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Can you drive 35?

Above: Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge talks with a motorist after clocking him over the speed limit in the 35 mph portion of U.S. 95 south of the Snake River Bridge. **Below:** McFetridge talks about the area of U.S. 95 where the speed limit will be lowered.

Homedale council drops U.S. 95 speed

Limit lowered to 35 mph within city boundaries; signs up soon

Motorists traveling U.S. Highway 95 through Homedale will have to slow down soon.

The City Council on Wednesday voted unanimously to lower to 35 mph the road's speed limit within the city limits.

Mayor Harold Wilson told The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday that the Idaho Transportation Department could put up new signs as early as this week.

The speed limit will be 35 mph in both directions from the Snake River Bridge to just past the

highway's intersection with Main Street on the south end of town.

The speed limit near Main Street is now 45 mph, but the Homedale Fire District board of commissioners had pushed for a change in the posted speed because of a rash of accidents at the intersection of Industrial and U.S. 95.

"Our concern is mainly safety," Fire commission chair Ric Uria said Wednesday. "Most all of our

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Former sergeants will run for sheriff

Grant, Turner announce they'll enter May's GOP primary

Two men have announced their plans to run for Owyhee County sheriff in May.

Current deputy Perry Grant and former deputy Russ Turner confirmed Wednesday that they will seek the office currently held by Daryl Crandall.

The official filing period for the May 2012 primary election season won't open until next spring. Both men said they will seek the Republican nomination.

The 36-year-old Grant, a former OCSO sergeant, still serves as a deputy. He lives in Homedale.

"It's been a lifelong goal of mine," Grant said of becoming sheriff, adding that he voiced that goal soon after being hired as a detention deputy for the county jail in 2001.

Grant announced his intentions



Perry Grant



Russ Turner

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Ricardo Mercado

Homedale man gets 15½ years in federal pen

Another local faces sentencing in same drug case

A 24-year-old Homedale man with an extensive criminal history has been sentenced to federal prison for drug

trafficking.

Ricardo Mercado was one of three people sentenced last week for their roles in importing hundreds of grams of methamphetamine from Nevada to Idaho, according to a press release from Assistant United States Attorney Christian S. Nafzger.

Mercado is one of at least two

Homedale residents involved in the drug ring.

Senior Judge A. Wallace Tashima sentenced Mercado to 15½ years in federal prison during a hearing in U.S. District Court in Boise. After his release from prison, Mercado faces five

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Homedale Fire bids adieu to two

Fireman Parrill, commissioner Hyer retire after three decades each

Homedale Fire and Ambulance volunteers saluted two retiring colleagues during Saturday's annual family barbecue.

Fire District Board of Commissioners stalwart Wendell Hyer and former chief Dan Parrill are stepping down after serving three decades each in their respective positions.

"I've gone through five different commissioners during that time," the 85-year-old Hyer said. "(They've been) a bunch of great boys. Dedicated to the city, I'll tell you that, to our community."

"And that's the same for our ambulance crew."

According to fire district records, Hyer joined the board in June 1978. He contends that he came to the board at the behest of friend and retiring commissioner Jim Murray around 1970 when the city ambulance was a white hearse.

"I don't regret a minute of it," the 2007 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade grand marshal said.

Current fire chief Scott Salutregui said Parrill has been putting out fires for 30 years.

"They're just a couple of good ol' boys," Salutregui said of the two retirees. "They're just trying to help our community as much as they can."

"I think we've got a great bunch of folks all around, and I'm just very thankful of the people who are involved."

The thanks extend to the families of those who serve, Salutregui said, and that was a reason for Saturday's shindig, too.

"You are taking a family member away from part of their life — a kid's birthday, Christmas, Thanksgiving," Salutregui said.

"It is a hardship on the family, too, and (the barbecue) is a way to tell them we appreciate what they're going through."

The Parrill family has been front and center with the sacrifices of dinners and gatherings. Parrill's wife of 30 years, Sherry, has been an Emergency Medical Technician for Homedale Ambulance and now serves as a driver.

While Sherry continues to drive, Dan said it's time to enjoy his grandchildren. He has a grandson who is a senior at Capital High School in Boise competing in football and track and field.

"When I started out, I wasn't married or anything yet," Dan

Parrill said. "I was coaching youth basketball and baseball and decided I wanted to do something to help the community."

Parrill was brought on to the fire department by Bryce Peterson. Now he wants to give the younger generation a chance to contribute.

"The main reason is to let a younger person get on there and give them a chance to enjoy what I've done for 30 years," he said.

Parrill also tipped his fire helmet to commissioners such as Hyer, who he said have worked hard to give the volunteers state-of-the-art equipment. When he started with the department, two of the vehicles were a generation older or older, and firefighters were responding to calls in worn-out turnouts.

Parrill also had one thing to say about his fellow volunteers.

"It's been 30 years, and they've gone fast and I've enjoyed every one of them," he said. "As far as paid or volunteer firemen or ambulance people go, they're a great bunch to work with."

"My hat's off to everyone of them — I don't care if it's Caldwell, Marsing, Homedale or whatever. I thank them for what they do because people don't realize it, but they get up at 2:30 in the morning to help a lost kid or someone's horse that's stuck."

In addition to honoring Hyer and Parrill, fire and ambulance crewmembers and their families paid tribute to honorary firefighters such as Mark Stimmel, Floyd Breach, Fonce Salutregui (Scott's father) and Kenne Metzger. Honorary firemen have been with the department at least 20 years.

"Those gentlemen have been a part of the fire district for at least half of its existence," Scott Salutregui said.

The Homedale Fire Department is celebrating its 91st anniversary this year. Stimmel has been on the department for 48 years, followed by Breach (45), Fonce Salutregui (43) and Metzger (41).

"You've got a lot of history," the younger Salutregui said. He's been on the department for 20 years, joining when he was 21 years old.

Through the entire time that Parrill and Salutregui have served side-by-side, Hyer has been helping keep the budget as part of the fire commission. He serves now with chair Ric Uria and Steve

Zatica.

"Super boys to work with," Hyer said. "They're on top of everything. They do a lot of work people don't realize on the side."

Hyer, who has been married to his wife, Constance, for 65 years, said he's stepping away for health reasons. His term will end Dec. 31, after he turns 86. The Subdistrict 1 commissioner said he never faced opposition in any of his re-election bids. Two men, Mick Woodburn and Chuck Maxwell, have filed to succeed him.

Hyer said there is one big difference between now and when he joined the board.

"There's a lot of money now where we didn't have much to work with before," he said. "We set a good budget and stay within in and work with that."

— JPB



Above: Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui, left, presents a plaque to retiring volunteer firefighter Dan Parrill as their colleagues look on. **Below:** Retiring fire commissioner Wendell Hyer, center, shakes Salutregui's hand as fellow commissioners Ric Uria, far left, and Steve Zatica, wait to present a plaque. Photos by Teresa Ryska



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Insurance will cover HHS repairs

The Homedale School District has learned that its insurance carrier will pay for the repair of the high school gymnasium roof.

School superintendent Tim Rosandick told The Owyhee Avalanche early last week that the district's insurer, CNA, said it would accept the claim. Later, district transportation and maintenance supervisor Tom Muir said that the insurance adjuster had determined that the roof had been damaged by winds. It's unclear when the gym roof was originally compromised.

The main gym, locker rooms and weight room at the high school remain closed because of structural instability caused by bent, cracked and separated joists.

Muir said there still is no idea how much the work will cost.

District officials had said the gymnasium would be closed through the volleyball season. It's unknown if that closure will stretch into the winter sports season, which would displace the Trojans' basketball and wrestling teams.

The high school volleyball teams continue to play their home matches at Homedale Middle School.

Marsing to discuss law enforcement options at next council meeting

City joins Treasure Valley Partnership

With his city's law enforcement agreement with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office set to expire at the end of the month, Marsing Mayor Keith Green has asked the city council to think about possible options.

Green asked the council to bring ideas to the Oct. 12 meeting about law enforcement options that might be available as the agreement between OCSO and the city comes to a close Sept. 30.

"I want all five of us on the same page," he said. "I want the council to tell me what they want."

In June, the council decided to drop the \$76,385 contract after nearly a year of talks with OCSO to work out a lower contract price.

The city has begun the process of turning penalties for ordinance violations into administrative fines to allow the city to issue citations instead of a deputy.

The city's legal counsel, Paul Fitzer, is still working on the letter to be issued to the properties not compliant with city ordinances. Fitzer said there were two avenues of mitigation that should be given to the property owner: administrative fines and abatement.

The city has yet to set the administrative fee price. With the abatement option, if the offender is non-compliant with the requests to clean up the property, the city would hire a contractor and then once the work was completed and the bill has been sent, the city would place a lien on the property.

Fitzer said in other municipalities he has dealt with, he has only had two cases go to court. Most of the properties have been cleaned up and the ordinance violation has been taken care of, he said.

City enters TVP agreement

After a presentation from the executive director of the Treasure Valley Partnership (TVP) and an area mayor, Marsing decided to join the organization geared toward "leveling the playing field" for area municipalities.

Bill Larsen, TVP executive director briefly explained the role of the 14-member organization that was founded in 1997 to serve as a platform for area mayors to discuss issues and work together on breaking up gang- and drug-related activity.

"If this were before my council, I would have to ask, 'What is in it for me?'," Greenleaf Mayor Brad Holton said. "It gives us a chance at leveling the playing field with the bigger cities. It allows us to come together and discuss openly issues we might be facing as a whole, and it gives us a unified stance on issues."

Holton said being a TVP member helped Greenleaf during construction of its new wastewater treatment facility. He said at a recent meeting he was able to discuss Environmental Protection Agency mandates with area mayors and EPA officials in a venue he might not otherwise have had.

Through the TVP, a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) was hired to help prosecute gang-related crimes and relocate the convicts.

The cost to join the TVP is assessed on a per-person basis within the partner cities at 12 cents. Marsing's yearly annual dues based on population will cost \$123 plus another \$75 for the SAUSA program.

—JLZ

Commissioners renew contracts

For the first time in two years, Idaho Power and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office have a new contract for law enforcement at CJ Strike Reservoir.

The Board of County Commissioners last week ratified the fiscal year 2012 contract after a year of working off extensions from the FY 2010 agreement.

Idaho Power will pay the county \$66,860 for enhanced law enforcement on its property at CJ Strike.

Additionally, the public utility will provide a one-time payment of \$36,500 for the purchase of a patrol truck for the county's waterways deputies and a computer for their use.

The contract says that the vehicle and the computer will be used "exclusively" to perform the duties within the agreement. While county deputies will use the patrol truck and computer, ownership will revert back to Idaho Power if the contract is terminated.

At Monday's BOCC meeting, Sgt. Slade Heeb and Idaho Power deputies John Nagel and Rick Wiley asked permission to wait until the state bid was issued sometime next month and then come back to the commissioners with a recommendation on the vehicle purchase.

During Monday's meeting, Heeb said he had not seen the contract, after which County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said she had put a copy in Sheriff Daryl Crandall's box after commissioners signed it on Sept. 12.

Unlike previous contracts, which were re-negotiated each year, terms of the FY 2012 contract are renewable on an annual basis.

Lengthy negotiations between the sheriff's office and Idaho Power delayed the FY 2011 contract and forced the parties to hammer out three extensions of the FY 2010 agreement.

County, Desmond re-up

The BOCC on Sept. 12 signed a new professional services contract with Jim Desmond.

Desmond will make \$57,540 in FY 2012, the same amount he made the previous two years.

Desmond will continue to serve as the county's emergency services coordinator, director of the Natural Resources Committee and county staff coordinator. He also serves as the hearing officer for the county's medical indigency hearings.

As part of his emergency services coordinator job, Desmond manages the county's Homeland Security grants and training.

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Fire election write-in deadline nears

Friday is the final day for prospective write-in candidates to file for the Homedale Fire and Ambulance District board of commissioners.

Two positions will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot, including the seat currently held by retiring Subdistrict 1 commissioner Wen-

dell Hyer and the Subdistrict 3 position held by Steve Zatica.

Two men will seek to succeed Hyer in Subdistrict 1, including Chuck Maxwell and Mick Woodburn.

Zatica will seek re-election in his subdistrict.

Write-in candidacy forms are

available from district board secretary Mike Parker at Bowen Parker CPAs at 19 E. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale.

The petitions can be filed at that office, too.

New subdistrict commissioners will begin four-year terms in January.

Policeman spots hangar fire

Good timing minimized damage to a new hangar at Homedale Municipal Airport.

Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said that Wednesday's fire was caught early because Homedale Police Officer Jeff Jensen was on patrol nearby.

"Luckily, the police department

was doing a security check and spotted it," Salutregui said. "(The damage was) not too bad. It could have been a lot worse if the police weren't there to catch it."

Salutregui said the fire broke out around midnight as a man used a cutting torch on a construction project.

