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Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Jaime Wood investigates a one-vehicle rollover on Graveyard Point Road in Homedale on Friday afternoon.

First snow causes few problems

Commissioners make winter road closures

County officials closed roads for the winter Monday after last week's heavy snowfall, which triggered few accidents.

Acting on a recommendation from Sheriff Perry Grant, the Board of County Commissioners closed Bachman Grade Road and Silver City Road to automobile travel for the winter during

its Monday meeting in Murphy.

The roads usually are reopened sometime in the spring.

The closure couldn't save one motorist whose truck was stuck about 16 miles up on Silver City Road Saturday. Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the driver got his truck towed and no OCSO assistance was necessary.

The overnight snowstorm on Thursday brought three inches of snow to the Homedale area,

— See *Snow*, page 13



Friday's snow triggered removal efforts in downtown Homedale, and prompted the county commissioners to close Silver City and Bachman Grade roads during their Monday meeting.

Marsing to start holiday celebrations

Community Thanksgiving slated Thursday

Good lessons were learned from last year, but the mission remains the same for the organizers of the Marsing community Thanksgiving dinner.

"I think it's overwhelming for all the people that are involved, that prepare for this, to see that

— See *Thanksgiving*, page 6

Laura Bowman to lead Marsing night parade

It's fitting that Marsing honors the matriarch of a family so involved in the community on a night when several organizations will hold benefits.

The annual Marsing Night Light Parade, with Laura Bowman as grand marshal, winds down Main

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District 2 county commissioner Kelly Aberasturi makes a point during last week's public hearing on RS 2477 designations in Murphy.

County seeks historical info on public roads crossing BLM ground

Comment taken through Jan. 10 on area south of Bruneau

The tedious task of building a roadmap for how the federal government should view Owyhee County roads on public lands re-

ally is more of a history lesson.

In its attempt to solidify RS 2477 rights-of-way, the Board of County Commissioners is looking for as much information as possible on how roads and trails on public lands were used and maintained between 1948 and 1976.

Last week's public hearing

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Homedale residents can discuss fee increases Thursday

15 percent irrigation rate hike proposed

City of Homedale residents get their say Thursday on the city council’s plan to increase irrigation fees and establish a new fee to administer an ordinance.

The 6 p.m. public hearing at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., will cover the establishment of a chicken registration fee as well as a 15 percent increase in the existing annual irrigation system maintenance fee. Council members also want to increase the price of a bartender permit.

Under the council’s proposal, the average irrigation bill would rise to \$95.23 per year. The average bill is based on a 0.143-acre parcel, which is the average size of lots in town. The calculation includes the \$87.08 maintenance fee, which is charged per residence and the Gem Irrigation District assessment of \$56.98 per acre, which is 16 cents higher than the 2013 assessment.

The city maintenance fee increase would be the first in almost a decade, and is aimed at ending a cycle of the town’s irrigation budget running in the red.

In recent years, the council has had to dip into the general fund to make ends meet in the irrigation fund. Last year alone, the city made up a \$77,000 deficit as the cost of operation out-stripped the revenue brought in through user fees.

At a workshop earlier this month, Councilman Aaron Tines suggested that the city build in an annual increase of two to three percent to keep pace with rising costs of equipment and repairs.

The city council also has proposed a new \$10 chicken registration fee to help with implementation of the revised ordinance allowing households to keep no more than eight chickens. The fee will cover the cost of checking chicken coops for compliance.

Prospective bartenders file for permits to initiate a background check from the Homedale Police Department. The current administrative fee is \$10, but the council proposes a 150 percent increase to \$25. The fee covers the administrative costs and the cost of the background check.

Once the background check comes back clean, a bartender receives a license and can begin working in town. The license lasts a lifetime and is good for any bar in town.

Homedale updates transportation plan

State agency OKs Main sewer plans

Infrastructure improvements may be less stressful for Homedale officials after last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

Andrew Kimmel of Reidesel Engineering Inc., provided an updated transportation plan and good news about the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality signing off on the city’s plans for a sewer main extension on South Main Street.

The council authorized Gheen Christoffersen to accept the lowest qualifying bid for the \$36,500 sewer main extension. Four contractors had until Monday to submit bids for the work that would enable the incoming Mountain View Equipment retail store to hook up to a larger sewer line.

Construction on Mountain View Equipment’s location at the corner of South 2nd Street East and South Main Street continues. The tractor and implement retailer plans to open the store on Jan. 1. The location will replace a

Caldwell store that is closing.

The Homedale store will include a truck wash, which is one reason a larger sewer main would be advantageous.

Kimmel said that the city should get some competitive and low bids given the time of year and the lull in the construction industry.

The council also accepted an updated transportation plan last week.

Reidesel personnel updated the city’s 2008 plan, opening the door for grant applications.

Creating a safer route for schoolchildren to Homedale Middle School is on top of the capital improvements list, but isn’t on the council’s radar yet. The estimated cost of sidewalks, curbs and gutters on Johnstone Road and Idaho highway 19 is \$820,000.

Instead, the city may seek grants to complete a comprehensive project for North 3rd Street West.

Several elements of that project are listed on the 19-item capital improvement program list in the transportation plan. Total cost for everything city leaders would like

to do to the street that connects Idaho Avenue to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds is \$352,500.

The wish list includes drainage improvements, sidewalks, curbs and gutters and intersection improvements.

Kimmel said the Idaho Transportation Department is not accepting new applications for its Community Choice grant program because the kinks are being worked out of the process involving the five grants awarded in the first year of the program. Grant applications for that program, which could provide up to \$500,000 for a project, probably won’t be accepted for another year.

Kimmel said the city still has the Local Rural Highway Investment Program as a source for grant money.

In other public works developments, department supervisor Bret Smith told the council he would begin looking for an employee to replace Randall Eschler, who resigned to take a job closer to his hometown in Oregon.

First Homedale Festival of Trees nears

A Homedale High School senior is still looking for entries for what she hopes will become an annual event to help the local Meals on Wheels program.

Sam Woods’ Senior Project is a Festival of Trees planned to begin next Wednesday at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The daughter of Kenny and Stacy Woods is looking for decorated Christmas trees from organizations, individuals and

businesses for the festival, which will be on display from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Wednesday and Friday, Nov. 28 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29.

The center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.

Folks will be able to vote for their favorite trees as well as bid in a silent auction for other decorative items such as wreaths and table centerpieces.

The Christmas trees will be

sold in a live auction beginning at 3 p.m. on the final day of the festival. Silent auction winning bids also will be announced at that time.

Sam hopes that someone else will pick up the mantle and coordinate a Festival of Trees in subsequent years.

For more information on how to get involved or enter a tree, call Sam at 250-7580 in the evenings. During school hours, contact her mother at 250-0855.

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Thousands raised for grazing permit fight



Auctioneer Zach Zumstein, right, calls out bids as Susan Jaca holds up the first item of the night.

Homedale rancher Doug Burgess put the Owyhee 68 grazing permit battle in perspective.

“It’s not a grazing issue,” the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Fund chair said. “It’s about freedom and being able to enjoy the country we all live in.”

Thousands of dollars were raised to help the Owyhee 68 ranchers with appeals against the Bureau of Land Management. Money raised during the dinner, dance and auction at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center will go into the OCHF account, and ranchers will be able to petition for assistance

in paying legal bills.

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen, who is the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association secretary, and his brother-in-law Robert Miller prepared the tri tip beef.

Zach Zumstein of Caldwell’s Treasure Valley Livestock conducted the live auction of donations including a lamp, beef, veterinary services, a rifle and scope, artwork and western photographs by Marsing’s Mary Blackstock.

Susan Jaca and her children, Elias and Josune, displayed items as bids soared into the hundreds of dollars.

Extension secretary Debbie Titus manned the door and accepted donations for admission.

Bryn Johnstone of Fisher’s in Homedale organized the live and silent auctions. Fisher’s provided the catering permit.

Jordan Valley rancher Dennis Stanford was highest bidder in the dessert auction, buying a pumpkin roll made by Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards.

Music for the dance was played by Runnin’ For Cover, including singer and guitarist Brian Collett, lead guitarist Butch Mowdy, bassist Tom Foreman, and Aaron White on drums and vocals.

Public works official offers tips to prevent frozen pipes

With the recent drop in temperatures, Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith issued some advice that may apply to all municipal water users in Owyhee County.

Anyone who has a water meter should make sure that the lid is secure. A loose or ill-fitting lid will allow cold air in, which could result in a frozen meter and frozen water pipes, Smith said during last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

Leaving a faucet open on a

pipe that may be susceptible to freezing is a good preventative measure in freezing temperatures to avoid a burst pipe. Insulating exposed pipes also helps prevent freezing.

Smith said any Homedale water customers who have trouble setting their lid should call City Hall at 337-4641 for assistance.

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Would-be Owyhee nuclear power plant developer indicted

Gillispie, alleged conspirator face numerous federal charges

The man who wanted to bring a nuclear power plant to Owyhee County has been indicted on federal charges.

Donald L. Gillispie, 71, of Meridian made his initial court appearance Friday, one day after a federal grand jury in Boise indicted the former Alternate Energy Holdings, Inc., chief executive and a company senior vice-president on 14 counts, including conspiracy, securities fraud, wire fraud, filing false tax returns, and making false statements to federal agents.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the alleged scheme produced \$14 million in revenue for the company between 2006 and 2010.

After abandoning a plan to build the power plant on the Snake River in Owyhee County, Gillispie moved his idea to Payette

County.

The indictment alleges crimes committed between October 2006 and December 2010, the time covering the attempted development in both Owyhee County and Payette County.

Gillispie and 40-year-old Jennifer R. Ransom, also of Meridian, are accused of conspiring to manipulate and inflate the market price of AEHI stock, which was traded on the public over-the-counter and Pink Sheet markets.

According to the indictment, the purpose of attempting to inflate the market price of AEHI was to attract private investors to purchase AEHI stock — which AEHI offered to them at a discount from the market price — and thus obtain cash financing for the company.

The defendants allegedly recruited nominees to purchase

AEHI stock, provided them with company funds, and instructed them on the timing, quantity, and price to purchase AEHI stock, so as to most effectively attempt to artificially inflate the price.

The company raised \$14 million in capital financing from private investors between 2006 and 2010, but according to the U.S. Attorney's Office press release the company didn't generate any material income during that time. From those proceeds, Gillispie and Ransom received significant salaries and other compensation not reported to the Internal Revenue Service, according to the indictment.

Ransom allegedly made false statements to a tax compliance of-



Don Gillispie

ficer during a civil audit interview, and later, to investigating law enforcement agents of the IRS and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to the indictment, during a period when attempts were being made to artificially inflate the price of AEHI stock, Ransom sold approximately 1,000,000 shares of her AEHI stock and received approximately \$675,326 in return. Of this amount, she provided approximately \$190,000 to Mr. Gillispie. Also during this period, relatives of Mr. Gillispie sold approximately 10,778,000 shares of their AEHI stock and received approximately \$3,715,927 in return.

"Their motivation in this stock scheme was based purely on greed, which was coupled with tax fraud and lying to IRS agents," said Stephen Boyd, IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge for the state of Idaho.

The indictment identifies Gillispie as the founder of the Eagle-based AEHI who at various times also held the titles of president,

CEO, chief operating officer, director, and chairman. Ransom was senior vice-president of administration and secretary.

The defendants face fines, prison time and probation if convicted:

- The charges of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and securities fraud are each punishable by up to five years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and up to three years of probation.
- The charge of wire fraud is punishable by up to 20 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and up to three years of supervised release.
- The charge of filing false tax returns is punishable by up to three years in prison, a maximum fine of \$100,000, and up to one year of supervised release.
- The charge of false statements to federal agents is punishable by up to five years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and up to three years of supervised release.

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Correction

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said that, contrary to Jay Hall's comments in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, no one from the county's elections office told anyone from the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District that the override levy had passed during the Nov. 4 election.

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Retirement party slated for South Board's Ron Kiester

South Board of Control manager Ron Kiester will retire at the end of the month.

His children will have a retirement for him on Sunday in Marsing. The celebration will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the

Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 1st St. N.

Kiester's last day with South Board is Nov. 30. He will retire after 31 years and eight months with SBOC.

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Food, gift drives under way in NW county

Homedale Wish Tree effort starts this weekend

The annual Homedale Wish Tree effort begins Saturday when organizers place trees and wreaths in local businesses.

Community members will be able to take tags from the wreaths and trees to fulfill clothing and toy wishes for children in the Homedale community.

A sixth location has been added to the traditional spots where trees and wreaths have been placed.

Tags can be obtained from A&S Lumber this year in addition to old standbys such as Moxie Java, Idaho Pizza Co., Homedale Drug, Paul's Market, Owyhee Lanes and the Homedale Post Office.

Tags with the corresponding gifts and clothing must be re-

turned by Dec. 17.

The annual Homedale Wish Tree Texas Hold 'em fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Buy-in is \$30, and re-buy and add-on options will be available. Every player who reaches the final table is guaranteed a prize.

There also will be food and drinks, raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Doors open at 6 p.m. The tournament starts an hour later.

For more information, call Lori Badiola at 573-8456, Julie Uranga at 841-4777, Diana Uranga-Maxwell at 573-2285 or Teresa Ryska at 608-8381.

Marsing Giving Tree forms sent home

The annual Giving Tree program began Monday when forms were distributed to identified families in the Marsing community.

Trees with lists of families' holiday needs will be set up at the Marsing School District Office, Logans Market and Marsing City Hall. Families must return the lists to organizers by Dec. 1.

The Giving Tree is an effort to provide holiday food and presents for families.

Thirty-three families received assistance last year, and organizers are anticipating 50 or so this year.

One of the Giving Tree organizers, Jolyn Green, said if some forms are returned in time, a tree may be available during

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lected helping build Giving Tree food boxes.

With a 2-1 vote last Wednesday, the Marsing City Council appropriated up to \$500 to buy hams for the Giving Tree effort. Mayor Keith Green said before the vote that Logans Market will provide half the hams for this year's food boxes.

