Citizens lament sheriff’s lack of management

Commissioners hold off on fuel budget decision

County commissioners will weigh their options before adding money to the sheriff’s office fuel budget.

After a presentation from Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall and testimony from several citizens, the Board of County Commissioners didn’t render a decision Monday on whether to add $25,000 to a fuel budget that was 16 percent in the red when the hearing began.

The commissioners took the issue under advisement.

— See Sheriff, page 5

Federal fugitive taken down

Convicted sex offender wanted in several states found in Homedale

In a coordinated law enforcement action, a man wanted in several states was arrested in Homedale last week. Stevenson G. Harrison, 30, of Springfield, Mo., was arrested after the U.S. Marshals office conducted an investigation leading officials to Homedale. Harrison was arrested Aug. 17 without incident while attempting to get fuel at Mattheson’s. An officer from the Homedale Police Department and a Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy assisted the three federal law enforcement personnel.

— See Fugitive, page 5

Soaking in Old World culture, food during three-week Europe excursion

Marsing students complete multi-national, out-of-book learning opportunity

What began on paper nearly two years ago came to fruition when nine students from Marsing boarded an airplane bound for Europe.

From the start, middle school history teacher and trip organizer Jim Eisentrager, dedicated the four-country excursion to learning more of the culture and history woven throughout Europe.

“We planned for a year and half starting in December of 2009,” Eisentrager said. “It was a commitment. We took nine students and seven adults. We took nine students and seven adults.”

— See Excursion, page 11
ISP traffic stop nets large marijuana find, felony charges

Two men charged with possession in excess of three ounces

Two men face felony drug possession charges after an Idaho State Police traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 outside of Marsing this month.

Lonnie R. Caldwell, 51, of Emmett and Clay T. Caldwell, 27, of Shoshone, were set for a 9 a.m. preliminary hearing on charges for possessing marijuana in excess of three ounces on Friday in Murphy.

The Cavallados were traveling northbound on U.S. 95 on Aug. 6 when ISP Trooper Blake Higley stopped them at milepost 17 for speeding. According to documents provided by Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery, the vehicle driven by Lonnie was clocked doing 66 mph in a 45 mph construction zone. According to the probable cause statement, after law enforcement

backpacked, which Clay admitted to be his, also contained a document that had his name on it.

When the trooper made the initial stop, Clay gave a fictitious name. After the discovery of the document, Clay was placed in handcuffs and seated in the ISP patrol cruiser. Court documents state that after a warrant check, dispatch was able to locate a misdemeanor warrant for Clay. Officers continued to search the vehicle and located approximately three pounds of a green leafy substance, which later tested positive for marijuana. Law enforcement also found two large bags with marijuana that was individually packaged. Further into the search, officers also found inside a Tupperware container several smaller bags of marijuana. According to the probable cause statement, paraphernalia was also found in the vehicle.

Semi spills potatoes in highway rollover outside of Murphy

Owyhee County deputies stayed busy last week when a semi truck rolled near Murphy, spilling potatoes across Idaho highway 78.

Victor Martinez, 37, of Burley had finished loading potatoes near Murphy Flats on Aug. 17 when his truck tipped over at mile marker 33.5 south of Murphy as he was traveling southbound toward Grand View, OCSD Sgt. Lynn Bowman said. Martinez told Bowman he didn’t know what happened after the truck went 20 feet over the embankment. A witness told law enforcement that Martinez was going around 15 mph when his truck drifted and rolled.

Central Owyhee QRU responded to the scene of the accident for a minor shoulder injury that Martinez sustained. He wasn’t transported to the hospital.

Law enforcement personnel was at the scene of the accident for nearly six hours while the road was cleared and the towing company up-righted the semi truck.

Bowman said no citations were issued after the accident scene was cleaned up.

Homedale man escapes injury in U.S. 95 crash near Weiser

Idaho State Police reports a Homedale man was uninjured last Wednesday in a three-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 95 north of Weiser.

Vernon H. Drain, 75, of Homedale was northbound on U.S. 95, pulling a camper trailer with a 1991 Chevrolet pickup when a southbound driver identified as 66-year-old Franklin Fester of Albany, Ore., drove a 2009 Kia Rondo over the center line. Fester sideswiped the camper trailer and slammed head-on into a third vehicle, a 2007 Kia Rondo driven by 40-year-old Luci M. Rowett of Payette.

While Drain and his passenger weren’t injured, both Fesler and Rowett were transported to Weiser Memorial Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

All occupants wore seat belts, and an ISP press release said that alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Homedale council takes up toter again

Public hearings planned Thursday on Westowns request, proposed daycare

For third time since the spring of 2010, the Homedale City Council has scheduled a public hearing on making garbage toters mandatory.

The public hearing to get input on Westowns Disposal Inc.’s request to have all city customers use the wheeled carts for a $2.50 monthly charge will be held during the council’s second meeting of August, which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The Westowns hearing was scheduled after the city council’s July 13 split vote to allow mandatory toters. The first hearing, set for July 27, was cancelled because the council never rescinded the original vote.

In March 2010, the council unanimously rejected Westowns request.

Westowns currently charges any customer who wants a toter a $3 monthly fee. Company owner Bill Pastoor proposes a mandate for all customers at a $2.50 monthly rate.

Pastoor has purchased trucks fitted with equipment to pick up the toters, and he says that will save the company money in the long run with fewer workman’s compensation claims among other lessered expenses.

Council president Dave Downing and Councilman Tim Downing voted against the toters mandate on July 13. When councilmen Eino Hendrickson and Aaron Tines voted in favor of toters, Wilson cast the tiebreaker and supported making the 96-gallon carts mandatory.

Also on the agenda tonight is a public hearing for feedback on Kellie Riley’s special use permit, which has been forwarded to the council by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Riley wants to operate a preschool and daycare at a residence located at 121 E. Wyoming Ave.

Wildfire scorches 67,000 acres south of Bruneau

Bureau of Land Management Boise District fire crews needed three days to extinguish a wildland fire south of Bruneau last week.

Lightning ignited the Big Hill fire on Aug. 14 in sagebrush and grass 20 miles south of Bruneau. The fire consumed 67,000 acres before firefighters achieved containment at about 8 p.m. on Aug. 16.

The BLM used 10 engines, three dozers and two water tenders were working the blaze.
Pastor bids farewell to Homedale Lutheran church

Rev. Shaver accepts call to Nampa congregation after four years

Fresh out of seminary, Rev. Ross Shaver received his call to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Homedale. After four years, he bids farewell as he moves to another church at the end of the month.

Shaver, a 2007 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., accepted a call to serve the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa a little over a month after he was asked to consider the move.

“This was the first church I was assigned to out of the seminary,” Shaver said of Mt. Calvary. “While in the seminary, I wanted to be back in the Pacific Northwest, and fortunately I was able to come here.”

Shaver explained the call process is filled with “prayerful consideration” determining where he is supposed to serve and tend to the needs of a congregation.

“The decision boils down to prayerful consideration,” Shaver said. “My wife Kris and I sat down and prayed a lot. Asking where we can serve and where we would serve best. It wasn’t an easy decision. Mt. Calvary has been very good to me and my wife the past four years.”

The 90-member Homedale church is part of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Shaver said. He expects the call process to be a time for the church to look into the structure of the congregation and place a call to the district sometime within the next year.

“When a church needs a pastor, the first thing they do is ask the congregation for recommendations,” Shaver said. “They then narrow the list down and send the names into the district and then send out call letters to the prospective pastor.”

Shaver said Zion Lutheran in Nampa has been without a pastor for the past year after their former pastor took a call in another state. He said it is somewhat uncommon to receive a call within the same area for pastors.

“This whole process was filled with prayer,” Shaver said. “Prayer for my new congregation and Mt. Calvary as they embark on the call process. It can take a while, though. Some churches are without a pastor for more than a year.”

Shaver will conduct his last service in Homedale on Sunday and then he will be installed at Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa the same day at 4 p.m.

Gateway West public meeting set for Murphy in Sept.

Citizens can comment on draft EIS by mail or at Sept. 15 event

The federal government has announced public meetings for the Gateway West project.

Public meetings to gather input on the 500-kilovolt power line’s draft Environmental Impact Study will be held in September throughout Idaho.