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✓ Sheriff: Two commission spots, PA also on ballot

for next year's primary in a letter to the editor that appears in this week's Commentary section of The Owyhee Avalanche (Page 19).

"This is an honorable position, one that deserves a person that respects and cares for his community," Grant writes.

Grant, who said he decided to run because of the "uncertainty" in the sheriff's office, also entered the 2008 race as an independent but withdrew three before the general election.

Also a former sergeant, Turner left the force last year.

Turner, 57, said he decided to run because he thinks he has a skill set that suits the position well, including his law enforcement background and business experience as a banker, rancher and public service volunteer.

"The bottom line is I enjoy it,"

Turner said. "It works for me. I really enjoy helping people.

"The environment we have in the county, it's law enforcement, but you're helping the citizens of the county."

A Republican, Crandall is in the third year of his first term as sheriff.

Other county offices scheduled for the primary election include the District 1 and District 3 commissionerships, currently held by Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) and Joe Merrick (R-Grand View), respectively and prosecuting attorney currently held by Douglas D. Emery. The District 1 commissioner elected in November 2012 will serve two years, while the District 3 post carries a four-year term.

— JPB

✓ U.S. 95: Fire board's wish fulfilled by unanimous vote

accidents have been right there on the corner. People coming north are going too fast, and you look to the north and then you look to the south and all the sudden they're there."

The limit is actually two different speeds on one stretch of road inside the city limits with southbound traffic going 35 mph and northbound traffic traveling at 45. That discrepancy makes judging distance even more difficult when motorists are turning across traffic in that corridor, officials said.

"I think it's our duty to take care of our people," Dennis Pruett, owner of a tire store on the corridor, said. "And there's been so many accidents and fatalities at that intersection, there's got to be something done, and while we're at it, why not take it to the

city limits?"

The council voted to lower the limit after ITD conducted two traffic studies in the corridor in recent weeks.

The first was a two-hour study conducted with a radar gun, after which the state agency recommended the speed limit stay at 45 mph.

A second study, spanning 24 hours, revealed a stunning pattern on the narrow two-lane road.

Reading test data that he had received only hours earlier, Wilson told the gallery at Wednesday's council meeting that several vehicles traveled 10 to 30 miles over the 45 mph speed limit in the corridor.

"It shows that we need to do something," Wilson said. "We're getting a lot of speeding."

— JPB

County already paying for state's sheriff's office probe

Deputies receiving mileage, salary for time spent in Caldwell for interviews

The attorney general's office investigation into Sheriff Daryl Crandall and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office already has cost taxpayers money.

The Board of County Commissioners have approved mileage compensation and hourly wages for at least eight deputies who have been called to Caldwell for interviews with investigators.

Crandall signed off on the mileage claims, which were then sent to the commissioners for final approval. County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said each of the deputies also received about two hours of salary for their time totaling about \$200 for the group.

The invoices obtained by The Owyhee Avalanche reflect that interviews took place at the Canyon County Sheriff's Office in Caldwell on Aug. 3-5.

Employees who submitted mileage claims included Lucille Allen, Irma Shenk, Lori Collins, Jayne Kingston, James Mackenzie, Karlene Madsen, Irma Noe and Harry Packwood.

No other invoices were included in the county's response to the Avalanche's public records request, and it's unknown if any other OCSO employees submitted investigation-related mileage claims to

Crandall.

The commissioners originally were poised to reject claims from Packwood, Shenk and Allen during their Sept. 6 meeting until research indicated that they had unanimously approved mileage claims for the others in the course of paying bills during an August meeting.

In addition to the wages, the county paid the deputies a total of \$177.39, or 45 cents per mile.

The individual amounts of mileage claimed varied from 87 miles round trip for Shenk on Aug. 5 to 19.6 miles for Packwood on Aug. 3.

Packwood claimed one-way mileage from his Nampa home to the Canyon County Sheriff's Office. It appears Shenk counted her mileage from the sheriff's office in Murphy (about 43 miles from Caldwell) and not from her home in Hammett.

According to the invoices, Crandall requested the money be taken out of his budget line for investigations. As of Aug. 31, \$571.87 had been spent out of the unbudgeted line item on the mileage plus other non-AG-related expenses throughout fiscal year 2011.

Attorney general's office spokesman Bob Cooper wouldn't comment on the progress of the investigation last week. It's the AG office's policy not to talk about investigations until they are completed.

— JPB

✓ Federal: Mercado has district court cases pending in Owyhee, Canyon counties

years of supervised probation. He also has to forfeit \$5,000 in cash proceeds.

Mercado got the stiffest penalty of the three defendants, who were accused of distributing meth to Norteno gang members throughout Canyon County.

Court documents and courtroom admissions show that between Nov. 29, 2010 and Jan. 31, 2011, Mercado conspired with others to distribute 500 grams or more of meth.

Evidence presented at sentencing showed that Mercado sold drugs, stored the meth and collected debts for the drug traffickers. Mercado was found to be in possession of a firearm at the time of his arrest.

Investigators also learned that Mercado kidnapped a customer at gunpoint to ensure payment for past meth sales.

Mercado was sentenced along with co-defendants Ruben Arredondo Mora, 21, of Caldwell and 37-year-old Lorrie Ann Chavez

of Nampa. Two more defendants — Amanda Lynn Smith and Homedale resident Aron Herrera Gonzales — will be sentenced later this year.

"Methamphetamine trafficking, particularly to gang members, is a serious problem that demands a serious response from law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts," U.S. Attorney Wendy Olson said.

"Law enforcement has recently seen an alarming increase in high potency methamphetamine being imported into Idaho from California, Arizona, Nevada and Mexico. These defendants, appropriately, will pay a heavy price for bringing this dangerously addictive drug to Idaho communities. State and federal law enforcement officers throughout Idaho will continue to work together to ensure that drug traffickers and gang members are caught, prosecuted and convicted."

Idaho Third District Court records show that Mercado has cases pending on charges of theft

in Canyon County and possession or use of drug paraphernalia in Owyhee County.

In 2010, Mercado entered a guilty plea in Owyhee County court to one felony count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped another assault charge, and two counts of false imprisonment and one count of battery were not charged in an amended complaint.

For that conviction, Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced Mercado to 90 days in jail and fined him \$837.50. Mercado was credited with 21 days served, and Grober suspended the remainder of the term.

In 2009, Grober sentenced Mercado to 30 days in jail — 14 credited, 16 suspended — and ordered six months probation for a battery charge. Mercado entered a guilty plea to the charge after originally having been accused of sexual battery of a minor child 16 to 17 years old.

— JPB



Yard sale to help uninsured mom with baby’s medical bills

Community assistance is being sought for a Homedale mother whose infant daughter has undergone multiple surgeries in her first weeks of life.

Two area women are organizing a yard sale and benefit drive to help Crystal Sotka and her three children, including 10-week-old Grace. The mother is facing eviction, has no medical insurance and no income.

Grace, who weighs eight pounds, is in Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash., after undergoing three open-heart surgeries as part of an aortic arch reconstruction and treatment for supralvalvular aortic stenosis, peripheral pulmonary stenosis and a heart murmur.

Homedale resident Marilyn Lilly and Caldwell’s Norma Mendoza have set up a US Bank account for donations to help with medical expenses as well as other costs for the family, which includes Crystal and her three children — Grace, 3-year-old



Grace Sotka

Hunter and 6-year-old Jordan. Contributions for the Grace Sotka Donation Account can be made at any US Bank branch. For more information on the account, call Kailee Evans at the Homedale US Bank branch, 337-3185.

The yard sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 3802 Pioneer Park Lane in Homedale.

Donations of items for the yard sale as well as baby items such as bottles, diapers, clothing, bedding, a crib and a stroller are being sought.

For more information on donating, call Grace’s grandmother Paula Frye at 337-5396.

Engagement

George, Russell plan October nuptials



Jesika A. George and Job S. Russell have announced plans to wed on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011.

A private family celebration of their marriage vows will held in the “Garden” in Marsing. A 6 p.m. reception will be held at the United Methodist Church, 824 E. Logan St., in Caldwell.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Timberline High School in Boise. She’s employed as a stylist at J.C. Penney’s in Boise. She is the daughter of Terry and Deeanne George of Boise.

The prospective groom is a 1996 Marsing High School graduate and works for Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Nampa. His parents are Bruce Russell of Marsing and Mary Waite of Homedale.

The couple will reside in Nampa after their honeymoon to the Oregon Coast.

The bridal registry is open at Bed Bath and Beyond and Target stores.

Air Force gunship to spray weeds at Saylor Creek range

An Air Force gunship is scheduled to begin applying herbicide on the Saylor Creek Training Range to combat cheatgrass growth. The range is 12 miles east of Bruneau.

The A C-130 aircraft is being dispatched from the 910th Airlift Wing from Youngstown Air Reserve Base in Ohio to assist the 366th Civil Engineering Squadron to apply Panoramic 2SL herbicide. Approximately 3,200 acres of Air Force land in Owyhee County will be sprayed through Friday.

According to a press release from Mountain Home Air Force Base, the specially equipped C-130 is a large four-engine turbo-prop-powered aircraft and will fly 100 to 150 feet above the ground during the treatments.

The 3,200 acres will be sprayed, weather permitting, between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. throughout the week.

The intent of the spraying is to conserve sagebrush and restore natural vegetation to the Saylor Creek Training Range and limiting the potential fuel for wild land fires.

The 910th has been conducting aerial spraying missions since World War II to control mosquitoes, vegetation and pests of vegetation on Department of Defense installations, the release said.

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Death notice

DONALD ROY HARTSHORN, 83, of Bruneau, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, in a Boise hospital. Services through Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Sept. 21: Chicken salad, potato salad, pickled beets, bread

Sept. 22: Pork chow mien, stir fry vegetable rice

Sept. 27: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread

Sept. 28: Baked fish, potato, beets, bread

Sept. 29: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread

Marsing Senior Center

Sept. 21: Chicken enchiladas, peas & carrots, rice, peaches, apple/raisin crisp

Sept. 22: Stir fry, pork vegetables, orange jello w/pineapple, roll, gingerbread w/raisin

Sept. 26: Breakfast buffet: omelet

Sept. 27: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, carrots, onions, cabbage/raisin slaw, orange juice, beets, roll, prunes, oat crunch

Sept. 28: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic roll, strawberry cream jello

Sept. 29: Baked ham, potatoes, broccoli, carrots, coleslaw, corn bread, apple/prune crunch

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Sept. 21: Chicken patty or rib-b-que sandwich, French fries, fruit, cake

Sept. 22: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit, brownie

Sept. 23: No school.

Sept. 26: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit, pudding

Sept. 27: Nachos or baked potato, fruit, cinnamon breadstick, fruit snack

Homedale Middle

Sept. 21: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit, turnover

Sept. 22: Nachos or baked potato, fruit, veggie bar, rice krispie treat

Sept. 23: No school.

Sept. 26: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, fruit, cookie

Sept. 27: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice, broccoli, fruit, fortune cookie

Homedale High

Sept. 21: Enchilada or pizza hot pocket, mixed veggies, fruit & salad bar

Sept. 22: Malibu chicken, chicken patty or deli sandwich, potato wedges, soup, fruit & salad bar, turnover

Sept. 23: No school.

Sept. 26: Pepperoni pizza or philly steak/cheese hot pocket, chef salad, fruit bar, strawberry shortcake

Sept. 27: Beef nuggets or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar

Bruneau

Sept. 21: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggie, mandarin oranges, chocolate cake, peach

Sept. 22: Chili & crackers, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll, watermelon

Sept. 23: Cheeseburger, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, apple

Sept. 27: Waffles, strawberries, cream egg patty, hash brown, celery

Marsing

Sept. 21: Chicken nuggets, teriyaki chicken cowl, steamed carrots, salad bar, pudding

Sept. 22: Lasagna, roll, corn dog, green beans, salad bar, applesauce

Sept. 23: Pepperoni pizza, salad w/ranch, egg roll, rice, salad bar, fortune cookie

Sept. 26: Beef taco, mixed veggie, grilled chicken sandwich, salad bar, cinnamon twist

Sept. 27: Beef finger steaks, spaghetti, corn, roll, salad bar

COSSA

Sept. 21: Navajo taco, lettuce/tomato, refried beans, corn, pears

Sept. 22: Finger steaks, potato wedges, green beans, corn bread, fruit medley

Sept. 23: Tomato basil soup w/cracker, egg salad, salad, veggies, peaches

Sept. 26: Beef enchilada, refried beans, corn, pears

Sept. 27: Chicken, tomato/lettuce, sun chips, vegetables, grapes

Sept. 28: BBQ pork, pasta salad, vegetables, roll, tropical fruit

Calendar

Today

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

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon
Noon, free, RSVP by Sept. 19, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View

Eastern Owyhee CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Firehouse

Thursday

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Soup and prayer day
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., freewill offering accepted, Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 965-1650

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting
5:30 p.m., weigh-in; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

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

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. morning session, childcare provided for children up to 6, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 697-1509 or mvcmops@yahoo.com.

