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## Board tabs new chairman

Jerry Hoagland is the new chairman of the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners. The District 2 representative was selected in a reorganization vote at the commission's Jan. 14 meeting.

At the group's Jan. 7 meeting, the commission appointed Commissioner Dick Freund to serve on a technical committee for an Idaho Department of Commerce program, voted to assign Paragon Engineers to create a road standards manual for Owyhee County, approved Owyhee County Jail



er quality bolts for the county's rural addressing project, and continued negotiations with the Owyhee Conservation District for the purchase of the OCD's building in Marsing.

Freund was appointed to one of two committees to provide input to a Department of Commerce Joint Land Use Study funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Defense. The JLUS is a planning process designed to identify and attempt to address issues affecting both civilians and the military surrounding the Idaho portion of the Mountain Home Range Complex and the Gowen Field/Orchard Training Complex.

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## Inaugural ball draws crowd



### Wilson well-wishers pack Basque hall

**Top:** New Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson chats with a couple invitees at his inaugural ball, which was held Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque center. **Below:** A large crowd turned out to enjoy food and conversation at the event. Wilson's first full meeting as mayor comes Thursday at 6 p.m. **What's on tap at council meeting, Page 2**



## Animal cruelty cases frustrate authorities

Dozens of animals seized Thursday;  
repeat offender gets probation

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office on Thursday seized 29 horses, three burros, two cows, two llamas and numerous dogs as part of an animal cruelty investigation at 5282 Sage Road in Homedale. Dispatch logs indicate that Deborah Hopson and Zach Robinson were each cited for animal cruelty.

According to an OCSO statement issued Friday, all of the seized animals are in danger

of dying because of malnutrition and disease.

The seizure comes just days after a Homedale man was placed on probation and ordered to sell 24 head of cattle in an animal cruelty incident OCSO investigated in December.

On Dec. 8, 45 head of starving Hereford and Hereford cross cattle belonging to George Beck

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## Group wants to be Sundance steward

Former rec members form non-profit  
to unify Homedale youth sports

City councilmen will hear about a new effort to unify all Homedale youth sports under one umbrella at Thursday's meeting.

Homedale Youth Sports, Inc., an organization that grew out of the new NFL-sanctioned flag football league started in town last fall, wants to incorporate the football with existing baseball and softball programs.

"We were kind of taking over where there was at one time a rec

board that was dealing with the baseball and softball in the city," Homedale Youth Sports board president Shane Brown said. "We're wanting to set up a non-profit organization that would manage youth sports."

The group wants to meet with the City Council to lay out what Homedale Youth Sports wants to do and to ensure the council that

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## Homedale man hurt in fatal Canyon crash

A Homedale man suffered shoulder injuries Saturday night in a fatal one-car accident in Canyon County.

Adrian Albor-Cardenas, 24, a passenger in a 1987 Mazda 626, was wearing his seatbelt and was transported to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The driver of the automobile, 18-year-old Eric Gonzales of Caldwell, was pronounced dead at the scene after being ejected from the vehicle.

According to Idaho State Police, Gonzales was traveling westbound on Ustick Road at a high rate of speed when he lost control near the intersection with Pride Lane. The Mazda slid through a yard, went airborne and rolled multiple times before coming to rest on its wheels. Gonzales was not wearing a seatbelt, according to authorities.

The crash was still under investigation at press time, but alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident.



## City readies for new water lines

**Pieces in place for infrastructure project**  
*The Homedale water system improvement project awarded to Sommer Construction of Nampa is expected to begin by the first of February, weather permitting, according to city public works supervisor Larry Bauer. In preparation for the work, bundles of pipe of varying diameters have been placed at East First Street North, Washington Avenue and North Main Street. Bauer said the pipe ranges in diameter between six, eight and 12 inches. He also said that the recent wintry weather has made it difficult to nail down an exact starting date. Stephens and Sons from Boise was expected to drill a test well at Riverside Park on Monday.*



## Homedale set to hire building inspector

The Homedale City Council could hire a new building inspector Thursday night at its second regular meeting of the month.

Dave Freelove has been serving as acting building inspector for the town since Mike Millward left the part-time position in October.

Millward never obtained the proper certification required to remain in the post.

The city council meeting begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Also on the agenda Thursday night is the consideration of a resolution to authorize payment of recurring bills without the council's direct approval.

City Clerk Alice Pegram said the resolution would cover monthly bills such as utilities and payroll taxes and library expenses so they can be paid in a timely fashion to avoid late fees.

"We have certain bills that should not wait until the council meets to be paid," Pegram said.

It's common practice for councils to pass such resolutions, which also can prevent the possibility of bills not being paid in case a meeting is cancelled because of a lack of quorum.

Members of the new Homedale Youth Sports Inc., organization are scheduled to attend Thursday's meeting and are expected to ask the council to authorize the corporation to run Sundance Park on behalf of the city.

Also on the agenda is a police department report from Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and the public works report from public works supervisor Larry Bauer.

— JPB

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# Nevada man held over on murder charge

## Kelly allegedly dumped body in Owyhee County

A Winnemucca, Nev., man who was found in Mountain Home last April passed out in the blood-spattered pickup of a missing Reno man has been bound over to Elko District Court on charges of robbery and murder.



Winston Kelly, 35, is accused of killing Peter Carl Braun, 58, in the area of Midas, Nev., and stealing his pickup and money on the weekend of April 8.

According to court testimony, Braun was struck repeatedly in the head with a blunt object and stabbed multiple times in the chest and neck.

Kelly allegedly dumped Braun's body down an embankment on the Idaho portion of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, approximately 11 miles northwest of the town of Owyhee, Nev.

According to Elko County Sheriff Dale Lotspeich, Kelly admitted to killing Braun to Nevada detectives and drew a map of the location where Braun's body had been dumped while in the Elmore County Jail on DUI charges.