The school district will continue a Secret Santa program with staff buying Giving Tree toys in the name the colleagues they drew in the gift exchange.

Gift-wrapping and food box preparation will take place beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 inside the school district cafeteria with families welcome to pick them up between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. that day.

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✓ Roads: Designation could protect roads from BLM management plans

regarding roads in the so-called East Canyonlands region was the second in a series of such meetings aimed to get folks involved in the process.

About seven people either owning land or representing landowners in the region attended the Nov. 10 hearing in Murphy.

Commissioners sought comments on roads and trails outlined on a batch of maps covering an area to the east and west of Idaho highway 51 and running from south of Bruneau to the Nevada border. Segments of roads and trails in the Duck Valley Indian Reservation were excluded.

"We want to make sure we protect what roads we have out there, to the best of our ability, for public use," District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

Given that the county seeks information on a 28-year period that started more than 65 years ago, Oreana residents Ernie Breuer and Robin Thompson said they know that their task is to round up as many old-timers as they know and pick their brains to help piece together the mystery of some of the roads for county officials.

The county is trying to categorize the roads and trails to build as strong of a case as possible for RS 2477 right-of-way designation.

The commissioners have established a 60-day window for people to provide information about the historical use and maintenance of roads in the region discussed last week. Maps are available for review at the county Planning and Zoning office, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy. Call (208) 495-2095 for more information.

Another series of the 161 maps established by the county more than 20 years ago — an area designated Canyonlands West — will be subject to another public hear-

ing in the future.

The county is focusing on the time between 1948 and 1976 for a couple reasons, attorney W. Alan Schroeder explained during the hearing.

In 1948, the Board of County Commissioners abandoned most roads in the county because of a lack of funds for maintenance.

In 1976, the passage of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) repealed Revised Statute 2477 (RS 2477), which was part of the Act of 1866 and granted rights-of-way across public lands to encourage the construction of a network of highways in the developing West.

In order to establish an RS 2477 right-of-way, which is achieved through the federal court system, the county must make assertions that, before Oct. 21, 1976, the roads were in one of five groups of use:

- Category A — Established and maintained public roads that cross public land
- Category B — Roads or trails across public land that were used to access private and/or state land
- Category C — Rights-of-way to provide management or administrative access, such as for grazing permittees
- Category D — Rights-of-way to provide livestock trailing access to execute grazing rights or stockwater rights
- Category E — Rights-of-way not within any of the preceding four groups

The commissioners urged the attendees to come up with information that would help move a road from a lower category into a higher category (preferably Category A) to strengthen the case for the right-of-way assertion.

"We're trying to create some

certainty to create a category for each of these roads so we can create a baseline inventory," Schroeder said.

Officials must also prove that the roads were in the public domain and received maintenance for five years between 1948 and 1976. Schroeder pointed out that the five years of maintenance do not have to be consecutive.

An RS 2477 catalog would provide information on the importance of roads to the Bureau of Land Management officials when



Board of County Commissioners chair Joe Merrick, left, discusses a road with Bruneau's Dave Tindall during a Nov. 10 public hearing in Murphy.

they build management plans for different areas. Such categorization could prevent the closure of roads or trails through future land management decisions.

"This is critical to the possibility of keeping these roads opening the future," Aberasturi said.

The BLM currently is working on a resource management plan for the Bruneau Field Office as well as an Owyhee Travel Management Plan that encompasses the Owyhee, Bruneau and Jar-

bidge field offices.

Although Schroeder said establishing the rights-of-way is crucial because of future BLM planning processes, he couldn't say with certainty that the BLM would accept the inventory. The agency previously was criticized for ignoring information on existing public roads when establishing the Steens Mountain Wilderness Management Plan in Oregon.

"I would think (BLM officials) would greatly benefit from and welcome having this information," Schroeder said.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Nov. 19: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
Nov. 20: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, veggie & fruit bar, roll, pumpkin pie
Nov. 24-27: No school

Homedale Middle

Nov. 19: Chicken or beef nuggets, salad & fruit bar, cookie
Nov. 20: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, salad & fruit bar, jello, roll, pumpkin pie
Nov. 24-27: No school

Homedale High

Nov. 19: Enchilada, burrito or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
Nov. 20: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, salad bar, fruit choice, roll, pumpkin pie
Nov. 24-27: No school

Marsing

Nov. 19: Teriyaki chicken bowl & roll or corn dog, corn, salad bar & soup
Nov. 20: Lasagna & breadstick or turkey sandwich & potato salad, green beans, salad bar & soup
Nov. 24: PB&J w/chips or pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, salad bar & soup
Nov. 25: Turkey gravy w/potato, corn, roll, cake

Bruneau-Grand View

Nov. 19: Lasagna, steamed carrots, breadstick, fruit
Nov. 20: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, roll/jelly, fruit
Nov. 21: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, fries, baked beans, fruit, pumpkin bar
Nov. 24: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, breadstick, fruit
Nov. 25: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, roll
Nov. 26-28: No school

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk served every day

Nov. 19: Ham & beans, carrots, bread
Nov. 20: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread
Nov. 25: Thanksgiving dinner: Turkey & stuffing, sweet potatoes, potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, rolls
Nov. 26-27: Center closed.

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk served every day

Nov. 20: Goulash casserole, green beans, fruit jello salad, bread
Nov. 25: Chili w/ground beef, coleslaw, pears, cornbread
Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day the Center will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving Dinner free to any and all regardless of age. Donations of money and/or salads or desserts will be appreciated however!

Marsing Senior Center

Nov. 19: Stew, pineapple, cheese platter, French bread
Nov. 20: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, yams, cranberry salad, roll
Nov. 24: Eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns, juice, fruit, toast
Nov. 25: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, roll
Nov. 26-27: Closed

Death notice

JIM BISHOP “JIM” MOORE, 79, a Nampa resident who was born in Caldwell and grew up in Owyhee County, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2014 at a local hospital. He was buried in Carey Cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014. Arrangements were under the direction of Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. (208) 467-7300

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GV Elementary sets Math Night

The Grand View Elementary School staff will help parents navigate the new Common Core math during a Family Math Night on Thursday.

Math games and other activities are planned during the 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. event inside the school’s gymnasium and cafeteria. The school is located at 205 First St., in Grand View.

Dinner also will be served.

Common Core math will be discussed, and school leaders will provide families with resources and information to help their students with homework.

Each family will receive a take-home bag with directions and materials for math games.

For more information, call the school at (208) 834-2775.

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✓ Parade: Organizers encourage entries

Street at 6 p.m. Saturday.

“We felt that Laura and (her late husband) Jerry both did so much for this community ... we just felt that Laura would be a good fit this year,” Marsing Chamber of Commerce member Ellen Boatman said.

Fiercely private, Bowman admits she’s “a little embarrassed” by the honor.

“When I was asked, I thought, ‘C’mon, Laura, get over it,’ ” she said. “I don’t like recognition of any kind.

“I don’t mind doing the work, but I don’t like the recognition.”

There won’t be any work involved Saturday. She’ll merely lead a parade of lit floats and vehicles down Main Street to Island Park where the community Christmas tree lighting will take place later in the evening.

Bowman’s demure acceptance of the honor is in the spirit of the motto the Chamber of Commerce upheld when she was involved in the organization.

“Near the crowd, but not in it.”

“It’s people, and it’s beauty. It’s small-town,” Bowman said to sum up her view of the town she’s called home for 50 years.

Raised on Sunny Slope and a Marsing High School graduate, Bowman earned a X-ray technology degree from the University of Oregon medical school then spent two years working at Caldwell Memorial Hospital.

She moved back to Marsing in 1964, and her and Jerry ran Bowman Produce Co., and raised two children, Denise (Finley) and Lynn, who is married to Tammy.

Bowman is grandma to five, including Sean and Annie Finley and Kimber, Bailey and Megyn Bowman.

“I enjoy watching their games,” she said. “That’s a big part of my life, the grandkids.”

Much like how she has accepted the role of grand marshal, the Bowman family’s impact on Marsing has been subtle in some ways. The family donated the land on which the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center was built, and the American flag inside the high school gymnasium is dedicated to Jerry’s memory.

The parade Bowman leads Saturday will include at least 20 entries decked out in festive lighting. There will also be several fundraising endeavors, from a chili feed sale by the Marsing Elementary Parent Teacher Organization to popcorn and candy sales by other Marsing school groups.

Boatman said Wilder-based Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 will bring out its vintage GMC pickup to fly the colors in the parade.

The Marsing Lions Club, of which Bowman is a member, will have a float, too.

The Marsing High School band and choir and boys’ basketball team will be in the parade along with the Marsing WICAP Head Start, US Bank, floats from the City of Marsing and a Marsing Parent Teacher Organization entry.

Boatman said City of Homedale officials and the Board of County Commissioners also have been invited to ride in the parade.

And, yes, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be on hand.

More entries are encouraged, and no pre-registration is required.

The floats will line up at the high school football field at 5 p.m. Chamber president Luke Burbank said entrants should enter the school grounds via 9th Avenue West between the Whitehouse Drive-In and the Whitehouse Motel. The parade route also starts on 9th Avenue West before turning east onto Main Street.

Boatman said parade entrants will be encouraged to hand out candy to young bystanders rather than tossing candy from the floats because of safety concerns along the darkened parade route.

Boatman said a girl was hit in the eye with a piece of candy a year ago, and organizers worry that children could scurry into the path of floats in pursuit of candy bouncing off the pavement.

For more information on the parade, call Burbank or Boatman at the US Bank Marsing branch, (208) 896-4114.

✓ Thanksgiving: Free event set Thursday

we can have the opportunity and chance to minister to the needs of the people in our community and the surrounding area,” Marsing Assembly of God Church pastor Rick Sherrow said.

The free dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Sherrow said organizers have doubled the quantity of some of the food items for this year’s meal based on the reception of the inaugural Thanksgiving dinner.

“There is such a need out there that we want to meet. We feel that it will progressively grow,” he said. “Our agenda is to help those people who need help and need a good Thanksgiving dinner, and that’s why we’re providing this.”

Volunteers from the First Church of the Nazarene, Vision Bible Church, Lizard Butte Baptist Church and the Assembly of God church will prepare components of the meal. In a 2-1 vote during its meeting last Wednesday, the Marsing City Council agreed to donate \$75 toward the purchase of desserts. American Legion Post 128 from Marsing will provide rolls and butter.

Sherrow is 2nd vice-commander for Post 128. He formerly served as post commander and chaplain.

He said volunteers ran out of mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes at last year’s community dinner, and that there was just a little bit of turkey left.

More than 200 people from Marsing, Homedale, Opaline, Caldwell and even Nampa enjoyed the meal last year.

“We think that’s fabulous that they come all the way from Nampa to get a good Thanksgiving dinner,” Sherrow said. “Everybody that we did talk to (last year) was just overwhelmed with the dinner.”

About 30 volunteers helped serve the meal a year ago.

This year, volunteers are preparing eight turkeys (two more than a year ago), and the quantity of potatoes will double. Also on the menu will be green beans, corn and mixed vegetables. Coffee, juice and water also will be available.

Sherrow said the Marsing American Legion Auxiliary will decorate the tables this year.

For more information or to help out, call Sherrow at 965-1650 or 896-4819.

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Mobile pantry feeds needy in Homedale, other communities

Next monthly stop scheduled Friday

What gets distributed varies, but the one constant for the Homedale mobile food pantry is the number of folks seeking assistance each month.

"What I see is a lot of people who are working, but they are working minimal-type jobs, so this just helps them get over the hump," pantry coordinator Becky Forth said.

The Idaho Food Bank's mobile pantry visits Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday for the November distribution.

The distribution has taken place outside each month with between 125 and 135 families participating.

"If it gets too cold, we'll move it in the building," Forth said last week. "I'm praying by next Friday that it's 40 (degrees)."

Forth, who has been a teacher's aide in the Homedale School District since 1992, took over coordination of the local nutrition supplementation program when Aundra DeWitt took a job with the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency in Wilder.

Forth was helping DeWitt with the program in the summer when it transitioned from the Homedale Elementary L'il Pantry (HELP) that DeWitt had begun during the 2013-14 school year into a program with a broader appeal to the community.

Last year, as many as 20 families with ties to the school district would be helped during the twice-monthly HELP distributions. Forth said the mobile pantry provides food for people in Owyhee County and beyond. Volunteers also deliver food boxes to shut-ins.

"It's open to anybody," Forth said. "You just have to sign up with how many people are in your family and the ages of the people in the family."

There are no income or residency requirements, although the pantry stop is intended for Owyhee County residents.

Each family receives a box of food that will last about one or two weeks, Forth said. The box usually is filled with a dairy product, meat, fresh fruits and vegetables and bread.

Forth said the new mobile pantry concept "fits better" on Fridays because there is no school.

It doesn't take long for whatever food that is hauled over to Homedale to disappear each month, Forth said.

"If they're not here by 11:15, then almost everything is gone," Forth said, adding that she will talk to the Idaho Food Bank about increasing the allotment that is brought to Homedale.

Forth welcomes volunteers to come help with table set up and distribution. Volunteers should arrive around 9:30 a.m. to start a shift.

She said many of the people being helped by the program also volunteer, sometimes taking the risk that there will be no food left when it's time to get their box put together.

"It's really kind of a neat opportunity for the people getting help to help out," she said.

Because the mobile pantry concentrates on the community as a whole, Forth isn't concerned about overlap with the Hands Around Homedale that elementary school and middle school counselor Randee Garrett coordinates for students' families each holiday season.

For more information on the mobile pantry and how to help out, call the elementary school at 337-4033.

Local soldier, airman complete basic training

Two men with local ties recently graduated from basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Air Force Airman Darrell S. Cereghino has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The 2013 Greenleaf Friends Academy graduate is the son of Dave Cereghino of Homedale and Sheila Burnett of Redding, Calif.

Upon completion of an intensive, eight-week program, the airman earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community

College of the Air Force.

Army Pvt. Ventura Jacobo has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The 2014 Marsing High School graduate is the son of Buenaventura and Veronica and grandson of Guadalupe Jacobo of Marsing.

