard battle," Marsing coach Jaime Wood said. "Missy Hardy wasn't the high scorer, but she battled Katie Rhodes in the middle. That was a good win for us."

**Saturday: Parma 47, Marsing 36** — After battled back from a big deficit, the Huskies held a five-point lead early in the fourth quarter, but a run of three games in as many nights caught up with

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## Inexperienced Raiders face season of learning

Five key players from 2012-13 either graduated or transferred

There probably isn't much looking back going on with the

Rimrock High School boys' basketball team this year.

Only two key members of the team — fourth-year coach John Hannah and senior guard Cody Steele — were sporting the green and gold for last year's fourth-place finish in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament.

The other players who saw time

as starters have either graduated or transferred to a different school.

"We are very young and have a number of players who have never played," Hannah said.

Four other starters from last year's 8-13 squad — Cristian Ayala, Jacob Black, Porter Simper and Austin Meyers — all graduated. One of the team's

leading scorers last season, Jared Lemieux, transferred to Glenns Ferry.

Steele is the only senior with any previous varsity experience on the squad. Ramon Salinas and Jasper Lowe, both seniors, played junior varsity ball last season.

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Sports

Cornejo captures Beauty or Beast

Nash Johnson, John Collett get two victories during tri-meet

Homedale High School split a wrestling tri-meet at Middleton, but perhaps the biggest triumph was Jovan Cornejo's win in Friday's Beauty or Beast Pageant.

The senior, who didn't appear on the mat during the Dec. 10 non-conference action in Middleton, brought home the Miss Beast 2013 crown during the wrestling program's fundraiser inside the HHS old gym.

He also was voted People's Choice during the event that raised more than \$3,400. The proceeds will help purchase another wrestling mat, according to Trojans coach Toby Johnson, who called the cross-dressing pageant "a huge success."

"We had a lot of community support for this," Johnson said. "Many families and businesses donated items for the auction."

Tyson Furlott was runner-up and was Miss Congeniality. The rest of the standings included third-place Devin Fisher, fourth-place Nash Johnson and fifth-place Gavin Palumbo.

**Dec. 10: Homedale 60, Middleton 30** — All five Trojans' victories on the mat against the Class



John Collett

4A Vikings came by pinfall and included Johnson (126 pounds), Fisher (145), John Collett (160), Tyson Furlott (170) and Curtis Stansell (182).

Stansell won his match in 37 seconds, and — including forfeits — HHS won nine of 15 matches.

**Dec. 10: Mountain Home 61, Homedale 16** — Homedale got three wins against the 4A Tigers from Elmore County.

Johnson pinned his opponent 46 seconds into the second round.

Jacob Furlott got a first-round pin at 120 pounds.

Collett notched a 13-0 decision at 160 pounds.

Today, Homedale travels to Marsing for another non-conference tri-meet. The Huskies and Trojans also will compete with Adrian, Ore.

Rupp gets physical vs. New Plymouth; HHS girls at 7-1

Kaylee Rupp's dominant double-double propelled Homedale High School to its fifth consecutive girls' basketball victory Thursday.

The senior post player scored 15 points and snagged 12 rebounds in a 56-44 home triumph over New Plymouth.

Hampered by the Pilgrims' resistance, the Trojans (7-1 overall) trailed 21-17 at halftime.

"We struggled in the first half with their pressure defense and turned it over quite a bit," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said. "We knew it was going to be a tough, physical game."

Homedale scored 19 points in the third quarter to shift the tide. "In the second half we relaxed

a bit and played at a fast pace still, just not at a frantic pace like we did in the first half," Betancourt said.

Tory Lane hit a pair of three-point goals and chipped in 12 points for the Trojans. She also grabbed five rebounds and dished four assists.

Lane blocked three shots as Homedale mounted a rejection defense against the Pilgrims. The Trojans blocked 11 shots, including two each from Rupp, Destiny Long and Gardenia Machuca.

Elise Sherk notched three assists and nine points.

Kylee Garrick led New Plymouth with 11 points, and Hailey Ray added 10.

HMS collects four district crowns

Host Trojans finish second in SRV wrestling

Bolstered by four district champions, Homedale Middle School finished second at the 3A Snake River Valley conference wrestling tournament Saturday.

McCain of Payette scored 294 points to capture the team title at the tournament, which was held in the Homedale High School gym.

Fourteen Trojans captured medals, and half of the medal-winners reached the champion-

ship matches in their weight division. Homedale racked up 218 points and captured second place by 28 points over Ontario, Ore.

Homedale's champions included:

- Jaeger Rose, 3-0 at 96 pounds
- Drew Deal, 3-0 at 103 pounds
- Jesse Packer, 3-0 at 110 pounds, beat HMS teammate Cobey Christoffersen (2-1) in the district championship match.
- Kiefer Cooper, 2-0 at 160 pounds.

Other placers for the Trojans included:

• Second place — Christoffersen, 110; Jordan Packer (1-1), 89; and Jesse Martinat (1-1), 170

• Third place — Kaden Binford (3-1), 82; Izaiah Lopez (1-1), 170; David Villaneuva (1-1), 185; and Aaron Macias (2-1), 285

• Fourth place — William Cole (2-2), 82; Jose Uriarte (0-2), 185; and Brady Steinmetz (2-2), 285

Other Trojans competitors included Edgar Navarette (89), German Albor (103), Noah Redburn and Mathew Miklancic (117), Mason Kincheloe (124), Jose Buenrostro and Tell Morse (131), Robert Nix (138) and Megan Houser (160).

HHS track team to haul Christmas trees for a fee

Folks dreading disposal of their Christmas trees have another option thanks to the Homedale High School track and field team.


First-year coach Heidi Ankeny announced last week that the Trojans athletes will haul away trees at the end of the season as a fundraiser.

On the two Saturdays following Christmas, the track and field team will collect discarded trees


and haul them away for suggested donation of \$10, although larger donations won't be refused.


Proceeds will help the team buy new uniforms and equipment.


Pick-ups will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28 and Saturday, Jan. 4. Those people who want the disposal help can call Ankeny at 936-0702 to arrange a pick-up out of their driveways or at their curb.





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## Athlete of the Week



**Caleb Oviedo, sr., boys' basketball**

The play — Oviedo established his presence inside during a three-game week in which he connected on 10 of 15 shots (66.7 percent) and averaged nine points. His biggest contribution, however, may have been on the defensive backboards. Twenty of the 26 rebounds he collected last week (8.7 per game) were on the opponents' glass. He also had five steals and seven assists. Against Vale, Ore., on Saturday, he notched six deflections.

### Girls' Basketball


Varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 19 at Vale, Ore., 7 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 19 at Vale, Ore., 5:30 p.m.  
Fresh-soph  
Thursday, Dec. 19 at Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.


### Boys' Basketball


Varsity - Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament  
Thursday, Dec. 19 vs. Canyon Ridge-Twin Falls, Nampa H.S., 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Spring Creek, Nev., or Skyview, Nampa or Skyview H.S., 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 21, Nampa, site, opponent and time TBA  
Junior varsity - Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament  
Thursday, Dec. 19 vs. Canyon Ridge-Twin Falls, Nampa H.S., 3 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Spring Creek, Nev., or Skyview, Nampa or Columbia H.S., 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 21, opponent and time TBA  
Fresh-soph  
Friday, Jan. 3 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.