According to Elko County officials, Kelly has been bound over on alternate charges of first degree murder or felony murder and robbery. All three counts are felonies, and include enhancements of use of a deadly weapon in commission of the crime.

Kelly is housed without bail at the Elko County Jail.

# Longtime supporter donates ring to auction

Members of the Marsing Disaster Auction committee showed off some of the major items that will be on the block next month.

On Thursday, Betty Ackerman and Roman Usabel pointed out several items, now on display at Marsing Hardware and Pump, donated by community members for the event, which begins at 10:13 a.m. on Feb. 2 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

- Some of the items include:
- A cowboy cooler donated by Joe Hinojoso of Rustic Furniture
  - A Singer sewing machine and cabinet from Pat and J.L. Scott
  - A saddle furnished by George Walrath and Val and Vern Cobb
  - A queen-size handmade quilt donated by Vonda Massengale
  - A John Deere-themed blanket, made and donated by Kelly Ineck

- A two-karat emerald ring donated by Penny Jeffers.

Jeffers, a Caldwell resident, has supported the Marsing auction for about 24 years, Ackerman wrote in a press release outlining the story behind the ring.

"Our auction has been successful year after year because of the caring attitude of people in the Treasure Valley," Ackerman said.

The ring consists of the two-karat emerald and two rows of five diamonds on each side, all set in an 18-karat gold setting. The ring has been appraised at a retail value of more than \$2,300.

Jeffers has bid on auction items for the past 24 years, but won't be able to register bids this year. Instead, she donated the ring out of her personal collection.



Jeffers became a part of the auction after she and her husband moved to Caldwell from Wisconsin in the 1980s and learned about the Marsing auction.

"They attended and fell in love with the effort of the small community to take care of one another," according to the press release.

Jeffers, whose husband passed away a number of years ago, knows first-hand the devastation and loss of an unexpected disaster. Her home was destroyed by a fire in 2004, and although her insurance covered the loss, the experience gave her a greater understanding of how important it is to have help available when tragedy strikes.



## Marsing auction items on display

**Top:** Marsing Disaster Auction committee member Betty Ackerman stands among many of the lots that will be on the block next month for the charity event. **Above:** This ring, valued at more than \$2,300, was donated to the auction by Caldwell's Penny Jeffers.

## Malheur County Cattlemen set winter meeting for Jordan

The Malheur County Cattlemen's Association will hold its annual winter meeting Thursday in Jordan Valley.

The Cattlemen meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Lions Den.

The meeting, which is open to everyone, will include several guest speakers followed by a business meeting and dinner.

For more information, call (541) 881-1417.

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## P&Z revisits Falcon Butte issue today

The Owyhee Planning and Zoning Commission will meet today to hear testimony in a conditional use permit case remanded to the panel by the county commissioners.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at Falcon Butte Farms, 23 Falcon Butte Road in Murphy.

At 10 a.m., the commission will reconvene at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy to hear additional evidence in the case.

The additional evidence, which came to light when Falcon Butte

Farms appealed the denial of its CUP extension last year, caused the Board of Commissioners to send the case back to the P&Z commission on Nov. 27.

Falcon Butte Farms is seeking to extend a CUP that allows the agricultural operation to apply cheese plant products hauled from the Sorrento Lactalis cheese factory in Nampa to its leased land in Owyhee County.

The original CUP, approved for a five-year run in 2002, expired in September, and the P&Z commission denied an extension request on Sept. 25. But Falcon Butte Farms, among others, filed an injunction to continue operating until the appeal process can be executed.

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## Answers sought in Homedale school bus hit and run case

The Homedale Police Department is investigating a hit and run accident that occurred on the morning of Jan. 10. A dark green car that was southbound on West Fourth Street North slid into a school bus on Owyhee Avenue.

The right side of the bus was damaged, and it is still out of service pending repairs. The front of the car was also damaged, and the vehicle left the scene of the accident.

Police can only say that the vehicle is a dark green car with front-end damage, and have no description of the driver.

Homedale police are seeking information about the accident. Anyone with information about the car or its driver should contact the Homedale Police Department at 337-4642.

Homedale School District



**Bus still out of commission**

*Authorities are still looking for the driver whose car slid into a Homedale school bus earlier this month. Homedale Police Department photo*

superintendent Tim Rosandick said that he is hopeful that someone will come forward with information, saying: “Hit and run of a school bus is pretty serious in my book.”

**Correction**

Although names were provided by the photographer, Dwayne and Tracy Fisher weren’t identified in a photo caption last week reporting on a ceremony honoring contributors to the new Homedale High School reader board.

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✓ **Cruelty:** Man receives suspended sentence after 7 cows starve to death

were seized by the sheriff’s office after a report from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture concluded that Beck “allowed these animals to go without adequate and proper care and nutrition.”

Six cows died of starvation at Beck’s farm before the investigation, and a seventh died after the herd was seized. The ag department report listed the environmental and facility conditions where the cattle were living as poor. The report listed the general condition of the animals as poor as well, giving the seized animals an average score of 1.5 on a nine-point body condition scale, with one being emaciated and nine being obese, and noted that two of the animals were too weak to stand.

Beck was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, fined \$1,000 with \$750 suspended, placed on unsupervised probation, and ordered to sell 24 cows to cover the cost of caring for the confiscated herd. Twenty animals were returned to his care.

Sheriff Gary Aman expressed disappointment with the outcome of the December case, which the sheriff said is at least Beck’s sixth involving the seizure of starving cattle since 1996.

“I’m not happy,” Aman said. “We have dealt with this guy



for so many years. We had a recommendation on it. I was looking for a bit stronger penalty.”