During a nine-week training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching and rifle marksmanship.



Children line up to shake Smokey Bear's paw during his visit to Bruneau Elementary School on Thursday. Submitted photo

Smokey Bear teaches fire prevention to Bruneau students

Library, BLM sponsor mascot's visit to school

Smokey Bear visited Bruneau Elementary School on Thursday as students learned about fire prevention.

The Bruneau Valley Library and Bureau of Land Management Boise District office jointly sponsored the appearance.

"Since this is the 70th anniversary of Smokey Bear being the mascot for wildfire prevention, it provided an excellent opportunity to introduce the kids to Smokey's story as well as emphasizing fire prevention measures," Bruneau

Valley Library board member Ginny Roeder said.

BLM Boise fire prevention officer Kevin Moriarty told the student body that BLM manages 4 million acres in Idaho, and that there is an average of 100 fires and 82,000 acres burned each year. He told the students that 70 percent of the fires are human-caused.

Through interaction with the students Moriarty and Boise BLM fire investigator Carrie Bilbao discussed the fire triangle of heat, oxygen and fuel. Moriarty and Bilbao discussed using water, dirt and repellant to put out fires.

Smokey Bear's story was related to the group after a question-and-answer period.

The students also learned the

five rules of wildfire prevention from Smokey, including:

- Only you can prevent forest fires
- Always be careful with fires
- Never play with matches or lighters
- Always watch your campfire
- Make sure your campfire is completely out before leaving the area

When Smokey Bear made his entrance, each child shook his paw and received hugs when requested. They returned to their classrooms with smiles and a souvenir bag of Smokey Bear items including pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, an airplane kit, toss rings and coloring books to drive home Smokey's fire prevention tips.



Bureau of Land Management Boise District Office fire prevention officer Kevin Moriarty talks about fire safety prior to Smokey Bear's arrival Thursday in Bruneau. Submitted photo

OCHS spotlights attempt to expand bombing range

The author of a 2001 book about the Air Force’s attempt to use public lands in Owyhee County to expand the Saylor Creek bombing range will speak Friday in Murphy.

Boise journalist Niels S. Nokkentved will discuss his book “Desert Wings: Controversy in the Idaho Desert” during the Owyhee County Historical Society’s general meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St.

During his talk, which is open to the general public, Nokkentved will describe the contentious story of how the U.S. military and high-ranking federal and state politicians attempted to secure a live-fire bombing and missile range on 1.5 million acres of public land in the Owyhee Canyonlands. It would have been one of the largest military procurements of public land since World War II.

According to Nokkentved’s writing, an unlikely coalition of environmentalists, ranchers, and Native Americans thwarted — though not entirely — the bombing range proponents when the proposed land acquisition came to light in 1989.

Nokkentved will go beyond the headlines and reveal surprising connections and behind-the-scenes machinations, as well as

provide context for the Air Force’s effort to round up as much western space as possible.

An award-winning journalist, outdoor columnist and author, Nokkentved was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, and immigrated to Alberta, Canada with his parents in 1957.

He spent his teenage years in a small town northwest Chicago in the 1960s, and served in the U.S. Navy aboard a destroyer in the Pacific during the Vietnam War.

After the service, he traveled extensively and sampled a variety of careers, including electronics, theater, music, cabinetmaking and heavy equipment operator.

He earned two bachelor’s degrees with honors — one in journalism and one in environmental studies — from Western Washington University and Huxley College of Environmental Studies.

Since 1986, he has written about natural resource and environmental issues and outdoor recreation for newspapers in Idaho, Washington and Utah.

In addition to “Desert Wings,” he has published two other books: One about western water rights and the development of the largest privately owned irrigation project in the United States; and a collection of columns and short essays on outdoor recreation issues.

OCHS holiday bazaar looking for vendors

Table rental is available for the Owyhee County Historical Society’s annual Christmas bazaar.

Tables cost \$20 and can be reserved by calling the Owyhee County Historical Museum at (208) 495-2319.

The bazaar takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Hand-crafted Christmas gifts

will be sold. There also will be live music. Home-made pies and home-cooked meals will be sold at the pie shop inside McKeeth Hall.

The OCHS will sell its Charlie Brown Christmas trees, fresh-cut from the area around Silver City. Trees will cost between \$10 and \$15, depending on the size.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue will present a chili feed again, too.

Homedale Sr. Center serves Thanksgiving on Tuesday

The Homedale Senior Center will serve its annual Thanksgiving dinner at noon on Tuesday.

The center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., and is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call 337-3020.

The center’s Thanksgiving meal, served two days early because the center is closed on Thanksgiving, will consist of turkey and stuffing, sweet

potatoes, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots and rolls.

The meal costs \$4 for senior citizens and \$5 for people younger than 60.

The senior center is also taking reservations for vending space at its annual holiday bazaar, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, and coincides with a farmers market.

Rental prices are \$12 for a large table and \$6 for a small table.

Homedale Highway District reports slight increase in user fees

Crews continue culvert work under roads

The Homedale Highway District received nearly seven percent more in highway user fees in fiscal year 2014 than the previous year.

During last Wednesday’s monthly meeting, district secretary-treasurer Terri Uria reported that revenue received from the state for highway user fees amounted to \$108,739.68 for FY 2014, about \$7,000 more than was received from the state at the end of the FY 2013.

By comparison, the district, which hasn’t raised its levy rate since its 1916 inception, spent more than \$22,000 on operation costs last month.

Commissioners will learn more about the district’s financial health when the annual audit is discussed at a noontime meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the district office, 102 E. Colorado Ave.

Part of the recent expense was paying \$739.10 to Baird Oil for a 55-gallon drum of motor oil

for the district’s fleet of diesel engines. Director of Highways Stewart Constantine said in his monthly report that Baird charged \$13.48 per gallon plus a \$20 return fee on the metal drum. The per-gallon price was lower than two other bids, Constantine said.

Constantine also reported on a couple of culvert projects in the district.

A South Board of Control crew completed a three-day job of installing a 36-inch pipe under Johnstone Road on Oct. 17, he said. A 24-inch supply line will be inserted into the pipe at a later date through a sleeve process after which time the roadway will be repaved.

District commissioners — including chair Larry Prow (sub-district 1) and directors Scott Salutregui (sub-district 3) and Joel Wilson (sub-district 2) — agreed that a second culvert project on Jump Creek Road would be best completed with the use of a similar sleeve concept.

Constantine said that the current 36-inch culvert under Jump Creek Road is failing and is rusted on the bottom. He also said that John Eells of SBOC believes the volume of water running

through the culvert would allow the district to reduce the diameter of the pipe to 27 inches.

One repair option would require crews to dig up the roadway to remove the old pipe, but Constantine said that would also require additional expense to bring an Idaho Power crew to the site to stabilize a power pole with three transformers that stands within two feet of the excavation site.

Instead, Constantine suggested sleeving the existing culvert with a plastic pipe to save on excavation. He said the total cost of the non-invasive sleeve project would be \$2,823.70 for 66 feet of pipe, grout to fill the area between the sleeve and the original culvert and use of the pumper truck to install the grout.

Constantine said the Jump Creek Road project could be completed in January except for the grouting, which requires temperatures above 42 degrees to be effective.

Salutregui saw the repair work as a safety enhancement for motorists.

“We don’t want somebody driving there and the road caving in,” he said.

New name, same support for Owyhee schools, libraries

Newly rechristened SILO doles out several grants

With three Owyhee County residents on its board of directors, a Caldwell-based charitable organization has changed its name to reflect a broader impact.

The Caldwell Community Foundation announced a name change to Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization on the same day that the list of its 2014 grant recipients was released.

The board of directors includes Homedale residents Toni Kelly and Ivy Cardenas and Marsing resident Jim Briggs. The rest of the directors are board president Carl G. Christensen, vice-president Doug Amick, secretary/treasurer Debra L. Vis, Shelly Hamby,

Charles Wilson, Barb Gunning, David Kiser, Keith Vickers and Liz Lyons.

More than one-third of the \$30,395 in 2014 grants went to Owyhee County concerns, including:

- **Hope House Inc.** — The Marsing-based youth home received \$2,500 to complete a greenhouse project that is a joint venture with the Marsing School District’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.
- **Homedale Middle School** — The school will use \$2,200 to purchase tables and chairs.
- **Homedale High School** — The school will purchase chairs with a \$2,000 grant.
- **Marsing Senior Citizens Inc.** — The organization will use \$1,800 to buy a computer and software and a printer for use at the senior center.
- **Lizard Butte Library** — The public library in Marsing will buy

two computers for patrons to use with a \$1,700 grant.

- **Homedale Public Library** — A \$1,000 grant will buy children’s books.

In all, Owyhee County organizations received \$11,200.

The foundation was established in 1976 with the proceeds from the sale of Caldwell Memorial Hospital.

The next application deadline is Sept. 30, 2015, and grants will be awarded by Oct. 31, 2015.

Grant applications can be obtained by calling Carl Christensen or Debra Vis at (208) 459-0021 or by sending a request to Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization, SILO, P.O. Box 1358, Caldwell, ID 83606-1358 or by visiting the organization’s website, www.silocares.org.

SILO is a nonprofit organization. Contributions can be sent to the above address or by contacting any board member.

Rimrock center to provide free Thanksgiving

There is an optional potluck element to the Thanksgiving Day dinner hosted by the Rimrock Senior Center.

The free meal, which is open to all ages, will be served at noon on Thursday, Nov. 27 at the senior center, 525 Main St., in Grand View. Monetary donations will

be accepted.

On the menu are turkey, ham, roast beef, potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberries, salad and desserts. Folks can bring a side dish or dessert.

Families are invited to enjoy the meal and socialize. Folks can play cars, work a puzzle, watch

television and socialize.

For more information, call (208) 968-5430 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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Marsing mayor's charitable proposal meets resistance

System failure causes methane dome to disconnect

The debate about how taxpayer funds should be used cropped up last Wednesday when the Marsing City Council made donations to community causes.

Councilperson Stella Bush voted against two proposal Mayor Keith Green made, but the motions carried with 2-1 votes.

With Councilmen Cory Perci-field and Aron Streibel voting yes, the city will donate up to \$500 to the Giving Tree food and gift drive and \$75 to buy desserts for Thursday's Marsing community Thanksgiving dinner.

"I still have reservations about using taxpayer money that are paid to the city for the operation for charitable contributions," Bush said, "but I've lost that battle before. You guys just go for it."

Green acknowledged the difference of opinion.

"Stella, I would like to look at this as a charitable contribution.

I look at it as giving back to the city," the mayor said.

Streibel said he respected Bush's opinion, but saw the contributions in the same light as making contributions to other causes during the year, such as high school senior projects.

Streibel moved to donate \$75 to the community Thanksgiving. The city gave \$100 to the effort last year.

A resident in the audience voiced his opposition to the city's moves, too.

"Do we have anything to say about that?" the unidentified man said.

"This is something that your elected officials that you voted in say yea or nay to," Green said.

After Green suggested that the city buy hams for city employees, staff and Planning and Zoning commissioners, Streibel moved to limit the hams to city employees

only. The motion passed, 2-1, with Bush voting against it.

The \$575 for the Giving Tree and Marsing community Thanksgiving dinner will come out of the general fund, city clerk Janice Bicandi said.

Methane gas project updated

The vinyl dome used to store methane gas near the city's new water tank nearly turned into a balloon during recent high winds, public works maintenance superintendent John Larsen said.

Larsen said a relief system failed, causing too much gas pressure to build in the dome. The dome disconnected from the gas pipe and deflated.

Larsen said an explosion when methane gas is exposed is "not likely to happen" because of the mixture that is need for methane to be combustible.

He suggested the city build a shelter around the dome to protect it from elements.

Larsen also told the council that crews have nearly completed installation of a furnace that will be used to heat the city shop using the excess methane siphoned off city water.

Council receives updated transportation plan

The city council could hold a special meeting before the end of the month to adopt an updated transportation plan city engineer Amy Woodruff presented last Wednesday.

Woodruff said the new plan will help the city in its quest to get grants for different projects.

The plan includes pavement management and sign management components.

Woodruff asked that the council adopt the plan in time for her to submit a signage grant application by a Dec. 4 deadline.

The council could use a \$30,000 Local Highway Technical Assistance Council grant to replace street signs throughout the city.

Woodruff said replacing old signs would help the city maintain standards for reflectivity and quality.

City could seize property

In an update on the city's efforts to collect fees and penalties on two properties, city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney said a sheriff's sale could help in one case.

For years, the city has tried to collect payments for abatement of the Rodriguez business property at the corner of Old Bruneau Highway and Main Street.

The property owner apparently owes attorney's fees and other court costs on top of the abatement penalties.

Bonney said she is working with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office to identify personal property assets that could be seized and sold at a sheriff's sale to satisfy the debt.

The city also recently won a small claims decision against another property owner for \$4,380.30 in past due water bills.

Marsing council approves use permit for daycare

Woman provides state license to complete application

A woman who recently had her felony criminal record expunged has been approved to have a daycare in her Marsing home.

Rebecca Frazier-Francke produced her state daycare license Friday at Marsing City Hall to complete the process the city council had required to issue a special use permit to have a daycare in her Canal Street home.

Council members had approved the city Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to allow the zoning permit after a public hearing at its monthly meeting last Wednesday, but added the caveat that Frazier-Francke must provide the city with a copy of her state license.

Frazier-Francke brought the license to City Hall after she received it in the mail, about

two weeks after the Nampa Fire Department had completed an inspection of her home.

She's licensed for up to 12 children in her 1,200-square-foot home, and she said the Lizard Butte Learning Center will be staffed by herself and an employee. She will operate the daycare between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., according to her special use permit application. The daycare will focus on children ages 1-6.

Mayor Keith Green broached the subject of Frazier-Francke's criminal record.

"You know as well as I do that there are some questions to be asked and answered," he said.

Frazier-Francke was open about her past, saying she was convicted of a felony to deliver marijuana in 2002, but that her record was

expunged less than a month ago.