### Wrestling


Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Marsing, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 20 at Glens Ferry Tournament, 3 p.m.  
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# Sports

## Adrian's Bryson Shira wrestles to win in La Grande

Tri-meet at Marsing today includes Homedale

Adrian High School's wrestling team took part in its second tournament of the

season Friday and Saturday in La Grande, Ore. Bryson Shira (6-4 overall), wrestling at 152 pounds, was the only Adrian athlete to get a win during the Muilenburg Tournament, according to results posted to trackwrestling.com. Shira scored four team points with his

opening-round pinfall against Cole Grantz of Barlow. Also competing for Adrian were Marcus Furtado (0-2 at 106), Nelson Amaral (0-2 at 113) and Ramon Dalla (0-2 at 170). Shira opened the season with a 5-2 record at the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore. The Antelopes travel to Marsing for a

non-league tri-meet with the Huskies and Homedale today. The meet starts at 6 p.m. Coach Eddie Kinkade's squad then will travel to Elgin for a two-day tournament on Friday and Saturday to close out 2013. Participation in the Jan. 3-4 Rollie Lane Invitational at the Idaho Center in Nampa is also scheduled.

## ✓Trojans: Soaring Sale's slams set Homedale sailing against Mustangs

From Page 1B Tuesday's second rivalry game of the season against Marsing) open their participation in the Todays Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday at Nampa High School against Class 4A Canyon Ridge from Twin Falls. "In the past, we have never won our first-round game at this tournament, so it would be nice to get to the winners bracket for once and give ourselves a chance," Grove said.

A win would put Homedale in Friday's semifinals, probably against hometown Skyview, one of the top 4A schools in the state. "I really like playing against really good teams," Grove said. "It raises the level of competition, and if we have any aspirations of making it to the state tournament, teams like Skyview are the teams we need to play in order to prepare us for the state tournament and, more importantly, big games in conference play."

**Thursday: Homedale 68, Melba 56** — The Trojans erupted for 24 points in the second quarter of the non-conference game, and Sale led three scorers in double figures with 13 points.

But it was perhaps the job three Homedale players did on the Mustangs' offensive spark plug, freshman Nick Fitts, that told the story. Fitts entered the game averaging 26 points a night. "I rotated Miguel Montejano, Dillon Lowder and Jesse Padilla on him all night," Grove said. "We held him to two field goals. Those three player really good full-denial, no-help defense all night."

Fitts hit a three-pointer and connected on seven of nine free throws for 12 points. A 6-foot-6 wing, Sale connected on six of seven shots (86 percent) and collected 10 rebounds, all on the defensive end. He



Homedale High School's Lane Sale goes baseline against the defense of Vale's Andrew Weber during Saturday's game. Photo by John L. Braese / Malheur Enterprise

also notched three blocks, three steals and three assists. "Lane Sale finally got rolling," Grove said. "He and Caleb (Oviedo) both had a double-double." Sale, who struggled to see floor time earlier in the week against Nampa Christian because of fouls, threw down a first-quarter breakaway dunk against the host Mustangs. "... that really got him going. Maybe a little too much," Grove said. "He got into foul trouble." Sale didn't let that stop him offensively.

He scored eight points in the third quarter and dunked again. Oviedo also turned in another strong rebounding night to cap his double-double of 12 points (5-for-7 shooting) and 11 rebounds (nine on Melba's glass). First-year varsity player Connor Carter hit all three of his attempts from behind the three-point line as part of his career-high 12 points. He also corralled seven rebounds as Homedale ruled the glass, 47-26. "That was a major factor in our success — controlling the paint," Grove said. **Dec. 10: Nampa Christian 61,**

**Homedale 58** — Homedale couldn't shake the turnover bug as visiting Nampa Christian rallied down the stretch to hand the home team its first loss of the season. Homedale held off Nampa Christian's first surge to own a 30-26 halftime lead, but a rash of second half turnovers gave Nampa Christian the opportunity to erase a six-point deficit over the final eight minutes. "We had 15 turnovers in the second half, and that was the difference in the game," Grove said. "We just had a meltdown mentally, and it just wasn't one guy. It was four or five different guys." Using a pressure defense and a fast-paced offense, Homedale broke open a tight game with a 12-3 run to a 27-18 lead with 2 minutes, 13 seconds left in the first half. Homedale took a 10-point lead, 28-18, when Lowder hit one of his two free throws after being fouled while trying to convert the theft of an inbounds pass. Lowder led Homedale with 11 points. Nampa Christian, however, finished the half on an 8-2 spurt. Homedale committed 25 turnovers. "Giving away 25 extra offensive possessions kills a team," Grove said. Oviedo scored nine points and parlayed an aggressive presence in the paint into 10 rebounds. "Caleb Oviedo had a great game and battled the entire time," Grove said. Padilla finished with six points (including 3-for-3 from the foul line), five rebounds and three steals. "Jesse Padilla, I though, had a great game," Grove said. "He may not have filled the stat sheet, but he impacted the game with his quickness and speed." Peyton Brothers scored 18 points for Nampa Christian to lead all scorers, while Braden Brothers kicked in 17, including three three-point goals.

## ✓Wood: Alum open to helping out still

From Page 1B quarterback when Bill Barr the Huskies lost the 1989 A-4 state final to Hagerman. In four years as Marsing football coach, Wood had a 23-14 record, three winning seasons and three state playoff appearances. In 2012, Wood joined Barr as the only men to lead Marsing football in the state semifinals. The Huskies fell to Declo, 36-0, at Holt Arena. "I want to thank the (coaching staff)," Wood said. "They were a huge part of building that program." Wood said the trio of Jim Briggs, Dale Doan and Dennis Shipley were on the ground floor with him. Brad Hill and Dakota Hill joined the staff during the run

and contributed, too. "Jim Briggs, I tell ya, it would have been tough to do it without him," Wood said. The Huskies returned in 2013 with a new-look offense, a new quarterback and Brad Hill sharing head coaching duties with Wood. The team struggled early then found its stride to finish 5-3 — above .500, but a long way from the stated goal of a return to the state playoffs. Wood said the disappointing had nothing to do with his decision to step down. "The decision was hard for the time put in," Wood said. "We had some good times." But Wood is locked in on basketball, even though his son, Taylor, is going to be a freshman football player next year. "I love the kids at Marsing High School and all the schools (in the district), and I want to see the best for them," Wood said. He doesn't know who will coach his son next year, and he's not sure if the direction the administration has in mind would be with Hill, whose son was an assistant coach, or opening the position up to all-comers. However, Wood is open to helping out in some way. He just knows he doesn't have the energy to pilot the program. "It just depends on my role," he said. "As a head football coach, you don't really have downtime because you have fundraisers and there's something going on all the time."