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

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

Friday

Owyhee Rope & Ride
9 a.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena, Jordan Valley, Ore. (208) 337-4094 or (541) 586-2551

Saturday

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Car show and chili cook-off
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$10 cook-off entry, \$10 car show entry, Two Rivers Park, 1st Street, Adrian. (208) 452-5531, (541) 372-2601, (208) 739-6927 or (208) 739-1965

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

Sunday

Owyhee Rope & Ride
9 a.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena, Jordan Valley, Ore. (208) 337-4094 or (541) 586-2551

Marsing Farmers Market
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Island Park, Marsing. marsingfarmersmarket@yahoo.com

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday, Sept. 28

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

Thursday, Sept. 29

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Monday, Oct. 3

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

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

Lizard Butte Library book club
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday, Oct. 4

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 5

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

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

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

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

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

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Two Rivers Park festival set for Saturday in Adrian

The third annual Two Rivers Park “Classics on the Grass” Car Show and Chili Cook-off will take place between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday in Adrian, Ore.

Car show registration also is \$10 and will be taken the day of the event.

For information on the car show, contact Duke at (208) 452-5531.

Live music, vendors and raffle prizes will fill the park located at First Street in Adrian, adjacent to the town's school complex.

Organizers also will raffle a 17HMR rifle, with ticket sales proceeds helping with park improvements.



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Homedale library’s youth group plans scavenger hunt

The Tween & Teen Program’s “Around the World” theme for September continues Tuesday with a scavenger hunt.

Participants, ages 10 to 17, will compete in a scavenger hunt at the Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The next Tween and Teen outing takes place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Using the knowledge they have gained during the Around the World program, the Tween and Teeners will hunt the library for the answers to a series of questions.

The first person or team to answer all the questions correctly will win a prize.

Snacks will be served, and the participants will create crafts that will go on display at the library.

Donations to help support the program are welcome.

Program coordinator Sara Martin said the first Tween and Teen event of the new school

year, held last week, went well despite a small turnout.

“For the first program after such a long break, the turnout was good,” Martin said. “The three Homedale tweens that came are new to the program.”

Martin expects attendance to pick up, maybe even triple, as youth discover the program is back in session.

For more information or to help out, call Tween and Teen coordinator Sara Martin at the library during the afternoon at 337-4228.

Big bro’s coming to Story Time

Story Time will feature “Watch Out! Big Bro’s Coming!” by Jez Alborough at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the Homedale library.

Along with the story, there will be songs, refreshments and crafts.

Call the library between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily for more information.

OCHS visits 1870s ranch, Charbonneau’s grave

The final stop on the Owyhee County Historical Society’s 2011 field trip schedule took visitors to the historic Anawalt Ranch outside Jordan Valley.

Now owned by Jim and Mindy Kershner, the ranch was established in 1874. The large house on site was occupied continuously until recently.

The Kershners joined Anawalt descendants to give about 60 visitors a detailed history of the ranch during the Sept. 10 OCHS field trip. Among the visitors were

members of the Fillmore and Tuckness families, both of which have Anawalt descendants.

The group ate lunch on the lawn of the ranch house before moving on to the next leg of the trip, which was directed by Tish Lewis.

The tour next went to the gravesite of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, the son of Sacagawea who was born during the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Charbonneau died in 1866, and his final resting place is a historic site in Danner, Ore.

Clinic practitioner set to retire after nearly 16 years providing care in Marsing

For nearly 16 years, patients from Jordan Valley to Council have been visiting the Terry Reilly Health Clinic in Marsing to receive care from Faith Peterson and the skilled staff of caregivers. On Friday, the longtime care provider will transition into retirement.

In mid-July, the Family Nurse Practitioner submitted her request for retirement to TRHS with plans of joining her husband Jack as he retires next month.

“I’ve never thought what I have done is about me. It has always been about the community and patients,” Faith Peterson said. “The community and patients have always been the most important thing. It has been a very hard decision to retire.”

After Faith’s father passed away in July, Jack expressed an interest in having them both retire at the same time so they could travel and visit their four children scattered from coast to coast and overseas.

“When Jack found out he had prostate cancer during a physical preparing him for retirement, it made the decision a little easier to retire,” Peterson said. “I will be able to be there for him now. So many men have prostate cancer and it is a random act of God. This was a random, yet deliberate way for us to realize it was time to retire and spend time with family.”

Throughout the years managing the Marsing Clinic, one of the biggest accomplishments came last year when the community was able to cut the ribbon on the renovated facilities. The \$250,000 remodel allowed the clinic to install X-ray services

and upgrade other areas of the facility that opened in 1980.

Even with the two-year fundraising campaign, Faith said serving the community has always been her biggest accomplishment during her tenure.

“There are people who are here and living because the clinic is there. That has been a real joy,” Peterson said. “I feel privileged to be part of their story of life. I don’t take it for granted. I have had people tell me over the years, ‘I don’t like doctors.’ My response is always ‘Good, I’m a nurse practitioner’ that usually gets a smile and breaks the ice.”

During the nearly 16 years, Peterson said she has loved providing care for all her patients but has found specific joy with the residents from Hope House.

“The children at the Hope House are special. Everyone at the clinic loves them, and they are our special kids,” Peterson said. “It’s a real privilege to work with them and be able to provide them care.

With a variety of patients walking through the doors, Peterson fondly remembers an elderly woman who always put a smile on her face when she came into the clinic.

“She was an old cowgirl in her 90s. I would ask her if she was ready for her appointment, and she would always clap her hands and say ‘Ready to ride’ with a smile on her face,” Peterson said. “Being able to be a part of people’s lives has been amazing. What we do here at Terry Reilly is for the people, and that is why I have loved this career.”

Peterson said she has been

able to provide care to three generations in some families.

“It is always a real privilege when someone trusts you and brings their children to you for care,” Peterson said. “I have worked with three generations. Mothers have come in for care for themselves and have brought their children in, and now some of these kids are having their own kids.

“It has been a happy and sad time. Some of the patients are asking me if they can come to my house if they need care. I tell them, ‘We will always be here, but no they can’t come to my house for care’.”

Faith’s husband Jack said throughout the years, there have been times where the clinic has been a “24/7, 365 practice” and people have driven up the long driveway to their house overlooking the Snake River to seek care.

Although she is hanging up her white coat on Friday as she embarks on caring for Jack and helping him recover from his surgery, Faith plans on staying involved with the community that has brought her much joy throughout the past 16 years.

“As much as we both love what we do, God comes first, then our family and then our careers. We realized after my father passed away, we haven’t seen our grandkids compete in their events and haven’t visited them as much as we would like. And with Jack’s cancer, this will give us more time to spend together,” Peterson said. “We will still be involved in the community and continue to serve when we can.”

—JLZ

MHS Homecoming week begins Monday

Parade, powder puff slated for Wednesday

Marsing High School’s Homecoming week is slated to kick off on Monday with a full week of activities centered on the theme “Board Games”.

The 2A Western Idaho Conference Huskies’ softball team and the FFA Ag Communications team — two sets of state champions — will serve as the grand marshals for the Wednesday afternoon parade through Marsing that begins at 1:45.

Student council members invited the groups to acknowledge their achievements for Marsing and to say “thank you for representing us all so well”.

The week will begin with students and faculty from all grade levels at the high school decorating the hallways in board game themes on Saturday.

Starting Monday, students will participate in dress-up days

running through Friday. Monday is pajamas day, Tuesday will feature students dressing as twins, Wednesday will be Hawaiian day, Thursday is ‘50s day and Friday is school spirit day when students are encouraged to wear Marsing Blue and Gold.

On Tuesday night, the Huskies’ volleyball teams will play host to Melba starting at 5 p.m. for their homecoming game. Thursday night will be senior night as the volleyball team entertains McCall-Donnelly at 5 p.m.

Wednesday will feature the bulk of the Homecoming activities, starting off with the parade at 1:45 p.m. The route will start near Main Street and 1st Avenue West and ends at the high school football field. Also on Wednesday, the boys’ volleyball game begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the powder puff game at 7:30 p.m. There

will also be an all-grades tug-of-war competition following the powder puff game. Wednesday night will wrap up with a bonfire held behind the high school gym.

The Huskies football team will hit the field in the Homecoming football game at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 against Nampa Christian. Homecoming royalty will be crowned prior to the game at 6:30 p.m.

Homecoming queen candidates include: Deidrie Briggs, Becky Carter, Megan Green, Annie Finley and Andrea Rodriguez. Curt Callaway, Pedro Carrillo, Ismael Hinojosa, Jose Quiroz and Bernardo Galvez make up the king candidates.

Princess candidates include: Carey Dines, Ofelia Herrera and Elena Miranda. Juan Garcia, Arnaldo Gonzalez and Dillon Danner make up the prince candidates.

On Oct. 1, a student council-sponsored dance will be held from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the school.

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Homedale math ISAT top scorers rewarded

Another group of Homedale students were rewarded Thursday for their performance on last spring’s Idaho Student Achievement Test for math.

Homedale High School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness presented checks to the students in the school’s courtyard.

The students were lauded for high scores as well as most growth on the statewide test, which was administered to eighth-graders and sophomores.

Four juniors managed perfect scores, including Mike Mavey, Cole Jeppe, Jordan Brady and Reed Maggard.

Juniors Blake Johnson and Randol Vance also received recognition.

Freshmen Tori Nash and Gavin Palumbo were rewarded for their scores on last year’s eighth-grade ISAT.

John Edwards, the son of retired Homedale teacher Beverly Edwards, sponsors the program. The rewards began as a memorial to longtime Homedale teacher Mary Jo Pottenger, who was one of Beverly’s colleagues.



Homedale High School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness, far right, presents checks Thursday in the school’s courtyard to high-achieving ISAT students, including:

Seated, from left: Tori Nash and Gavin Palumbo, freshmen; and juniors Mike Mavey Cole Jeppe and Jordan Brady. Back row, from left: Juniors Reed Maggard (perfect score) and Randol Vance. Not pictured: Blake Johnson, junior

HMS will get national blue ribbon

Delegation heads for D.C. in November to pick up award check

At least two Homedale schools representatives will visit Washington, D.C. this fall to pick up a prestigious award.

The Idaho state Department of Education announced Thursday that Homedale Middle School is one of three institutions in the state to receive a National Blue Ribbon School Award.

“It’s very exciting for our middle school and for our community,” former HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said. “I thought we could do it all along.

“It was a vision of mine when I first started as principal at the middle school. I shared with the administrative team several times that I wanted to be a blue ribbon school. I didn’t know how we were going to get there, but we did.”

Now in her first year as Homedale High School principal, Asumendi-Mereness led HMS through the period of student growth that the award

recognizes.

Only 305 schools nationwide have been honored for the 2010-11 school year.

HMS was nominated during the last school year, but students had to receive good marks on the spring Idaho Student Achievement Test to seal the deal.

The Adequate Yearly Progress rankings the school received cinched a trip to D.C. for at least two district staff members.

The national awards ceremony is scheduled during a Nov. 14-15 gathering in Washington, D.C.

Asumendi-Mereness said she is looking into sending more HMS team members east, but only two people can take part in the program presentation at the ceremony.

“Really, the staff and students are the ones who made this happen,” Asumendi-Mereness said.

HMS has achieved AYP four consecutive years, she said.

The U.S. Department of

Education awards each Blue Ribbon Award school with \$20,000 to further their work.

The state Department of Education reported in a press release that HMS student proficiency has increased by 34 percent in reading and by 30 percent in mathematics.

The middle school attributed its success to the culture of high expectations that has been created, the release said.

Aspects of the middle school’s award-winning program include opportunities such as robotics, pre-engineering, career explorations, honors English, and advanced mathematics.

HMS joins Southside Elementary School in Cocolalla and Ponderosa Elementary in Post Falls as the three Idaho recipients.

The SDE will create a video showcasing each school’s achievements. The video will be shared with other Idaho schools.

“For the community and the school to be recognized this way is an honor,” Asumendi-Mereness said. “It’s very humbling.”

— JPB

Silver City opens its doors



Visitors to the 15th annual Silver City Open House visit the Getchel Drug Store during the two-day event held Saturday and Sunday. Organizers said nearly 600 people attended the event that benefits the winter watchman program and Silver City Fire & Rescue. Photo by Vern Tunnell

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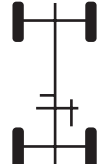
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Alpaca farm grows in Owyhee County

Local family produces high-end alpaca fleece

Five years ago, Diane and Lynn Johnson embarked on a venture raising alpacas. They moved from their subdivision lifestyle in Boise to a home situated on 15 acres outside of Homedale where they now have 11 of the white-fleeced animals.

After watching a commercial on TV, Diane explained the draw to jumping into the alpaca farming business as something to keep her busy as she prepared for retirement from teaching and aid her passion for knitting.