Bureau of Land Management officials will be on hand from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

“I encourage the public to review the document and submit comments on this proposed project,” BLM’s Gateway West project manager Walter George said.

“Public input on the draft EIS is crucial in preparing the final EIS, which will examine project alternatives, potential project effects and make a recommendation on the final route alignment.”

Other meetings in proximity to Owyhee County include:
- Monday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center, 3300 S. Vista Ave.
- Monday, Sept. 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kuna Senior Center, 229 Avenue B
- Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mountain Home Senior Citizens Center, 1000 N. Third E.
- Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Road
- Monday, Sept. 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls

Copies of the DEIS are available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations:
- BLM Owyhee Field Office, 201 Ave. W., Marsing
- BLM Idaho State Office, Public Room, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise
- BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise
- BLM Twin Falls District Office, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls

A limited number of copies of the DEIS will be available at public libraries in project-area communities, or CD copies can be requested on the project website at www.wy.blm.gov/napa/cifodocs/gateway_west or by calling (800) 380-5828.

Comments received at the series of public meetings and by other means will be incorporated into the final EIS, which will be used to make a final decision on the proposed 1,100-mile power line, which is a joint project of Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power. The high-voltage transmission line will stretch from southern Wyoming across southern Idaho and terminate at the Hemingway Bute substation near Wilson. A possible alternative route crosses a portion of northern Nevada, according to a BLM press release.

Comments must be postmarked by Oct. 26.

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Developer: Comment extension puts incentives, financing at risk

A frustrated solar energy developer is worried that regulatory delays will kill plans to bring jobs and revenue to Owyhee County.

Interconnect Solar Development LLC wants to build a 20-megawatt solar panel field on agricultural ground near Murphy, and the company has a contract with Idaho Power to deliver energy to the grid by June 1 of next year.

But Interconnect Solar founder Bill Piske says that the Public Utility Commission’s recent decision to extend analysis of the company’s sales agreement with Idaho Power could make construction impossible this year — effectively ending the project.

The PUC recently granted a motion from commission staffers that pushed the comment deadline, originally set for Aug. 4, to Sept. 29. Staff said it needs more time to answer “unique” questions raised by the proposed sales agreement, which Interconnect Solar and Idaho Power signed after the state commission ruled that only alternative energy projects generating 100 kilowatts or less could be eligible for the PUC’s published rate.

“We are in the most Republican of Republican states, and the one drumbeat that goes on in the Republican Party is limited government, and here we are being held up by government,” Piske said, adding that Idaho ranks 31st nationally in business development.

If construction doesn’t start before the ground freezes, Piske said his company will lose out on crucial federal tax incentives. He said about 30 percent (or $5.4 million) of the $18 million cost to build the solar field could come from the incentives, which expire on Dec. 31.

In a letter to the PUC opposing the comment period extension request, Interconnect Solar attorney Ronald L. Williams wrote that if construction didn’t start by Oct. 1, the company would be unable to secure construction financing and would default on its energy delivery contract with Idaho Power.

Piske said failure of the project would deprive Owyhee County of revenue and employment.

“This is a $250,000 check to the county and $2.6 million to the state,” Piske said. “It’s ongoing revenue from operating taxes of $8 million.

“It’s 50 ongoing jobs and no smog, no (carbon) footprint, no damage to the environment. Nothing.”

Mark Stokes, Idaho Power’s manager of power supply, said the groundbreaking nature of the Murphy Flat Solar project is one reason for the commission’s delay.

The sales agreement is the first alternative energy deal crafted under the guidelines created by the PUC’s eligibility change, he said.

“The concern really where it is the first (Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act) project that is going through this process, and especially a solar project (is) that anything we do in the contract with this methodology in a lot of ways is going to set a precedent for how other projects get treated,” Stokes said.

“Really on the staff’s behalf, they’re really looking out to make sure that the price that is paid for the energy is appropriate and fair for Idaho Power’s customers,” Stokes said.

Stokes said that solar projects such as Murphy Flats and another 20MW project in Grand County will work well with Idaho Power’s long-range Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The Grand View project developer has filed as an intervenor in the Murphy case because of ongoing sales negotiations connected to another field planned for that area, Stokes said.

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Correction

Because of incorrect information provided to The Owyhee Avalanche, the following corrections to the Owyhee County Fair results published last week are necessary:

• Dane Foster was the Needlecrafter Reserve Grand Champion and Senior Division Champion.

• Margie Isaguirre was the Senior Division reserve champion in the Arts exhibition division.

• The large animal round robin award is now called the Malmborg Family Memorial Award.

• In the Owyhee County Horse Show, Desiree Meyers won the Cow Boxing buckle, while Sami Bachman won the Jim Roers Memorial Buckle for Working Cow Horse. Carter Clay and Annie Miller were given the Hard Luck Awards.

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ISP report: More crime, fewer cases cleared in Owyhee

Homedale PD clears 19.9 percent of serious crimes; sheriff’s office rate down, too

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office clearance rate of serious crimes fell in 2010, according to a statewide report.

Overall, law enforcement officials from OCSO and the Homedale Police Department cleared 25 percent of cases involving Group A crimes such as aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, drugs and vandalism, according to the 2010 Crime in Idaho report.

The Idaho State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification uses statistics provided by law enforcement agencies from around the state to compile annual reports.

The individual agency snapshots itemize Group A offenses and Group B arrests, which include DUIs and fraud.

According to the ISP report, 529 Group A crimes were reported in Owyhee County in 2010 with 132 cases being cleared by either HPD or OCSO. Officials made 90 arrests.

The 529 crimes were the highest in the last five years in Owyhee County and reflect a 38.8 percent increase over 2009. The number is skewed, however, because Homedale Police experienced technical difficulties in filing crime reports with the state before last year. In fact, 2010 is the first year the state has received complete statistics for HPD. About six months of data were reported by the agency in 2009.

The state’s report from last summer showed 142 Group A offenses were cleared in Owyhee County in 2009 resulting in 95 arrests.

OCSO report

Group A offenses reported to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office were up 28.3 percent in 2010, and total reported incidents within the OCSO jurisdiction increased 27.3 percent to 396.

Meanwhile, sheriff’s deputies made 147 arrests for both Group A and Group B crimes, the identical number to 2009 and the lowest total in the past five years. The OCSO clearance rate for Group A crimes fell from 36.5 percent in 2009 to 28.4 percent in 2010.

Burglary and larceny reports increased last year in OCSO’s jurisdiction.

There were 105 larceny cases (up 56.7 percent from 2010) with 24 clearances resulting in nine arrests. In 2009, sheriff’s deputies cleared 10 of 67 cases and made six arrests.

Burglary reports were up 75 percent in 2010. OCSO’s stats to the state show one case out of 29 was cleared in 2010, but no arrests were logged. In 2009, five burglaries were solved, resulting in five arrests.

Reports of vandalism were up 40.9 percent over 2009 while clearance increased from 9.1 percent to 11.3 percent. Seven of 62 cases reported in 2010 were solved.

Simple assault cases fell, but so did OCSO’s clearance rate. Deputies cleared 46.8 percent of the 47 cases reported in 2010, resulting in 15 arrests. In 2009, the sheriff’s office cleared 60.4 percent of simple assault cases (32 of 53) and made 17 arrests.

In 2010, OCSO’s statistics on drug offenses remained strong. Nineteen arrests were made as personnel cleared 14 of 16 reported incidents. In 2009, 11 arrests came from the clearance of 11 of 12 reported incidents.

Deputies made 26 DUI arrests, one less than 2009, and arrested 13 adults and nine minors on liquor law violations in 2010 (up from five and four, respectively in 2009). Fraud reports were up 60 percent in 2010 and none of the 16 cases were cleared.

The sheriff’s office reported an improved clearance rate on aggravated assaults, making four arrests and clearing seven of nine cases.

Four reports of forcible rape in 2010 weren’t cleared.

HPD report

According to the ISP study, Homedale Police cleared 19.9 percent of the offenses reported in 2010, including all three drug cases and 12 of 13 drug equipment cases. Fifteen arrests were logged for those 15 clearances.

Homedale officers made a total of 103 arrests for Group A and Group B crimes. HPD personnel made 31 DUI arrests in 2010.

There were 12 arrests made in clearing 19 of the 38 simple assaults reported in 2010. Seven arrests, including two juveniles, were made during the clearance of six larceny cases. A total of 84 were reported last year.