## ✓Raiders: Two freshman among 2013-14 starters

From Page 1B "Jasper is a good athlete," Hannah said. "He does need to play under a tad bit more control." Salinas left last Wednesday to spend Christmas in Mexico. He missed Friday's home game against Owyhee, Nev., and will be unavailable for the road game against Owyhee on Dec. 18 and the Dec. 27-28 tournament in Wilder. Another senior, 6-foot-2 Tristan Rathsback, has never played high school basketball. He'll fill in during Salinas' absence. "He is a good pitcher on the baseball team," Hannah said. "We just need to get him up on some

basketball skills." The rest of the starters include 5-9 freshman guard-wings Rigo Lino and Samuel Simper. Hannah said he'll rely on Diego Elizarraras, too, but the 5-8 junior has "very little basketball experience," the coach said. "We are going to be young and inexperienced," Hannah said. "It will be a very challenging year, but it could also be very rewarding."

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# Sports



The Homedale Middle School eighth-grade girls' basketball team includes: **Standing, from left:** Coach Scott Michaelson, Faith Jacobson, Lindsey Burks, Kendall Nash, Kaylee De Witt, Lauryn Fisher, coach Sherri Kirk, Allison Shenk, Lyndsey Salutregui, Eva Symms and coach Shelley Shenk. **Kneeling, from left:** Ashley Burks, Lainey Johnson and Gabriella Martell. Submitted photo



The Homedale Middle School seventh-grade girls' basketball team finished second in its 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament last week. Submitted photo

## Free throw propels HMS 8<sup>th</sup>-graders to girls' title

### Both Trojans teams reach SRV tourney finals

Faith Jacobson drained a free throw with 30 seconds left Thursday to lift Homedale's eighth-grade girls' basketball team to a conference championship. The Homedale Middle School squad edged Fruitland, 21-20, in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament final.

Eva Symms grabbed the rebound on the Grizzlies' final shot to secure the victory for Homedale (11-1), whose only loss came in the second half of the regular season when Fruitland escaped the Trojans' court with a 36-31 victory. The Trojans finished tied with Fruitland in the regular season, and although both teams were 9-1, coach Scott Michaelson's squad earned the tournament's top seed based on the tiebreaker. In the first go-round of the regular season,

the Trojans trounced Fruitland, 35-21, in Payette County. "We had two close calls, defeating Weiser, 22-19 and 26-24. Weiser also lost two close games to Fruitland, one in overtime," Michaelson said. Homedale and Fruitland both received first-round byes in the conference tournament. The Trojans knocked off Ontario, 38-27, to reach the final. Homedale took a 6-2 lead in the first quarter of what Michaelson characterized as a

physical championship game against Fruitland. The Grizzlies used a full-court press defense in the second quarter to blank HMS and take a 9-6 halftime lead. "Kendall Nash kept us in the game, battling the pressure all night with only two turnovers," Michaelson said. Homedale bounced back in the second half, holding the Grizzlies to just two free throws in the fourth quarter. The Trojans' leading rebounder

and scorer Ashley Burks tied the score, 20-20, ahead of Jacobson's game-winning free throw. **Seventh-graders finish second** — The Trojans, coached by Nick Chamber, lost to Parma in Thursday's conference tournament championship game in Ontario, Ore. Homedale reached the title game with a dramatic 19-17 semifinal victory over Weiser last Wednesday. The Trojans won the game on a pair of free throws with six seconds remaining.

## Jordan Valley boys' basketball season-opening streak halted

### Senior Telleria emerges as scoring threat

Jordan Valley High School's four-game winning streak to start the boys' basketball season ended in the Burns Tournament. The Mustangs (4-2 overall) return home for games Friday (Horseshoe Bend) and Saturday (Powder Valley of North Powder, Ore.) this week. "I have two assistant coaches, Jeff Anderson and Teo Maestrejuan," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said. "Together, we are working together and have high hopes for a successful season. The boys are really coming along." Jordan Valley opened the season with a 29-20 victory Dec. 4

against Idaho City and followed that up with victories over two more 1A Western Idaho Conference teams: 67-21 over Greenleaf Friends Academy (Dec. 6) and 56-44 against Notus (Dec. 7). **Saturday: Burns 54, Jordan Valley 45** — Senior Ben Telleria poured in 20 points on the strength of four three-point goals, but the Mustangs fell to their hosts. "We played really well against the pressure this team put on us. Everyone played good defense," Fillmore said. Braden Fillmore and Lee Stanford chipped in eight points each, and Wyatt Trautman scored all seven of his points in the Mustangs' 21-point fourth quarter. **Friday: Grant Union 59, Jordan Valley 51** — The Mustangs couldn't over the Prospectors' hot shootings hands in the first half

and fell in the Burns Tournament opener. Telleria hit a pair of treys en route to 18 points, while Lee Stanford added a three-pointer during an eight-point fourth quarter to top out at 12 points. Trautman kicked in nine points, including 6-for-7 from the free-throw line. **Dec. 10: Jordan Valley 46, McDermitt, Nev., 32** — The Mustangs opened their second week of action with a home victory over the Bulldogs. Lee Stanford scored 16 points, and Wyatt Stanford added 12, including a first-quarter three-point shot. "Overall McDermitt was a solid team. We played good defense not giving them a lot of good looks," Clint Fillmore said. "Lee Stanford really stepped up and shot the ball well."

### JV girls slip to .500



**Mustangs drop two at Burns Tournament** Andi Warn, right, takes the tip against McDermitt, Nev., during a Dec. 10 game in Jordan Valley. The Mustangs have lost three consecutive girls' basketball games after starting their first season under Kelsi Skinner with three wins. McDermitt prevailed, 61-45, and Jordan Valley lost to Grant Union (42-34) and Burns (63-25) in the Burns Tournament. Their wins have come against Idaho City (42-33, Dec. 4), Greenleaf Friends Academy (49-29, Dec. 6) and Wilder (67-31, Dec. 7). Photo by Tara Echave

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Sports

Marsing boys find strands of formula as WIC opens

Breshears gets hot off bench for Huskies

Like a kid on Christmas morning, Tim Little is itching to break into his first 2A Western Idaho Conference boys' basketball schedule, but for now he'll take little victories.

The latest little victory — actually Marsing High School's first win of the season — came last week on the road against Class 3A foe Payette.

Jose Acuna broke out for 18 points as the Huskies edged the Pirates, 39-35.

"We're spending a lot of time on defense in practice, so we're struggling a little on offense," Little said.

Still, all that hard work paid off Dec. 10 for Marsing (1-3 overall). Trailing by a bucket at halftime, the Huskies broke open the game

with a combination of offense and the defense Little has been looking for.

"Going into Payette, we tried to for us on things we could control, and we got one on the road and that just reinforced what we're trying to do in practice," Little said.

Acuna was 5-for-11 from the floor, including a pair of three-point goals, but his scoring binge is supposed to be an anomaly in Little's whoever-has-the-best-shot-take-it offense.

"The offense we're trying to run is a read-and-react type of offense where you're reading your defender, and we really don't have one standout scorer," Little said. "Jose shoots the ball well, but (opposing) teams focus on that."

Dylan Breshears came off the bench and hit three of five foul shots, scored nine points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds, and Rodrigo Acuna scored nine points.