"I went to prison, but I've been clean for 11 years," the 32-year-old mother of two said.

According to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website, anyone convicted of crimes against children will be barred for life from holding a daycare license. All other felony convictions can result in a five-year suspension.

Frazier-Francke passed the state's background check.

"But that's my background," she said. "I'm OK with that. I'm an ex-felon."

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney told council members that they should only be concerned with zoning issues not safety or Frazier-Francke's past.

Nevertheless, council members asked for clarification of issues pointed out in the P&Z report.

Councilman Cory Perci-field asked about Frazier-Francke's plans to make sure the children were safe from her 9-month-old Boxer-Samoyed mix puppy. She said the dog will be outside during

daycare hours.

Councilman Aron Streibel was concerned about a nearby canal. She said children will be closely supervised when they are outside, but she also said that she has strict rules for her two children about leaving the house and she always secures her doors when they are inside.



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Property tax bills to be mailed this week

First half of payment due by Dec. 20

Owyhee County property owners will receive property tax bills in the coming days. The treasurer's office is mailing bills this week, according to

Treasurer Brenda Richards. The first half of the property tax payment is due on Dec. 20, which is a Saturday. Richards said payments postmarked by Dec. 20 will be considered on time; however, payments received or postmarked after Dec. 20 will be late. The second half of property taxes is due by June 20.

Homedale M.S. team hosts Academic Bowl

Homedale Middle School's 17-member Academic Bowl team makes its only appearance at home today. The 3A Snake River Valley conference meet begins at 4:15 p.m. inside the HMS cafeteria. Jan Silva, a fourth-grade teacher at Homedale Elementary School, is the team's advisor. "The community is welcome to join us for some fun academic competition," she said. The team includes 10 new members and seven competitors returning from the 2013-14 team.

The newcomers include seven sixth-graders, on seventh-grader and two eighth-graders. There are three returning eighth-graders and four returning seventh-graders. The team opened the season Oct. 15 in Fruitland with a fourth-place finish in a seven-team competition. Silva pointed out that team's answer to completing the quote "Beggars can't be ..." was ruled incorrect, although the team's answer of "choosy" through later research was found to be an

acceptable response along with "choosers." "We should have contested that one," Silva said. Today's meet is also the final contest of the 2014 portion of the schedule. The season picks up again on Jan. 21 in Parma, and there are meets planned for Feb. 18 in Weiser, and March 10 at McCain Middle School in Payette. The season finale comes April 15 and will be hosted in Oregon by Ontario and Vale middle schools. Homedale's returning team members include: **Eighth-graders** — Linday Phariss, Warren DeMark and Maurice Villarreal **Seventh-graders** — Gage Purdom, Kaitlyn Butler, Brady Trout and Daniel Uranga New competitors include: **Eighth-graders** — Rosie Burright and Noah Redburn **Seventh-graders** — Isham Farris **Sixth-graders** — Neci Cardenas, Kenna McKay, McKenna DeWitt, RanDee Cole and Destiny Sheley



Homedale second-grader wins Idaho Power contest
Idaho Power community education representative Pam Compton, left, presents a certificate and a gift card to Homedale Elementary School second-grader Melissa Gonzalez on Monday in the classroom of Christine Ketterling, right. The 7-year-old daughter of Salvador and Josefina Gonzalez was the western regional winner in the public utility's art contest. Both Melissa and her teacher received \$50 gift cards.

Indoor Farmers Market slated for two Saturdays in Homedale

The Homedale Farmers Market will hold a Christmas Event over two Saturdays in December. The indoor sale will take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The first week of the farmers market coincides with the senior

center's annual holiday bazaar. During the two-week event, shoppers will be able to browse gift ideas, handmade goods, farm-free eggs, fruit, goodies, jams and jellies, and more. Homedale Farmers Market president Denise Dixon recently was nominated as the District III representative for the Idaho

Farmers Market Association. "I am hoping this will give me a better understanding of the farmers market process and open new doors for our market," Dixon wrote in an email announcing the latest developments. Dixon said she will also be involved with the Idaho Hunger Task Force.

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✓ Snow: South Mountain gains nearly a foot of snow

according to the weather station at Helena Chemical Co.

There were few accidents attributed to the snowfall in the Homedale area.

A 69-year-old Homedale woman was uninjured when the red 1995 Dodge R15 pickup she was driving left the roadway around 3:30 p.m. Friday. Carol Davenport was driving eastbound on Graveyard Point Road just west of U.S. Highway 95 when she lost control of the pickup and it rolled onto its driver's side in a field. Authorities said Davenport was able to crawl out of the pickup through the passenger-side door before emergency crews arrived.

Earlier Friday, county dispatch logs show two other weather-related mishaps.

A deputy helped a milk truck chain up after the driver had become stuck after 2 a.m. near the intersection of Market Road and U.S. 95.

A blue pickup was abandoned on the side of the road around 7:30 a.m. Friday after it had slid off near Idaho highway 78 and Clark Road in Marsing. Dispatch

logs show there was no damage to the vehicle, and Bowman said no citations would be issued because the truck wasn't a traffic hazard where the driver left it.

Snowfall in the Owyhee Mountains was — as expected — considerably greater.

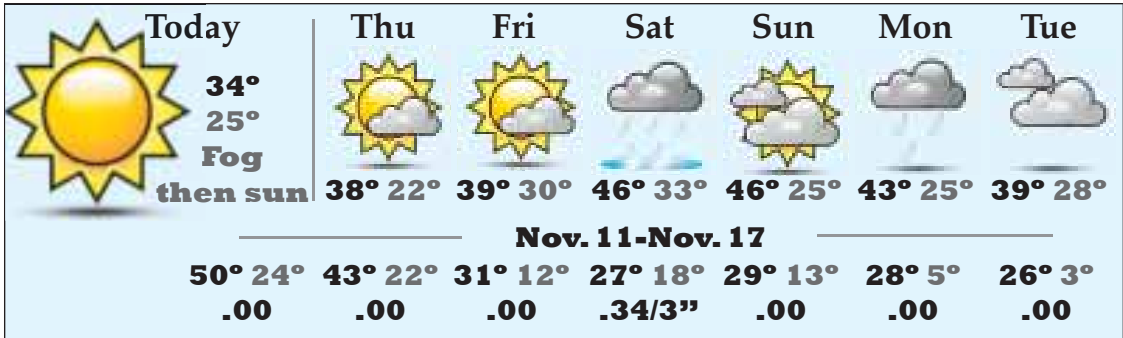
The South Mountain SNOTEL site registered 10 inches of snow Monday, but the area had lost two inches since Saturday.

Thursday night's storm dumped 11 inches of snow in the South Mountain area, but by Friday afternoon the snowfall had turned to rain, salting away part of the foot of snow depth at the station.

The Reynolds Creek station reported the first three inches of the season on Friday.

The Mud Flat SNOTEL station reported five inches of snow depth after three inches fell overnight Thursday.

Bowman said a pair of hunters initially reported as overdue in the Mud Flat Road-Juniper Mountain Road area near Grand View on Saturday evening made it home late Sunday night. No search and rescue operation was undertaken.



SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
(measured in inches)						
(measured in Fahrenheit)						
Mud Flat						
11/11	0.0	2	1.0	36	13	24
11/12	0.0	2	1.0	24	11	17
11/13	0.0	2	1.0	36	17	28
11/14	0.6	4	1.5	40	15	34
11/15	0.8	5	2.0	25	-5	11
11/16	0.8	5	2.0	27	-8	11
11/17	0.8	5	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
11/11	0.0	0	0.0	28	13	21
11/12	0.0	0	0.0	20	6	14
11/13	0.0	0	0.0	37	11	23
11/14	0.6	3	0.6	37	11	28
11/15	1.2	3	1.2	17	7	12
11/16	1.2	3	1.2	26	10	17
11/17	1.2	3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
11/11	0.1	0	3.1	33	13	23
11/12	0.1	0	3.1	26	11	17
11/13	0.3	0	3.3	36	19	31
11/14	1.0	1	3.8	36	13	31
11/15	2.4	12	5.4	27	9	14
11/16	2.4	11	5.4	33	9	21
11/17	2.4	10	5.4	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 3 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 136 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 15 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 22,426 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 4 p.m. Monday (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



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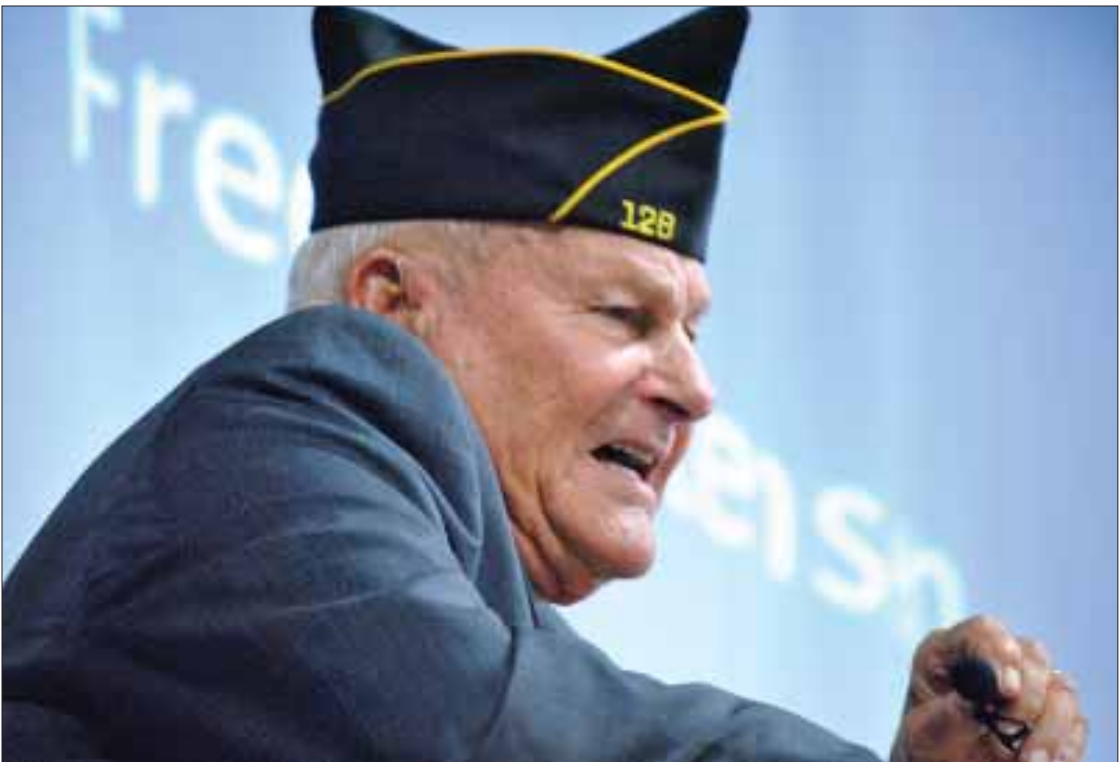
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SCHOOLS HONOR VETERANS



Students and staff listen to Lt. Col. James O'Malley (U.S. Air Force, ret.) of Hudson, Wis., during the Homedale High School salute to veterans on Nov. 11. O'Malley is the great uncle of HHS student Bailey Adams, who coordinated the Veterans Day assembly as her Senior Project.



Army veteran and American Legion Post 128 member Fred Christensen of Sunny Slope was the featured speaker at the Marsing School District Veterans Day assembly. He told the children that they were fortunate to live in a free country and were getting a great education and urged them, "Don't screw it up."



Marsing schools music director Dawn Sandmeyer plays Taps near the close of the Veterans Day assembly inside the school district cafeteria on Nov. 11. Community members and veterans packed into the building for the annual salute to those who serve in the nation's armed forces.



Homedale Troop 409 Cub Scouts bring the U.S. flag and State of Idaho flag into the Veterans Day assembly held Nov. 11 at Homedale Elementary School.

COSSA students get lessons in risky behavior



Amid frigid temperatures Friday morning, Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency students from school districts including Homedale and Marsing crowded onto the lawn in front of the campus to witness a mock drunk driving wreck as part of the Every 15 Minutes program that was conducted throughout the day during the second annual Risky Behaviors Symposium at the Wilder campus.



The Grim Reaper visited seminars and classrooms throughout the day, pulling out students and staff members every 15 minutes to simulate the frequency of drunk driving deaths in the nation.



A Wilder Police officer administers a field sobriety test to the driver responsible for the DUI crash, which claimed one life. The Owyhee County Coroner's Office responded to take the body to the morgue.



Marsing resident Shauna Sauer shared the story of her daughter Taylor Sauer during the "Put It Down" seminar on Friday. A Marsing High School graduate, Taylor Sauer was killed while texting and driving on Interstate 84 in Elmore County in January 2012.



Through the use of an Idaho State Police driving simulator, students learned how difficult it is to pay attention to a busy road or highway when trying to punch in a phone number on a cellphone.

COSSA Coyotes
ready to bowl

Avalanche Sports

HMS wrestlers off
to fast start

Freshmen duo delivers in Huskies debuts

Marsing rallies,
wins opener vs.
Liberty Charter

A couple of new faces teamed with an old standby to send Marsing High School to victory in its girls' basketball season opener.

Freshman Emerson Sauer started at point guard in Saturday's 47-36 come-from-behind victory over Liberty Charter. She never left the floor and was the only Huskies player to log all 32 minutes in the non-conference game.

After playing three quarters in the junior varsity game, ninth-grader Mackenzie Farrens came off the bench to score five points and grab four rebounds with the parent club, filling the void when foul trouble forced coach Jaime Wood to remove a couple starters in the second half.

Marsing
Girls' hoops
(1-0)



Marsing 47
Liberty Ch. 36

Senior Shannon Clover hit her second three-point goal of the second half to give Marsing the lead for good, 36-33, with 6½ minutes left in the game. The shot, part of Clover's game-high 17 points, was the biggest blow in the Huskies' 22-5 run to the final buzzer.

"As a team, I thought that everybody that entered the game for us fulfilled their role," Wood said.