“Lynn always jokes ‘If she’s sitting, she’s knitting.’ This was something we started to just raise and sell the alpacas, but now we are harvesting the fleece to make into yarn,” Diane Johnson said. “We started with two alpacas that we got from a man in Emmett five years ago, and now it has grown to 11.”

When the Johnsons sunk the initial \$30,000 into their alpaca-raising business, Espirt, their first domesticated species of South American Camelid, was pregnant, which began the 345-day gestation period for their next addition.

“We went from one to four within a year. We maintained that for a while and then started growing again,” she said. “The

gestation period is 345 days, but within three weeks of giving birth to the cria (baby alpaca) they can conceive again.

“It is a very curious breed of animal. Knowing that it takes almost a year to have another baby, it can be a lengthy process. It you want to breed up and refine the fleece they produce, it can take a while.”

After five years of refining the pairings of the herd, the Johnsons have found a combination that just a few months ago yielded production of 50 pounds of sheared alpaca fleece. The 50 pounds was then sent in and spun into yarn, which produced nearly 200 hanks of yarn, which they have started to sell on consignment at area knitting stores.

“Once a year you shear the fleece and harvest the production from the alpaca,” she said. “The fleece is softer than cashmere, warmer than wool and it is hypo-allergenic. The items you can make from the alpaca don’t itch, and they are really soft and

comfortable.”

Getting the fleece to the exact “crimp and density” is a science, she said.

“When you look at the fleece on an alpaca, you are looking for the crimp, the waviness of the fleece and how dense it is,” she said. “It is a science getting it to the point where the fleece is just right during the breeding process. It has been quite the undertaking but it has been fun throughout the process.”

During the adventure into alpaca farming, Diane said she employed the skills Lynn had developed being raised on a small family farm.

“Lynn is the ranch foreman,” she laughed. “I’m the CEO. Lynn keeps the pasture grass coming and does a lot to keep me running



Diane Johnson displays the crimp and density of an alpaca’s fleece at Windy Ridge Alpaca Farm outside of Homedale.

National Alpaca Farm Days event

On Saturday and Sunday alpaca breeders across the country will open their doors to their farms and ranches to meet the unique animals.

Diane and Lynn Johnson of Homedale will hold a free open house event from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for people to interact with their nine adult alpaca’s and two cria’s (baby alpaca).

The Johnsons’ farm, Windy Ridge Alpaca Farm, is located off of Gulley Road west of Homedale.

“This gives people an opportunity to get up close and personal with the alpacas,” Diane Johnson said. “We will have spinning and weaving demonstrations using the alpaca’s fleece and an obstacle course.”

The farm will have an obstacle course set up for patrons to lead an alpaca around to get a

feel for handling the animal. Children younger than eight years old will need to have parent supervision, she said.

Throughout the event, there will be items for sale along with spun alpaca yarn. Unique tree hangers containing the unusable hair from the alpacas will also be sold. Johnson said the tree hangers can be used to provide nesting material for birds.

Directions from Homedale:

Travel west on Idaho Highway 19 toward the Oregon border. Turn right on Gulley road, travel one mile north on Gulley Road to Sanctuary Lane. Turn left on Sanctuary Lane and travel to the end of the road. There are three other residences on Sanctuary Lane. Windy Ridge Alpaca Farm is at the end of the road. There will be flags and signs marking the farm.

and focused. Our learning curve has been straight up and steep.”

From their 15-acre ranch overlooking the Snake River, Windy Ridge Alpaca Farm welcomed two more alpacas to

the mix during the summer. Although what started as raising and selling of the animals, Diane said it has been an interesting journey as they “switched gears” to raise the animals for their fleece.

“I’m not really sure how much longer we will be doing this, but it has really been a treat to raise and watch how these

unique animals interact,” she said. “Alpacas are very peculiar and very different from their cousin the llama. The only thing they are raised for is their fleece.”

Originally introduced into the United States during the 1980s, from the Andes in Southern Peru, the alpaca was bred specifically for its fleece to make knitted textiles.

“It is fun. We enjoy interacting with the animals and seeing the different personalities they have,” she said. “Really, just like any venture, it takes hard work and dedication to make it succeed and be profitable. We are making our niche in the market, and people really like working with the fleece that is produced from the alpaca. It can be made into a variety of very nice items.”

—JLZ



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HOMEDALE HOMECOMING 2011



Bonfire rally at Deward Bell Stadium



Homedale High School marching band musicians play as they make their way through Homedale on Friday.



HHS volleyball team members show their school pride during the Homecoming parade.

Homecoming queen Rosie King and king Bodie Hyer drive through town.



HHS students make their way through town on a float during the Homecoming parade on Friday in Homedale.



Above left: Powder puff football action.
Left: The HHS junior class float took first-place in the parade.
Above: An HHS student looks to break a tackle during the powder puff football game.



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faces challenge

Huskies prep for
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Trojans trounce Pilgrims, go to 4-0

Soccer refugee finds a home on potent football squad

Even though his soccer team is no more, Tony Villanueva's right leg is still getting a work out. And, as the new placekicker for the Homedale High School football team, the senior is scoring more points that he probably could have had the Trojans' soccer program continued. In all likelihood, he scored more points in Friday's 69-22 non-conference blowout of New Plymouth than he would have on the soccer pitch all season.

Homedale Football (4-0, 0-0)	
	
Homedale	69
Pilgrims	22

"It's a very exciting game," the senior said. "It's a really, really good game." Villanueva nailed six of his seven point-after attempts Friday night at Deward Bell Stadium. After each successful kick, his teammates in unison would raise one finger and bellow "Gooaaaallll!", in the style of Telemundo soccer play-by-play man Andres Cantor. "They're all my family. This is all a family team, you know?" Villanueva asked after the Homecoming victory. "I love every single one of them — my cousin Bo-Bo (senior fullback Bodie Hyer), all my family." This is the 5-foot-9, 175-pounder's first season of football, but he already knows what good fortune he has stumbled

into as a member of one of Idaho's top-rated 3A teams. "These are great players I see. The best," he said. "There are others, but we're the best." HHS coach Matt Holtry said after the school board disbanded the soccer program, his players sought out Villanueva to fill the void left after nearly-automatic kicker Tanner Lair graduated. "Our football players have good hearts," Holtry said. "They went out and got Tony." Villanueva's journey to wear the No. 7 — fitting because his kick is the seventh point of every touchdown play — got off to a rocky start. He didn't have 10 practices in to participate in the season-opening rout of Melba and he kicked too much in practice after his debut, pulled his quadriceps and missed the home opener again Vale, Ore. But he never lost his drive, and still acts like he's making his first kick whenever he puts one through the uprights. "He had that quad pull from kicking so much, but (his teammates) rallied around him," Holtry said. "And he gets so excited when he kicks. In soccer, there's not that many goals." Joining a team with an offense as potent as Homedale's, Villanueva doesn't have to worry about the



Homedale's Ali Garcia dodges a tackle by a New Plymouth defender during Friday night's Homecoming blowout win over the Pilgrims, 69-22.

lack of scoring opportunities any more. The Trojans (4-0 overall) scored more than 50 points for the third time in four games Friday night, pounding a Pilgrims squad that looked poised to challenge Homedale with its passing attack.

But after New Plymouth took a 14-13 lead on the second Raymond Evans-to-David Maillard scoring pass hookup of the first half, the Trojans would score eight of the game's next nine touchdowns. "It's hard to prepare for a team that throws the ball," Holtry said of New Plymouth. "That's what

they do, and they're good at it. It's tough to get a live look at it in practice." The Pilgrims may have Evans' right arm as a weapon — he finished with 234 yards on 17-of-34 passing — but Homedale countered Friday with the legs — See *Homedale*, page 13

Marsing drops North Star, preps for final three home matches

Huskies host Melba for Homecoming on Tuesday night

With only three home matches left for the Marsing High School volleyball team, the Huskies came up with some good court-time experience during the last week. On Saturday, the Huskies competed in the Cole Valley Invitational where they claimed fourth place behind the Chargers. "We played Cole Valley for third place, and they beat us in two sets," Marsing coach Loma Bittick said. "Anytime you can stay together and play, you learn about each other and get a lot out of those sets. It was definitely a

Marsing Volleyball	
	
Marsing	3
North Star	0

good experience." Throughout the two-set bracket format, sophomore Lily Bowers racked up 31 kills during the eight games in the tournament. **Sept. 13: Marsing def. North Star Charter, 3-0** — Coming out of the starting gate strong, Marsing's Lacey Usabel took the visiting Huskies to 15-0 in the first set with well-placed serves. Usabel landed 13 assists en route to the Huskies' 25-4, 25-16, 25-14 sweep of North Star. Andrea Rodriguez locked up

three kills, three aces and two digs. Bowers knocked down six kills in the win. "We did well. We came out really solid with our game and played really well," Bittick said. "We are really starting to come together. North Star came back and found some holes in our game during the second and third sets." Winding down their home match schedule, on Thursday, Marsing hosts the Chargers with the junior varsity B team starting at 5 p.m. The Huskies will begin the school's Homecoming week on Tuesday when they host Melba at 5 p.m.



Marsing's Lily Bowers drives in a kill over a North Star defender.

Sports

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of quarterback Trey Corta and running back Ali Garcia.

Corta racked up 246 yards on 18 carries and scored on runs of 56, 25 and 11 yards. He also threw a pair of touchdown passes to Brett Shanley.

And the running game was by no means a way to kill the clock.

Garcia had the biggest game of his young varsity career, running untouched through the line of scrimmage of scoring runs of 66 yards during Homedale's 36-point second quarter and 69 yards for the third quarter's only touchdown.

He finished with 188 yards on 12 carries, including a three-yard TD to open the night's

scoring.

"I was just reading my blocks and where I found an open, I'd get through and get up to full speed and just run all the way until I got the touchdown," Garcia said.

The sophomore's burst of speed left Pilgrims' defenders grasping at air, and others gasping at the potential of the Class of 2014, including Garcia, receiver Talon Freelove and 6-1, 190-pound offensive lineman Britt Eubanks.

"A lot of people might get focused on the seniors, but there's a special sophomore class and they've been successful since seventh grade and probably in youth football," Holtry said.

— JPB

Homedale at Payette, 7 p.m. Friday

Football players aren't supposed to be elephants, but coach Matt Holtry wants his Trojans to remember the Pirates Friday night.

Remember that the Pirates pinned 66 points on Homedale two years ago, that is.

The last time the two teams met in Payette, the Pirates closed the 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a 66-0 victory that held the Trojans out of the 3A state playoffs.

"As a football coach and a football player, you have to have a short memory – just play the next down and the next game," Holtry said. "Our job as coaches is to motivate the kids and remind them."

The Pirates have lost two consecutive games after narrow-margin victories over New Plymouth and Melba to start the season.

The fact that Payette scored a total of 58 points against two those teams and Homedale scored more than 60 points against each doesn't faze Holtry.

"We see (the Pirates) at Eastern Oregon (camp) every year," Holtry said. "Coach (Troy) Gleave always does a good job of preparing them.

"They'll be riled up, they'll be a home and I'm sure they'll be prepared."

HHS volleyball faces challenges head-on

Returner-laden Trojans drop SRV opener in home away from home

Drawing the reigning district champion was the last thing Homedale High School's volleyball team needed last week.

Playing in a temporary home because of damage to their own gymnasium, the Trojans opened the 3A Snake River Valley conference season at home on the road Sept. 13 with a straight-set loss at Homedale Middle School.

The Grizzlies, who were also starting the SRV season, prevailed 25-15, 25-11, 25-16.

"Our girls are determined, and with their hearts anything can be done. The girls have battled a lot of different issues this year already and they are facing these difficult situations head-on," second-year Trojans coach Janel VanDyke said.

"We are just working on building and getting better every play and every time we touch the ball."

The Trojans are splitting practice between the high school's old gym and the Jim and Lydia Duncan Gymnasium at HMS.

"The transfer has been rather smooth," VanDyke said. "The girls have handled the situation like champs.

"Our team has really come together because of this incident. The strength in the girls has been an incredible thing to watch."

Grizzlies coach Rena Sitz said the match in the relatively tiny HMS gymnasium went smoothly despite the emotion of the home team playing away from home.

"The crowd and team were

wonderful," she said.

Sadie Stutzman rifled 23 kills for the Grizzlies.

Senior outside hitter Kaitlin Garcia served four aces for the Trojans, who were unable to break free of a Fruitland squad that won for the third time in four matches.

"Kaitlin is extremely powerful and athletic. When she gets a hold of a ball — look out," VanDyke said. "She has a killer serve that is very tough for our opponents to return."

Senior outside hitter Laurien Mavey collected four kills, and senior setter Kylie Farwell dished six assists. Junior libero JuleAnn Badiola, a first-year varsity player, finished with six digs.

"We have been working really hard in practice, and we are seeing that transfer into the games," VanDyke said. "Our transition game is improving. When our serving game is on ... it's on.

"Fruitland has a good program and we have to play smart against them."