An OCSO press release attributes an increase in animal abuse cases in part to the high price of hay, and states “there just are certain people that should not own animals. In every case of animal abuse this past year the owners have indicated they love the animals.”

Aman suggests that people who love their animals take proper care of them.

“It is the Sheriff’s responsibility and duty to investigate and, if necessary, to seize and care for an animal in an abuse case,” Aman said in the release.

Aman is also asking Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks to actively prosecute these cases and is pushing the Faulks’ office and the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners to enact some animal ordinances to prohibit puppy mills and to require proper facilities for the care of dogs, wolves and other animals.

— RTH



**Emaciated horses found west of Homedale**

*Above and left: Authorities confiscated starving horses and other animals from property on Sage Lane outside of Homedale on Thursday. Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman is pressing for county ordinances to combat the number of animal cruelty cases his office handles.*

✓ **Sundance:** Members of non-profit were instrumental in flag football

the group wants to work “hand-in-hand to build up the sports for the youth” in Homedale, Brown said.

The City Council meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

In essence, Homedale Youth Sports will be a formalized version of the rec board that has coordinated youth baseball and softball at Sundance Park in the past. That group, which has included Homedale High School softball coach Larry Corta, assistant coach Greg Kelly and new Trojans baseball coach Burke Deal, had butted heads with the city during the Paul Fink administration over the use of revenue generated by the park’s concession stand during the summer.

Sundance Park’s budget steadily has been chugging back into the black in recent years.

“At one point, the old mayor was charging \$10,000 to utilize the field,” Brown said. “The guys would bring in the money and still get charged.

“They should not be charging us to use the field. There are soccer and others sports using the fields, too.”

Homedale Sports Inc. is proposing that its members will run Sundance Park for the city. The group has worked up a profit-

**Homedale Youth Sports Inc.**  
Board and committee members of the newly formed Homedale Youth Sports Inc.:

**Officers**

Shane Brown, president  
Tony Uranga, vice president  
Brad Dines, treasurer  
Denise Carter, secretary

**Board/committee members**

Heidi Nash  
Todd Kelly  
Toni Kelly  
Jonathan Lane  
Burke Deal  
Kelly Schamber  
Troy Rice

**Note** — Board president Shane Brown also acknowledged the help of the spouses of board and committee members as well as the help of volunteers and Larry Corta and Greg Kelly

loss sheet for 2007 and 2008 laying out how registration fees, concession revenues, donations and revenue from tournaments could be used to run the park.

Brown said a \$10,000 city “donation” shown on the revenue side of the ledger isn’t a cash transaction but represents the \$10,000 the city puts into the park each year for maintenance and mowing.

Brown, who grew up in Marsing but now lives in Homedale, has two children who participate in rec sports in town.

He said that Homedale Youth Sports plans to check with city attorney Michael Duggan on the legality of a private group running a city facility.

“A majority we’ve went and talked to — mostly baseball and softball organizations like Vallivue — most are typically run through the city, but they’re their own organizations,” Brown said.

Last year, when members of the rec board confronted the city council about the use of revenue from the park, then-Mayor Paul Fink suggested the rec board

members show up for the budget planning process to ensure that they get the money they need. The idea of a recreation taxing district also was floated at that time.

“A rec district is something we want to look at,” Brown said, “and that’s something that the city is very interested in looking at.”

Although Brown said the rec district idea is a long-term concept, the proposed 2008 agenda for Homedale Youth Sports includes the organization of baseball, softball and flag football as well as researching options for a rec district.

Future agendas call for the formation of a youth basketball league as well as an American Legion baseball team by 2010.

Homedale Youth Sports also is involved Toni Kelly’s efforts to bring playground equipment to Sundance Park.

“We want to, hopefully, be good stewards for that park,” Brown said. “And we’re trying to

get donations for the playground equipment.

“More so, we’re just making sure that if we’re using it that we’re doing everything we can. We’re going to have what we call a field day to do anything that we can to improve the park.”

Additional money for Homedale Youth Sports, Inc.’s plans for Sundance will be raised through fundraisers, Brown said. New Mayor Harold Wilson, who supports the concept, held an inaugural ball Saturday night from which proceeds went to the youth sports group.

“Everybody we’ve talked to, from parents to the council members to (deputy city clerk Marsha Hays) and (Wilson), they all seem like it could work, and it’s a good idea,” Brown said.

“We just want to make sure that everybody has thought it all the way through and make sure we’re started off on sound footing.”

— JPB

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## Homedale Middle School

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**Honors; 3.49-3.0** — Austin Chase; Bryce Osborn; Cristina Gonzalez; Tony Villanueva; Adrian Amezquita; Timothy Scott; Wendy Prado; Janette Salazar; Seth Bayes; Tylee Fry; Tabitha Hammett; Danny Magdaleno

### Seventh grade

**Highest honors; all 4.0** — Elizabeth Albor; Graviela Albor; Garrett Davis; Robert Evans; Elizabeth Farrell; Mariza Fernandez; Emilee Hann; Derek Hellman; Nicole Keller; Mariah Mackie; Reed Maggard; Mikel Mavey; Shelby McRae; Jacob

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**Honors; 3.49-3.0** — Melissa Borja; Rebecca Coffman; Mikal Culver; Ruben Lomeli; Perla Albor; Carlos Mendoza; Ana Vasquez; Valeria Garcia; Gage Love; Morgan Willis; Chad Dugan; Miranda Miklancic; Jeremy Dillon; Caitlin Troxel; Taylor Vandeventer; Abdiel Camargo; Dayara Gaeta; Steven Hunt; Roberto Martinez; Patricia Smith; Antonio Sturgeon

### Sixth grade

**Highest honors; all 4.0** — Tell Hyer; Trey Lane; Shelby Lee; Esteban Lejardi

**High honors; 3.99-3.50** — Kynna Bertagnolli; Benjamin Cardenas; Lizett Chavez; Destiny Long; Kathryn Thatcher; Jedidiah Jones; Angel Cardenas; Lauren Craft; Ryan McDermott; Noah Munster; Leslie Albor; Katie Deal;

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Jan. 23: Orange chicken or egg roll, rice pilaf, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Jan. 24: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Jan. 25: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, French fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 28: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit & veggie bar, chocolate pudding, milk.