Sauer didn't hit a shot in eight attempts, but she distributed a team-high three assists and collected three steals. She turned over the ball only once and played through four fouls.

If Marsing had any opening-game jitters, they were gone by halftime. The team committed just nine turnovers Saturday; Wood said the Huskies averaged 20 giveaways per game last season.

The Huskies (1-0 overall) used a strong defensive effort and clutch scoring to wipe out the Patriots' momentum early in the second half.

Liberty Charter controlled the backboards on its end of the floor and took a six-point lead, 29-23, on Madi Grill's three-point goal with 3 minutes, 40 seconds left in the third quarter. Senior guard Lea Cosentio's turnaround jump shot for a 31-25 lead with 2:18 left in the period would be the Patriots' last



Marsing High School junior Shelby Dines goes in for a shot against Liberty Charter sophomore forward Julia Corkish during Saturday afternoon's non-conference game on the Huskies' floor.

field goal of the game.

Cosentio is the only senior on the Patriots' roster this season.

Marsing was able to lock down Liberty Charter's shooters despite a new rule emphasizing

hand-checking and other contact in the frontcourt.

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Adrian's latest rout ends long drought

Walker runs
for 259 yards

After another lopsided victory that featured nearly 550 yards rushing, Adrian High School has reached the 1A Oregon state semifinals for the first time since 1990 and the third time in school history.

Chase Walker averaged 28.8 yards per carry and scored three touchdowns in the second-seeded Antelopes' 64-8 victory over Yoncalla at Ward Field on Saturday.

Adrian (10-0) will face No. 3 seed Dufur on Saturday in a rematch of a September game. The Antelopes are the home team for the neutral-site game set for 7 p.m. MST Saturday at Hermiston High School.

Eighth-seeded Sherman takes on No. 4 Camas Valley in the

— See *Adrian*, page 18

Shrine all-stars tabbed

Football coaches confirmed which Homedale and Marsing high school seniors will play in the El Korah Shrine All-Star Game later this month.

Trojans coach Matt Holtry announced that linebacker Dayne Jacobs, offensive lineman Bo Pickett and wide receiver Brady Brown will play for the East All-Stars at Eagle High School on Friday, Nov. 28.

Defensive lineman Noah Grossman will represent coach Brad Hill's Marsing squad.

Emilio Araujo will represent Rimrock on the East squad for the eight-man game.

The best seniors from all levels in District III will appear in eight-man and 11-man games.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students will activity cards, and children 5 and younger get in free.

Proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital and patient transportation fund.

For more information, call (208) 343-0571.

Sports

✓ Huskies: Team closes win with 22-5 run

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“We try to pride ourselves on our defense, but when (referees are) going to call those fouls, as coaches we have to rethink how we’re going to guard against (opposing players),” Wood said.

The teams combined to take 37 free throws in the first 16 minutes. That number dropped to a combined 28 in the second half, but four players — two on each side — fouled out.

Marsing was able to ratchet back its typically aggressive defense in the second half and still survive.

Liberty Charter had few chances from the foul line after junior Erika Linford dropped in two free throws with 57.9 seconds remaining in the third quarter for a 33-30 Patriots’ lead.

The Patriots wouldn’t score again until Linford drained the front end of a one-and-one trip to the foul line with 3:02 left in the game. Linford led the Patriots with 13 points and didn’t commit a foul.

In between, the Huskies scored 11 unanswered points, snagging a 41-33 advantage when senior Emily Tank knocked down a pair of free throws with 4:36 left. Liberty Charter sophomore Bibiana Ortiz fouled out to set up the free throws.

Marsing junior Shelby Dines was 0-for-7 from the floor, but hit half of her 16 free throws for eight points to go with a team-high eight rebounds before fouling out.

Clover grabbed six of her seven boards on Liberty Charter’s end of the floor.



Marsing’s Emily Tank tries to cap a fast break with a layup.

Several HMS wrestlers begin season unbeaten

Trojans have home meets Monday, Dec. 1

Homedale Middle School’s wrestling team has gotten a pretty good look at the competition so far this year.

Six wrestlers have begun the season unbeaten for coach Toby Johnson after 3A Snake River Valley conference tri-meets in Payette on Nov. 3 and Fruitland on Nov. 5.

“We have had two meets and are looking good,” Johnson said. “We have seen four out of the five other schools in the conference and so far we appear to be very strong.

“We have some very talented kids.”

Homedale wrestled McCain of Payette and Weiser in the opener and Fruitland and Ontario, Ore., in the Nov. 5 meet.

Seventh-grader Matthew Randall (4-0) leads the half-dozen unbeaten wrestlers. Seventh-graders Caleb Vargas and Michael Babcock and eighth-grader Edgar Navarette are 3-0. Eighth-graders Jaegar Rose and Drew Deal are

2-0. Seventh-graders Isham Farris and John Conner and eighth-grader Robert Nix sit at 3-1.

The Trojans wrestlers with 2-1 records are seventh-grader Spencer Fisher and eighth-graders German Albor and Jesse Martinat.

Wrestling at .500 thus far, all with 2-2 records, are eighth-graders Kaden Binford and Mathew Miklancic and seventh-grader Brady Trout.


Eighth-graders Jose Buenrostro and Izaiah Lopez both have wins.

The Capital City Classic in Boise was cancelled Saturday because of winter weather conditions, but Johnson said the Trojans are trying to add a trip to the Treasure Valley Championships on Saturday at Borah High School in Boise.

The team will wrestle at home on Monday and Dec. 1.

Other meets include a trip to Weiser on Dec. 3, the 3A SRV-2A Western Idaho Conference Duals in Ontario, Ore., on Dec. 6, the regular-season finale at Parma on Dec. 9 and the district championship meet in Parma on Dec. 13.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Shannon Clover, sr., girls’ basketball

The Play — Clover hit three of nine three-point goals, including two during a 16-2 run that propelled the Huskies’ to a come-from-behind 47-36 win against Liberty Charter. She finished with team highs with 17 points and seven rebounds, including six on the defensive end. She also had four steals.



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Boys’ basketball
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Junior varsity A
Monday, Nov. 24, home vs. Nampa Christian and Notus (jamboree), 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Monday, Nov. 24, home vs. Nampa Christian and Notus (jamboree), 6 p.m.

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Nov. 20 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Nov. 20 at Homedale, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6 at Buck’s Bags Tournament, Capital H.S., Boise, 10 a.m.

Sports

Homedale athletics fundraiser nears end

Orders for the Homedale schools winter sports fundraiser are due Friday.

Homedale High School athletic director Matt Holtry said wreaths and trees ordered during the fundraiser for the high school and middle school athletic programs will be delivered Dec. 6.

Makes checks payable to Homedale High School Athletics.

Items available through Premier Christmas Trees include at 10-inch centerpiece (\$15), a 22-inch wreath (\$20), Douglas Fir Christmas trees ranging in size between five and eight feet and price between \$37 and \$58, and Noble Fir trees ranging in size between three feet (with a stand) and eight feet and price between \$25 and \$75.

Orders can also be placed by visiting PremierHolidayFundraiser.com.

✓ Adrian: Antelopes make first trip to semis since 1990

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other semifinal on Saturday in Hillsboro, Ore. Sherman upset top-seeded Lowell, 50-44, on Saturday in Cottage Grove, Ore.

Dufur (10-1) has nine consecutive victories since a 42-20 loss to Adrian at Imbler High School on Sept. 12. The Rangers beat Wallowa, 72-20, on Saturday to reach the semifinals. The Antelopes crushed Wallowa, 60-8, on Halloween to win the district championship.

Adrian has held its past three opponents to one touchdown and has outscored opponents by an average of 43.8 points in its 10 wins. The Antelopes are averaging 59.4 points per game and have topped 60 points six times in 2014. Dufur has scored an average of 53.8 points in the 10 games it has played. The Rangers were awarded an Oct. 31 victory by forfeit over Jewell.

Both teams lost in the 1A state quarterfinals last year.

Adrian fell, 36-24, to Prairie City in the program's last state semifinals appearance 24 years ago. Cove beat Adrian, 52-12, in 1988 in the Antelopes' only other trip to the semifinals, according



Chase Walker (32) looks for running room Saturday in Adrian's lopsided 1A Oregon state quarterfinals victory over Yoncalla. Photo by Bob Radford

to OSAA.org.

Although it took the Antelopes about 6½ minutes to score their first touchdown, there was little suspense during the Antelopes' 10th consecutive victory Saturday.

Adrian scored the game's first six touchdowns with Walker racing for scores of 50 and 74 yards. Bryson Shira had two of his team-high four TDs in the first half, scoring on runs of 18 and 58 yards.

Walker added a 63-yard scoring jaunt in the fourth quarter and finished with 259 yards. Shira rolled up 176 yards. Each player carried the ball nine times to anchor the Antelopes' 542-yard ground attack. Adrian averaged 18.7 yards per carry.

Shira spearheaded the defense with a season-high 14 tackles. Luke Campbell intercepted Eagles quarterback Joe Keller as the

Antelopes came up with four turnovers and ended a four-game winning streak for Yoncalla (8-3).

Keller threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Zack Van Loon in the third quarter for the Eagles' only score.

Morgan White made an impact on both sides of the ball for Adrian. He scored on a 5-yard run and came up with 9.5 tackles and a quarterback sack on defense.



Homedale Trojans



BOYS' BASKETBALL



Varsity Coach
Casey Grove,
third year
JV Coach
Luke Ankeny,
third year
Frosh-soph Coach
Craig DeMark,
first year

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Varsity Coach
Joe Betancourt,
third year
JV Coach
Taryn Corta
first year
Frosh-soph Coach
Perry Grant
first year

WRESTLING



Coach
Toby Johnson,
18th year
Assistant coach
Mark Boothby,
seventh year



BOYS' basketball Varsity
Saturday, Nov. 29 at Nampa Christian, 2 p.m.



Junior varsity
Saturday, Nov. 29 at Nampa Christian, 12:30 p.m.



Frosh-soph
Saturday, Nov. 29 at Nampa Christian, 11 a.m.



Wrestling
Friday, Dec. 12 at Calhoun Tournament, Nyssa H.S., 3 p.m.



Saturday, Dec. 13 at Calhoun Tournament, Nyssa H.S., 8 a.m.



Girls' basketball Varsity
Thursday, Nov. 20, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.



Junior varsity
Thursday, Nov. 20, home vs. Marsing, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.



Frosh-soph
Saturday, Nov. 22 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.



GO Trojans!



Sports

Children learn to bowl for Special Olympics

Practices at Owyhee Lanes lead to competition for COSSA squad

About a dozen children from the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency (COSSA) special education program have begun Monday training sessions at Owyhee Lanes in Homedale.

The children have practiced their bowling skills each Monday afternoon in preparation the Southwest Area 3 Regional Special Olympics Bowling, which will take place Saturday at the Nampa Bowl.

The students are on a team called the “COSSA Coyotes,” which includes students with cognitive disabilities from Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma and Notus.

Children of all ages participate in the fun and learning activity with a little help from their coaches.

COSSA school psychologist Joetta Fulgenzi said children must be at least 8 years old to participate and there is no upper age limit. Fulgenzi and COSSA staffers Kimberly Hale, Sara Hodges and Darlene York-Faber help teach and coach the students. Some community members and parents also volunteer to help, Fulgenzi added.

“The kids love bowling,” Fulgenzi said. “It provides them with eye-body coordination, physical

exercise and the opportunity to learn how to work and be aware of other people around them.”

“They have to learn the rules of bowling and how to share the balls. Most of them have to use the very light balls, and that means it can’t be their ball.”

The program has expanded over the years.

“For many years the Owyhee Lanes has been very generous in allowing use to bowl there,” she said. “We started with only four bowlers, and now we are at over 40.”

Bowling center owner Vern Tunnell donates the use of the lanes for the practice runs.

In April, the students will participate in Special Olympics competitions for basketball, track and swimming. Regional and state competitions are scheduled for May and June.

Special Olympics Idaho is a non-profit organization that provides training and athletic competitions in 15 sports to more than 2,500 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. More than 9,000 volunteers help train athletes every year so they can improve physical fitness and take part in the competitions. For more information, visit www.idso.org.



Clockwise from top left:
Kory Nielsen
Nicki Moore
Chevy Storrs
Garrett Evans



First-time hunter fills tag on first day
Homedale Middle School fifth-grader Cody Liebschwager wasted little time in getting his first deer. Frank and Karen Liebschwager’s 11-year-old son shot a four-point buck on opening day in Featherville on Oct. 10. It was Cody’s first hunt. Submitted photo
Submit milestone hunting photos to The Owyhee Avalanche at jon@owyheeavalanche.com. Call (208) 337-4641 for more information on how to submit hunting photos.

Homedale Story Time covers history of Thanksgiving

Youngsters will learn about Thanksgiving from the first event to today’s celebrations during Friday’s Story Time at the Homedale Public Library.

“My First Thanksgiving” by Tomie dePaola will be featured at the 10:15 a.m. reading at the library, which is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

In “My First Thanksgiving,” dePaola describes the real reasons Thanksgiving is celebrated.

There will be songs, refreshments and crafts, too.

For information, call the library

at 337-4228.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Novel-writing continues

The library’s Teens and Tweens participants continue work on their novels as part of National Novel Writing Month.

The next meeting takes place at 4 p.m. at the library. The Teens and Tweens will go over their

story outlines and learn about plot details, parts of speech and subplotting.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to participate in the program.

The Teens and Tweens’ Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser continues through Christmas, too. There is a collection jar at the library’s front desk where folks can deposit their pocket change to help the coin drive.

Call Teasha Harris at the library for more information on the Teens and Tweens program.

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Broadband ruling leaves questions for school programs

Network used for dual credit in Homedale; Marsing has backup for Khan Academy

An Ada County judge’s ruling has cast a shadow on the broadband system used by the Homedale and Marsing school districts.

The State of Idaho’s \$60 million broadband contract thrown out last week by Fourth District Judge Patrick Owen had helped Homedale build its educational services through the Idaho Education Network. Marsing uses its broadband capabilities to help fuel the Khan Academy program, but superintendent Norm Stewart said the district has a backup plan through its standalone contract with CableOne.