One of the 29 burglaries reported last year was cleared with a juvenile being booked.

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√ Sheriff: Former deputies among those who testify during public hearing

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick said he voted to continue the practice because he wanted to get as much information on the county’s liability in the matter.

No date was set to revisit the issue.

Crandall started the hearing by outlining how his budget has been cut each year, he has been in office while gas prices have continued to rise.

“We’re not consuming any more fuel, but we’re paying a lot more than we did before,” he said.

This year the sheriff used charts and figures to outline the increase in fuel prices and where the gas figures to outline the increase.

“We’re not consuming any more fuel, but we’re paying a lot more than we did before,” said an Oreana resident.

“With better budget management, more could be spent on the sheriff’s office,” said another Oreana resident.

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“I urge you, until the sheriff’s office clears up the shortfall,” said one commissioner.

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Homedale's Don Reed, who spoke at the hearing, said the real concern should be the citizens.

“Citizen-wise, we are spread to both ends of the county,” he said.

“The sheriff’s budget should be the largest budget in the county’s system because the job that they do is to protect us as citizens of the county,” he said.

Don Barnhill, who owns property near Murphy, placed the responsibility on the commissioners.

“It is incumbent upon you to provide the tools necessary to protect us from criminals,” he said.

Barnhill and Billy Wolfe of Grand View both pointed out that it’s impossible for the sheriff to keep up with all the work when there isn’t enough money in the budget.

“Maybe you should buy fuel at a bulk station,” Wolfe said. “There are a lot of things we can do here, but it’s up to you three gentlemen to get this done.”

Marsing resident Chris Even, one of three former deputies to speak at the hearing, said the real concern should be the citizens.

“At the end of the day the Owyhee County residents are the ones who are going to suffer either by paying more in taxes or (or) money coming out of the county coffers or by lack of service,” he said.

√ Fugitive: Man had federal, local warrants from Missouri to Tennessee

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The Greene County Sheriff’s Office in Missouri for flight or escape;

• A state sex offender registration violation from the Bristol (Tenn.) Police Department, and;

• A probation violation and a contributing to delinquency of a minor charge from the Bristol County Sheriff’s Office.

Sanford said he expects Harrison to be extradited to Missouri to face his charges. From where he’ll be taken to Tennessee.

Acting Homedale Police Chief Mike McFetridge said the Marshal’s Office notified him they had information Harrison was living in Homedale.

While being transported to Owyhee County Jail, Harrison admitted to law enforcement that he had been living with his girlfriend in Homedale for the past three months.

Because the state warrants weren’t extraditable, federal marshals picked up Harrison after he was booked into jail in Murphy, and transported him to the Cannon County Jail where he is currently being held, McFetridge said.

According to a June press release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office Western District of Missouri, Harrison allegedly fled to register in Jasper County, Mo., between July 30, 2010 and June 15, 2011. Harrison has convictions in Washington County, Va., for three counts of aggravated sexual battery from 1996.

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

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Rimrock quitting group 1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2665
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Water report
The Bureau of Reclamation showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 82 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 208 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nysa, Ore. at a rate of 285 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 589,214 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 8 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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Owyhee County FY 2012 budget

A closer look

Here is a department-by-department glance at how the bottom line has changed between the fiscal year 2011 budget and the proposed FY 2012 appropriations.

Most department budgets are down from the current year, and some of the reductions can be traced to the fact that there will be one less pay period for county employees than in FY 2011.

The county is paying about five percent more for medical insurance for 70-plus employees, and commissioners also liked unemployment insurance because of a jump in jobless claims against the county.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2012 budget at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Written comments can be submitted through the County Clerk’s office at P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650 or email at csherburn@co.owyhee.id.us. Specify that correspondence pertains to the budget hearing.

Clerk
FY 2011 — $332,680
FY 2012 — $322,884

Less budgeted for salaries and benefits. 

3.1%

Civil defense
FY 2011 — $47,500
FY 2012 — $43,500

Commissioners cut $4,000 by eliminating hazardous materials kits purchase for FY 2012. … All but $500 of the appropriation is budgeted for communications equipment.

8.4%

Building department
FY 2011 — $51,414
FY 2012 — $33,142

Trimming the building official to a part-time position helped reduce the budget to offset the drop in revenue because of a lack of building permit filings. The restructuring of the personnel saved on salary and benefits.

35.5%

P&Z and Building
FY 2011 — $119,674
FY 2012 — $92,446

Reducing personnel costs by reducing a full-time position and cutting the hours of the administrator attributed to the budget tightening by slashing salary and benefits.

22.8%

Health district
FY 2011 — $51,714
FY 2012 — $51,294

The county’s portion of the Southwest District Health operating budget dropped.

0.8%

Veterans Memorial
FY 2011 — $1,200
FY 2012 — $1,000

No change

Airport
FY 2011 — $5,500
FY 2012 — $5,500

No change

Less budgeted for office supplies and salaries.

2.9%

County agent
FY 2011 — $120,471
FY 2012 — $125,218

The budget for part-time help has been tripled to $3,000, and another $3,000 was added to the salary budget for personal leave. That line was set at about $400 in FY 2011.

3.9%

Technology
FY 2011 — $135,000
FY 2012 — $140,700

While the budget for computer supplies was decreased by $3,000, the computer hardware appropriation has increased 33 percent to $20,000. …Commissioners also increased the fund for support contracts by $3,700 to $95,700.

4.2%

OCHS and Museum
FY 2011 — $60,208
FY 2012 — $64,692

Because of a recalculation of pay scale and benefits for the county’s human resources consulting firm, commissioners approved a seven percent increase to Joe Dewharr’s salary, raising the pay to $33,111. This account for half of the department’s budget increase. … The electric bill appropriation was bumped $400.

7.4%

Building and grounds
FY 2011 — $132,628
FY 2012 — $136,738

Commissioners tripled the salary of a part-time employee to $3,000, while lowering the maintenance supervisor salary by one-third to about $20,000. … Net reduction of $10,000 in salary. … Capital construction line item was increased by 50 percent to $30,000.

3.1%

Assessor
FY 2011 — $253,764
FY 2012 — $249,502

Less budgeted for salaries … telephone budget increased by $900 after FY 2011 line amount was exceeded.

1.7%

Treasurer
FY 2011 — $129,316
FY 2012 — $127,731

Less budgeted for salaries and miscellaneous.

1.7%

Taxing district elections
FY 2011 — $65,490
FY 2012 — $63,795

The salary for the deputy clerk has increased 1.5 percent to $25,545. … The county is coming out of the election fund, unlike last year when the appropriation was split between the budget for the taxing district and the clerk’s office. … The entire taxing district budget is funded by the state, which increased the appropriation because of Owyhee County’s new population total as derived by Census 2010.

0.4%

Elections
FY 2011 — $20,550
FY 2012 — $26,600

An influx of ballot items anticipated for the November 2012 general election (which will include county races for sheriff, prosecutor and commissioners) triggered an increase in the Elections budget. … Although the election isn’t until the next fiscal year, the supplies must be purchased this year. … Increases include $3,500 more for printing and supplies and $2,250 more for salaries.

29.4%

District court
FY 2011 — $166,059
FY 2012 — $184,166

Cases with multiple defendants has forced the county to put more money into the professional services contract to pay defense attorneys, Sherburn said. That budget was bumped by 33 percent to $40,000 for district court and by $1,000 to $5,000 for magistrate court. … In the district court budget, money also has been allocated for interpreters, and the law clerk compensation budget has been increased nearly $5,000 to $12,266. … The reserve fund also has been increased by one-third to $20,000.

10.9%

Prosecuting attorney
FY 2011 — $193,120
FY 2012 — $201,070

The salary of deputy prosecutor Chuck Saari has been increased 260 percent to $27,000. Saari’s line in the FY 2011 budget is over by more than $10,000 because of the amount of work he has done for Planning and Zoning and for the BOCC on contract reviews and tasks related to the new 911 emergency communications system. … The commissioners denied Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery’s request for a 24.3 percent raise from $80,000 to $99,500. … The legal assistant’s salary was reduced by nearly $4,000. Emery had sought an increase.