Jan. 29: Turkey & noodles, or tuna sandwich, peas, fruit & veggie bar, goldfish crackers, milk.

Jan. 30: Chili or beef taco pie, roll, fruit & veggie bar, fruit rollup, milk.

## Homedale Middle

Jan. 23: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

Jan. 24: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 25: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 28: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 29: Weiner wrap or sloppy Joe, green beans, animal crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 30: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Homedale High

Jan. 23: Spaghetti, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 24: Chicken patty, hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 25: Crispito, rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 28: Pepperoni pizza, mini corn dogs, chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Jan. 29: Oven fried chicken, wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 30: Enchilada, burrito, pizza hot pocket, baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Marsing

Jan. 23: Red Baron Pizza, pineapple, salad, milk, sandwiches, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

Jan. 24: Burritos, corn, strawberries & banana, milk, baked potato & chili bar, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

Jan. 25: Weiner wrap, veggie, fruit, milk, chicken nuggets, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

Jan. 28: Turkey soup, corn, fruit, milk, cf steak, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, maple bar.

Jan. 29: Hamburger, veggie, fruit, hot dog or chorizo, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

Jan. 30: Chicken patty/bun, veggie, fruit, soup & sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

## Bruneau

Jan. 23: Chicken Caesar wrap, fried rice, veggie, fruit, milk.

Jan. 24: Pizza, salad/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.

Jan. 25: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, peaches, milk.

Jan. 28: Mac & cheese, little smokies, green beans, muffins, fruit, milk.

Jan. 29: Tacos, chips & bean dip, corn, pears, milk.

Jan. 30: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, peaches, milk.

# Death notices

**LEWVON BASEY**, 83, of Caldwell and formerly of Marsing and the Homedale area, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008. Visitation

and funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 17 at Dakan Chapel in Caldwell. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell. Celebration of life held Jan. 17 at the Marsing Senior Center.

**MURNA BUGHER**, 64, of Homedale, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, in a Caldwell care facility.

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# Your finances

## Save big to retire and impact family's future

**Dear Dave,**  
I've heard you tell people that having \$90,000 to \$100,000 saved up for retirement isn't enough. That's what I've got set aside right now, and I'm pretty sure it's all I'll ever need. Why do you think everyone should have a million or two saved up?

— Tom

**Dear Tom,**  
The amount you're talking about isn't enough to retire on with any kind of dignity, and here's why. If you make 10 percent off your money it means you're living on just \$10,000 a year. That's below the poverty level.

Don't misunderstand my message. I'm not about being greedy, and money is not the key to happiness. Money is good for three things — personal security, helping others, and it's good for fun. You need to do some of all three.

What I AM about is changing my family tree. With money, we can leave behind the training to have good money in good people's hands, and that can have a huge positive impact on this culture. I want good people to have big piles of money in order to do good things.

Now, I want you to understand something else. I don't want to leave my kids in a situation where they have lots of money and no sense of responsibility. I want to train them to bust loose with this big pile of cash that I'll leave them, and not only have an impact three generations down the line in our own family tree, but to impact the whole community in a fabulous way!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
An older friend of ours is going through a bad time right now, because he had a lengthy and expensive hospital stay and no insurance. Is it even possible to retire with no health insurance and be OK?

— Karen

**Dear Karen,**  
It's possible, but it's very tough. You're taking a huge risk if you allow yourself to be in that situation.

Medical bills are the No. 1 cause of bankruptcy in America. The second-biggest cause is credit cards. If you don't have an emergency fund or health insurance, then you're a moving target. Murphy WILL hunt you down and eat you out of house and home.

Health insurance is something I strongly advise having, Karen, because it's a basic part of any



sound financial plan. You need it, because if you don't have it you run the risk of having to crack open and scramble your nest egg if serious health issues arise!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
In your opinion what are the advantages and disadvantages of pre-paid tuition plans?

— Elliot

**Dear Elliot,**  
I don't like pre-paid tuition plans, and I don't recommend them. The reason I don't like pre-paid tuitions plans is that anytime you pre-pay something, your rate of return is only that of the rate of inflation.

On average, the inflation rate on tuition during the past 25 years has been about 7 percent. In other words, you're making 7 percent on your investment. This is a bad rate of return when you consider that 96 percent of all growth stock mutual funds have averaged 12 percent or more over the past 25 years.

I recommend an Educational Savings Account (ESA). The ESA can be a mutual fund, which I also recommend, that grows tax-free if used for college. Plus, you can put as much as \$2,000 per child, per year into an ESA.

Stay away from pre-paid tuition plans. It's like savings bonds versus mutual funds. You can do much, much better!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at [Davesays.org](http://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](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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### Thursday

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Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Malheur County Cattlemen's Association annual winter meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lions Den, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 881-1417

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

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

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W.

Idaho Ave.

### Friday

Homedale Public Library book sale, noon to 8 p.m. Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-4228

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

### Saturday

Homedale Public Library book sale, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-4228

### Tuesday, Jan. 29

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Storytime for first- through

third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Third Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave., Homedale. (208) 475-3733

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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## Library plans book sale, puppet show

The Homedale Public Library director Margaret Fujishin has announced two events for the library this week.

A puppet show based on the story of "Rumpelstiltskin" will be held for children of all ages at 10 a.m. Thursday at the library, 25 W. Owyhee Ave.