“We basically have two different providers we contract with. We have the regular broadband

and because of issues with not enough bandwidth, we have a contract with CableOne,” Stewart said.

“With Khan Academy and the Chromebooks, we’re very heavily reliant upon the Internet, which is one reason we didn’t have enough bandwidth.”

District superintendents are wondering what the fallout may be after Owen nullified the contract on Nov. 10.

“There’s no doubt that we’ve become very reliant, as most schools in the state have, on the broadband,” Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer said. “But we also know that the Legislature and the governor have come out and said they are very much in

support of keeping the broadband going forward because it is in fact a lifeline for many of us around the state.”

Sauer believes state officials will work to keep broadband afloat across the state, but how that would look is unclear. The state potentially may have to refund up to \$13 million in federal E-rate funding, which could come back on the districts.

“My concern, though, is that if there’s any kind of cost that the state has to pay t the federal government for any kind of legal process,” Sauer said. “My fear would be that they would take that out of the money that would be planned for schools, and we can’t afford less from the state.”

A scaling back of service either through less financial support or a throttling back of broadband capabilities could affect services offered in the district, including a narrowing of class offerings

because of less access to online courses, such as foreign language and advanced placement and dual credit classes; a reduction in access to online college application services; fewer research opportunities for students; a negative impact on virtual field trips for elementary school students; and a reduction in access to online SAT training and college mentoring programs for high school students.

Stewart said the Marsing district spends \$136 each month for the CableOne bandwidth. The contract has been in place since the middle of the last school year when officials realized the network was slowing with the amount of demand students placed on it.

Still Stewart isn’t completely sure what financial impact, if any, there will be. He hopes to get more answers once he meets with district technology specialist Zach Dangerfield, who attended an Idaho Education Technology

Association meeting in Meridian on Tuesday after deadline.

Adding to the uncertainty is the leadership change at the state Department of Education with Sherri Ybarra succeeding Tom Luna as state superintendent of public instruction.

Sauer doesn’t expect a quick emergence from the state of limbo, although he believes there won’t be any drastic changes in the immediate future.

“It sounds like they’re leaning toward opening up the bidding process, but I do think the state is going to find a way to keep it going while they work their way through that process,” he said. “I just worry about where those dollars come from.”

Sauer said districts could learn more about the future of broadband education either by the end of the 2015 legislative session or when the contract bidding process is complete.

Homedale district joins program to find teachers

A new program could broaden the talent pool to fill future Homedale School District teaching positions — at a cost.

During their Nov. 10 meeting, trustees approved the district’s limited participation in the Teach For America initiative, which is a recruiting program to find candidates for hard-to-fill positions such as science and math teachers.

The district administration is authorized to interview up to two candidates referred from the program, if positions open up, but superintendent Rob Sauer said in a perfect world the recruitment program won’t be necessary.

crop at colleges,” Sauer said.

Teach For America is new to Idaho and is focusing its efforts on the Treasure Valley, Sauer said.

The program also receives funding from participating districts, which pay fees in the second and third years of a TFA alum’s employment. Districts pay only if a TFA applicant is hired, Sauer said, including a \$1,000 fee in Year 2 and a \$1,500 fee in Year 3.

Teachers from the program will be available for Idaho schools beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Sauer spending more time on campus

In an attempt to give staff more access, Sauer is spending two hours of office time at each school in the first week of the month. The new program began this month.

“It’s a good chance to visit with some of the staff in the buildings, and hopefully it continues as a good opportunity for them,” he said.

“I would hope that it would help improve communication (and) open lines of communication even more.”

Sauer believes the added staff time could lead to improvement in day-to-day functions and it won’t detract from his other duties.

“The great thing about technology is I can take technology with me (and) I can still do work from there, but if there is anything going on if they have specific questions they want to ask me I’ll be available,” he said.

Marsing trustees accept band trailer

The community has stepped up for the Marsing School District.

During its Nov. 11 meeting, the board of trustees accepted three separate donations to help get children to field trips and get the high school band to events.

A string of community members and businesses teamed up to purchase a 20-foot trailer for the Marsing Music Boosters and high school marching band.

District superintendent Norm

Stewart said work continues to rig a district van with a hitch to pull the trailer.

“It’s fantastic. It’s wonderful,” Stewart said of the donation.

Among the individual donors listed on the board meeting agenda were Kelly and Betty Ackerman, Jerry and Sue Floyd, Jack and Joyce Mayer, Pete Smit, Tony and Patti Glorfield, Melissa Hartwick and David and Sharon VanWassenhove.

Business donors included Showalter Land Leveling, Logans Market, McIntyre Farms Inc., K&L Equipment, LLC, CKT Inc., and Trypods.

J.T. Corta provided a \$100 donation to help the third-graders get to the Owyhee Dam for their field trip in the spring.

An anonymous \$500 donation also is earmarked to help the district fund other field trips for Marsing Elementary students.

School groups set parade fundraisers

If folks need a break from the string of illuminated floats and other entries heading down Main Street on Saturday in Marsing, they can help out school organizations.

School groups will sell chili, popcorn and candy before, during and after the Chamber of Commerce’s Night Light Parade.

The Marsing Elementary Parent Teacher Organization continues its resurgence with a chili feed

from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Marsing fire station at the corner of Main Street and South 3rd Avenue West.

The cost is \$3 per cup of chili. Drinks and bake sale items will be available for \$1 each.

Proceeds will go toward classroom resources, teacher appreciation gifts, student reward parties and other school needs.

Other fundraisers are planned:

- The Marsing Music Boosters will sell boxes of Owyhee Candy.
 - The Marsing High School Class of 2015 will sell popcorn.
 - Marsing fourth-graders will sell Huskies car decals.
- Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will visit with children after the parade, while band and choir members will play and sing Christmas carols.

Textile drive launches in Adrian

The Adrian International Club’s clothing and textile drive continues through Sunday.

A bin to accept donations for unwanted items will be set up on Oregon highway 201 in Adrian across from Don’s Lumber.

Home pickup also is available. Call Stephanie Allison, Aimee Esplin or Julie Morton at (541)

372-2335 to arrange a pick-up or for more information.

The International Club is accepting household textiles such as clothing of any kind, including paired shoes, towels (kitchen, bath and rags), sheets, blankets or quilts, backpacks, curtains and drapery, purses, belts (synthetic or leather), tablecloths

and placements.

All items must be dry, so the club asks that donations be placed in tied plastic bags. Wet or damp items can’t be accepted.

The club cannot accept hotel linens, uniforms, shop towels, logo items, mattresses, pet beds, appliances, televisions, computers, electronics or fragile items.

Baxter Black to appear at CSI

Tickets are on sale for humorist Baxter Black’s appearance later this month at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Black, a cowboy poet, TV personality and syndicated columnist will perform on the CSI

Fine Arts Auditorium stage at 7 p.m. on Saturday. His column, “On the Edge of Common Sense,” appears in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at several Magic Valley locations. For more information, call the

CSI Ag Office at (208) 732-6401. Tickets will be \$25 at the show.

The CSI Equine Club is sponsoring Baxter’s appearance, and proceeds from the show will benefit club activities and education.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 22, 1989

Former Homedale man named assistant bank mgr.

Brett Tolmie, son of Hal and Judie Tolmie of Homedale, has been named assistant manager of the West One Bank in Parma.

Tolmie joined the financial institution in 1984 and has held various positions at the bank’s Wendell, Weiser and Salmon offices. He has over three years of agricultural lending experience.

A native of Idaho, Tolmie was graduated from Homedale High School in 1979 and received his B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Idaho in Moscow in 1982. He enjoys sports, outdoor activities and being involved in community events, according to a news release from the bank’s Boise office.

Tolmie, incidentally, is joining a distant cousin, Connie Tolmie, in operating the bank. Connie Tolmie, former manager of the West One Bank in Homedale as well as a former loan officer at the Marsing branch, recently became manager at the Parma office. She and her family reside in that community.

Frankie Dougal to display crafts at national show

One of Jordan Valley’s most talented and creative people has again been invited to display her art at the National Arizona Show for Lost Arts and Crafts, to be held Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 but the displays must be in place long before then.

Frankie Dougal was one of 57 artists that include saddle makers, bit and spur sculpturers, engravers, and painters chosen from throughout the nation to bring her work. She has exhibited at several other shows including Elko, Nevada, Flagstaff, Arizona, the Western Art Roundup at Winnemucca, Nevada, and a special exhibition in Washington, D.C. Frankie makes horsehair mecartes (tie ropes for horses) and hackamores, and began learning how it was done when she was nine years old from her mother who was an expert in the craft.

Having not kept count, she doesn’t know the exact number but is certain she has made over 1,000 during her lifetime. The project begins with roaching (clipping) a horse’s mane which she then washes by hand, lays out to dry and then “picks” each hair to place in a roll that is similar to a strand of yarn to be knitted.

While many local people save the hair for her, with the diminished number of horses in the area, and the magnitude of her requests she now purchases hair from a slaughterhouse in Omaha, Neb.

Scott Taggart on mission

Scott Taggart left Nov. 13, four days after his 20th birthday, to begin a 22-month mission for the LDS Church in Johannesburg, Union of South Africa. Taggart is the son of Homedale High School-Junior High School Principal Nolan Taggart and his wife, Sharon.

Scott had undergone two months of training at the LDS Missionary Training Center at Provo, Utah, in preparation for his religious mission in the troubled African country. He received training in the African country’s language and was taught about the culture and customs of the multi-racial peoples who reside there.

Bruneau-Grand View

Celia Tindall of Bruneau was installed as Idaho State Cattlewomen President at the Idaho State Cattlemen’s Convention in Idaho Falls last week. Also attending the convention from Owyhee County were Celia’s husband, Dave Tindall, Eric Davis, Gene Davis, Ace and Marilyn Black, Paul Nettleton, county agent Chad Gibson and his wife, Owyhee County Cowbelles President Jerry Coleman, Owyhee County Cattlemen President Vern Kershner and his wife, Owyhee County Cattlemen Vice President Tim Lowry and his wife, and John and Virginia Miller.

Ace and Marilyn Black of Bruneau were pleased to have their three grandchildren Will, Wade, and Sarah Black from Montello, Nevada for the weekend while their son, Martin and his wife Elaine attended a seminar in Boise.

50 years ago

November 19, 1964

City acquires 27 acres of land near Homedale

Twenty-seven acres of land north of the Snell gravel pit near the river about 1 mile northwest of Homedale has been purchased from Mrs. Lena Metzger for \$9,500 by the city of Homedale.

This property was purchased from money collected into the sewer users fund from the \$1 a month that is assessed to each of the present sewer connections in the city, explained Kenneth Downing, city clerk.

The property was purchased after the city council had made evaluations on six prospective sites adjacent to the city limits. This included soil tests to find out if the property was suitable for stabilization ponds and appraisals by Harley M. McDowell, a licensed appraiser. The appraising was done to determine the actual value of each of the sites.

The engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield was retained to do the necessary preliminary engineering, for the sewer collection and treatment facilities. Most of the preliminary engineering for the sewer collection within the city has been completed and will now be extended to the stabilization pond site.

School board places youths on probation

Ten Homedale high school youths were placed on probation by the Homedale school board at a special meeting Wednesday night, Nov. 11, at Washington school, according to Jim Duncan, clerk.

The boys and their parents had been requested to appear before the board for investigation of reported consumption of alcoholic beverages at the homecoming dance Nov. 7.

The board passed a motion that the boys be denied the privilege of attending any school dance for the remainder of the school year, including the Jr.-Sr. banquet and prom; further, that the students be on probation for the remainder of the school year and that violation of this probation will result in automatic expulsion from school and denial of participation in graduation; and further that the entire Senior class be denied the right to participate in the Christmas Formal and the Senior Trip for the reason of non-supervised activities following the Homecoming dance.

The board also voted to restrict attendance at all high school dances to high school students, parents and sponsors.

Temporary officers named by Jaycees

Temporary officers were elected by the newly reorganized Junior Chamber of Commerce at Thursday evening’s meeting at city hall.

Installed were Jim Smith, president; Terry Wirth, internal vice president; Marshel Stoffle, external vice president; Dwaine Hibbs, secretary-treasurer; Larry Novak, state director; and Sid Tucker, local director.

Others present included Nolan Taggart, Duane Ash, Ted Chadez, Bob Ensley and Bill Blackman.

So far there are 11 members.

Sports scene at Homedale shifts to basketball

With 14-6 record for 1964 and five returning lettermen, Coach Dean Vance looks forward to another good season of basketball for Homedale.

The five returning lettermen all had considerable experience last year with two of them, Tony Maher and Brian Johnstone, having two years of varsity experience to their credit.

The squad is small with only nine players so far due to the small number of juniors who came up from the Junior Varsity. Thus far only four, Ken Kushlan, Ron Roland, Jerry DeGroat, and Ray Bicandi, are trying out for varsity positions.

The first game is on December 5 with a total of seven games scheduled in December.

A list of the varsity players is as follows: Tony Maher, 6-0, 170; Brian Johnstone, 6-0, 155; Larry Stansell, 6-0, 170; Jim Wilson, 6-1, 160; Fred Egurrola, 6-0, 165; Ken Kushlan, 5-11, 165; Ron Roland, 6-0, 160; Jerry DeGroat, 6-6, 185; and Ray Bicandi, 5-11, 160

140 years ago

November 21, 1874

MINING NOTES. GOLDEN CHARIOT. They have started sinking the main shaft from the 9th to the 10th level in the Golden Chariot, and are also sinking a winze from the 9th to the 10th level in the same mine. In the Minnesota the main shaft is being stripped down from the 8th to the 9th level, and a winze started immediately below from the 9th to the 10th level. By sinking this winze in advance of the shaft, it will enable them to open up two levels almost as soon as one could be opened up by the usual mode of working. Superintendent Keown’s idea seems to be to get as much ground as possible ready for taking out ore when the hauling season commences again.