4.1%

Coroner
FY 2011 — $54,322
FY 2012 — $56,531

Half of the budget increase comes from a doubling of the supplies budget to $2,000 after Coroner Harvey Grimme exceeded his FY 2011 budget by more than $1,000, as of Aug. 9. … Commissioners allowed a $500 increase in the education budget to $2,500.

2.9%

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3.1%

Sheriff
FY 2011 — $1,103,839
FY 2012 — $1,136,136

Small reduction in salaries even with the addition of OHP deputy and waterways deputy lines … Commissioners denied sheriff’s attempt to increase payrolls 6.7 percent to $640,000 and removed the salary line formerly occupied by backcountry deputy Gary Olson, who will lose his job Oct. 1. … fuel budget increased 20 percent to $90,000 … office supplies budget increased 33 percent to $200,000 despite OCSO spending only $712,53 versus Aug. 9. … Commissioners slashed first aid and patrol supplies budget in half to $5,000 … BOCC also denied Crandall’s request to increase the capital-office equipment budget 20 percent to $10,000, settling instead on $5,500.

4.5%

Jail
FY 2011 — $743,689
FY 2012 — $777,392

Anticipating possible major repairs to the jail roof in FY 2012, the commissioners beefed up the repair budget by 420 percent to $32,000. … Sheriff Crank said that the closing was 23.8 percent increase in the jail’s salary budget (about $130,000 over the $248,456 FY 2011 appropriation), but commissioners also increased jailer pay by 2.8 percent, primarily because of the loss of an extra pay period from last year. … An extra $5,500 was added to the courthouse security deputy’s salary, and overtime was reduced by $5,000.

2.9%

Commissioners
FY 2011 — $173,501
FY 2012 — $218,034

No mileage reimbursement budgeted … Professional services budget increased 25 percent to pay for legal expenses of the federal lands rights-of-way assertion process … The county has increased its dues/membership budget by 48.3 percent or $7,000, but this does not include the Western Alliance for Economic Development dues, which is paid from the General line.

5.7%
## County budget

### Road and bridge

**FY 2011** — $1,430,028  
**FY 2012** — $1,566,080  
With infrastructure needing updates and repairs, commissioners increased the maintenance and repair budgets for Districts 1 and 3 by four percent to $1,048,684. While most District 1 salaries will drop, the budget line for a road and bridge operator in Murphy was reinstated for the first time since FY 2009 and funded at more than $29,000. District 3 salaries dropped by about $2,000. Commissioners also allocated $100,000 for a heavy equipment purchase in District 1; $20,000 was allocated in FY 2011.

### Indigent and charity

**FY 2011** — $397,823  
**FY 2012** — $515,537  
The professional services line ballooned 22.4 percent to $183,300 as the county sees more catastrophic medical and Charity cases. Whitted will work full-time for the sheriff's office budget. As of Aug. 9, the FY 2011 budget for waterways deputies salaries was 50.6 percent in the red. ... The FY 2011 fuel budget was 403.5 percent over budget ($5,035.88 spent on a $1,000 appropriation), and commissioners approved a request to raise the fuel line to $1,500 for FY 2012. ... A 55.2 percent increase in the waterways improvement budget was also approved, giving the Waterways Committee $34,147 to spend in FY 2012.

### Solid waste

**FY 2011** — $341,150  
**FY 2012** — $377,772  
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### Tort

**FY 2011** — $128,835  
**FY 2012** — $147,788  
An increase in seeking legal opinions from county insurance carrier Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) has triggered a 25.3 percent increase in the professional services budget over FY 2011 to $31,334. ... ICRMP also has increased the county’s liability insurance deductible 10 percent to nearly $106,000 because of “additional activity in the Owyhee office”, according to commissioners.

### Probation

**FY 2011** — $190,151  
**FY 2012** — $191,311  
Salaries dropped by more than $5,000, but other personnel cost budgets and the department vehicle fuel and repairs budget were increased. ... The fuel/repairs budget is up 22.8 percent to $2,700, and the commissioners approved a new line for a new piece of machinery in FY 2011.

### Revaluation

**FY 2011** — $208,191  
**FY 2012** — $208,214  
The salaries line dropped with only 26 pay periods in FY 2012.

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The elevator attendant spoke French as we headed down, and the doors opened. I walked off quickly, thinking the crowd behind me would follow. After a few steps, I didn’t hear anyone, so I turned around. There was no one there; I was the only one who got off the elevator. I didn’t even have time to shout before the doors of the elevator closed.

I watched the elevator continue down, and I knew that I got off too early. It was about 9:50 p.m., and I noticed that either. I was alone on the third floor of the Eiffel Tower.

The group I was traveling with had just visited the top of the Eiffel Tower on June 8, the fifth day of our trip around Europe. We had agreed to meet at the bottom of the Tower after we had taken our pictures, so we could see the Tower sparkling at night. As I stood by myself on the third floor, I knew I had to get down soon, so I started looking for an elevator that would take me to the bottom. I couldn’t find it. I walked all around the floor, but there wasn’t even a sign that said “Down.” I even knew that “down” in French was “descend,” and I couldn’t find that either.

I decided to ask for help, so I approached a family, saying “Bonjour. Descend?” The older gentleman looked at me and said they didn’t speak French, what a relief. I happily asked how to get down, and he told me to head to the left. It was the way I had just come from, but I thanked them anyway and double-checked.

I still couldn’t find it. At that point I was starting to freak out. I was lost on the Eiffel Tower and my group was probably waiting for me at the bottom. I went looking for help again, and found two ladies taking pictures. They spoke English, and said they were going down also. We found the correct elevator.

Now I know that when I go to the Eiffel Tower again, I’ll make sure not to get off the elevator unless everybody gets off first.
Before leaving for this trip, I heard a quote about Italy, "You may have the universe if I may have Italy." This country was what I was most excited for: the food, weather, and the Colosseum.

Our group arrived in Italy after 20 hours on the night train. We were very hungry, so we stopped at a café in Rome for lunch. My first taste of Italian cuisine was a Margherita pizza.

In 1899, a chef made the first pizza for Queen Margherita of Italy. On top of the bread, he included tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and basil, the three colors of the Italian flag. We each had our own Margherita pizza, named after the Queen.

After eating, we headed straight for the Colosseum for our tour. It was absolutely spectacular. It was built in 80 A.D. and I could see the stones and bricks that were removed manually and naturally throughout the centuries. As I walked around, I could picture the Romans in the stands watching the gladiators in the arena. It automatically became my favorite part of the trip, even better than the Eiffel Tower.

Our time was short at the Colosseum, and we headed to the Forum, the area that led from the Colosseum to the Capitol. It was said to be the first mall, the center of the city's public life in ancient times.

**Excursion:** Students learn how to navigate in big European cities

What an awesome trip. It was so much fun.

After the group's 5 p.m. departure from the Boise airport, they flew to Los Angeles for a non-stop flight to London Heathrow Airport. Nearly a day later, the anxious travelers went straight into the streets of London, soaking in the British experience.

"When we got there, we went right into seeing London," Eisentrager said. "We had a short time in London, but we saw all the major sights. The next morning, we took a bus tour and had the afternoon free to explore."

While in London, after briefing the students on how to read the Tube map, Eisentrager had each student learn basic greetings in French and Italian to help them interact and buy things. "Eisentrager said. "Before we left, the kids interact and buy things,"

The group of travelers from Marsing pose in the Colloseum in Rome during last month's trip overseas.

During the Paris leg of their trip, they visited the home of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa at the Louvre museum and went to the Left Bank for genuine Parisian food and shopping.

"We spent some time letting the kids pick out things," Eisentrager said. "Before we left, each student learned basic greetings in French and Italian to help them interact and buy things about some of the things the kids came back with."

During some free time the group had in Paris, a few of the travelers witnessed a cultural difference when a man and a woman got into a fight on a train. "I got to see a Frenchman catch a pickpocket and throw her off the train," Eisentrager said. "We moved in on the train and there was a commotion and these two were going at it. The lady came running back on and she threw her off again. He caught her pickpocketing; poor Annie Finley's eyes were as wide as quarters. It was an experience."

Boarding what was supposed to be a 13-hour overnight train ride from France to Rome, the group was faced with a 20-hour switch-back that detoured them from the Alps through Milan.

"There was a fire on the rail line in Italy near the Switzerland border which detoured our train," Eisentrager said. "We were all very happy to get off the train. Some of the kids got restless, we played football in the hallway of the train with a pillow and made the most of it."