On Friday and Saturday, the library will hold a book sale at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The sale runs from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Used books will be sold for 50 cents per pound.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Senior menus

### Marsing Senior Center

Jan. 23: Chicken & dumplings, yams, applesauce, green salad, dessert, beverage.

Jan. 24: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Jan. 28: Breakfast to order.

Jan. 29: Stew, biscuits, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Jan. 30: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, corn/green beans, carrot salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

### Homedale Senior Center

Jan. 26: Chicken chow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, beverage.

Jan. 27: Hearty beef stew, roll, beverage.

Jan. 28: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, beverage.

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# SCFR personnel complete structural fire training

Eleven volunteer firefighters from Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc., joined other volunteer firemen from local communities in Structure Fire Essentials classes at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., earlier this month.

Owyhee County volunteers from Homedale and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire departments also participated in the Jan. 12-13 training.

The class, presented by the Snake River Training Officers Association, is an overview of

the skills and knowledge required to fight structure fires. Classes each person attended included Search and Rescue with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Fire Behavior, Tools and Knots, Personal Protective Equipment, Ventilation and Ladders, Incident Command, Salvage, and Hoses.

Two more days of training sessions at TVCC are planned in March. All instructors are from local fire departments and donate their time.

SCF&R Fire Chief Doug Trosky commended the 11 volunteers

from SCF&R:

“The training is challenging. Each volunteer really must be committed to serving their community,” Trosky said. “SCF&R has reached our initial goal to have our people train to provide structure fire protection.”

SCF&R will continue to train this winter and spring in additional Structure Fire Fighting, Wildland Fire Fighting, and Extrication classes. Four volunteers started First Responder Training on Saturday.



**SCFR members receive diplomas**

Course graduates from Silver City Fire and Rescue included, back row, from left: Jim Hyslop, Geralynn Fiske, Steve Fiske, James Linker and Jesse Hyslop. Front row, from left: Pete Burril, Cheryl Burril, Dave Wilper, Jan Hyslop, Joanne Linker and Rob Anderson. Submitted photo

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Conservationists of the Year

Burgesses hang on to heritage, look to future

Doug Burgess' grandfather established the family's Bar X brand in 1917. Doug and Janice Burgess run their ranch operation under that brand today, and hope one day to see their grandchildren continue the Bar X tradition.

With that in mind, the Burgesses have made an effort to optimize their operation for today's market while at the same time ensuring the future of their ranch and the agricultural industry in the area.

The Owyhee Conservation District, in recognition of their efforts, has named Doug and Janice Burgess 2007 Conservationists of the Year.

According to Gina Millard of the OCD, the Conservationist of the Year award is a way of recognizing and celebrating a landowner's vision of efficiency for today and sustainability for tomorrow, the application of that vision by adopting best management practices, and the sharing of that vision by example and community involvement.

"This year, we chose the Burgesses," Millard said, "because they were involved with the soil judging contest, which involved the kids, they had over a hundred kids come out to their ranch in September. They're working with Natural Resources Conservation Service, trying to get a project on the ground. They are also working with a new water project that we have to help water quality in this area."

The soil judging contest was the FFA Rangeland Analysis Regional Career Development Event, held Sept. 26. The event is part of a skills development program for young people interested in



Homedale area ranchers honored

Janice and Doug Burgess were given the Owyhee Conservation District's Conservationists of the Year Award on Thursday.

pursuing careers in agriculture.

In a deadpan comment on the fact that they had offered the use of their property to help further the education of the region's future farmers, Burgess said: "Yeah, the FFA kids come around and pecked around in the rocks."

Burgess said that he is involved with several projects through OCD.

"Right now we're working on two more pivots, with EQIP," he said.

EQIP stands for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and is a project of the NRCS. The program offers contracts that provide incentive payments and cost-shares for farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices in their operations.

"The pivot irrigation, or sprinkler irrigation of any kind,

would stop the runoff, versus surface irrigation. We're at the head of a tributary to Jump Creek. Jump Creek is on one of their (the feds') lists, a 303D (A section of the Environmental Protection Agency's Federal Water Pollution Control Act) list, to clean up Jump Creek. One of the tributaries to Jump Creek starts right here on our place," Burgess said.

The Burgesses' pivots help with efforts to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff into the stream on their property, and into Jump Creek, which is a goal of the OCD's new Northwest Owyhee County Water Quality Improvement Project.

"We're headed to where there is a maximum daily load (of sediment/nutrient runoff) that will be monitored, not only by DEQ, but by the radical environmentalists, and we're trying and they're

(conservation agencies) trying to get ahead of the deal and prevent a problem later on down the road. There's an opportunity to do it before you're mandated to do it," Burgess said.

The Burgesses' local conservation involvement doesn't end there.

"I'm a director to the Owyhee Watersheds Council, and we're involved in some projects there," Doug Burgess said. "It works on grant money. There is some money available from the DEQ. They are basically Oregon-based, but there is some overlap there, and we have property in Oregon and Idaho."

"We work with the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area," Janice Burgess began, "Which is Idaho and Oregon," Doug finished.

"They are working with the Nature Conservancy and the Sierra Club and a lot of different organizations have come together to fund it," he said. "It's under the umbrella of the Owyhee Watersheds deal, and its doing some good. It's something that if you don't participate in and try to stop it, it's gonna take the country over."

Burgess says that the typical approach to ranch operations even five or 10 years ago is a thing of the past. Producers need to view their profession as a business as well as a way of life. That business view means taking a hard look at every aspect of one's operation, and finding the most efficient, sustainable method to complete every step in the process.

"People have had to become

more efficient in everything they do because of the expenses," Burgess said. "The way Grandpa did it — turned 'em out and got 'em in and sold 'em when he needed money — you're not gonna see that again. This is a business, and if you don't treat it like a business, you will be one of the ones that are doing something else."