WAR EAGLE. The main shaft is down for the 8th level, the drifts of which have been run about 15 feet each way both north and south, showing a ledge from 15 to 20 inches wide of splendid ore. The 7th level drift is in 157 feet south, and 190 feet north, and is now being timbered up and put in readiness for stoping. No. 6 is looking splendidly, and is all timbered ready for stoping. The winzes are all down and the mine generally is in tip-top shape for taking out ore. Everything is in excellent shape on the surface, and Superintendent Carter has all necessary supplies laid in for winter working,

EXPLANATORY. IDAHO CITY, Nov. 12, 1874.
EDITOR DAILY AVALANCHE: In your issue of Nov. 9th, you do the Republicans of Idaho City and Boise County great injustice. You state that “out of 96 votes which Bennett received in Idaho precinct, 72 of them were straight Democratic, and he got Democratic votes enough in Boise County to have given him 250 majority if Republicans had not thrown off on him.” Governor Bennett received 89 votes in Idaho precinct, and Mr. I.H. Bowman, one of the Judges of election, informed me to-day that there were only eight straight Democratic tickets voted with Governor Bennett’s name on. A few Republicans did not vote for Governor Bennett. Two years ago Mr. Hailey received 565 votes, and Mr. Huston 386 in this county. Hailey’s majority, 179. This year Fenn received 518 votes, and Bennett 362. Fenn’s majority 156 – about 30 votes less this election than two years ago. But few Democrats voted for Bennett; they had promised to, but the party lash and the threat of defeat to their county ticket brought them to time. Governor Bennett received as near all the Republican votes of Boise County as any Republican candidate ever did heretofore. You have been misinformed, and the mistake has probably occurred from the fact that there were 72 straight Democratic tickets voted at Idaho City with Mr. Fenn’s name on. I hope you will make statement of these facts as I am sure you would not do us injustice. Yours, &c., Jonas W. Brown, Ch’n Rep. Central Com., Boise Co.

JUST AS WE SAID. The Avalanche lets the cat out, and it is one of huge proportions. “Out of 96 votes received by Bennett in Idaho City precinct, 72,” it says, “of them were straight Democratic, and he got Democratic votes enough in Boise County to have given him 250 majority if Republicans had not thrown off on him.” We asserted here publicly during the whole campaign that the so-called Democratic leaders – we deny that one of them is a Democrat – one and all, except Stevenson and Cannady, were privately electioneering for Bennett. *Idaho World, Nov. 14.*

When the Avalanche stated that out of 96 votes received by Governor Bennett in Idaho City precinct, 72 were straight Democratic, &c., it was upon what we considered good and reliable authority – and we do not think that such a state of facts is any disgrace to our Democratic friends in Boise County, either. But we certainly do blame the Republicans of that county for not voting for Bennett in place of Fenn. We are pleased to know that a large number of Democrats had the wisdom to discern that T.W. Bennett would be a vastly superior representative of the interests of our Territory at the National Capital, than would Mr. Fenn.

Since the above was in type, we have received a letter from Jonas W. Brown, Esq., which we publish in this evening’s Avalanche, in order that our readers may have both sides of the story and judge for themselves.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Farming dreams

In the land of Nod a movement sprung up to build houses without the use of power tools. The advocates of organic construction (OC) supported the movement because it prohibited the recovery and use of the carbon coal and oil.

To be OC any lumber used must be hand-hewn, saws must be manually operated. Mule power is approved. Machine-made tools must be made by a blacksmith and made from stones, dug and formed by hand.

Electricity must be generated by wind power or water wheel. Those who live in the OC Stone Age houses glory in their contribution toward low environmental impact. They expect the government to give them tax breaks (think Al Gore) and to subsidize the craftsmen who do the grueling everlasting sawing, shimming, pounding and digging to build their houses under OC rules.

Well, we don't live in a land of Nod. There is no movement to build houses like the Native Americans before Columbus arrived. But that thought occurred to me when I read a newspaper article titled, "Don't let your children grow up to be farmers." It was written by a Connecticut man who, according to his story, was inspired by what is being called today, "The Food Movement." He threw himself joyously into the cause!

The government and many private entities have established foundation grants or donors to support "small farming." He was given financial help to encourage his venture. As he cleared his small acreage and learned first-hand the effort it takes to farm, he avoided anything with the word "chemical" in it. No fertilizer unless it was from an organic source; no antibiotics, medicine, anesthetic or parasiticide to care for his sick animals, no insecticides, GMOs, no herbicides for his crops. He didn't even use rat poison.

There was a market for his expensive products: specialty grocery stores, "green" restaurants, and farmers markets. But over the years he was never able to cover the cost of his specialty products.

From the beginning, it was necessary for him to support himself with a side job. Oddly enough he had competition from "hobby farmers." They were often retired hedge fund managers or tax lawyers who could claim their two acres as agricultural and lower their property taxes. He also competed with non-profit farms whose purpose was for social, penal or therapeutic benefit. Customers always complained about the price. Ten years down the road, he is broke and bitter.

But his solution to his failure is for the government to take money from farmers who make it and use it to pay organic small farmers a decent wage with insurance benefits, and protect their market from real farmers. He, somehow, doesn't get it. It's sad. Farming is real life, ask the Amish. It's not someone's dream of a "Camelot Food Movement." And as to his solution, it didn't work in Russia or China or North Korea, and I don't think it will work in Connecticut.

— Baxter Black will make an appearance at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call (208) 732-6401 for more information. Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, "Poems Worth Saving," other books and DVDs.

Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau



Voice of Idaho ag Unnecessary GMO labeling measures lose amid confusion

Ballot measures requiring labeling of food made with genetically modified ingredients recently failed in Colorado and Oregon. California and Washington voters rejected similar measures in recent years, and now nearly half of all states have considered labeling requirements.

Only one state, Vermont, has passed a law requiring GMO labeling. It's facing a legal challenge there and is not slated to take effect until 2016.

In Oregon, one of the nation's most liberal states, the measure lost by a narrow margin. Many pundits thought a labeling bill had a good chance of passing there. In Colorado, the measure was defeated by a 2-to-1 margin. Millions of dollars have been spent both advocating for GMO labeling and defending the status quo. So what is the takeaway message from this effort to implement state labeling laws?

In our opinion, this trend of turning GMO ballot measures down can be linked, in part, to the fact that it's confusing to voters. However, for others who take the time to educate themselves about this complex issue, they learn that the advocates are trying to solve a problem that does not exist. Let's look at biotech sugarbeets as an example. The crop is engineered to resist applications of herbicide

or weed-killer. After sugarbeets are processed, which is a method of grinding them up and cooking them down into a syrup and then refining that syrup into sugar, there is no trace of any genetic modification of the plant left. The same is true with all of the other genetically modified crops that are processed into food products also to include meat and dairy products.

When livestock are brought into the equation, the ability to label products becomes slightly more complex. Some state ballot measures would have required labeling of products that come from livestock that consumed genetically modified feed. Others would not. This is where the complexity of labeling food gains momentum and turns voters off. Livestock producers have been feeding cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens genetically modified corn and soybean meal for over 20 years now. Genetically modified feed makes up a significant percentage of the feed produced in the United States. Science can't tell the difference between meat, milk, cheese and other products that came from cows that ate genetically modified feed and products

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Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington Veterans' input illuminates areas in VA that need attention

Thank you to the more than 1,000 of Idaho's veterans who have taken the time to share their experiences with veterans' services through a survey I recently conducted. As I look carefully at this valuable input and share the results, I am struck by the volume of survey respondents who are seeking assistance with specific U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-related cases. This increase in VA-related casework speaks to the need to continue to work to ensure that veterans programs are best meeting the needs of Idaho veterans.

At times, I am contacted by Idahoans who find themselves in need of help with a personal issue that involves contacting a federal agency. I contact the agency on their behalf to assure that they have been given every consideration available by law. Nineteen percent of the survey participants have asked for further assistance with personal VA-related issues. During August through October, the two months the survey was open and immediately following, 44 percent of incoming cases pertained to the VA. Overall, open cases have increased 117 percent from this time last year, and VA cases alone have increased by 519 percent within the same time period.

Nearly half of the veterans' casework opened during the survey relates to service-connected disability claims. Twelve percent of respondents seek assistance with appointment scheduling, including rescheduling surgeries that have been postponed. Ten percent have issues regarding the quality of care received through the VA. Four percent of respondents seek assistance in each of the following areas: requests for reimbursement for non-VA treatment; survivor benefits and dependency claims; and VA medical care access issues, such as the enrollment process. Three percent of respondents need help with communication frustrations, and another 3 percent are experiencing delayed processing of retroactive pay for benefits. I welcome the opportunity to assist with these and other issues as we work to make any needed improvements to veterans programs.

From the onset of the survey, I have endeavored to help the VA better serve veterans. The broad scope of services the VA provides requires it to be responsive to the ever-changing needs of veterans. The information I received from Idahoans will help inform officials in Washington, D.C., on the way the VA works and where it can improve. Those who use the programs best understand the inner workings of VA programs, and veterans' experiences will help VA officials take note of the changes necessary to meet the challenge of delivering service in the 21st century.

The extent of those seeking assistance with personal casework demonstrates areas of needed improvement. In the weeks ahead, I will be sharing more about the results of the survey and the changes needed to address concerns and better meet the needs of our nation's veterans. We must continue to shape veterans policy into a system that provides the best assistance for those who have met our nation's call of duty.

If you find yourself in need of assistance with a specific agency, please contact the staff in one of my regional offices to discuss your situation, after which I will contact the agency on your behalf. While I cannot direct a certain outcome, I can help communicate the circumstances and request that the agency take appropriate actions to assist you. Additionally, because of jurisdictional constraints, I can only assist with federal agencies. If your concern is with a state or local entity, you may wish to contact the appropriate jurisdiction for these issues. More information regarding assistance, including contact information, the required privacy release form and frequently asked questions, can be accessed through my website at www.crapo.senate.gov.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Commentary

Financial management

Let life happen a little before jumping into a mortgage

Dear Dave,

I'm 19, and I have a job making \$30,000 a year. I've also got about \$40,000 in stocks and \$10,000 in savings. I want to buy a house in the near future. Should I pay cash and buy it outright, or is a 15-year mortgage OK?

— Sam

Dear Sam,

I love the idea of paying cash for a house, but I'm even more impressed that you've got so much you could put toward a house and a job making \$30,000 a year at age 19. Man, you're really kicking it!

But the thing that keeps sticking in my mind is that you're still just 19 years old. Now, there's nothing wrong with being 19, but there's also nothing wrong with waiting a few years and getting a little more life experience under your belt before you take on a mortgage.

At times like this, I think about what I'd tell my own son at your

age. And honestly, I think I'd advise him to wait and let life happen for a while. You've done some amazing things, but I think the best thing would be to keep piling up cash. Then, take a look and see how you feel and what your life is like in four or five years.

You've got lots of time and a huge head start already. When the time is right, either pay cash or do a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. And if you take out a mortgage, make sure the monthly payments are no more than 25 percent of your take-home pay.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We've got our starter emergency fund in place, and we've paid off the last of our debt. Currently, we rent an apartment, but my wife really wants us to buy a house now. She also wants us to use a 30-year, 100 percent financing plan, and says this wouldn't cost any



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more than we're paying in rent. I disagree with her idea, and she's upset with me. How can I make her see this is a bad plan?

— Alan

Dear Alan,

I think she probably knows deep down this isn't a good plan. She's found something she really likes, and she's mad because

you're not going along with the idea. It's called "house fever."

When you buy a home with nothing down and little to no money in the bank, you're inviting Murphy and his cousins — Broke, Desperate and Stupid — to move in with you. In other words, you'll find yourselves in a mess because you didn't have the maturity and wisdom to wait until you had your fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place, plus a 20 percent down payment saved up for a house.

The idea that you save money because your house payment is the same, or even a little less than your rent, is a myth. It costs more to own a home, period. As a homeowner, you're exposed to all kinds of things you never have to worry about as a renter.

We all have times when we get excited by something we want and do things we shouldn't. I've done it, and I'll bet you have, too. But in situations like this,

you've got to sit down and talk things out. I'm not sure how to get your wife to realize this or act more mature, but I do know that people who charge into things of this magnitude without thinking are the very ones who end up in my office for financial counseling or filing bankruptcy!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. Dave's next book, The Legacy Journey, is now available. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 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

Reid's destruction of Senate rules could be permanent

by Robert Romano

Twenty-four new federal judges by Christmas? That's what outgoing Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) wants in the lame-duck session of Congress.

Faced with an incoming Republican majority, President Barack Obama and Harry Reid want to stack the judiciary in yet another egregious power grab. Reid also wants to get a budget done, get a deal on tax extenders, and another 26 or so executive branch nominees.

Adding insult to injury, these appointments will once again be made in violation of Senate rules, which state it takes 60 votes to close debate on any matter. These nominations will be confirmed with simple majorities — even though Senate rules were never technically modified, which would have taken a two-thirds vote.

As a result, Republicans will be unable to block them.

But Reid won't be in the majority anymore, so what does he care?

Chalk it up to one more reason why the congressional session should begin immediately following an election.

After all, why should members of Congress, many of whom lost reelection or are retiring, get to make decisions without being accountable to the people they purport to

represent?

Reid's court-packing scheme also poses a dilemma for Senate Republicans in the upcoming session. Namely, should they go back to the old rules — the ones that are still on the books — requiring 60 votes to close off debate.

In a joint letter from 26 free market and limited government leaders, including Americans for Limited Government President Nathan Mehrens, the answer is no.

"The inevitable net result of reviving the judicial filibuster... would be a regime under which nominees submitted by a Republican president would be subject to a 60-vote threshold, whereas a Democrat president's nominees would be subject to a 50-vote threshold," the leaders wrote.

Which is a fair point. As abominable as Reid's actions against Senate rules were, what sort of standard would we have where one party is required to meet a 60-vote threshold for nominees but not the other?