With their feet firmly planted on Italian cobblestone, they visited one of the greatest works of Roman architecture and engineering.

"We drove right to the Colosseum and ate Italian pizza in the shadow of the Colosseum," Eisentrager said. "Real Italian pizza is nothing like American pizza. It is really simple with either cheese or prosciutto (Italian ham)."

"Standing inside the Colosseum, one of the girls came to me and said, "You showed me this place in class and now we are standing here." That was exciting. This trip was about that, showing them the places they learned about in class and the history behind everything."

Soaking in the Roman and Italian history, they visited the Pantheon, Piazza Navona and took in a country within a country and the home of the Roman Catholic Church in Vatican City. "St. Peter's Basilica was jaw-dropping. It was just beautiful," Eisentrager said. "This is the epicenter of the whole Roman Catholic world."

Eisentrager said fellow district employee Rose Brooks was able to take the trip after her children surprised her with paying for the adventure, which was in awe of the Vatican. "We were walking through the Vatican, the foundation of her religion and she just kept saying 'Thank you. Thank you for bringing me here.' That was enough for me," Eisentrager said. "Taking the kids and everyone else to see these places was amazing."

After Rome, the group took an unexpected trip to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, in Pisa, Italy and then traveled through Florence. "Huge amount of history in this region," Eisentrager said. "Florence, with all the leather and premier shopping, that was neat to see. On the way back to Rome, we got to go through Assisi. Then we got on our plane and left after 13 days."

Throughout the 13-day journey, Eisentrager said the only real culture shock was the bathrooms in the different countries. "The biggest deal was the restrooms, as far as culture shock goes," Eisentrager said. "To them, it is where dirty things happen and that is how they view them and rarely are they kept clean. I know that was hard for some of the kids and adults."

Overall, Eisentrager was encouraged and pleased with the historic trip as the 16 travelers from Marsing crisscrossed Europe, learning about the history and seeing the places they have only seen in books. "It was outstanding. You couldn't have asked for a better experience for this group of kids," Eisentrager said. "When we got back to the States, I thanked them for making history and being the first group from Marsing to travel overseas."

"The eyes of the kids seeing things they had only seen in pictures. Seeing the Colosseum and the Eiffel Tower, you never really know it exists until you are standing there. Up until then, they didn't understand the scope and the size of things."

Although it isn't official yet, Eisentrager plans on taking another group to the Basque Country in a few years. After this trip settles in, he plans on getting the planning started.

— J.Z.
County to receive road signage to warn of flash floods

Federal government raises Bruneau River flood stage

Federal officials have taken steps to address two aspects of potentially dangerous high water in Owyhee County’s rivers and drainages.

One program will bring at least three signs to county roads warning motorists of flash flood possibilities during late spring and early summer. Emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond recently told the Board of County Commissioners that the local hydrologic services office of the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has granted a county request as part of the Turn Around Don’t Drown (TADD) program.

The program provides signage urging motorists or pedestrians approaching a wash that crosses a flood-prone roadway to turn back if flash flood potential is present.

Owyhee County’s signage request focused on three crossings along Idaho highway 78 between Guffey and Grand View, including the Scorpion Creek wash where former backcountry sheriff’s deputy George Reed lost his life when the car he was driving was swept into the Snake River by flood waters in June 2009.

Other areas where the signage could be used include Murphy’s Pedranci Road, which was washed out by Rabbit Creek during the same June 2009 storm, and the Castle Creek crossing northwest of Grand View on Idaho 78.

County officials could also identify other areas that could benefit from TADD signage, Desmond said. Jay Breidenbach of the NOAA, who helped the county obtain the TADD signage, also has informed officials that the Bruneau River flood stage has been updated after a study of the impacts of high water this year where the Bruneau River flows under Idaho 51 at mile marker 77.

The new flood stage, which would trigger flood warnings from the National Weather Service, is 9.5 feet.

Several flood warnings were issued this year because the river’s flood stage was set at nine feet, but Breidenbach told Desmond in an email that the small impact of flooding this year warranted a revision.

The river crested at 10.74 feet on April 19th, 2011 and the associated flood impacts were significantly less than expected,” Breidenbach wrote.

“Even though there were some low areas near the river that were inundated, there were no roads that were impacted at this stage, and agricultural damage appeared to be minimal.”

Breidenbach said the revision is necessary because flood warnings issued by the National Weather Service should be reserved “for conditions that truly warrant action by the county and citizens who live near the river.”

“Setting flood stage too low can result in the warnings not being taken seriously, while setting the warning threshold too high can result in impacts occurring without advanced notice,” Breidenbach wrote.

Breidenbach said that flood warnings still would have been triggered this year with a higher flood stage, but there would have been fewer “false alarms.”

Breidenbach also outlined what the impacts would be at different water levels on the Bruneau River:

• Nine feet — Minor agricultural flooding near river is likely, and water will approach the bottom of the Idaho 51 bridge as it did this year. Debris also could begin piling up at the bridge.

• 11 feet — Water may cross Idaho 51 in low spots in the roadway near the bridge. Agricultural acreage in low areas near the river between Bruneau and Hot Springs will flood.

• 13 feet — Widespread ag flooding between Bruneau and Hot Springs is likely. Water would cross sections of Idaho 51 near the bridge and could threaten low sections of Hot Springs Road between Bruneau and Hot Springs.

• 13.2 feet — This level would trigger flooding that exceeds the record 1984 flood. Extensive ag flooding would occur between Bruneau and Hot Springs and flood water would cross Idaho 51 at the river bridge. Low spots on Hot Springs Road would be covered by water, too.

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Huskies look to capitalize on new season, strong core of athletes

Marsing football opens season Friday at home against Parma

Coming off one of its best seasons in recent years, the Marsing High School football team is ready to get back to the gridiron as the Huskies kick off the season at home.

As the 2011 season dawns, second-year coach Jaime Wood is left with a lot of optimism as the team ramps up for their opener against Parma on Friday night at 7 p.m. in Marsing.

“We are looking to win,” Wood said. “We are looking to execute and do the things we have been doing all summer and go into league crisp.”

Friday night’s game against the Panthers of the 3A Snake River Valley Conference continues a long tradition of “playing up” that the 2A Western Idaho Conference Marsing squad has committed itself to in order to gain more experience in non-conference opponents.

“I think you always take the risk of injury, but if you can get your stuff going against the big teams the kids are more comfortable going into the 2A,” Wood said.

Building on a strong off-season, the Huskies return much of the team that helped them to their first state play-in bid since 2006. Suiting up in the blue and gold again this year for Marsing will be Pedro Carillo, Grayson Kendall, Jason Galligan, Miguel Leon, Austin Glenn, Austin Williams, Charlie Galvez, Bernardo Galvez and Angel Loera.

“These nine starters know what we expect, it is huge for us,” Wood said. “This is great for the young kids. Even after this year we are young which helps us get those young guys to step in, and they will have experience until they are seniors.”

Moving up from junior varsity with a little varsity time under their belts, Dusty Clausen, Justin Glenn, Hudson Sauer and Tristan Jacobi will help to

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Huskies, Trojans start volleyball season this week

Both teams slated to compete in Kuna Klassic

The high school volleyball teams from Homedale and Marsing start their season this week, including both appearing in the Kuna Klassic tournament Friday and Saturday.

The Trojans begin their second year under coach Janel Van Dyke at home Thursday against Melba.

The Huskies look to build on last year’s appearance in the 2A state tournament beginning Friday in pool play at the 24-team Kuna Klassic.

Homedale plays at Kuna Middle School, and Marsing competes at Kuna High School during Friday’s round-robin portion of the tournament. The Owyhee County teams won’t see each other during the preliminary rounds because they are in different pools.

Marsing is the first to take the court Friday with a 4 p.m. against Columbia from Nampa in the Gold Pool.

Homedale opens its participation in the White Pool at 4:40 p.m. against fellow 3A Snake River Valley conference member Payette.

The rest of Marsing’s pool play schedule includes against Timberline of Boise at 5:15 p.m., against Weiser at 6:25 p.m., and against Emmett at 8:05 p.m., all on Friday. On Saturday morning, Marsing plays its final three round-robin matches – at 9:10 against Eagle, at 10:20 against 1A Tri Valley, and at 11:30 against Fruitland.