Homedale (0-5 overall, 0-2 3A SRV through Monday) lost on the road Thursday in a conference game at Parma.

The Panthers prevailed 25-12, 25-16, 25-14. Badiola had 11 digs for the Trojans, and sophomore middle blocker Kaylee Rupp added five kills.

"Kaylee is a smart and strong hitter. Although she is young, she plays like a veteran," VanDyke said. "Her middle attack will be a

force to be reckoned with."

The Trojans began the 2011 season having lost a strong group of seniors, including starting setter Caitlyn Johnson and hitters like Sydney Cornwall in the middle and three-year varsity starter Taylor Thomas on the outside. Other departed seniors included libero Megan Barraza, Sarah Maggard and Jessica Henry.

In addition to Garcia, Mavey and Farwell, outside hitter Bryce Osborn will provide senior leadership.

"Bryce was a strong force for us last year," VanDyke said. "We really need her strong but smart hitting and powerful blocks."

Another senior, right-side and outside hitter Raven Kelly, will have a bigger role this season.

"Raven is a competitor and gets to any ball that comes her way," the coach said. "She is versatile and smart. We are happy to have her back this year."

Senior middle/outside hitter Ashley Flaming transferred from Meadows Valley High School in New Meadows.

"She brings a lot of excitement and skill to our team," VanDyke said. "Ashley is a great hitter. She is a great addition to our team."

Other newcomers to the varsity include juniors such as defensive specialist Debra Esparza and middle blocker Emilee Hann, the daughter of Homedale's former coach David Hann.

"Emilee's front-row play is going to be so needed this year," VanDyke said. "Her blocking has turned her into a strong force in the front row."

— JPB



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Student Athlete Spotlight

Ali Garcia *Soph. Football*

The Play: The 6-foot-1, 205-pounder ran virtually untouched down the center of the field on touchdowns of 66 and 69 yards in Friday's 69-22 win over New Plymouth. He finished with 188 yards on 12 carries.

Quarterback's take: "The more he is able to hit that second level and explode out, the more it becomes second nature in a game."
— Matt Holtry

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Sports

Healthy Huskies ready to challenge Pilgrims

Marsing opens conference schedule at New Plymouth on Friday

Marsing High School wrapped up their 2A Western Idaho Conference football season with a 28-0 loss to New Plymouth last year. This year, the Huskies will carry their 3-0 record and a host of healthy players into Pilgrims territory on Friday night. Friday night's game will kick off at 7 p.m. in New Plymouth for the Pilgrims' homecoming. Marsing coach Jaime Wood walked the track of Deward Bell Stadium as Homedale High School shellacked the Pilgrims, 69-22, last week. In the past



three games, New Plymouth (0-3) has been outscored 131-42 heading into Friday's league opener against Marsing. "Last year, we were one of their toughest league games," Wood said. "I don't know when, if ever, we have beat New Plymouth in a regular-season game. We are ready, and I know the kids are jacked to go and take them on for their homecoming." In June, the Huskies handed the Pilgrims and former Marsing athlete standout Raymond Evans — now New Plymouth's senior

quarterback — a loss during the New Plymouth team camp. Marsing walked away with third place behind Wood River (4A) and American Falls (3A). "After watching them play Homedale, (New Plymouth) is going to throw the ball a lot. Probably every chance they get," Wood said. "We have to pressure them early and contain the ends. Our D-Backs have to be ready every single play. If we contain and play our game, we should do OK." Coming off a bye week, Wood is excited about the progress the team has made overcoming injuries from the first three games. "Bye weeks suck, but we were able to get healthy again, and that is a bonus," Wood said. "Jesus

Lino will be back at full strength, and with him paired up with transfer Chase Robinson, that will give us a boost." Robinson, a sophomore, was cleared to play last week after he transferred to Marsing from Columbia High School in Nampa. Wood said Robinson will give the Huskies a "deep threat" on both sides of the line. "Scoring-wise, we will put points on the board, and our focus this week will be on defense and containing the pass game," Wood said. "Getting fans out at the game has been a good boost to the players. I think it will help the kids if they see a bunch of people at New Plymouth. We want them to come, and we like them being there." —JLZ

Antelopes' third-quarter surge fells Lumberjacks

Kurt Nielson became a playmaker again Friday night in Adrian High School's thrilling non-league football victory. Nielson nearly single-handedly sparked the Antelopes' surge to a 50-32 victory over host Council, helping wipe out the Lumberjacks' 12-point halftime lead with three consecutive touchdowns. Council owned a 26-14 advantage after Mick Wilson threw his second touchdown of the game 30 seconds before the intermission. But Juan Munoz scored on a two-yard run in the third quarter as Adrian (2-0 overall) chipped away at the lead before Nielson went to work.

He tied the game with a 17-yard run and then put the Antelopes ahead for good by returning a Wilson interception 15 yards to the end zone. Nielson padded the lead with a 16-yard scamper in the fourth quarter and then later in the period rambled 45 yards and 19 yards for the final scores. Nielson finished with 210 yards and five touchdowns on 19 carries. His first TD of the game was a 63-yard run followed by a Munoz rushing PAT to tie the game 14-14 in the first quarter. Munoz's pivotal third-quarter TD was part of a 103-yard night. Defensively, the Antelopes turned the tide by holding the Lumberjacks to just one score after halftime. Leo Munoz led the way with nine tackles and five assists. Mark Ishida and Tommy Shenk turned in seven tackles apiece.

Trojans JV maroons Pilgrims with late surge

Angel Cardenas set the spark and Colton Grimm and Devin Fisher provided the finishing kick in Thursday night's Homedale High School junior varsity football victory. With his team nursing a six-point lead in the fourth quarter, Grimm roared 51 yards for a touchdown, giving the Trojans enough cushion for a 34-14 non-conference victory over host New Plymouth. One hundred seconds later —

after Cardenas picked off Pilgrims quarterback Kyler Harris — Fisher scored from three yards out to seal the win. Homedale (4-0) held a 20-8 lead after three quarters on Grimm's 13-yard TD run in the third quarter and two Cardenas scores. Grimm picked up a team-high 85 yards rushing. After Harris fired a 47-yard pass to Tyler Powell to start the scoring in the first quarter, Homedale

found itself trailing for the first time this season. The Trojans chipped away when Cardenas hooked up with quarterback Trey Lane for a 25-yard scoring play 34 seconds before the end of the opening quarter. Homedale still trailed, 8-6, after the point-after attempt failed. Homedale surged ahead in the second quarter when Bo Pickett blocked Powell's punt and Cardenas returned it three yards to pay dirt. Homedale's defense held the Pilgrims to 87 yards total offense after throwing New Plymouth ball carriers for 52 yards in losses. Fisher and Cardenas both intercepted Harris passes. Kenny Harper led the defense with seven tackles, two assists and two of the Trojans' five sacks. Lucas Flaming also had two sacks and recovered a fumble.

MARSING HUSKIES

Student Athlete Spotlight

Lily Bowers Soph. Volleyball

The Play: Bowers knocked down 31 kills through four games on Saturday at the Cole Valley Christian Invitational and racked up six kills against North Star Charter on Sept. 13.

Coach's take: "Lily is an incredible hitter. She has a vertical of over two feet and hitting high at full extension. She is an exciting part of our offense. There is more and more she is learning to do with the ball."

— Loma Bittick

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Sports

Another Rope & Ride ready to go in Jordan Valley

Cow dog contest, bronc riding and roping benefit back for a 13th year

After cancellation of the biggest event of the year, Jordan Valley rodeo fans have been champing at the bit for some action. It'll come Friday through Sunday with the 13th annual Owyhee Rope & Ride at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds. The event to benefit Owyhee and Malheur County multiple use and legal defense funds takes

its place as the border town's social centerpiece for 2011 after the cancellation of the Big Loop in May. The Rope & Ride features two days of cow dog competition and three days of roping. The action starts at 9 a.m. each day. Friday's schedule begins with cow dog trials. The top 10

dogs will advance to Saturday's finals. After the cow dog trials Friday, a warm-up roping will take place with cattle donated by Ben Badiola. Registration for the roping begins at 3 p.m. with a \$45 fee for two runs. Cattle for other parts of the weekend have been provided by Agri-Beef. After Saturday's cow dog finals, a stock saddle bronc competition takes place with a \$500 added purse. That action starts at noon,

and the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA) has sanctioned the event. Mule roping takes place at 2:30 p.m. It's open to #7 American Cowboy Team Roping Association-handicapped ropers. Entry fee is \$40 for three, and ropers may enter up to four times. On Sunday, the action begins with mixed team branding. Signups will be taken at 8:30 a.m., a half-hour before the competition begins. Women will enter four, and men will enter

three. The registration fee is \$50 per person. Registration for the final event of the weekend, last chance horse and mule roping, opens at 10 a.m. Sunday. Entry limit is three times per roper, and the fee is \$100 each. The roping will begin after the team branding. For more information on the Rope & Ride, call Dennis Stanford at (541) 586-2551 or Doug Burgess at (208) 337-4094.

BRUNEAU ROUND-UP



Fern Graham enters the arena as the grand marshal of the Bruneau Round-Up. WTBruce Photography



Saddle bronc champion Wade Black of Homedale completes his 78th-point ride in the 28th annual Bruneau Round-Up. WTBruce Photography



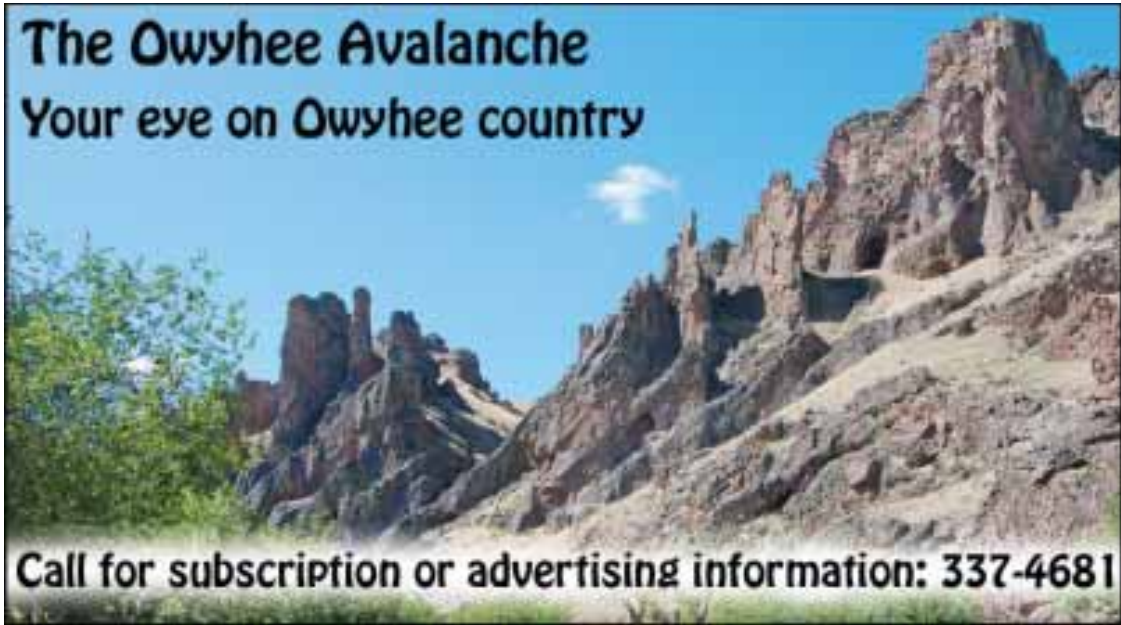
Bobby Jean Colyer of Bruneau was the overall champion and breakaway roping champion of the Bruneau Round-Up. WTBruce Photography



Bobby Jean Colyer, poses with the overall champion and breakaway roping champion buckles she won at the Bruneau Round-Up. WTBruce Photography

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Citizens look at maps with Bureau of Land Management officials during the Gateway West open house in Murphy last week. Photo by MJ Byrne, BLM

Strong turnout in Murphy for Gateway West open house

Fifty citizens visit county museum to voice concerns, get answers

Many involved in the siting of the Gateway West poweline project remain optimistic that a satisfactory outcome is possible.

But they also understand that it will take many more discussions like the one held Thursday night in Murphy.

About 50 concerned citizens showed up for the open house on the federal government’s draft Environmental Impact Statement on the 1,100-mile 500-kilovolt transmission line proposed to cross much of Owyhee County.

Idaho Power project manager Todd Adams estimates it will cost \$2 million per mile to build the line from Glenrock, Wyo., to the Hemingway Butte substation near Wilson.

The Board of County Commissioners and the Owyhee County Task Force citizens panel it appointed continue to advocate that the Idaho Power-Rocky Mountain Power joint venture remain on public land.

“I think finally the BLM heard the message that the people of Owyhee County don’t want it on private property,” Task Force member Frank Bachman of Bruneau said.

Several large maps detailing Segments 8 and 9 were on display inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum. Project managers from the Bureau of Land Management and the two utility companies

proposing the line listened to attendees’ concerns.