"(Breshears has) earned a start-



Dylan Breshears

Friday on the road against North Star Charter, which is playing for its third coach since the end of last season. Cody Pickett left to lead the Eagle girls' program, and his successor apparently didn't make it out of the summer.

Little is anxious to start the conference season and says the once-formidable North Star may be at a disadvantage because of its turmoil and lack of quality opponents (North Star has played only two games so far, both against 1A, Div. I Horseshoe Bend).

"I like to get rolling in league,"

ing position, but he's playing so well coming off the bench and he's such a threat offensively," Little said.

The Huskies start conference play Thursday: **Parma 42, Marsing 38** — The Huskies fell victim to late-game heroics as non-conference host Parma pulled out a victory.

Marsing scratched and clawed back into the game, taking its first lead of the contest, 36-35, with four minutes left in the game.

Two minutes later, Tanner Kramer, who had missed on his first four shots, hit a three-point goal to put the Panthers up for good.

Ahead 29-18 at the break, Parma managed just two points in the third quarter as Marsing climbed back into the game with a 9-2 run.

"After the game, we talked

about relying on our defense to allow us to chip away at the score," Little said. "With this group, (defense is) one of our strengths."

Although Marsing lost the contest, the Huskies achieved one of its defensive goals — holding opponents to 44 or fewer points each night.

Coming off the bench again, Breshears scored 10 points and led the team with six rebounds.

Jose Acuna scored eight points, draining a pair of treys, and Les Loucks and Emmanuel Lagunas scored seven points each. Lagunas showed the Huskies' potential depth at point guard.

"(Thursday night), Rodrigo (Acuna) struggled a little bit, and Emmanuel came in and ran our offense," Little said. "He only had one turnover in 22 minutes."

Elijah Larson paced Parma with 13 points, but Marsing shut him down after he drained three three-pointers and scored 11 points in the first eight minutes.

✓ Huskies: Coach pleased with conditioning received during busy stretch

From Page 1B

the team.

"I don't know if it was the fatigue or just that the wear of three games straight got into us," Wood said.

The coach was happy to get the conditioning aspect of the three-game run, though.

Parma built as large as a 13-

point lead before Marsing clawed back for a 20-20 game at halftime.

Parma's BoDene Pinz fired in four three-point goals on the way to a game-high 20 points.

Marsing was paced by 11 points from Shelby Dines and 10 from Clover.

**Thursday: Marsing 41, Pay-**

**ette 33** — The Huskies rallied from a sluggish first half with a big third quarter in a non-conference win at home.

Trailing by six points at the break, Marsing roared out of the locker room with a 17-8 spurt to take control, 29-22, heading into the final eight minutes.

"We struggled with our shoot-

ing," Wood said. "We had tons of open looks and pressed (Payette) into turnovers. Our defense was pretty good all night."

Clover sparked Marsing in the third quarter and finished with 15 points.

Like the rest of the Huskies, Emily Tank struggled from the free-throw line, hitting just four

of 14 opportunities, but she the junior made an impact in other offensive facets on the way to seven points.

"Emily Tank handled the point guard position really well," Wood said. "She did a good job getting the ball out."

Dines scored eight points despite foul trouble.

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**Winter Sports**  
**Athlete of the Week**  
**Shelby Dines, so., girls' basketball**  
*The play — Despite facing a tough defensive look in two of her three games, the 5-foot-11 two-guard averaged 9.7 points per game. She scored 11 points Saturday against Parma, which switched to a box-and-one defense in the second half to try to slow her down. Dines saw the same defensive scheme in Saturday's win over Nampa Christian and scored 10 points.*  
*Coach's comment — "That's a pretty good honor to get box-and-one two nights in a row." — Jaime Wood*

**Boys' Basketball**

Varsity  
Friday, Dec. 20 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A  
Friday, Dec. 20 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B  
Friday, Dec. 20 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 4:45 p.m.

**Girls' Basketball**

Varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 19 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Thursday, Dec. 19 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 at Melba, 6 p.m.

**Husky Wrestling**

Wednesday, Dec. 18, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 20 at Glenns Ferry Tournament, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 at Glenns Ferry Tournament, 8 a.m.

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense Animal husbandry?

Somewhere in the annals of land grant colleges, the ag departments converted from offering a degree in Animal Husbandry to a degree in Animal Science.

As far back as 1628 “husbandry” was defined as agricultural produce, land under cultivation, farming. The word husband also implies a caretaker of land and livestock, a hands-on activity. From shepherds watching their flocks by night as described in the Bible, up to farm managers milking cows, showing fat steers and roping at the branding fire, Animal Husbandry was an appropriate title for a Bachelor’s degree for a century.

As our knowledge of genetics, physiology, nutrition and medicine grew, many students began to specialize. Now we have, to mention a few, range management, horticulture, veterinary technology, statistics, parasitology, economics, wool growing, poultry and hogs. To be able to master the information required for a specialty, it became apparent that an Animal Husbandry degree did not describe the variety and extent of the knowledge required. A basic understanding of math, chemistry, anatomy, biology, both animal and plant, and economics soon became the norm. Their level of learning expanded and eventually the official conversion from Husbandryman to Scientist became a more accurate description.

I like to think, when I look at the huge industry that animal production has become, the description of Husbandryman still has a place. Much of ag production has been mechanized; dairy barns, confinement operations, computer-driven self-feeders in chicken houses and in hog barns, hydraulic chutes and covered barns, for example.

But no matter the beast, all along the way the hands-on touch of a human is involved. The animal we saw, or felt, or tended to; milked three times a day, observed from a horseback in a feedlot pen, walked through the veal barn, feeder pigs, chicken house, checked farrowing crates, layer hens, calving barns, sheep jugs, while feeding hay, plowing snow or shoeing the horse.

These procedures cannot be learned from a book. They are learned from experience. It defines the difference between raising livestock with quality checks on a daily basis by a savvy Husbandrymen versus the derogatory characterization of the process as “factory farming.”

You cannot just turn on a button at one end of the hog barn, let robots take over, and take him off at the other end cut up and wrapped.

So, though we proudly consider ourselves knowledgeable Animal Scientists, we could and should still be considered compassionate Husbandrymen first. They go together.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, “Poems Worth Saving,” other books and DVDs.

Sen. Mike Crapo



## From Washington Administration’s water rules avoid congressional oversight

Our water is one of our greatest resources. Access to clean, abundant water is fundamental to our economic well-being and critical to communities, economic development, agriculture, commerce, transportation, recreation and energy. Efforts to expand the federal government’s jurisdiction over our waters threaten to upset the appropriate involvement of state, federal, local and private parties in effective water quality management policies. That is why I recently joined 29 of my Senate colleagues in once again opposing efforts to expand the federal government’s jurisdiction over our waters.

On April 27, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released the “Clean Water Protection Guidance,” which would broaden federal jurisdiction over a variety of water sources, such as some geographically isolated wetlands, intermittent streams, ditches and mud flats, among other sources. The administration indicated it planned to proceed with drafting related regulations, and recently, the agencies withdrew the guidance and advanced an associated draft rule. Concurrently, the EPA released a draft report that the agency indicates will provide the basis for its adjustments to federal jurisdiction over water resources.