In fact, should Republicans choose to go back to the old 60-vote threshold, they would be rewarding Democrats' lawlessness which has changed the face of the influential D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

There is also the constitutional argument made, such as

by national radio talk show host and author Mark Levin writing in 2005, that the Senate has no power to make a rule that thwarts its own constitution prerogatives: "It is affirmatively denying the full Senate the opportunity to exercise an enumerated power — its advice-and-consent function. If the majority party in the Senate does not wish to exercise that power, it's not compelled to do so. But if it does wish to exercise that power, which is the present case, then the majority can change the rule by which the minority is thwarting the majority, i.e., the filibuster rule."

All that aside, should Republicans go forward with the new "rule" established by Reid, it creates an uncertain standard for which other standing rules of the Senate might be overturned by a simple majority.

Which is to say, there are almost no rules at all.

But that was always the danger when Reid chose to proceed with the nuclear option, which had been rejected by prior Republican leaders.

Apparently, once the trust that the rules will be followed by both parties is shattered, it is naive and foolish to think the pieces can be put back together.

— Robert Romano is the senior editor of *Americans for Limited Government*.

✓ GMO: 20 years later, still no evidence of ill effects from GMO products

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that came from livestock that didn't. And if genetically modified feed caused health problems in livestock, as some labeling advocates allege, it would surely have surfaced by now — it has been more than 20 years after all.

One of the problems with individual states adopting labeling legislation is that the country would wind up with a patchwork of different laws. This would put a lot of strain on companies that package, transport and distribute our food, which would add cost for consumers.

There are several other problems that arise from labeling food that has no discernable difference from other food. However, for consumers who want to avoid food products that contain GMO ingredients, here are a few simple rules:

- Shop around the outside aisles in the grocery store and avoid processed foods.
- Livestock feed and ethanol make up the bulk of the end products derived from genetically modified crops in this country.
- There are very few genetically modified fruits and

vegetables available at the present time. Get to know local farmers by shopping at farmers markets, ask them questions about their production methods and buy meat and dairy products locally.

Take an active role in understanding where your food comes from and how it's produced and you'll soon realize that more government intervention in our lives is rarely if ever a good thing to advocate.

— Franklin County farmer Frank Priestley has been Idaho Farm Bureau president since 1997.

We welcome letters to the editor.
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Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY
2015 AGGREGATE
CRUSHING PROJECT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS**

Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County—2015 Aggregate Crushing Project will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on December 4, 2014, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project involves crushing approximately 27,000 tons of 3/4-in (-) Crushed Aggregate in Stockpile, Type 1a and 9,000 tons of Class 3 Cover Coat Material, at the BLM Cove Rec pit, located on Anderson Loop Road and 12,000 tons of 3/4-in(-) Crushed Aggregate in Stockpile, Type 1a, 20,000 tons of 3/4-in(-) Crushed Aggregate in Stockpile, Type 1 and 10,000 tons of Class 3 Cover Coat Material, at the Tyson pit, located on Tyson Road. It is the intent of these documents to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete product shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650

PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

November 10, 2014
Joe Merrick, Chairman
11/19,26/14

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Council and Mayor of the City of Homedale on the 20th of November, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is:
Amending Fee Resolution to: Irrigation rates increase 15% (75.72 to 87.08)
Bartender Permits increase from \$10.00 to \$25.00
Chicken Registration fee increase 100% (\$0 to \$10.00)
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/
Treasurer, City of Homedale 208-337-4641
11/12,19/14

**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR
ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY AND
APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
CASE NO. CV2014-0352
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

In the Matter of the Estate of: HELEN D. SULLENS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development has filed herein a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative, a copy of which is on file with the above entitled Court in the above captioned estate pursuant to the statutes of the State of Idaho applicable thereto.

A hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 15th day of December, 2014 at 11:00 o’clock a.m., at the courtroom of the above entitled Court in Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2014.

FOUSER LAW OFFICES, P.A. /s/Scott E. Fouser, Attorney for Petitioner, PO Box 606, Caldwell, ID 83606. Phone 208-454-2264 Fax 208-454-0136
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV 2014-0373
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ST. CLAIR, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 13th day of November, 2014.

Rodney D. St. Clair, c/o Ahrens DeAngeli Law Group LLP, P.O. Box 9500, Boise, Idaho 83707-9500 Phone (208) 639-7799, Attorneys for Personal Representative
11/19,26;12/3/14

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

On Monday, March 9, 2015 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381

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:

Parcel I: A part of Government Lot 4, Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 4, Section 11, T2N, R4W, B.M.; thence South 89°50’ East 1415.50 feet (formerly 1414.38 feet), along the South line of said Government Lot 4 to a brass monument of the meander corner between Sections 11 and 14; thence North 0°10’ East 75.67 feet; thence North 23°38’ East 254.86 feet; thence North 89°50’ West 46.2 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continue North 89°50’ West 255.40 feet parallel to the said South line to the centerline of a public road; thence North 4°35 East 119.41 feet, along the said centerline; thence South 89° 50’ East 246.20 feet parallel to the said South line; thence South 0°10 West 119.06 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

Parcel 2: A part of Government Lot 4, Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 4, Section 11, T2N, R4W, B.M.; thence South 89°50’ East 1415.50 feet (formerly 1414.38 feet), along the South line of said Government Lot 4 to a brass monument of the meander corner between Sections 11 and 14; thence North 0°10’ East 75.67 feet, thence North 23°38’ East 254.86 feet; thence North 89°50’ West 46.2 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence South 89°50’ East 30 feet parallel to the said South line; thence North 0°10’ East 119.06 feet; thence North 89°50’ West 30 feet parallel to the South line; thence South 0°10’ West 119.06 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

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: 6956 Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing, ID 83639, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances

ANNUAL STREET & ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF GRAND VIEW CITY OF GRAND VIEW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	
Beginning Balance as of October 1st, 2013:	\$0.00
Receipts:	
Local Funding Sources:	
Interest Income	\$19.24
All Other Local Receipts - Idaho Power Franchise	\$8,139.65
State Funding Sources:	
Highway User Revenue	\$14,756.00
Local Rural Highway Investment Program grant	\$100,000.00
Federal Funding Sources	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$122,914.89
Disbursements:	
New Construction	\$0.00
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$0.00
Routine Maintenance	\$105,817.64
Equipment	\$886.55
Administration	\$15,923.40
All Other Expenditures	\$3,705.30
Total Disbursements	\$126,332.89
Receipts Over Disbursements	-\$3,417.93
Closing Balance	-\$3,417.93
Funds retained for specific future projects	\$0.00
Ending Balance	-\$3,417.93
Tammy Payne, City Clerk/Treasurer City of Grand View 11/22/2013	

to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Kyle Hartley a single man , as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of CMG Mortgage, Inc. as Successor Beneficiary, recorded August 5, 2013 as Instrument No. 281633, 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 \$101,035.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.7500% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated August 1, 2013. Principal and interest payments are in default for the months of April 2014 through and including October 2014 in the amount of \$467.91 per month and continuing each and every

month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of October 15, 2014 is \$100,091.78 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 3.7500% 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 \$100,091.78, 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 5, 2014
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer,
Phone: 208-947-1553, File No.: 246437 / 556742 Case: 60012-00207-NJ-ID

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE IDAHO

Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 20, 2014 File No.: 7777.00480 Sale date and time (local time): February 19, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 405 Live Oak Avenue Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Taffeta Enrico, a married woman, as her sole and separate property Original trustee: Susan J. Robinson, Idaho Attorney Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. Recording date: 03/01/2006 Recorder’s instrument number: 255388 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 20, 2014: \$54,773.48 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 5 of Block 3 of Hidden Hollow Subdivision, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, 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 or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.00480) 1002.274243-File No. 11/5,12,19,26/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: October 9, 2014 File No.: 7303.25825 Sale date and time (local time): February 9, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 204 Motzko St Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Louis A Clausen and Sue A Clausen, husband and wife Original trustee: Alliance Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation Recording date: 01/16/2007 Recorder’s instrument number: 259486 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of October 9, 2014: \$81,286.19 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 1 in Block 6 of Volkmer-Motzko’s First Addition to the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, filed November 19, 1945, as Instrument No. 70765 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 or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7303.25825) 1002.273742-File No. 10/29;11/5,12,19/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Monday, March 9, 2015 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 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: Lot 1 in Block 3 of Hidden Hollow Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof filed April 23, 1974 as Instrument No. 139816 in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

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: 400 2nd Avenue West, Marsing, ID 83639, 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 Jesus A. Loera an unmarried man , as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Christiana Trust, a Division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee for Normandy Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2013-16 as Successor Beneficiary, recorded June 4, 2007 as Instrument No. 261205, 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 \$100,924.38 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8.94815% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated May 22, 2007. Principal and interest payments are in default for the months of March 2013 through and including September 2014 in the amount of \$793.37 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of September 24, 2014 is \$93,136.84 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 8.94815% 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 \$93,136.84, 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 6, 2014 Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer, Phone: 208-947-1553, File No.: 205654 / Case: 60341-00048-NJ-ID

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. 11/12,19,26;12/3/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK 1 OF WHITE HORSE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 2005 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 253380, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor 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 Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 15729 Palomino Ln., Murphy, Idaho, 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 L. JEAN

SHURTLEFF and JANIE SHURTLEFF, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A UTAH CORPORATION, recorded October 14, 2008, as Instrument No. 266498, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on October 15, 2008, as Instrument No. 266506, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS 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 (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated October 9, 2008, in the amount of \$1,132.00 each, for the months of May through September, 2014, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.08% per annum from April 1, 2014. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$141,469.77, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.08% per annum from April 1, 2014.

DATED This 14th day of October, 2014

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 10/29;11/5,12,19/14

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION Case No. 14-0353 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

PENNY MAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. CAROLINE M. HALL (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of CAROLINE M. HALL; RONALD D. HALL (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of RONALD D. HALL; THE STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; and Does 1-10 as individuals with an interest in the property legally described as:

Lot 10, Block 3, of the 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 of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Which may commonly be known as: 634 West California Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628 Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE FOLLOWING BELOW.

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A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
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3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff’s attorney, as designated above.

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Owyhee solar sales contract before PUC

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking comments on a proposed power sales agreement between Idaho Power and the developers of an Owyhee County solar project.

The 20-megawatt Murphy Flat Power LLC development is one of 11 projects with proposed power sales agreements under the PUC's

consideration.

Comments will be taken through Dec. 19.

All 11 projects are scheduled to be online in December 2016. Six projects are proposed for Elmore County, three for Power County and one in Ada County.

The proposed sales agreement between Idaho Power and Murphy

Flat Power LLC could generate \$68 million over its 20-year duration.

Boston-based First Wind owns the Murphy Flat Power LLC project.

Comments are accepted via email through Dec. 19 by accessing the commission's website, www.puc.idaho.gov, and clicking on "Case Comment Form," under the "Electric" heading.

The Murphy Flat Power LLC case number is IPC-E-14-32.

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Marie Kershner becomes JV mayor

Election of new council members confirmed

Marie Kershner has become mayor of Jordan Valley, so the city council is now looking for someone to succeed her on the board.

Kershner, who as council president had been acting mayor since Jake Roe's resignation, agreed to assume the chief executive job for the remainder of the current term, which ends in 2016.

In addition to Kershner's mayoral appointment, the Jordan Valley City Council reviewed election results during its Nov. 11 meeting.

Michael White and Sheila Quintero were confirmed as council members-elect. Kershner will be sworn in at the Dec. 9 council meeting, while White and Quintero will take the oath of office during the Jan. 12 meeting.

White and Quintero will succeed Mel Wainman and Ellen Reed, whose terms are expiring. Neither of the incumbents were interested in seeking another term on the council.

Current councilperson Mary Aguila won another term in the Nov. 4 election. Other council

members include Frank Beckwith and Elias Cline.

In other business last week, the council learned that T-O Engineering has submitted a grant application to fund a preliminary engineering report for possible renovation of the city's water tank. The tank will require relining in a few years, according to a recent report.

The council entered into an agreement Kinross DeLamar Mine to use the company's vacuum truck in exchange for use of the city's sewer lagoon for disposal of septic tank waste from the mine site. The city will use the vacuum truck to keep the storm drains clear, city recorder Anne Stephens said.

Stephens said the agreement will save the city several hundreds dollars each year because a contractor won't have to be hired to clear the storm drains.

Wainman discussed the future of the old Telleria's Market, which was damaged last year when a truck and horse trailer slammed into the building. The store hasn't been open since the accident. City leaders may look into the possibility of condemning the building.

The Jordan Valley City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall.

Saturday bazaars slated for Adrian, JV

Two Oregon communities will host holiday bazaars Saturday.

A biscuits and gravy feed and bread sale will be held during the Adrian bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the Adrian schools cafeteria, 305 Owyhee St.

Crafts, jewelry, baked goods, candles, Pampered Chef items and more will be sold.

For more information, call Stephanie Allison, Aimee Esplin or Julie Morton at Adrian High School, (541) 372-2335.

The Jordan Valley Community Christmas Bazaar will be held

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., in Jordan Valley.

Sale items will include quilts, Christmas décor, wreaths, garlands, western items, wood crafts, gift boxes, crocheted items, bird baths, baked goods and candy.

A variety of home-cooked items, including clam chowder, sloppy joes, French dip sandwiches, cinnamon rolls and more, will be available at the concession stand.

Call Lauretta Wroten at (541) 586-2840 for more information.

Jordan Valley, Arock Harvest Share returns

Officials say that the local produce is becoming limited, but the Oregon Food Bank-Southeast Oregon Services Rural Harvest Share program will its November visits to Arock, Ore., and Jordan Valley on Thursday.

The Harvest Share, which features free fruits, vegetables and sometimes bakery products, is open to anyone.

Volunteers will distribute food at W.W. Jones Elementary School, 3513 Arock Road in Arock, at 10:45 a.m.

The Harvest Share stop at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (a k a U.S. Highway 95), begins at 12:30 p.m.

The OFB-SOS staff will man the Jordan Valley Community Mobile Food Pantry from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

While Harvest Share is open to everyone, the food pantry does have income requirements and is open only to Oregon residents.

For more information, call OFB-SOS in Ontario, Ore., at (541) 889-9206.