Homedale’s remaining round-robin matches Friday include 5:50 p.m. against Skyview of Nampa, 6:25 p.m. against Nampa Christian, and 7:35 p.m. against Centennial of Meridian. The Trojans open Saturday against Nampa at 8:30 a.m., then takes on Meridian at 10:20 a.m. and Garden Valley at 11:30 a.m.

After pool play, teams will be seeded into one of three single-elimination tournaments (Gold, Silver and Bronze) depending on how they fared in the preliminaries. There will be eight teams in each tournament.

Single-elimination play will begin at 1 p.m. for the opening round, 2 p.m. for the quarterfinals, 3 p.m. for the semifinals and 4 p.m. for the championship matches.

While Homedale takes nine days off after the Kuna Klassic, coach Loma Bittick’s Marsing squad doesn’t slow down.

The Huskies open 2A Western Idaho Conference play on Tuesday in Meridian against Cole Valley Christian. The tripleheader starts at 5 p.m. with the junior varsity B match. First serve for the varsity match comes at 7 p.m.

Marsing opens its home schedule next Wednesday with a tripleheader against 3A Parma.

BSU tennis coach to speak at HTAA Luau

Boise State University men’s tennis coach Greg Patton will serve as guest speaker during Saturday’s Luau Dinner and Auction to support Homedale schools sports transportation.

The second annual Homedale Trojan Athletic Association-sponsored event starts at 5:30 p.m. at City Park. Live and silent auctions also will be held.

Advance tickets are $10 for seventh-graders and older, and $8 for sixth-graders and younger. Tickets at the door for the older diners will be $15, and $10 for the younger group.

A table that seats eight can be purchased for $70.

Proceeds will help cover transportation costs for HHS and HMS athletics.

Tickets are available at the offices at Homedale high school and middle school, through Brandon DeMond at NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply on East Idaho Avenue at 337-4668 or Sheila Matteson at Dairyland Seed, 337-4693, or Lori Emry at 869-4019.

The menu includes pork, corn on the cob, baked potatoes and all the trimmings.

Athletes from the town’s fall sports teams will provide entertainment, such as a dance number by the HHS volleyball team.

Silent auctions will be held every half-hour, with available items rotated on a display table every 30 minutes.

Auction items include:

• “Escape for two” Alaska getaway (two-night stay in Seldosna, Alaska)
• Two sets of four first-row center reserved graduation seating
• Two individual year passes Homedale High School
• Baseball Basket
• Goose hunting day (Turner’s Farm)
• Deer hunting day (Turner’s Farm)
• Catfish day (Turner’s Farm)
• College of Idaho tickets
• Two Life Touch sports photo packages
• One Boise State football
• One University of Idaho football

For more information, contact HHS athletic director David Hart at 337-4613.
Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo results

Senior Girls
All Around — Rainy Robinson

Junior Girls
All Around — Bailey Brown
Calf Roping — 1. Bailey Kent

 Pee Wee Boys
All Around — Lan Larson

Junior Boys
All Around — Micah Pirvu

Mini Mite Girls
All Around — Karli Griggs

Junior Boys
All Around — Bailey Brown
Calf Roping — 1. Bailey Kent

Pee Wee Girls
All Around — Sage McDaniel

Senior Boys
All Around — Zalin Arritola

Open Team Roping

Held Saturday
At Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena
Mini Mite Girls
All Around — Karli Griggs

Junior Girls
All Around — Rainy Robinson

Junior Boys
All Around — Bailey Brown
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Open Team Roping
Raiders try to build on football playoff appearance

Second-year coach has a slew of All-WIC players as nucleus

A fresh start created a new experience in Juan Colunga’s inaugural season as Rimrock High School football coach. Now, a year later, the Raiders are faced with running the 1A Western Idaho Conference gauntlet to make a return to the 1A, Div. I state playoffs.

“I believe we are going to have a very tough conference this year,” Colunga said. “Most of the teams return a lot of talent, especially Wilder and Cascade.”

Colunga also throws defending champion Notus into the mix of teams that will challenge the Raiders, who won four of six conference games a year ago to reach the state playoffs for the first time in recent memory.

Several upperclassmen return from last year’s 4-5 squad that lost in the opening round of the state tournament, 63-30, on the road against Hagerman.

Colunga is also anxious to see how some new faces perform.

“This year’s team will be led by some experienced seniors, some of which will be three-year starters,” he said. “We will also have some newcomers that will contribute right away.”

Two defensive leaders have graduated, though, including linebacker Francisco Garcia, who led the team in tackles and emotion, and nose tackle Chance Pierce, who was a terror in opposing offensive backfields. Before missing the playoff loss because of injury, Pierce secured team-best totals in quarterback sacks and tackles for loss.

Four all-conference picks will anchor the eight-man team’s 4-2 defense in 2011, including three on the line.

First-team defensive end Nathan Black, a 5-foot, 10-inch, 220-pound senior, had 45 solo tackles, five sacks and three interceptions last year.

He also was a first-team All-WIC fullback with 1,419 yards and 20 touchdowns and a 7.7-yards-per-carry average.

Austin Meyers (5-10, 190, jr.) plays both ways on the line, and earned second-team All-WIC honors as a sophomore defensive end after 52 solo stops, five sacks, five fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

Jorge Mondragon (5-11, 245, sr.) racked up 59 solo tackles and was a second-team all-conference player as both an interior defensive lineman and a center.

Oscar Gomez (5-9, 190, sr.) rounds out the all-conference players. He was selected as a second-team cornerback and placekicker. Gomez also played running back, gaining 561 yards and scoring seven touchdowns. On defense, he had 37 solo tackles and four interceptions.

Gomez will return to his position as starting tailback, joining Black and senior quarterback Clay Cantrell (5-11, 170) in a veteran Raiders’ backfield.

Cantrell rushed for 400 yards and chipped in touchdowns with his arm and as a receiver. As a linebacker, he had 82 solo tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Colunga expects a senior newcomer, 5-6, 150-pound Martin Varela, to make an impact as a running back and cornerback. The coach also singled out lineman Austin Standlee (6-1, 200) and tight end/corner Cristian Ayala (5-6, 160) — both juniors — as new faces that will make a difference.

The coach placed his team in the middle of the seven-team 1A WIC, just below Notus.

“Notus is still the conference champion, so they are still the top team until someone knocks them off,” Colunga said. “Horseshoe Bend returns some really big linemen and shifty skill guys.

“I believe every team is in the running for the crown.” — JPB

Marsing: Focus stays on one game at a time

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push the young Huskies to their postseason goal.

“So far the new guys have showed up huge,” Wood said. “These guys will perform for me, because I am looking at the game at hand. It is hard for me, because I am looking toward the end, but I have to stay focused as well. The main focus is one-game-at-a-time. November will be here soon enough.” — JLZ

Marsing Huskies!

Football

Varsity — Friday, Aug. 26, home vs. Parma, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity — Thursday, Aug. 25 at Parma, 6 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity — Friday, Aug. 26 at Kuna Tournament at Kuna High School

• 7 p.m. vs. Columbia • 5:15 p.m. vs. Timberline

• 6:25 p.m. vs. Weiser • 8:05 p.m. vs. Emmett

Saturday, Aug. 27 at Kuna Tournament at Kuna Middle School

• 9:10 a.m. vs. Eagle • 10:20 a.m. vs. Tri Valley • 11:30 a.m. vs. Fruitland

• Afternoon — Single-elimination tournament either at KMS or Kuna High School

Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Cole Valley Christian, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.

Go Huskies!

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Rimrock: The season ahead

The Raiders draw a tough test out of the gate this year when they play at Garden Valley at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

The Wolverines lost the 1A, Div. 2 state championship game to Carey, 62-36, last year to cap a 10-2 season.

“We lost to them last year, 65-25, and they are an extremely well-coached team,” second-year Raiders coach Juan Colunga said.

“We are looking forward to the challenge, and this first game will set the tone for the season.”

The remainder of the Raiders’ season (italics indicate conference games):

Date Opponent Time

Friday, Sept. 2 at Shoshone 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9 at Dietrich 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16 vs. Cascade 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23 at Wilder 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30 at Notus 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14 at Greenleaf E 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21 at Horseshoe Bend 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28 vs. Idaho City 7 p.m.