From my time practicing water law, I understand all too well the impact of an overly aggressive interpretation of the Clean Water Act that goes well beyond congressional intent. Following up on my ongoing concerns with this federal overreach, I joined fellow members of the Senate and Congressional Western Caucuses, including fellow Idaho congressional delegation members Sen. Jim Risch and Rep. Mike Simpson, in contacting EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to express opposition to the EPA’s efforts to significantly expand federal regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act. We conveyed our ongoing concern with this potential expansion of federal control over all wet

areas in a state despite congressional actions countering this encroachment.

Additionally, we maintained that using such reports to potentially change a law passed by Congress would further erode the public’s confidence in our Constitutional system of checks and balances. Congress has not authorized this expansion of federal authority. Legislation known as the “Clean Water Restoration Act,” which would have achieved similar results, failed to attain enactment in the last Congress. I placed a hold on the bill, signaling my intention to filibuster if it were to come to the floor of the Senate, because of the potential damage this legislation could cause. We also called attention to the vote during the debate on the Water Resources Development Act in which a bipartisan group of 52 senators voted to reject the administration’s Clean Water Act jurisdiction guidance, which would have resulted in effectively unlimited jurisdiction over intrastate water bodies.

The Obama administration’s efforts to control more of our water represent a blatant expansion of government regulatory power over Idaho’s water sovereignty and private property rights. I will continue to push back against this intrusion that could negatively impact farms, ranches, small businesses and property owners and hinder economic development. I encourage Idahoans to take a close look at the report and continue to share your views. Such major shifts in control of one of our most important resources are of significant concern, and I will continue to work with others in Congress to urge the administration to end this economically destructive intrusion.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. Crapo 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.

## Vision and Values Delving into Obamacare and Constitution

by Dr. L. John Van Til

It is not surprising that Obamacare, especially the Health and Human Services mandate, has generated dozens of lawsuits. The question is: What is at issue here?

The answer is nothing less than the preservation of the integrity of the two religion clauses of the First Amendment. In 1791, the first drafts of these clauses spoke of “liberty of conscience,” primarily because each state had written a liberty of conscience clause in its own constitution. The final draft stated, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, nor prohibit the free exercise thereof . . .”

The important question, however, is what do the religion clauses mean? The answer is not difficult to see, although the Supreme Court in recent decades has cluttered the meaning.

Let’s first consider the establishment clause. One of the largest points of contention after the American Revolution was whether to disestablish the Anglican Church in Virginia. Thanks to the arguments of Madison and Jefferson it was, indeed, disestablished. In early 1786, with overwhelming support, the Virginia House passed into law “An Act for Establishing Religious Freedom.”

Other states quickly followed Virginia’s example. The specific intent of these measures was to ensure that there would be no state-sponsored churches. Everyone knew at the time, and for the next 160 years, that the phrase “an establishment of religion” directly referred to a church. It meant nothing more, nor anything other, than an organized place of worship. It was the place in which religious convictions were formally practiced. Helping to define

what religion meant, Jefferson, echoing John Locke, said, “Religion is the duty we owe our Creator.”

Over a century and a half passed, and the Supreme Court began to muddle the meaning, especially in 1947’s *Everson v. Board of Education*. Justice Hugo Black took it upon himself to change the phrase from “an establishment of religion” into “the establishment of religion.” This dramatically altered the meaning of this clause.

Here is a tremendous example of how words, or even a single word, hold power. That seemingly little change in the use of an article, from “an” to “the,” altered American jurisprudence profoundly. This change by Justice Black allowed subsequent courts to examine all sorts of religious issues in the name of “the establishment of religion.”

This makes March 2014 all the more important. The court will hear oral arguments on the Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Specialties cases. Will the court follow Justice Black’s version of establishment, or look at the cases as free exercise issues? To put the importance of this into perspective, consider that later cases in Black’s tradition have suggested that a public prayer is establishing religion. There is no doubt that confusion has been the result. Perhaps some of these older cases should be re-heard by the Court.

The second religion clause, the free exercise clause, was settled earlier in a rather straightforward manner in 1940’s *Cantwell v. Connecticut*. In this case, Jehovah’s Witnesses were proselytizing and distributing literature door-to-door. They were arrested and convicted for not having a

— See *Obamacare*, Page 7B



Commentary

Financial management

Potential after house pay-off outweighs one-time savings hit

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I make about \$100,000 a year. We have \$63,000 in the bank, and we owe \$47,000 on our home. The house is worth about \$250,000, and it's our only debt. We'd like to go ahead and pay off the house, but we're worried about depleting our savings to that extent. What would you do?  
— Matt

**Dear Matt,**  
If I were in your situation, I'd cut a check and pay off the house. Keep in mind that by doing this we're not saying you'll keep your savings at that lower point. Once that mortgage payment is off your backs, you'll be able to save more and save faster than ever!  
That's my advice. Pay off the house and become completely debt-free today. You'll still have \$16,000 dollars in the bank and a six-figure income. It won't take you long to rebuild your savings

all the way back to what you had before, if that's what you both want. You could do it in just a few months.  
I'm looking at this as an opportunity to achieve the kind of financial independence everyone wants but few actually have. Go for it, Matt!  
— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
What would you recommend for 401(k) contributions while getting out of debt?  
— Chaz

**Dear Chaz,**  
I recommend putting a temporary stop to investing while you're getting out of debt. Lots of people are shocked by this advice, because they're afraid of missing out on the wonders of compound interest or their employer's match. But the key word here is "temporary."



with the debt snowball plan. During this time you're attacking your debt with incredible intensity and putting every penny you can scrape together toward knocking out debt.  
The average person working my plan can pay off all their debt, excluding their home, in 18 to 24 months. Some folks can do it faster, and for some it takes a little bit longer. But during this time, I want your financial focus to be squarely on getting out of debt. Once that's done, you'll find that you have a lot more control over your biggest wealth-building tool: your income.  
Many times in life we try to accomplish too many things at once. One problem with this is often it diminishes our ability to focus. When you spend all your time nickel-and-diming everything, the result is that nothing gets done very well. You need to really move the needle

and see results because personal finance is 80 percent behavior and only 20 percent head knowledge. It's not really a math issue because if you'd been doing the math all along, you wouldn't have a bunch of debt.  
That's why, for a short period of time, I want you to concentrate with laser intensity on knocking out debt. Once that's out of the way, you can pour even more money into saving, investing and achieving financial peace!  
— Dave

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

Americans for Limited Government  
Budget deal no bargain for the American people

by Robert Romano

Examining the recent budget deal made in the U.S. House of Representatives, a \$63.2 billion proposed increase in spending canceling almost 35 percent of the sequester cuts scheduled for 2014 and 2015 will be offset by just a \$6.25 billion cut to spending and a \$269 million increase of revenue in those years, reports the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).  
The other \$78.5 billion of so-called "deficit reduction" to be achieved under the proposal will not occur until 2016 through 2023, including \$28 billion of proposed cuts to defense and non-defense spending that are not set to occur until 2022 and 2023.  
"The supposed out year cuts are simply a cynical insult to taxpayers who now know that when push comes to shove, the cuts will not be kept," Americans for Limited Government president Nathan Mehrens warned in a statement issued after the deal was announced.  
"This is just one more example of how out of touch our national leaders are to the real priorities of the American public," he added.  
The 11<sup>th</sup>-hour deal struck by lawmakers will reduce the defense sequester by 41 percent for 2014 (\$22.4 billion) and by 17 percent (\$9.2 billion) in 2015, and the non-defense sequester was reduced by 61 percent for 2014