“I think if we all come together and take maps like this and take our pencils out, we can find a way to thread the needle, so to speak,” BLM project manager Walt George, who is based in Wyoming, said.

That’s Bachman’s hope, but the federal agency also has said that some changes to the county’s preferred alternative route were necessary because of existing non-motorized areas.

In particular, the Halverson Bar area northeast of Murphy forced planners to alter the county’s preferred location where the powerline would enter Owyhee County.

“We’re talking to them about tweaking the lines, and we’ll resubmit some minor changes to the BLM before the comment period ends,” Bachman said.

The comment period on the draft EIS ends Oct. 28. The final EIS won’t be released for another 12 to 18 months, after the BLM digests comments received through various methods, including a flurry of 14 public meetings in Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada.

Citing mapping transcription errors, the BOCC wrote a Sept. 6 letter to George and Idaho state BLM director Steven Ellis asking for a 60-day extension to facilitate comments and provide time to remedy the mapping

discrepancies.

On Thursday, George explained some of the differences between the county map and what was published in the DEIS. He said the differences may come from when mappers distilled the county’s route from paper to the electronic version.

George said the maps will be open to changes after the comment period.

George also said that some of the changes to the county’s preferred route were necessary variations because of the non-motorized area and archeological areas near Celebration Park outside Melba.

The commissioners also are hoping to protect the pristine quality of the Oregon Trail route and cultural sites near the mouth of Sinker Creek.

Still, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said he was encouraged by the federal agency’s reaction to the county’s concerns.

“I feel pretty good about what we told the BLM, and the response was positive,” he said. “It’s not a done deal, but we’re hoping to get solutions.”

Those solutions more than likely will come from coordination between the BLM and the BOCC as mandated by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

“I’m almost cautiously optimistic of our coordination status,” Hoagland said. “We are getting a sense that they want to work with us.”

— JPB

FFA labor on auction block Saturday in Homedale

A tri-tip steak dinner will get bidders ready for competition prior to Saturday’s annual Homedale FFA Harvest Auction.

The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the auction starting at 6:30 p.m. inside the Homedale High School cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

The highlight of the evening is the “slave auction” during which eight hours of labor from each FFA chapter member will be up for bid. In the past the labor has included yard work, babysitting and other chores.

Merchandise items for the auction include a John Deere wagon, a fair market lamb, produce, jewelry, four hours of electrical contract work, a metal bench, a barbed-wire sunflower, straw, cheese baskets, “Mommy

Hyer” pies and more.

Auction proceeds help the FFA chapter operate during the year, including paying travel expenses for the state and national conventions and state and district competitions, such as Career Development Events.

Homedale FFA will go to next month’s national convention in Indianapolis as a two-star winner in the National Chapter Award.

Homedale also uses auction funds to finance community service projects such as Meat the Need, Gift of Green and, this year, to develop care packages destined for armed service members stationed overseas.

Saturday’s dinner menu will include tri-tip, beans, baked potatoes and salad with Mommy McRae brownies for dessert.



Marsing sixth-grader Ana Alvarez poses with her poster and first-place ribbon last week at Marsing Middle School.

Marsing student recognized for first-place poster

A Marsing student was recognized for her poster in the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Ana Alvarez received state and national recognition for her entry last week.

Alvarez, now in the sixth grade, entered the poster in the contest last year and claimed first place in Idaho. Following the Idaho win, her entry was moved into the Pacific Region contest and picked up top honors and was then entered into the national competition. Her entry was selected as the top fifth-grade poster in the country.

Today, Alvarez will be honored during an assembly at the middle school for her achievement and will be presented with ribbons from the three competitions, a ruler, a curl band, Smokey Bear cutout figurines and a \$50 check.

Nearly 25 students from the fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms at Marsing Elementary School

entered the spring competition.

Kaitlyn Hansen, now in fifth grade at Homedale Elementary, won first place in the state competition and received her state award over the summer.

The poster contest is sponsored by the National Garden Clubs in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. Locally, the Owyhee Gardeners sponsor the area students in Homedale and Marsing.

The top prize for the national competition includes an all-expenses paid trip for four to Washington D.C. and a gold trophy. This year’s winner was a fourth-grader from Woodland Hills, Calif.

The Owyhee Gardeners are looking for help with coordinating the upcoming poster contest at the schools. For more information, call Ellen Dines at (208) 896-4221, or Judy MacKenzie at (208) 896-4441.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense The misery index 2011

Economists have a mythical figure called the misery index. It is the total of the unemployment rate added to the inflation rate. This summer in the U.S., it's running about 13.0. The lower the better. In both the 1990s and 2000s, it's been as low as 7.

To calculate indexes like this, the conclusion can be broadly accurate. But, to make it more personal, one can include more variables. For instance, take one inch of rain as a factor. The misery index of an alfalfa farmer with hay on the ground would be 15.6. It would have been 16.0 except his prize pumpkin patch was getting parched.

Or say you were entered up in Cheyenne at the big rodeo and that one inch of rain fell the hour before you were to compete in the bull dogging. Your misery index could be as high as the weight of your hazer!

Another broad category would be the temperature. At the winter Olympics, the misery index would rise as the temperature did. But say Billy Bob went to the three-day tailgate party at the Oklahoma vs Kansas football game. The hotter it got in the parking lot, the more beer you could hold! So the misery index would decline!

To personalize the misery index even more ... and remember lower is better ... you could include factors like:

- years since you bought a new pair of boots + unemployment + inflation or
- semesters till your daughter graduates from vet school plus, plus
- months you have left on your truck payments, plus, etc.
- age of the horse you are riding, plus
- payments left on your alimony, well, you know
- therapy sessions until your hip heals so you can get back on your horse ... and
- time you have left wearing the court-ordered ankle bracelet

I was at a livestock convention a while back, and after the big show a group of pretty salty cowmen were conversing. They got to comparing injuries and insults. I mentioned the misery index. They loved it! They could compete in who was the worst off! However, they began to get far afield in the categories to be counted as the evening went on: i.e., the number of missing teeth with no cavities you still have left, the number of times you've been bucked off lately, number of horses that have been dumped on your place, number of times you've been turned down by a barmaid until you met your wife, the number of times you lost your wallet, car keys and/or glasses in the last week but ... Bud was finally judged the winner of the misery index by counting the number of times his old, incontinent dog peed in the pickup seat ... plus inflation and unemployment. It nearly reached President Carter's old record of 21.9.

— *Can't get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books and DVDs.*

Election letters

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

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply. For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee The red shirt of absurdity



History is serious business for the boys of E Clampus Vitus.

The rest, well, is just life.

In the most dazzling use of the color red since 1953's Bully for Bugs cartoon, the Clampers recently invaded Givens Hot Springs with one thing on their mind.

OK, two.

Honoring the 130th anniversary of the founding of the historical landmark and honoring the age-old tradition of the fraternal order not taking itself seriously — at all.

At this point, you may be asking yourself ... who are the Clampers?

The short answer is they are a bunch of red-shirted scoundrels who revel in preserving regional history wherever they may roam. And who scream "Satisfactory" whenever a member utters something remotely profound — or audible.

The long answer is probably too convoluted to understand.

According to Snake River Chapter No. 1811 historian Michael Faircloth Sr., the modern version of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus bubbled to the surface in 1939. The Snake River Chapter is only five years old and only received its charter on Sept. 10 when the whole gang camped out, christened a new historical plaque and initiated some new Poor Blind Candidates at Givens.

The Clampers originated in 19th century mining camps — hence the copious use of shirts of red (the color miners wore). Faircloth says the men, ever the tongue-in-check merry pranksters, patterned their new

organization as a parody of other fraternal orders such as the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

Of course, after spending a few moments with the Men in Red, one wonders which came first ... the Odd Fellows or the odd fellows who prefer to call their leader a Humbug.

For the Snake River Chapter, that would be Robert "Barbarosa" Haines, in case you're scoring at home.

The Clampers might be mistaken for a biker gang if it weren't for their intellect, compassion — and utter lack of motorcycles.

The group likes to party — respectfully, Givens owner Steve Givens points out, and without a hint of their rowdy nature when in mixed company — but they also like to give back in the tradition of their Clampcestors (that's "ancestors" to the uninitiated).

The original Clampers were a benevolent bunch, helping out the widows and orphans of fellow miners killed in accidents. According to Faircloth, the good will was meted out under the cover of darkness, and usually at Christmas, sort of like the other big guy in red who is perpetually jolly.

None of the Clampers ever sought credit for their deeds.

There's probably no connection between that quest for anonymity and the slide into oblivion, but the original Clampers movement disappeared a few years after the 1906 San Francisco quake until — fittingly — a bunch of historians revived the tradition in the 1930s.

The new group was comprised of men who had to

— *See Absurdity, Page 19*

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Let's get the job done on job creation



We need more secure, high-skilled jobs in America. There is broad agreement on that fact. All the discussion about how to create American jobs has served its purpose of identifying solutions. We have had enough talk. We must get to work creating the environment for job and economic growth.

While home during the state work period, I had the opportunity to discuss directly with fellow Idahoans the challenges our nation faces and hear ideas about how to resolve these challenges. It is clear that people are furious with the status quo. They cannot understand why the president and Congress continue to try to spend our way out of our nation's fiscal crisis rather than control spending. The misguided talk of some in Washington in favor of tax hikes at a time when the economy cannot stand it is incomprehensible.

Generating lasting, good jobs and economic growth depends on improving the economic climate in the U.S. so that small businesses can innovate and invest in growth. The regulatory burdens and uncertainty, as well as our national debt, create the opposite climate and serve to exacerbate the current economic downturn. Our long-term debt picture is strangling current and future job creation.

The recently enacted \$2.5 trillion deficit reduction measure was a modest but necessary beginning. But, with a national debt of almost \$15 trillion, many more deficit reduction measures, even larger in scope, must still be passed by this Congress, simply to keep our collective head above water. In addition to significantly cutting spending, we must reform the tax code to reduce tax

rates, stimulate the economy and encourage job growth. The proposals I have supported and have been working on would control federal spending, cut taxes, grow the economy, reform the regulatory policies negatively impacting job creators, expand market opportunities for U.S. businesses and institute an energy policy that provides for the affordable energy necessary for increasing U.S. productivity. While we have differences of opinion on the best remedies, President Obama's engagement with Congress regarding job creation and economic growth is welcome. To achieve the large-scale results necessary, full focus on this task and leadership is imperative.

We know what we need to do to set our nation on a strong course and demonstrate that we have heard and acted on the clear message from the American people. The tired, back-and-forth political battles do not get results. To grow our economy and encourage sustainable American jobs, we need to act on the solutions. We need further enforceable federal spending cuts; a pro-growth overhaul of our tax code and regulatory policy; a reduction of all individual and corporate tax rates; a strengthening of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security to ensure their solvency for current and future recipients; expansion of market opportunities for U.S. businesses; and budget enforcement through spending caps and restraint of the use of budget tricks.

Enough gridlock. Let's get this done.

— *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

Don't dwell on the Dow to determine your market moves

Dear Dave,
We hear all kinds of numbers relating to the economy every night on the news. To be honest, I have no idea what most of them mean. Can you tell me more about the Dow Jones Industrial Average?
— Ken



Dear Ken,
The Dow is an index of the stocks of 30 selected companies. We're talking about outfits like Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola and Nike — some of the big boys. The percentage that the stock prices of these companies rise or fall as a group, on any given day, is the Dow Jones Industrial Average for that day.
Technically, this index is not a good representative of what the stock market is doing because it only takes into account 30 companies. The S&P is a much

better measure of what the market is doing, because it represents the stock-price activity of 500 companies.
Let's say you're watching the news, and a reporter tells you the market just went down 300 points and it was at 10,000. That represents only a three percent change, and that's not big news — regardless of what some of the "experts" say.
Great question, Ken!

Dear Dave,
My husband and I have been

married for three months, and we're debt-free. Right now, we're trying to save up a 20 percent down payment for a house. I work for a real estate company, and they're really pushing us to take advantage of a first-time homebuyer deal. The program offers 100 percent financing, no money down and no private mortgage insurance. They say it's a great deal. What do you think?

Dear Stacy,
You guys are off to a great start! Don't blow it now. Those people are wrong. I grew up in the real estate world, and this is a bad idea.
Slow down. It's great that you guys are young and debt-free, but you need to do things that are smart for you. And for you, smart includes a couple of things.