Doug and Janice Burgess have been married 36 years. They have four daughters, Christine, Carrie, Tricia, and Michelle, and 10 grandchildren.

"I've decided that grandkids are way better than kids," Doug Burgess said. "I wish we'd had them first."

The Burgess family moved to Jordan Valley in 1979, and moved to Owyhee County in March of 2001.

"We still have our ranch in Jordan Valley," Doug Burgess said. "We changed our operation to just summer up there, from April to November, and winter down here. We haul the cows and calves in the spring to Jordan Valley and in the fall we trail 'em back home. It takes three days. We drive 'em all the way home."

Doug Burgess hopes that he can continue to run the Bar X for a long time to come, saying he plans to ranch "til I die."

"I have no plans to retire," he said. "I hope to involve some of our children or grandchildren in it, so I guess there is some future planning going on. We love it here. Good people, a great place to raise a family, and a great place to run cows."

— RTH

Woman who killed husband to be sentenced on violation

A woman convicted of shooting her husband to death in Homedale in 2001 has been scheduled to appear in Idaho Third District Court on March 28, for sentencing on a probation violation.

Annie Lisa Lange, 54, had been scheduled to appear on Jan. 11, but her case was continued because of a conflicting court date.

Lange was convicted of involuntary manslaughter after Stanley White, 39, was shot and killed in a domestic dispute at the couple's Homedale residence on Feb. 6, 2001. She was granted early release from prison in 2002 after a "Rule 35, correction or reduction of sentence" motion was filed by her attorney. She agreed to pay off the mortgage on the house of Stanley White's parents as part of her release.

Lange was arrested in Washoe County, Nev., in June and extradited to Canyon County.

District holds informative banquet

The Owyhee Conservation District held its annual awards banquet Thursday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. A prime rib dinner was served and there were informational presentations and recognition of the winners of the OCD's Conservationist of the Year award.

OCD Chairman Charlie Chadez presented a report of the OCD's

activities during the past year, listing accomplishments in the areas of natural resource conservation, water quality improvement, water quantity improvement, noxious weed eradication, operations, public information, and education.

Highlights from the district's year included contributing \$1,434 to the FFA and 4-H Junior Livestock Sale at the Owyhee

County Fair in August.

Chadez cited the installation of watering tanks on the land of a second-generation county rancher as the district's most significant natural resource project. The hope is to keep the rancher's livestock out of sensitive areas.

Delwyne Trefz of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts gave a presentation on the Northwest Owyhee County Water

Quality Improvement Project, and the IASCD's Wayne Newbill gave an overview of Idaho One Plan, a multi-agency coordination project aimed at assisting Idaho producers with their farming methods and interactions with numerous agriculture-related government agencies.

Homedale ranchers Doug and Janice Burgess are the OCD's 2007 Conservationists of the Year.

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# Nampa Chamber chief tries to help Marsing mates



Georgia Bowman Gunstream

With advice like "Cling to your members like a cheap suit" and "Prepare for board meetings like it's your daughter's wedding," Nampa Chamber of Commerce CEO Georgia Bowman Gunstream entertained members of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday night.

Bowman-Gunstream provided the resurgent Marsing Chamber plenty of more traditional organizational information as well at the group's first

meeting of 2008.

The Nampa civic leader offered her Marsing counterparts a number of suggestions. She said the group should come up with a mission statement, defining clear goals and expectations. The group should also seek clear, consistent communication with members, she said, suggesting that the Chamber begin publishing a newsletter. Another suggestion Bowman-Gunstream made was to learn

from other chambers of commerce.

"It's OK to steal ideas," she said, providing several publications and information contacts from chamber of commerce organizations nationwide.

Also at the meeting, the Chamber voted on items to be discussed at an annual planning meeting in February, and voted to change membership dues, which Bowman-Gunstream suggested should be renamed "mem-

bership investment," to a flat \$40 per membership.

Among items placed on the agenda for next month's meeting are: a 4-H project to clean up Marsing; a spring festival, possibly with a car show or in conjunction with the Bob LeBow Classic Bike Tour; the July 3 fireworks show; the October Pumpkin Fest; County Hug Day; and a holiday event in December.

— RTH



## Filling history's missing pages

HHS advisor launches drive to find long-lost yearbooks

Homedale High School yearbook advisor Sherry Thomas has begun a crusade to bring the annuals archive up to date.

Thomas, who is also the school librarian, said folks come into the library and use the old yearbooks for various reasons, including historical research.

"Sometimes people who have lost their driver's license will come in for a copy of their picture from the yearbooks so they can get a new license," she said.

In an effort to beef up the archive, Thomas is seeking help from HHS graduates on filling the missing years in the collection.

Homedale has yearbook copies

going as far back as 1938, but there are holes in the collection, Thomas said.

The school is missing copies from 1934 to 1937, and Thomas also hopes graduates from the 1940s can solve the mystery of whether or not yearbooks were produced during World War II, or if the school conserved resources for the war effort by forgoing the publication of annuals.

The school is missing yearbooks from all of the 1940s (1940-49) as well as from 1950 to 1953, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1962 and 1975.

Thomas hopes that past Homedale graduates might have copies of the missing annuals that

they would be willing to donate to the library.

"Donations of missing copies would be greatly valued by the students and staff," Thomas said.

She added that donated copies from 1936 and 1943 will be used to create Senior class wall boards for the Homedale High School hallways. She said that every senior class is represented in the school's halls except for those two graduating classes.

Donations can be mailed to: Mrs. Thomas, Yearbook Advisor, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, ID 83628.

Thomas also can be contacted by e-mail at [stomas@homedaleschools.org](mailto:stomas@homedaleschools.org) or by phone at the high school at 337-4613.