(\$22.4 billion) and by 25 percent in 2015 (\$9.2 billion).  
That means even the spending increases called for in cancelling sequestration will disproportionately favor non-defense spending, just as cuts in the original sequester disproportionately hit defense spending.  
But that's not the only whopper in this grand bargain. It allegedly "reduces the deficit by \$23 billion and it does not raise taxes. It cuts spending in a smarter way," declared House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), who brokered the deal.  
Doesn't increase taxes, you say?  
Besides the \$6.6 billion of increased revenues CBO scores, tucked into the package is \$12.6 billion over 10 years from a fee of "\$5.60 per one-way trip in air transportation or intrastate air transportation that originates at an airport in the United States" that was somehow magically scored not as revenue, but as a spending cut. Huh?  
In what universe is that a spending cut? It doesn't matter. The next time you book a round-trip flight and it is \$11.20 costlier, remember you're not actually paying a tax, you personally are reducing federal spending — even though the provision itself does nothing to actually reduce transportation security spending.  
Similarly, almost \$7.9 billion of increased premiums paid into the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., is scored as

a spending cut. So are about \$6.8 billion of higher customs user fees collected in 2022 and 2023.  
Just those three items total \$25.9 billion — a full one-third of the supposed \$78.4 billion of spending cuts are no cuts at all, but fee increases.  
And, again, another \$28 billion of cuts won't occur until the 117th Congress, seated in 2021, meets to decide the 2022 and 2023 budgets. That is, if sequester has not been fully repealed by that time.  
The other \$24 billion of cuts are legitimate, but again, the American people will have to wait for \$20 billion of them to be implemented in the out years starting in 2016.  
Is postponing spending cuts really a "smarter" way to cut spending if those cuts never end up happening?  
Immediately, spending will increase dramatically and air travelers will be hit with an average \$1.2 billion tax hike every year.  
House Speaker Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio) called the proposal "modest," and blasted conservative groups he said "came out opposed to it before they ever saw it."  
And maybe they did. But in their defense, the Ryan budget fraud is even worse after you take the time to read it.  
— Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Obamacare: Previous rulings muddy waters

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required permit. The Supreme Court said that "the statute, as construed and applied ... deprived them of their liberty without due process of the law." Here, the court quoted both religion clauses of the First Amendment. It also stated, "Freedom of conscience ... cannot be restricted by law."  
What does this mean about religious liberty in the public square? First, the clause on establishment means only one thing: Congress and the states shall not create state-sponsored churches. It does not open the door to all sorts of imaginative "religious" issues. Second, the free exercise clause means that everyone has liberty of conscience. Together, these clauses sharply limit the state in all matters of religion, and that includes the Supreme Court. Clearly, the state has no power to create churches,

nor authority to suppress liberty of conscience — which is a religious exercise.  
In light of this, it is easy to conclude that the state has no power or authority to establish a national church. It would seem also that the state has no power to prohibit the free exercise of religion as it pertains to a legitimate business practice such as providing benefits to employees that do not violate a business owner's conscience. But this issue remains to be resolved by the Court. Will the Court preserve the integrity of the First Amendment, or participate in fundamentally transforming the United States of America?  
— Dr. L. John Van Til is a fellow for humanities, faith, and culture with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.  
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:  
• E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com  
• Faxed to (208) 337-4867  
• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628  
• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale  
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

December 21, 1988

### City has shot at \$750,000 grant for business park

The City of Homedale has a chance at a \$750,000 Economic Development Administration grant for a business or industrial park.

Ed Marshall, Homedale Economic Task Force president, told the City Council last Wednesday of the opportunity and pointed out \$100,000 of the grant or grant and loan, would be designated for improvements in the city’s water system.

“The EDA wants the business or industrial park to be owned by a public entity — namely the city or another nonprofit entity such as the Task Force,” he said.

According to Monte Munn, consultant for Ida-Ore serving the Homedale Project, the EDA set aside that amount for Homedale. Now the community has until March 1 to get a completed application into the EDA.

The grant, he said, would include \$100,000 for the rehabilitation of the wells; and \$650,000 for the infrastructure of the business park.

The city, he said, would have to come up with a 25-50 percent match.

### New stop signs OK’d

Homedale motorists using First and Second Streets West should remember there are new stop signs on the Oregon Avenue intersections.

Ed Marshall, Homedale School District superintendent, informed the City Council that the school district wanted to change the bus route from the elementary school to the high school.

The school buses used to go to Third Street West and turn right and go to Montana Avenue by Friends Community Church where 70 percent of the children walk. There are no sidewalks, so the kids walk in the streets, he said.

### Kroeger reappointed to planning commission

Adren Kroeger, chairman of the Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission, has been reappointed to the committee for another six years.

“You’ve always been active. I appreciate how you’ve always been there. I would like to see you on the committee for another six years.” Mayor Paul Fink said.

Councilman Frank Haylett was quick to point out that he has been told that Kroeger doesn’t get information out to the other members.

“Also, the way you handle meetings is not the greatest when there is a controversy,” he said.

“I have also been told the reports you have the council are your reflections and not exactly what happened at the meeting,” he added.

Mayor Fink added, “When meetings get out of control, the police are here. Call them.”

The council then appointed him to another term on the planning committee.

Kroeger thanked the council and then reminded the members that the Planning and Zoning Committee was still one member short.

### Marsing given new U.S. flag for River Park

MARSING—Gustafson Chemicals has presented the city with a large U.S. flag for the River Park to replace the one stolen earlier this fall.

Dennis Ackey, Marsing plant manager, presented the council with the flag at its meeting last week.

### Chadezes put-up silage in big ‘ag-bags’ for cattle

At the Edward Chadez ranch southwest of Homedale, family members have been putting up silage in the giant plastic “ag-bags” in recent weeks to provide winter feed for their 400-head Holstein herd, including 12 milk cows.

The unique 50-foot-long bags hold 150 tons each and are an improvement on the old open pit silage containment method, in which spoilage losses can amount to as much as 20 to 25 percent, according to Charles Chadez, who spent time filling one of the bags with his mother, Helen, and brother, Perry.

## 50 years ago

December 19, 1963

### Trojans undefeated; win fifth basketball game

The Homedale Trojans won their 4<sup>th</sup> straight basketball game by turning back Adrian by a score of 53-38 here Saturday night. The Trojans started fast by scoring 13 points before Adrian scored on a free throw. Homedale was on top 36-13 at halftime and was never behind.

Art Solis again proved to be Homedale’s strong offensive man with 17 points followed by Glenn Kushlan and Bill Cegnar each with nine points.

Coach Dean Vance praised the team effort and a fine display of ball handling during the first half.

Homedale’s junior varsity lost a close game to Adrian’s J.V. 36-33. Jerry DeGroat scored 12 points to gain high-point honors for the J.V. team.