Note — Oct. 23 is Homecoming. Oct. 28 is Senior Night.
August 26, 1871

City’s new well now “on-line”

Homedale city crews are busy flushing out waterlines throughout town this week, after getting the new well “on-line.”

City Superintendent Larry Bauer said Friday the new well is producing about 275 gallons per minute, and it appears the quality is better than the other wells. “We’ve got our fingers crossed, but so far, the new well doesn’t have the smell the others do,” Bauer said.

The flushing of the lines has been postponed, due to the low water supply, he explained. The pipes contain a lot of buildup, and the flushing “will kick a lot of stuff loose,” he said.

Bauer urged residents to flush out their water heaters for their own benefit. “Unless they’ve flushed out their (hot water) tanks recently, there’s bound to be a lot of sand in them. If this is the case, a lot of electricity is wasted heating that dirt,” he added.

Proposed county budget lower than 1986

Owyhee County will spend $2,617,622 in the upcoming fiscal year than in the present one, according to the proposed budget, published recently in the Owyhee Avalanche. The proposed budget totals $2,597,402 for the fiscal year 1986. The county’s year runs from October 1 to September 30. However, the lowered budget is not an across-the-board cut, as some departments show substantial increases, and others substantial decreases.

Assessor $81,463 to $79,806; Commissioners 40,550 to 31,953; Prosecuting Attorney 40,450 to 31,850; Building and Ground 45,125 to 43,875; Election 12,250 to 11,600; General 268,000 to 249,020; District Court 57,286 to 59,709 (the “Public Defender” moneys are now in a separate fund); Magistrate Court 49,793 to 55,775; Health District 23,282 to 23,129; Pest Control 17,494 to 16,501; County Revaluation 89,112 to 81,085; Solid Waste Disposal 93,247 to 96,620; Hazardous Waste Disposal 51,627 to zero; Warrant Redemption 73,336 to 45,000; Circuit Breaker Shortfall 2,180 to 2,129; Road and Bridge 732,324 to 671,261.

Increases: On the other side of the budget, several departments will, if the budget is approved, have more money to spend next year than in the current year. They include:

Clerk, Auditor and Recorder $101,947 to 107,440; Treasurer and Tax Collector 45,732 to 48,430; Sheriff 254,661 to 257,368; Coroner 5,315 to 5,454; County Agent 19,360 to 22,345; Jail 57,700 to 65,312; County Commission 1,543 to 1,720; Historical Society 14,393 to 14,912; Airport 15,345 to 15,395; Tort (new budget item) 20,416; Hazardous Waste zero to 97,335.

Status quo: Several other departments budgets remained the same from the current year to the proposal for next year. They are: County Fair $14,000, Fair Ground and Buildings 3,500; Veterans Memorial 1,200; Junior college 5,000; Magistrate Court 49,798 to 49,793; Home purchased for parsonage by church group.

Three-day rodeo promises lots of excitement

The annual Owyhee County Rodeo set for Thursday through Saturday nights in conjunction with the county fair promises to be bigger and better than ever this year, according to Bob Basey, rodeo board president.

Events include bull riding (new to this rodeo), saddle bronce riding, bareback riding, calf roping, team roping, girls’ barrel racing and kids’ steer wrestling.

Sharon Brunzell, Murphy, is rodeo queen. Princesses are Carol Ann Buck, Homedale and Rayola Black of Silver City.

Horse Telings.

On the 17th inst. two mares, one a sorrel and the other a gray with left eye out, were stolen from Robt. Frazer, near the head of Sucor Creek. The thieves were tracked round to the divide back of the Owyhee mill where all traces of them were lost. It is thought that they have gone up Snake River in the direction of Fort Hall. A couple of nights previous to the taking of the horses, two mares were stolen from a coach on Sinker Creek, rendering it very probable that the same party committed both thefts.

BULLION SHIPMENT.

Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped from here, during the week ending yesterday, 10 bars of bullion, valued at $20,638.89. The shipments for the month of August will foot up about $100,000.

FLINT DISTRICT.

C. S. Miller is working over the tailings of the ore that he crushed in the Rising Star mill last spring. The Twilight Company continues operations. With those exceptions but little work is now being done in that district.

CONDURANGO EXPLODED.

The great condurango cure, about which so much has been said of late, is now pronounced a failure. It is said that two-thirds of the cases where it has been administered have been proven failed.

The total reduction of the public debt for the fiscal year ending June 30th is given at $312,189,575.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

The total assessments, including subsequent list, unsatisfied mortgages, &c., in Owyhee County for the current year, amounts to but little short of a million dollars, whereupon the rustic editor of the Walla Walla Union denominates a “small showing” comes from the fact that our quartz mines are not taxed. We are most willing of our market to find a place on the Assessment Roll, the amount would be several millions. This may seem incomprehensibly incredible to our rural friend of Walla Walla, who, we must say, exhibits a remarkable lack of knowledge when attempting to discourse upon anything, except butter, eggs and other products of the farm.
Denny got a call from the farmer’s widow. She had 13 head of big steers that had been hibernating in her woods since the fall a year ago. Denny operated a hunting service in the neck of West Virginia. They did rip rap, lumber, heavy equipment and other inanimate objects.

Denny agreed to help the damsel in distress, but he didn’t have a truck stuck, per se. He could find was a one-ton flatbed with a pipe-rail rack rigged out to haul mail to the recycling plant in Wheeling. He contacted his brother Dee, and they headed out on their heroic mission.

As they pulled up to the widow’s overgrown lane they just got a glimpse of several colorful bovine rumps and tails disappearing into the blackberry thicket and head-high horse weed!

Not having horses, the 25-acre lot might as well have been the King Ranch! It took our brothers five hours of running, walking, yelling, stalking and whispering to trick two of the 1,000-pound brindle steers into the rack on the flatland.

They decided to go with the birds in the bush and take the short load. It was noon, so they stopped in Moundsville for lunch as Dee was digging into his plate of ramps, a state trooper came in. He visited with them a few minutes then said, “When you boys get ready to go, I’d be glad to call for some help to gather your steers back in the truck.”

“What!” exclaimed the brethren! They bolted for the door! The two steers were headed for the railroad tracks along the Ohio River. Their truck looked like a Demolition Derby refugee! The rack panel was flattened forward onto the cab, collapsing the roof and the windows. The running lights were skived off, and the windshield smashed onto the front seat. The hood was mashed down on the four-barrel carb and the special cowboy hat hood ornament was snapped off, replaced by a foul stench of porky.

To those of you who are thinking, “Man, these guys are helpless; no horse, no rope, no water trap, no loading chute . . .” you must put yourself into the Mountaineer Mentality. “How do we immobilize them from a distance, since we have no hope of getting anywhere’s near to them?” Sifting their possible inspirational sources and the Mountaineer Mentality, “What do we do to isolate them from a distance, but enough to keep them from running?”

They quickly went to work and devised a plan to immobilize the remaining herd. Except, of course, without the destroyed truck, the state trooper and the railroad tracks.

— 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.
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Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse

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Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer’s address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Letters can be e-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call 337-4861.

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NOTICE OF LEETTING

An official copy of the Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, at 303 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho, is available for inspection during normal business hours.

Section 2.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject to the court’s jurisdiction and all the terms and conditions set forth in Section 2 of the Deed of Trust, as recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho, in which the Beneficial Owner is listed as Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficial Owner.

The Trustee has no knowledge of any and all conditions that would cause the trust property to be sold at this sale.

Therefore, the trustee shall not be liable for any error, omission or irregularity of any of the above referenced real property, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed of the address of 604 Selway Dr, Homedale, ID aka 604 E. Selway Dr, Homedale, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding the suitability to satisfy said obligation. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was evidenced by the execution of a Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for therein. The Beneficial Owner of the above referenced real property is United States Bank National Association, as Trustee, on behalf of the Holders of the Credit Certificate of the Boston Mortgage Securities Corp. Home Equity Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-2, held of October 28, 2008, as Instrument No. 266592, in the records of said County, Idaho.