## Homedale schools continue to meld tech and teaching

Money to boost the technology in the Homedale School District could come from two forms in the near future.

Thursday, district superintendent Tim Rosandick announced that Homedale has received a \$75,000 state grant to implement a program to improve student reading achievement at the middle school.

The school district also has launched a technology recycling fundraiser at its three campuses and in the district office.

The money raised from the recycling will help fund technology purchases in the district.

Rosandick said Homedale has received a \$75,000 Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) grant from the Idaho State Department of Education.

Homedale's grant application, entitled "Back to Basics, Reading Across the Curriculum — Technologically Speaking," outlines a program that will improve student reading achievement through increased technology and professional development, according to Rosandick's press release.

The plan mandates a projection system, student computers, wireless slates and an online technology literacy curriculum to be at the disposal of all teachers in the Homedale Middle School Language Arts department.

"Funding will also provide on-site professional development from the online literacy company and a Homedale School District instructional technology specialist who will combine to give these teachers the necessary training and support to effectively and skillfully integrate the new technologies into their normal teaching practice," the press release

stated.

Through the technology recycling program, Homedale schools will receive cash for every old cellular phone, ink cartridge and other technology item donated to the school by folks in the community.

The district already has begun collecting consumer technology items such as cell phones, ink cartridges, DVDs, video games, portable DVD players, video game consoles, MP3 players, laptop computers, digital cameras, digital photo frames and portable navigation and GPS devices. Toner cartridges are not accepted.

"Not only does this recycling program earn money for our schools, it also protects the environment and provides a service to the community," officials wrote in a press release announcing the fundraiser.

Items will be recycled in accordance with federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations or refurbished and sold to EcoPhones. All the proceeds will help fund technology purchases in the Homedale School District. Donations also may be tax deductible.

The school district will receive between 50 cents and \$300 for each item donated.

There are recycle bins inside the main offices at Homedale High School, Homedale Middle School and Homedale Elementary School. Donations also can be dropped off at the school district office on East Owyhee Avenue.

For more information, call district Instructional Technology Integration and Support Specialist Gini Carrow at 337-4611 or visit the school district Web site at [www.homedaleschools.org](http://www.homedaleschools.org).

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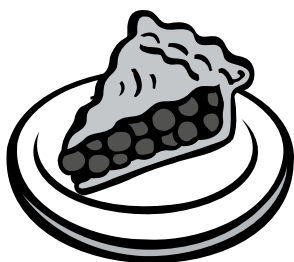
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# In the spirit of Dr. King

## Homedale students win writing contest

Deena Emry and Belen Vega have delighted Homedale School District teachers and staff.

Deena, an eighth-grader at Homedale Middle School, and Homedale High School senior Vega were among the winners of a recent statewide writing contest.

Both won cash prizes and read their compositions at the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial in Boise on Monday as part of Boise State University's Martin Luther King Jr. Day observation.

"This is very tangible proof that we have kids here that are very capable and very smart, and that they can win," HMS teacher Nick Schamber said.

Schamber encouraged his students to enter the "Whose America?" essay contest that was launched in preparation for the civil rights celebration. Deena was one of three to submit writings.

"It was kind of a hard topic," she said.

But the 14-year-old, who is the daughter of Stuart and Lori Emry, had a diverse family background from which to draw.

Deena is half-Japanese. Her grandfather served in the U.S. armed forces and her grandmother was sent to a California internment camp during World War II.

Despite her grandfather's service to his country, Deena said he experienced intolerance. She crafted her essay around stories she heard about her grandparents' experiences as well as the story of Ben Kuroki, a Japanese American World War II veteran who also found life after the war difficult before becoming a journalist in Blackfoot.

Deena was proud to win the statewide award.

"It proves that I can win by writing what I feel," Emry said.

Vega and other high school students throughout the state entered a poetry contest.

She wrote the poem as part of a



### Students win for poetry, essay

*Homedale High School senior Belen Vega composed a winning poem, while Homedale Middle School eighth-grader Deena Emry wrote a winning essay.*

project for the high school's Honors English class taught by Melinda Lathrop.

Vega composed "Mexican or Caucasian? Who knows?" in Spanish.

"When I was told I won, I found out that a girl on the selection committee translated for the rest of the members," Vega said.

The poem deals with the difficulty Vega and other Mexican Americans have living in two worlds. She speaks English outside the home, but speaks Spanish when conversing with her mom.

The daughter of Teresa and Gabriel Vega, Belen Vega also drew on her experiences of running cross country for Homedale High

School as well as the occasional racist remark she has heard.

Vega has excelled at Homedale. She's president of the school's chapter of the Future Hispanic Leaders of America and the local chapter of the Health Occupations Students of America. She's also in the National Honor Society.

Deena is the HMS student body president and a member of the revived HMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. She plays volleyball and basketball and competes in track and field.

Schamber, who coaches Vega as the Trojans' cross country coach, said having students enter the writing contest was part of a larger objective.

"This was one of the goals this year: To challenge some of the kids to get involved in academic contests to challenge their thoughts and get them involved," Schamber said.

— JPB

## Mexican or Caucasian. Who Knows?

*by Belen Vega  
(translated from Spanish)*  
I come from a family of Mexican origin  
Born in America  
But who am I?

Maybe I'm Mexican  
Because I eat beans tortillas  
Or because my parents say: "no espike ingles."  
Maybe its because I cook my food,  
The microwave is only for reheating

Or maybe I'm American  
Because I run cross country  
But there's always someone teasing  
The white kid tells me, "I know why you're fast"  
because your genes have practiced running  
across from the desert."