The Homedale Trojans posted their fifth straight basketball victory and remained undefeated by dumping Nampa Christian High School at Nampa Tuesday evening with a score of 60-44.

Homedale was led by Glenn Kushlan with 16 points, followed by Art Solis and Tony Maher with 15 and 10 points respectively.

Homedale’s junior varsity team also won over Nampa Christian J.V. 45-32 with Jerry DeGroat pumping in 24 points for Homedale.

Homedale remained unbeaten in basketball Friday by turning back visiting Melba, 46-33.

### TELEGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
DEC.18 1963

TO THE OWYHEE CHRONICLE:

DEPT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE HAS APPROVED \$16,500 GRANT TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF \$65,000 INTERCEPTOR SEWER LIFT STATION AND LAGOON FOR MARSING.

SEN. FRANK CHURCH  
REP. RALPH HARDING

### Storm sewer work progresses

Work on the storm sewer is progressing quite well according to Watermaster Warren Stimmel. This week the first cut across Idaho Avenue was made at the intersection of Main Street.

Mr. Stimmel and Mayor Orville Soper lent a hand as the trench was filled across Idaho Avenue.

Paul Fountain suffered from a broken leg about two weeks ago (Dec. 3) when a cave-in occurred while he was helping lay tile for the new drainage system near the Homedale park. He is up and around with his leg in a cast.

### Spirit of JFK Remains

By Ralph Harding, Congressman (D-ID)

While the man, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, is no longer with us what will be eternal, as with Abraham Lincoln, are the principles and goals he set for our nation and the world.

With Senate Majority Leader Mansfield, let us resolve these things:

“We will find, in his death, the strength to do what must be done to bridle the bigotry, the hatred, the arrogance, the iniquities, and the inequities which marched in the boots of a gathering tyranny to the moment of horror.”

“We will find, in his death, the strength to follow the paths of reason on which he walked, until they lead us out of the morass of an all-consuming and cynical self-concern.”

“We will find, in his death, some of his love and reverence of life, some of his humility, some of his patience and forbearance, some of his wisdom, and some of his humor. And so strengthened we will join with the President in forging a new decency at home and a reasoned peace in the world.”

“God willing, these things we shall find, or God help us all.”

## 140 years ago

December 20, 1873

MERRY CHRISTMAS. Before another issue of the Avalanche, Christmas, merry Christmas will have come and gone. In hundreds of thousands of pulpits, next Thursday, the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth will be told, and its lesson preached. Wherever the cheering influences of Christianity prevail — from the extreme East to this sunset land, and beyond — will God’s creatures of all races, colors, and climes, celebrate this auspicious day. There is no man living but profits by the general advance the world had made since the advent of the Judean Prophet. The sunshine of the Advent season falls alike on the just and the unjust.

We try to keep up the ancient delusions which our forefathers cherished so tenderly, and we still cling to the mistletoe bough to some poor fashion, and occasionally go back into ancient history to trace into Roman usages the customs and traditions of Christmas; but the world knows all it cares to know about the ancient origin of Christmas festivities; and whether our sacred ceremonies are of Pagan inception or no we do not care the old story of the mistletoe, the Druidic rites, the boar’s head, the wassail bowl, and snapdragon, are all too fanciful for the practical, unpoetic age. But the flavor of Christmas has not left us quite; and though we may not bother ourselves with speculations about “this bird of dawning,” we are glad to know that the time is still “hallowed and gracious.” Though much of the original meaning of the festival is gone, the beneficent influences of the anniversary remain; and whether we celebrate the actual day of the Savior’s birth, or not, the gracious season, perpetually recurring, brings with it pleasant and soothing recollections, without which the world were indeed poorer.

It is impossible to resist the gracious influences of the associations of Christmas. So long as life has any softness so long as the heart has tenderness, with Christmas season in every Christian land, there must come thoughts of peace, good-will and beneficence which are the natural offspring of the central idea of the sacred anniversary. Christmas time is the season when the heart relaxes its habitual closeness, and human sympathies flow out to those around us. Present-giving and cheerful salutations are but the outer evidences of the inward glow of generosity to all. These are well enough, but the feeling which prompts the cheerful, loving, giving, and greeting, is better still. It seems impossible that any generous heart, opened toward those who are dearest, shall not have a kindly glow for the poor and needy, to whom the festal occasion is not so much of a festival.

SENTENCE OF STAGE ROBBERS. The Grand Jury of Humboldt County, Nevada, indicted James McComas, Jas Buckner and David Ebi for robbing the Silver City and Winnemucca stage near Buffalo Springs some weeks ago. Upon being arraigned the Court on the 6<sup>th</sup> last, McComas and Buckner pleaded guilty to the charges against them, and were both sentenced to five years in the State Prison. Ebi, having turned state evidence, was discharged from custody.

RESIGNED. At an adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held last Monday, Tim Ragan handed in his resignation, which was accepted. It will be remembered that Mr. Ragan was last month elected Commissioner to fill a vacancy occasioned by the expiration of James Graham’s term. The election was in direct violation of the law of Congress, passed May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1872, which provides that all elective, territorial county and precinct officers shall hereafter be elected biennially on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, commencing the 1872, unless otherwise provided by subsequent legislation in the Territory. Our last Legislature failed to give us any “subsequent legislation” on the subject; hence our county election last month was void and the Board of Commissioners would have been an illegal body had Mr. Ragan remained on the Board. Mr. Ragan has generously sacrificed his personal pride and feelings in the matter, in order that the interests of the county might not suffer. Mr. Graham, upon solicitation of the other two members, still retains his seat in the Board.



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessments levied by the Gem Irrigation District in 2013, for 2014, 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, 2013 and the remainder, or second half paid on or before March 15, 2014, 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  
12/18/13

**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2013, Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2013. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier's check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary,  
PO Box 9, Grand View, Idaho 83624  
12/11,18/2013

**LIEN SALE**

Unit A-4, Jerry Followill, 16 Shelter Hills Dr, Yerington, NV 89447. Unit contains furniture and misc. household items.

Unit I-20, Amy Mullins, 501 S 2nd St E, Homedale, ID 83628. Unit contains laptop computer, TV and misc. household items.

Units will be sold by sealed bid on 12-28-2013. Sealed bid will be accepted between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm on that day. Units will go to the highest bidder. Units and sale will be at Hwy 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628. All sales are cash only and all sales are final. All units will be emptied of all contents including trash by buyer.

12/11,18/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 13, 2013 File No.: 7021.17868 Sale date and time (local time): March 17, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 502 West California Avenue Homedale, ID 83628-3039 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: Jeffrey L Garcia, and Melissa R Garcia, husband and wife Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Co Original beneficiary:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns Recording date: 05/13/2008 Recorder's instrument number: 264995 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 13, 2013: \$137,520.30 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: Lot 15 and 16 in Block 11 of amended plat of the townsite of Homedale, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. 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# 7021.17868) 1002.260081-File No. 11/27;12/4,11,18/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
NOTICE: WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF DEBT COLLECTION.**

On 2/26/2014 at the hour of 11:00am of said day, (recognized local time), on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Milemarker 29 1/2 HC 79, City of Murphy located in Owyhee County, State of Idaho.