The above Grantors are NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-106(4) (a), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default hereunder is the failure to make the full payment of the said loan due the certain Promissors, in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for therein as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of $510.50 for the months of April 2011 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and penalties, if any, according to the mortgage and deed of trust. The sum owing on the obligation evidenced by the deed of trust is $67,152.35 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, cost of foreclosure, any and all funds expended by beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.25% from March 1, 2011, plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

NOTICE OF BID HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Homedale Highway District of Commissioners will meet September 7, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2011 – 2012. The public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of the budget for 2011 – 2012, for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the County Clerk, 303 East Owyhee, Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Terry Uria, Secretary/Treasurer
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

ANTICIPATED INCOME

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\begin{align*}
\text{Building Fund Balance} & \quad 208,093.48 \\
\text{Highway Users} & \quad 370,000.00 \\
\text{Ag Replacement Tax} & \quad 2,492.00 \\
\text{Property} & \quad 65,714.00 \\
\text{Sales Tax/Surplus10,000.00} & \quad 2,000.00 \\
\text{Misc. Revenue} & \quad 568,326.48 \\
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ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

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\text{Commissioners Salaries} & \quad 14,976.00 \\
\text{Salaries} & \quad 95,604.00 \\
\text{Payroll Benefits and Taxes} & \quad 3,430.00 \\
\text{Utilities} & \quad 3,500.00 \\
\text{Professional Fees} & \quad 6,700.00 \\
\text{General Supplies and Misc.} & \quad 5,000.00 \\
\text{Repairs and Maintenance} & \quad 16,000.00 \\
\text{Materials/Construction} & \quad 330,000.00 \\
\text{Insurance (General)} & \quad 6,700.00 \\
\text{Office Supplies} & \quad 500.00 \\
\text{Weed Control} & \quad 20,000.00 \\
\text{Rent} & \quad 6,827.83 \\
\text{Phone Expense} & \quad 2,890.00 \\
\text{Contingency Fund} & \quad 25,000.00 \\
\text{Truck Replacement and Accessories} & \quad 1,000.00 \\
\text{Misc. Expense & Convention} & \quad 4,400.00 \\
\text{Waste Compensation} & \quad 10,000.00 \\
\text{Ending Fund Balance} & \quad 48,188.37 \\
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Anticipated Beginning Balance: $448,387.00

Anticipated Revenue: $658,326.48

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, have tentatively adopted the 2011-2012 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held to receive public testimony at the Office of the District, 303 East Owyhee, Main Street at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2011. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call 989-4851 for an appointment.


Total Anticipated Revenue: $435,588.00

Anticipated Expenditures:

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\text{Dues & Publications} & \quad 1,600.00 \\
\text{Gas, Oil & Tires} & \quad 25,000.00 \\
\text{Insurance & Bonds} & \quad 5,600.00 \\
\text{Labor & Salaries} & \quad 95,000.00 \\
\text{Office Expense} & \quad 4,900.00 \\
\text{Payroll Taxes & Benefits} & \quad 3,000.00 \\
\text{Legal & Accounting} & \quad 10,000.00 \\
\text{Repairs & Maintenance} & \quad 17,000.00 \\
\text{Roads & Bridges} & \quad 225,000.00 \\
\text{Utilities} & \quad 8,500.00 \\
\text{Water Control} & \quad 10,000.00 \\
\text{End Period Expenditures} & \quad 662,600.00 \\
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Total Anticipated Expenditures: $662,600.00

Anticipated Ending Budget Balance: $241,375.00

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at 208-923-9106. Thank you.

Stella J. Bush, Secretary-Treasurer

PREFERRED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR A DUMP TRUCK SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND SEVERABILITY.

FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUGUST 25, 2011.

July 27, 2011

The Mayor and Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, for the purpose of gathering public testimony, are hereby notified of a proposed rezone of property from Industrial to Residential as set forth in the proposed Ordinance below.

WHEREAS, there is a property located at 303 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho, for which a request has been made to change the zoning of the above referenced real property, for purposes of gathering public testimony, is located within the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, that is zoned Industrial; and

WHEREAS, this is a request made by the Mayor and Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, for the year 2011-2012, as agreed upon by the Cemetery District Commissioners, is as follows:

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE $208,093.48

The Mayor and Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, have tentatively adopted the 2011 – 2012 budget as presented in the following:

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Monday, November 28, 2011 at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, situated at 20381 State Highway 203, Homedale, ID 83635-0000, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash, the below described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, described as follows, to wit: Lot 7 in Block 1 of White Horse Estates Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, recorded September 13, 2005 as Instrument No. 253380, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PUBLIC RECORDS PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE ADDRESS OF THE REAL PROPERTY IS 17908 Old Idaho Hwy. Between relationships and purposes of the above grantors are hereby repealed. The trustor of the Recorder for said City of Grand View, IDAHO ORDINANCE # 12 - OCTOBER 1, 2011 to SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 An Ordinance entitled the Annual Appropriation Ordinance # 12 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 appropriating the sum of $ 222,524.00 to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Grand View and Street & Road for said fiscal year. Authorizing a levy of a sufficient tax upon the taxable property and specifying the objects and purpose for which said appropriation is made.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho, that the sum of $ 222,524.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.

SECTION 2: The object and purpose for which and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

FY 2012 City of Grand View Expenditures Approved Budget Account Payable Name: Approved Budget City Exp Administration: $10,784.00
- Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil $2,000.00
- Backhoe Maintenance $600.00
- Capital Outlay $600.00
- City/City Park Maint/Supplies/Repairs/Equipment/Tools $2,500.00
- Contingency Fund $2,000.00
- Dues $1,300.00
- Electrical Supplies $900.00
- Engineering / Surveying / Mapping $1,900.00
- Fire Hydrants / Safety $800.00
- Idaho Community Dev Block Grant $149,868.00
- Insurance - Workman’s Compensation $380.00
- Miscellaneous Expenditures $2,000.00
- Office Supplies / Postage / Safe Dep Box Fee $1,750.00
- Petty Cash $100.00
- Professional Services: Accounting / Legal $1,900.00
- Publication $483.00
- Seminar $200.00
- Utilities - Power / Phone / Dumpster Service $3,400.00
Total City Expenditures: $185,724.00 FY 2012 City Revenue Funds Approved Budget City Revenue Account Name: Approved Budget
City Revenue City Rev $1,520,052.00 Interest (Investment Pool / Bank) $120.00 Miscellaneous Revenue $6,699.00 State Liabilities $800.00 State Sales Tax Revenue $3,656.00 City Rev $1,521,319.00 CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO,縣 OF THE RECORDER FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN THE COUNTY OF Owyhee A Petition to change the name of Myra Darlene Prow, born 4/24/48 in Redlands, CA, residing at 1580 Guelley Rd, Homedale, ID, has been filed in Owyhee County District Court, Idaho. The name will be changed to Mira Darlene Prow, because spelling change. The petitioner’s father is living at 1526 W Stillwell Dr, Eagle, ID. The hearing on the petition is scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM, in the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by anyone who shows a good reason against the name change. Date: July 25, 2011. By: Jamie Wylie, Deputy Clerk 8/3/10, 17/24/11
PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Monday, December 5, 2011 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), of Block Four (4) of Bosma’s Subdivision No. Two (2), Town of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OBLIGATION.

The final defaulting bidder is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was $89,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.00% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated December 7, 2007. Payments are in default for the months of January 2011 through and including July 2011 in the amount of $592.12 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of July 25, 2011 is $86,176.39 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.00% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, attorney fees, costs or taxes associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is $86,176.39, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: August 4, 2011
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,
By:Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer.
Phone: 947-1553 File No.: 105928
By:eld, Trust Of

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HELP WANTED
Homeland School District is accepting applications for a part-time (~20 hrs/wk) food service employee, no benefits. Apply at District Office, 116 E. Owyhee, Homedale or call 337-4613 for application. Applications close August 30, 2011.

FARM AND RANCH
1st cutting, all hay, $100 per ton, up to 4 tons available. Please call 337-3495 hvs mail.

Looking to lease hay ground of pasture and small ranch for small cattle operation with or without home. 208-724-5548

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Yard Sale: Wild Horse Rd, 11 Hwy 78 near Givens Hot Springs. 10am-4pm Sat. Aug. 27th.


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2 loaves of bread or good to good home. 75 lbs. Each. Call for info 208-659-5292.
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Western Family 48 oz. Fish Sticks
$7.99 ea.
Tombstone Pizza
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1 lb. Baby Carrots
4.95
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