First, make sure you have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place. Then, keep saving up for a big down payment.
You know, when I hear the advice you were given I just want to smack somebody. Haven't the mortgage lenders learned anything from the past few years? Nothing down, interest-only and sub-prime loans are a big part of the reason for the financial debacle in this country. A house is not a blessing when you're broke, and a bargain is only a bargain when you're ready to buy!
I always recommend waiting at least a year after you're married to buy a house. It takes that long to decide how close you want to live to your in-laws! Plus, you want to spend some time getting used to each other, and knowing

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

Letter to the editor

OCSO deputy ready to seek 'honorable position' of sheriff

I am writing today to advise you of my intent to file for candidacy as a Republican for the position of Owyhee County Sheriff in the May 2012 Primary Election. Being your sheriff has been my ambition since the day I started at the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office as a detention deputy over 10 years ago.
I am appreciative for the people within our community who have approached and pledged their support for me to run for this position. I have spoken in great lengths with family and friends and feel I am ready for this commitment. I have taken to heart the issues and concerns that have been brought to me by Owyhee County citizens and my friends. This is an honorable position, one that deserves a person that respects and cares for his community.
I love this community and have served it in many ways throughout the years. I am excited for this opportunity and am eager to serve my friends, the people of Owyhee County in the capacity of Sheriff.
Perry Grant
Homedale



✓ Absurdity: Historical landmark christened

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have published research to qualify, Faircloth said. That qualification eventually was scrapped.
Today, there are 100 Clampers in Idaho, Faircloth said, and each follows a simple credo: "Quia Absurdum — I believe because it is absurd."
The Idaho Clampers strive to promote the history of the state, including the south alternate of the Oregon

Trail and its landmarks, such as Givens Hot Springs.
A piece of granite with artwork by Lincoln and Washington sculptor Avard T. Fairbanks and a brief history of the Givens family and its settlement of the area now sits right off Idaho 78, a stone's throw from the State of Idaho historical marker at the hot springs.
The monument is much more than satisfactory.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 25, 1986

Mining claims filed on EnviroSAFE, adjacent property
Placer mining claims have been filed on 431.01 acres of land adjacent to and including the EnviroSAFE Hazardous Waste site near Grand View, it was learned Monday.
The mining rights, filed on the mineral zeolite, have been recorded in Owyhee County and with the federal government, records show. The claims were filed by Dr. Charles Scott, his wife, his children, and Clayton Andersen.
Scott, who is involved in the mining and marketing of zeolite elsewhere in the county, said that the lands owned by ESII and adjacent to the hazardous waste dump, are rich in the mineral.
Scott has been serving as the Environmental Safety Officer of Owyhee County for several years. Andersen is Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney. Both have been involved in extended efforts to stop or control ESII from operating at the site.
However, both men say the claims were filed for the purpose of mining zeolite.

Marsing school taxes to double

Patrons of the Marsing School District may be in for a “big surprise” when they receive their new property tax bills this fall, according to information from the Owyhee County Clerk’s office.
According to the certification of dollars to be raised by taxes, patrons of the Marsing district will pay more than twice the amount levied last year.
The amount of money raised through property taxes last year totaled \$287,669. This year’s amount will be \$531,821, the documents show. However the levies will more than double individual taxes, due to a decrease of the estimated market value of property within the district. Comparisons of the last year’s tax levy amount and the new amount to be collected show:

Fund	85-86	86-87
Gen. Fund	\$135,345	\$142,110
Supply Levy	25,000	-
School Plant	24,000	25,200
Bond Fund	74,140	107,610
New Bond	-	225,238
Cossa	24,402	25,622
Tort	4,500	6,041
UPRR Jdg	282	-
Total	\$287,669	\$531,821
Levy Rate	.005799	.010619

In addition, the district borrowed \$90,000 in tax anticipation notes last June, and it is due and payable no later than next June.

Commission faces decisions if funds cut

What will happen if, or when, Owyhee County loses its Revenue Sharing monies? That was one of the questions the county commissioners were discussing at their meeting Monday afternoon.
Last year the county received \$172,000 in federal monies in the form of revenue sharing. At present the county officials are not sure if the RS dollars will be coming in for the 1986-87 fiscal year. And that leads to budgeting questions.
One of the budgets receiving a large chunk of the federal money is Solid Waste. Of the \$91,000 in the budget, \$39,000 is from revenue sharing funds, clerk Barbara Jayo told the board. This fund is what pays the bills for the three landfills in the county, the large dumpsters in the outlying areas, and the contract hauling of trash from rural communities to the landfills.
If the RS funds are shut off, how will the county operate its disposal system?
One of the ideas kicked around is a county-wide fee, whereby each household is charged a certain amount. Another thought was to make a charge to each vehicle entering the landfills. But, as Chairman Don Davis said, then people would not use the dumps, but would dump their garbage wherever they found is convenient.

50 years ago

September 21, 1961

Trojans still on top; edge Mustangs 15-13
Homedale’s Trojans tallied a safety in the final 40 seconds of play Friday night to pull out a 15-13 win against the Mustangs in an SRV-B league grid contest at Melba.
Homedale’s margin of victory came when a Melba fumble was kicked into the Mustang end zone and covered by a Melba player.
Ray Gibson scored both of Homedale’s touchdowns as the Trojans took a 7-0 halftime lead and then added their second TD in the third quarter.
Melba scored in the third period on Gerald Tomlinson’s four-yard run and then tied the score in the final quarter with Eddie Hanmen scoring on an eight-yard run.

PTA honors teachers with reception Monday

A reception honoring teachers was held Monday night at Washington grade school when the first regular PTA meeting of the year was held.
Mrs. Donna Eachus, hospitality chairman, and Mrs. Lydia Duncan and Mrs. Dorothy Knight greeted each guest at the door with a name tag and presented each teacher with a corsage and name tag.
The flag presentation was given by Den 7 Cub Scouts under the direction of Mrs. Margie Lineberger, den mother. The Rev. Marvin Miller gave the invocation.
Will Long was elected president after a letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Melba Yost, former president. He appointed Mrs. Bette Were, room representative chairman and Mrs. Lydia Duncan, publicity chairman.
Perry Kelly’s room won the room count.

Marsing High field light dedicated Friday

Marsing High School’s athletic field blazed with light and victory Friday night. New \$6,000 lights were dedicated after the sponsoring Lions Club presented the bill of sale to school board members and the Huskies stormed to an 18-7 win over the visiting Middleton football team.
Dedication of the lights, 64 lamps on eight poles, and the game was attended by about 1,200 fans.
Announcement was made that a 300-seat bleacher was also donated by the Lions Club. The evening’s fun was capped with a chili feed after the game, also set up by the Lions.
Dedication of the new lights was made just prior to the game. Dan Hodges, Lions chairman, reported on the lights and the means by which they were financed.
Carl Newton, Lions president, presented the bill of sale to Joe VanWassenhove, chairman of the school board, for both the light and the bleachers.

Grand View pins 39-12 victory

Grand View’s Devils, sparked by Terry Fields, romped to a 39-12 victory over Bellevue Friday. Fields scored four touchdowns for the Devils on their home football field.
Grand View tallied in every quarter with Fields scoring on runs of two, 46 and 36 yards and on a 28-yard pass from John Onederra. Harvey Frederick and Onederra added the other Devil TDs.

Wins second

Mary Mortensen, 12, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Emory Mortensen and granddaughter of Mrs. Martha Mortensen, Homedale, recently won second place at the Western States Accordion Festival in the intermediate age category, representing a studio in Hemet, Calif. She competed against 3,500 contestants at Long Beach, Calif.

Bruneau rodeo attracts big crowds Sat. and Sun.

The rains held off just long enough Saturday afternoon for an overflow crowd to enjoy some fast and fancy action at the eleventh annual Bruneau Roundup and approximately 1,400 rodeo fans watched the final performance Sunday.
Dee Christensen of Hagerman was named all-around champion, winning points in calf and team roping. Harold Chapin, Elko, Nev., cowboy, led following the first go-around Saturday.

140 years ago

September 23, 1871

LONG COURTSHIPS. We deem it proper to tender a few words of advice to some of our young men who have been courting certain Owyhee girls for years, and are apparently no nearer “popping the question” than at the beginning: If there is anything more disheartening to a woman than a long courtship, we have failed to discover it. From a woman who marries for a home to the fair creature who marries for love, there are thousands who are kept in suspense for years, not knowing whether the man whom they expect to marry is really going to marry them or not. No young (or old) man has any right to monopolize the attentions of a lady for years and then probably not marry her. When you have decided that the lady is worthy of your choice (and don’t be too long about it) either marry her or give some one else a chance to.

TAMMANY COMES TO GRIEF. The counsel for the people of New York finished their argument in the case of the injunction against the “ring” on the 15th inst., when Judge Barnard delivered an opinion reflecting with much severity on the conduct of Controller Connolly and awarded the injunction prayed for by the citizens as plaintiffs in this suit. It retrains the issuance of another dollar in bonds or the payment of any more money from the city and county treasury of New York, until there is a change in the Board of Supervisors and in the Auditor of Accounts. The Judge several times characterized the conduct of the city officials as little better than highway robbery and as virtual consociation of the property of the citizens.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL. Our young friends must now hunt up their books and get ready for school, which begins next Monday, with Mr. Peter Adams as teacher. The girls full of life, fun and mischief, their ruddy cheeks having borrowed the wild flowers’ tints, and the boys, browned by toil or exposure, are all so full of “tittering” that it will be some days before they can settle down to hard study. Happy childhood! May you long remain children, at least in feeling and innocence.

SOME POKER. Two Silver City sports, who, for some time past, had been bantering each other as to their respective abilities as poker players, concluded to bring the matter to a test by playing a single-handed game in Sommercamp’s saloon last Tuesday. The cards were dealt and the non-dealer went a blind which was “straddled” re-straddled &c. till \$96 were in the “pot” before either had seen his cards. The non-dealer stood “pat” and the dealer took two cards. Betting, calling and going better then commenced and continued till each party had \$1,500 on the table — \$3,000 in all. The dealer raked in the money with four kings, his adversary holding a “full” — three eights and two treys. The game created quite an excitement. During the progress of the play crowds of spectators gathered around and awaited the “show-down” in breathless suspense. But after all, it is claimed that the question of “who is the better player?” is yet undecided. The loser, who stood “pat,” insists that anybody could have played the hand of the winner who discarded an ace and drew a king.

NOT VERY ACCOMODATING. We understand that, when the hostler made off with the stage of horses at Rattlesnake station not long since, Charley Haynes applied to the commanding officer at Camp McDermitt for aid to capture the alleged thief. The military functionary declined to render any assistance, excusing himself by representing that he had no horses fit for a march, and at the same time telling Mr. Haynes to apply to the Indians for help. A cavalry company must be in a bad fix when not a horse is in condition to endure the fatigue of a few hours’ journey. Leaving the requirements of duty out of the question, the Camp McDermitt officer did not manifest a very accommodating spirit, to say the least.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Payment of Bills: Current Expense \$38,328 Road & Bridge \$9,223, Courts \$16,498, County Fair \$10,244, Fair Grounds \$3,066, Probation \$2,039, Health District \$4,304, Indigent & Charity \$1,428, Revaluation \$1,058, Solid Waste \$10,704, Weed \$18, 911 \$1,822, Vessel \$1,543.

Approved catering permit for Bruneau Rodeo. Approved tuition assistance for students attending CSI, and CWI. Approved notice of bid for propane. Budget Hearing held on proposed 2012 budget. Bid opening and approval to Excel Equipment for a 2006 Kenworth Dump Truck for \$75,000. Approved EMPG Grant with BHS for \$13,139.46. Approved application for permit on Reynolds Creek culvert replacement. Letter to BLM asking for extension of comment period on Gateway West project. Indigent & Charity 11-44 lien, 11-38 withdrawal, 11-15 denied. Adopted Resolution 2011-19 approving the 2012 budget in the amount of \$7,647,155. The complete minutes can be viewed on owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office. 9/21/11

ORDINANCE NO. 400
A N O R D I N A N C E
AMENDING THE AMENDED
OFFICIAL ZONING
ORDINANCE MAP OF THE
CITY OF HOMEDALE,
IDAHO BY REZONING
THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 303 EAST
OWYHEE, HOMEDALE,
IDAHO FROM INDUSTRIAL
TO RESIDENTIAL,
PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE AND
SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, there is a property located at 303 East Owyhee. within the City limits of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, that is zoned Industrial; and

WHEREAS, this property is a bare lot for which the proper zoning is Residential; and

WHEREAS, the owner of this parcel has requested that it be rezoned to Residential.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO:

Section 1. That the Official Amended Zoning Map is amended by changing the zoning of the property located at 303 East Owyhee from Industrial to Residential.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, according to law.