**William L. Bishop, Jr., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, payable, for certified funds, or the equivalent, which is lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit;**  
LOT 4 IN BLOCK 2 OF SILVER SAGE SUBDIVISION NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED MAY 29, 1998 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 225021, OFFICIAL RECORDS 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 that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 103 Silver Sage Pl, Homedale, ID 83628 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 Tad Osborn Hansen and Mindy Janice Hansen, Husband and Wife, as grantors to Ticor Title Ins. Co., as trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as a nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation and its successors and assigns, recorded May 30, 2008, as Instrument No. 265186 Mortgage Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Said Deed of Trust was assigned on July 20, 2012 to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association under Auditor's File No. 278262 on August 6, 2012.

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 THE OBLIGATION.

The default(s) for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust note, the following: **The monthly payments for Principal and Interest Due from 4/1/2012 through 10/1/2013: and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. These payments include interest at a fixed rate. The current rate is 6.000%. Total: \$16,742.77 Accrued Late Charges \$145.12 Corporate Advances \$98.00 TOTAL DEFAULT \$16,985.89**

The sum owing on the obligation secured by the said trust deed consists of the principal balance of \$114,630.66, together with any advances plus foreclosure fees and costs. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure.

DATED: October 21, 2013  
TRUSTEE By: William L. Bishop, Jr., Attorney at Law, 720 Olive Way, Suite 1201, Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 622-7527  
Ref: Hansen, Tad Osborn & Mindy Janice, 3062.1240561  
12/4,11,18,25/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On March 20, 2014 at the hour of 10:30AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

In Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Section 4: Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 6118 Johnstone Road, Homedale,

ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE 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 Phillip Mason and Diana Lee Parten, husband and wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Levi Y Kettle a married person and Wiatt E Kettle, a married person as successor Beneficiary, recorded 04/06/2011 as Instrument No. 274070, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$400,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.000% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated March 31, 2011. Payments are in default for the months of July 2013 through and including October 2013 in the amount of \$2,361.36 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. Provide, maintain, and deliver to Beneficiary(s) fire insurance satisfactory to and with loss payable to Beneficiary(s). The principal balance as of October 28, 2013 is \$382,455.08 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.000% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$382,455.08, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 18, 2013  
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.  
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer Phone: 877-947-1553 File No.: 204613 / Customer Ref No. 3200-00-00256900

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

T.S. No. 005280-ID Parcel No. RPB-04800020010A NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On 3/20/2014, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), ON THE FRONT STEPS TO THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 STATE HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as 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 1 IN BLOCK 2 OF VALLOTTON SUBDIVISION, MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of; 302 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by CAROLE PERCIFIELD, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor, to TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW, INC., A DELWARE CORPORATION as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE PARTNERS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS as Beneficiary, dated 6/28/2002, recorded 7/512002, as Instrument No. 240127, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note; The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4) (a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 2/1/2013 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$59,324.01, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust described herein as provided under the Note, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, DATED: 11/14/13 Signature/By Elisa Magnuson P1071138  
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# Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: November 5, 2013 File No.: 7042.12077 Sale date and time (local time): March 10, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 330 West Owyhee St 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: Gifford Lowell Shipley, an unmarried man Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for America’s Wholesale Lender Recording date: 02/20/2001 Recorder’s instrument number: 235086 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 5, 2013: \$40,243.40 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: Lots 17 and 18, Block 27, Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The 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# 7042.12077) 1002.259702-

File No.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. 003282-ID Parcel No. RPB00000033152A NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE On 3/20/2014, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), ON THE FRONT STEPS TO THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 STATE HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as 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: A part of Government Lot 1 in Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, thence South 90° East 179.40 feet along the North line of said Section 3; thence South 0°00’ West 108 feet along the East line of Seventh Avenue West to a brass monument; thence South 81° 41’ East 145.3 feet along the Northerly line of 40 foot Patton Street; thence South 55° 25’ East 163.63 feet along the said Northerly line, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continue South 55° 25’ East 88 feet along the said Northerly line; thence North 34° 35’ East 98.30 feet to a point on the Southerly line of Block 10 of Patton’s Second Subdivision to Marsing, Idaho; thence North 43° 14’ West 90.03 feet along the Southerly line; thence South 34° 35’ West 117.30 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above references real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 116 PATTON STREET, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly association with said real property. Said sale will

be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, 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 LAUREANO R VALDEZ AND SANTOS E VALDEZ, WIFE AND HUSBAND as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS WHOLESALE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS as Beneficiary, dated 8/11/2005, recorded 8/19/2005, as Instrument No. 253099, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 8/1/2012 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$44,401.41, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney fees and any amounts advances to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust described herein as provided under the Note, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, DATED: 11/14/13 Signature/By Elisa Magnuson P1071151

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Male 1: Country gospel CDs, sweat suit (xlg), cologne

Male 2: Sweat suit (xlg), slippers, ~~cologne, candy~~

Male 3: ~~Western shirts (M), Wrangler jeans (32x34), western movies~~

Male 4: ~~Western shirts (M), t-shirts, pillow, cologne~~

Male 5: Spanish movies, shirts & sweats (2xl)

Male 6: Shirts (2x), jacket, hat, ~~cologne~~

Male 7: ~~Sweat pants (3x), Brut cologne, tank top, basketball type shorts~~

Male 8: Slippers (xlg), sweat pants & t-shirt (3x), ~~word search books~~

Male 9: ~~Socks, flannel pajama pants (xlg), movies, shirts (xlg)~~

Female 1: Candy, slippers, pant/blouses (2x)

Female 2: Sweat pants & top (L), perfume, jewelry

Female 3: Coloring books, slacks (S), tops (S), slippers, perfume

Female 4: Pants (xlg), slippers (L), headbands, tops (xlg)

Female 5: Lotion, sweat pants (L), top (L), ~~chocolate~~

Female 6: Sweat suit (xlg), blouses, perfume

Female 7: Sweat suit (M), ~~chocolates~~, leggings (S), jewelry

Female 8: Pants (2xl), tops, undershirts, ~~perfume~~

Female 9: Pants & blouses (3x), undershirts, ~~perfume~~

Female 10: Earrings, blouses (M), slacks (M), perfume

Female 11: Lipstick, sweater (xlg), scarf, perfume, earrings

Female 12: Blouse & slacks (2x), ~~sweater~~, slippers, jewelry

Female 13: Thank you cards, expo markers, blouses (4x)

Female 14: Blouses (3x), slacks, slippers, ~~candies~~

Female 15: Blouses (xlg), slacks, ~~sweater~~, perfume

Female 16: Flannel pajamas (xlg), socks, perfume, lotion

Female 17: Headbands, body spray, stuffed animal/doll, ~~cake~~

Female 18: Chocolates, blouse (xlg), slacks, socks, ~~sweater~~

Female 19: Peanut clusters, mixed nuts, sweater (xlg)

Female 20: T-shirt with ¾ sleeves (xlg), ankle-high nylon, long flannel nightgown

Female 21: Earrings, ~~crosswords~~, fleece pullover (M)

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