Section 3. That should the Court having jurisdiction declare any part of this Ordinance invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional or in conflict with any other part of this Ordinance, then such unconstitutional, unauthorized or invalid part shall be stricken from this Ordinance, and shall not affect any other part whatsoever of this Ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho, declare that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each part hereof, irrespective of parts declared invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, THIS 14 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE,

THIS 14 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.
/s/HAROLD WILSON,
MAYOR
ATTEST: /s/ALICE E. PEGRAM, Cith Clerk
City of Homedale, Idaho
9/21/11

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That declaration for the candidacy for one Commissioner from Subdistrict No. 2 for a 4 (four) year term of the Marsing Rural Fire District. The petitions must be filed with the district secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day of September, 2011. Such petitions may be obtained from Robert Carter, P.O. Box 399, Marsing, ID 83639, or by phone 208-896-5701. Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 14th, 2011.
Election date: November 8, 2011
Robert D. Carter, Secretary-Treasurer, Marsing Rural Fire District
9/14,21/11

NOTICE OF ELECTION OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 1 and one Director from Division 4 of the Opaline Irrigation District, will be held on November 8, 201 to elect Directors of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2012 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed at least twelve (12) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of election. Petitions may be obtained from Leticia Morris, Secretary of the District, 208-896-5273. (Petition due date September 29, 2011)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.
Dated September 9, 2011
Opaline Irrigation District,
Leticia Morris, Secretary
9/14,21/11

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 Reynolds Irrigation District will be held on November 8, 2011 to elect a Director for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2012, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by petition, signed by at least six (6) electors of the District qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Brad Huff, Secretary of the District, P.O. Box 12, Melba, ID 83641, and Ph. 495-2950. (Petition due date is September 29, 2011)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within the Division, notice of time and place of election will be posted as required by IDS 43-206.

Dated: September 9, 2011
Reynolds Irrigation District,

Brad Huff, Secretary
9/14,21/11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO: CV2011- 02162
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 MARYBELLE H. MAHLER a.k.a. MARYBELLE HELMS MAHLER, Deceased Person.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho.
DATED This 29th day of August, 2011.
CONSTANCE POWERS, Personal Representative
DAVID E. KERRICK, Attorney at Law, 1001 Blaine Street, PO Box 44, Caldwell, ID 83606 Phone (208) 459-4574 Fax (208) 459-4573 ISB#2565, Attorney for Personal Representative
9/7,14,21/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0172803 Title Order No. 090817082IDGNO Parcel No. RP02N05W110190A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, on 12/30/2011 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/21/2006 as Instrument Number 256055, and executed by KELLY T VERCELES, AND SUZANNA G VERCELES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: A parcel of land located within the W1/2NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 11, said point also being the E 1/16 corner common to Sections 2 and 11; thence South 89°42'38" East along the north line of said Section 11, 451.34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0°29'39" West 1311.83 feet to a point; thence following the approximate center of an irrigation ditch, North 28°36'02" West 260.53 feet to a point; thence North 23°03'06" West 308.47 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 70.23 feet and a length of 80.04 feet to a point; thence North 42°14'55" East 145.08 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2011 TO OCTOBER 31, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet October 4, 2011 at 8:00pm for a budget hearing Pursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at Clyde Sevy's Shop: 9383 State Highway 78. The proposed Budget may be examined at the home office of Secretary Leticia Morris, 9678 Hardtrigger Road, call for appointment 896-5273

The following is a copy of the proposed budget including expenditures for the first 10 months of the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

EXPENSES:			
ITEM	BUDGETED	EXPENSES	PROPOSED
Insurance	\$ 3,000.00	\$2,893.00	\$4,475.00
L&P Fees	4,450.00	3,421.35	3,600.00
Maintenance	60,312.34	52,693.08	40,500.00
Office	500.00	437.37	455.00
Phone	1,600.00	1,388.84	2,400.00
Power	140,000.00	54,720.84	145,619.95
Soc.Sec.	5,200.00	4,093.99	6,400.00
Wages	32,000.00	28,933.61	34,879.44
Mileage	1,000.00	773.81	1,000.00
Misc.	250.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$248,312.34	\$149,355.89	\$239,329.39
INCOME			
ITEM	PROJECTED	INCOME ANTICIPATED	
2007 O&M	284.00	0.00	284.00
2008 O&M	1,082.00	770.00	312.00
2009 O&M	1,151.34	831.34	320.00
2010 O&M	2,280.00	1,960.00	320.00
2011 O&M	213,690.00	210,417.61	3,272.39
Late Fees	500.00	1,903.41	515.00
2012 O&M	0.00	0.00	230,031.00
Office Fee	2,600.00	2,460.00	2,600.00
Interest	225.00	116.22	175.00
Refunds	1,500.00	28,359.50	1,500.00
LGIP Fund	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL:	\$248,312.34	\$246,818.08	\$239,329.39
Leticia Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District, PO Box 331, Marsing, ID 83639			
9/21,28/11			

70.90 feet and a length of 99.59 feet to a point; thence North 38°14'07" Weset 414.78 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 83.34 feet and a lengh of 57.59 feet to apoint; thence North 1°21'35" East 148.21 feet to a point; thence leaving the approximate center of said irrigation ditch South 89°42'38" East 391.84 feet along the North line of said Section 11 to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 4299 PERSHALL RD , MARSING, ID 83639-8147 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tendr the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 06/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 9.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of

said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$156,936.25, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and /or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 08/22/2011 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee /S/ Tonya Malugen ASAP# 4075131
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: August 17, 2011 File No.: 7021.28568 Sale date and time (local time): December 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 9652 Hardtrigger Rd Melba, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Sean R. Hardy and Kassandra A. Hardy, husband and wife Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Countrywide Mortgage Ventures, LLC dba Idahowide Mortgage Recording date: 04/23/2007 Recorder’s instrument number: 260695 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of August 17, 2011: \$172,150.83 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: The North one-half of the following described land: A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin on the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, the True Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 59’ West along the South section line of said Section 12 a distance of 1,340.5 feet to the West boundary line of said Southwest

Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North along the West boundary line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 264 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 59’ East on a line parallel to the South section line, and 264 feet North thereof, for a distance of 1,340.5 feet to an iron pin on the East boundary line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South along the East boundary line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 264 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7021.28568) 1002.201725-FEI
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale 30292180 Loan No. -T.S. No. 057-012541 On 12/28/2011, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 , TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, as Trustee on behalf of UTLIS Default Services, LLC 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 real property, situated in the County of Owyhee State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 3, BLOCK 1 AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED CLARK ISLAND ESTAES SUBDIVISION, FILED APRIL 24, 2000 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 232107, OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 4239 CLARK ISLAND LANE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title,

possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ALAN LAW & DANIELLE T LAW, HUSBAND & WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in which FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and PIONEER TITLE as Trustee and recorded 4/16/2004 as Instrument No. 247462 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 8/23/2004 as Instrument No. 248929 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 4/14/2004. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,201.76, due per month for the months of 7/1/2010 through 8/8/2011, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$154,805.51 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.25000 per cent (%) per annum from 6/1/2010. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 8/16/2011 TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION By: LYNN DARLING, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# FNMA4073877
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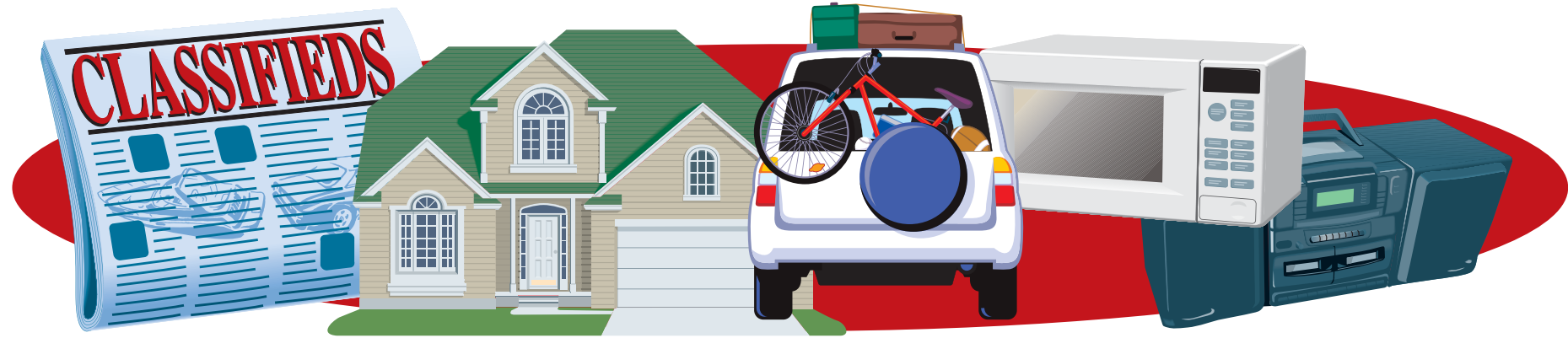
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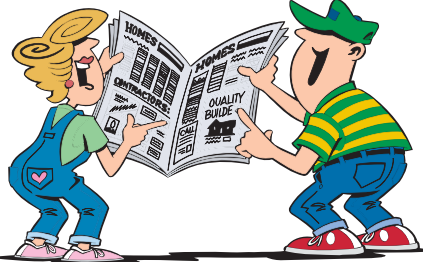
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Out-of-State.....	\$40.00
Ada, Canyon Counties	\$37.10
Malheur County	\$35.00
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Tailgate Kick-off

Boneless Beef
Chuck Roast



\$2⁷⁹
lb.

Boneless Beef
Chuck Steak



\$2⁹⁹
lb.

Large Hass
Avocados



\$1⁷⁹
ea.

Dole
Salad Blends



2 \$5
for

Beef
New York Steak



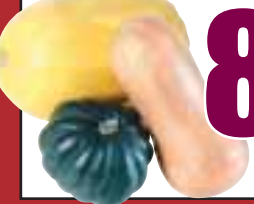
\$6²⁹
lb.

Boneless Pork
Loin Chops



\$3²⁹
lb.

**Acorn, Butternut or
Spaghetti Squash**



89¢
lb.

Red or Green
Seedless Grapes



\$1⁶⁹
lb.

Western Family 8 oz.
Shredded Cheese

\$1⁹⁹
lb.

Bar-S 40 oz.
Smoked Sausage

\$4²⁹
ea.

Western Family 12 oz.
Cheese Singles

2 for \$5

Jimmy Dean
Sausage

\$3⁴⁹
ea.

Tombstone
Pizza

2 for \$7

Beef
Stew Meat

\$2⁹⁹
lb.

1 lb.
Baby Carrots

\$1⁰⁹
ea.

Whole or Sliced
Mushrooms

2 for \$4

Premium Gold
Pineapple

\$1²⁹
lb.

Large
Gala Apples

\$1²⁹
lb.

Seedless
Watermelon

39¢
lb.

Bunch
Celery

99¢
ea.

Western Family
Bagged Cereal



\$3³⁹
ea.
28-32 oz.

16 oz.
Brilla Pasta

\$1³⁹
ea.

Michelina's
**Frozen Meals &
Egg Rolls**



89¢
ea.
4.5-7.5 oz.

Western Family 32 oz.
Mayonnaise

\$2⁹⁹
ea.

**Pepsi
Products**



\$5¹⁹
ea.
12 Pack Cans

2 Liter Bottles
Pepsi Products

\$1⁶⁹
ea.

**Keystone Light
Beer**



\$11⁹⁹
ea.
18 Pack Cans

12 Pack Bottles
Corona Beer

\$13⁹⁹
ea.

Western Family Soft Tub Margarine 16 oz. \$1¹⁹ ea.	Western Family Fancy Ketchup 36 oz. \$1⁵⁹ ea.	Aquafina Water 24 Pack .5 Liter \$4⁸⁹ ea.	Western Family Cottage Cheese 16 oz. \$1⁵⁹ ea.
Western Family Jumbo Biscuits 16 oz. \$1¹⁹ ea.	Shasta Soda 2 Liter \$1⁰⁹ ea.	Western Family Toaster Pop Tarts 8 ct. \$1¹⁹ ea.	Meadowgold Fudge, Dream & Rootbeer Float Bars 6ct. \$1⁹⁹ ea.
Fritos & Cheetos 9.75-10.5 oz. \$2⁸⁹ ea.	Western Family Squeeze Mustard 16 oz. \$1⁰⁹ ea.	Western Family Oatmeal Cookies 18 oz. \$2¹⁹ ea.	Rhodes Rolls 6-24 ct. \$4¹⁹ ea.
Lays Reg & Kettle Cooked, Tostitos & Tostito Dips 9-15 oz. 2 for \$6	Delmonte Fruit 14.5-15.25 oz. 2 for \$3	Western Family Ice Cream & Sherbet 5 qt. \$7⁶⁹ ea.	Pinesol Liquid 48 oz. \$3⁶⁹ ea.
Grandma Sycamore Bread 24 oz. \$2³⁹ ea.	Delmonte Corn or Green Beans 14.5-15.25 oz. \$1⁰⁹ ea.	Stouffer's Frozen Entrees 8.88-11 oz. \$2⁹⁹ ea.	Purex 2X Laundry Soap 72 oz. 2 for \$9
Wonder Whole Grain White Bread 20oz or Hostess Twinkies 10pk 2 for \$5	Pasta Roni Asst'd Varieties \$1¹⁹ ea.	Lean Cuisine Frozen Entrees 6-10.5 oz. \$2²⁹ ea.	Jet Dry 8.45 oz. \$3⁹⁹ ea.

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