Maybe it's because when I tell my mom something  
The words from my mouth come out in English  
At school, English is my best friend  
But Spanish was my first

Could they confuse me?  
I have brown hair  
My voice has no accent  
My skin's pigment isn't too dark  
But why does one tell me, when I ask,  
"What's your problem?"  
He responds, "You, 'cause you're Mexican!"

*by Deena Emry*  
Whose America? To me, America doesn't belong to just one person. It belongs to a nation full of people who have worked hard to make this country as great as it is. This includes all nationalities. Martin Luther King Jr. taught so many thousands of people about the importance of equality, love, and respect for one another. A couple of years ago, I was finally able to see and understand the pain and hurt that his people went through. Sure, we talked about it in Social Studies, and maybe watched documentary movie, but I never really connected with it until my mom told me a story.

Being half Japanese, my family has faced some unfairness, but we are so lucky to be living in this time. My mom told me that one time my grandfather, her dad, went to a restaurant and was refused service because he was a Japanese American. This was unfair and I just couldn't understand why someone would treat him any differently than any other American. My grandfather and his family were here legally and had the right to be here. He was a citizen who contributed to society with his hard work and dedication in every aspect of his life, including his job, his family, and compassion toward other people. In fact, he loved this country so much that he was willing to go to war to protect it. He died when I was really young; too young to remember his face in my own memory.

My grandpa wasn't the only one. My grandma was an intelligent, beautiful lady

## Whose America?



### Emry reads to MLK Day crowd

*Both Deena Emry and Belen Vega read their compositions to a gathering at the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial on Monday in Boise.*

who also faced discrimination when she lived in California. She was forced to go to an internment camp where they held the Japanese during World War II when was a young girl. My grandma dedicated her life to helping others and that is why she became a nurse. Even after she retired, she spent her time at our elementary school helping people learn how to read. We lost her to cancer three years ago.

Just a few days ago, I heard a remarkable story of a Japanese American named Ben Kuroki who joined the United States Army during World War II. He wanted to go against all the rumors and stereotypes that his fellow Americans had led people to believe shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

He volunteered to show that the USA was his true country and would forever be. While serving, he was discriminated against and faced harsh racism from everyone including his own squadron members. After trying so hard to be enlisted, and being dropped several times from the roster, Mr. Kuroki was finally able to make it onto the first B-24 Liberator bomber group. Later, after voluntarily attending a two-week class on operating 50-caliber machine guns, Mr. Kuroki was assigned to a new position ... a B-24 combat crew gunner where he served the rest of the war. The Adjutant later stated, "Kuroki wanted to fight as bad as anybody that had ever put on an American uniform."

After returning home, Mr. Kuroki feared for his own safety and couldn't even go out on the streets. He then pursued his passion for writing and became a journalist. He served as an editor for the *Daily Bulletin* in Blackfoot, Idaho. "I've got one more mission to go. There is still the fight against prejudice and race hatred. I call it my 59th mission." He spoke in schools, a book was written about him, and he had many other accomplishments in his life. In August 2005, Ben Kuroki was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, which is the third-highest ranking medal in military honor. He then went on to visit President Bush in the White House in June of 2006. An incredible story of determination and love for his country ended happily, but only after the sacrifices that he gave up for his country which he was proud to serve.

I can now comprehend the struggles encountered by Martin Luther King Jr. Of course Mr. King's situation was different than Mr. Kuroki's, but the emotional battle was similar enough and racism was at the heart of it all. Mr. King worked harder than anyone else at that time to get the same rights that he was entitled and to inspire a nation that was slowly losing the integrity that our founding fathers intended us to have. And he did just that. He inspired millions to never give up hope in times of desperation and to treat others like you would want to be treated. I admire this man for his loyalty to his family, friends, and brothers and sisters of the United States.

The United States ... the name says it all ... "United" ... meaning together. Through all that hardship, we had no more right to treat African Americans like that than we did putting Japanese Americans in internment camps. Though we are all unique in our own way, we are all human beings. People should not judge you based on the color of your skin. In fact, we should not judge people based on any of our differences. Martin Luther King Jr., like Ben Kuroki, was an awesome role model and we should all have as much courage as he did to stand up for what we believe. He was a great man, but unfortunately, we lost him, too. It's sad how we lose so many great people in such tragic ways. They will always be remembered, though ... in our hearts, souls, and in our memories. Their legacy is a testament to our America.





Smorgasbord ticket sales winners announced

Homedale Middle School sixth-graders last week sold \$1,431 worth of tickets for the Feb. 9 International Smorgasbord, which will be held at Homedale Elementary School. The top-selling students for the second week were, from left, Haley Kushlan, Lesa Folwell's class (\$212), Esteban Lejardi, Pat Warren's class (\$312); Emylee Obregon, Kelly Schamber's class (\$246); and Riley Maggard-Qualls, David Hann's class (\$182. Presenting prizes to winners were, back from left, chair Tracy Fisher and co-chair Heidi Nash. Tickets are \$28 for a family, \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for students in first through sixth grades and \$2 for preschoolers and are available through any HMS sixth-grader.

Commission: OCD sale offer countered

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According to Defense Department documents, a JLUS is expected to be completed within one year, and is undertaken to ensure communication, cooperation, planning, and land-use compatibility between adjacent military and civilian jurisdictions.

is an effort to provide standardized road construction and maintenance guidelines throughout Owyhee County. The cost of the manual is not to exceed \$7,500, and is to be paid out of the county's road and bridge fund. Messick has been installing the green rural address signs at a cost to the county of \$2.50 per sign.

Messick told the commission that the fasteners currently used are not working well, and offered to provide higher quality bolts. The commission approved Messick's proposal at a new cost of \$4 per sign. Also, the OCD offered to sell its building at 19 Reich St. in Marsing to the county for \$275,000, and Freund made a counter-offer of \$250,000 for the county. On Jan. 10, OCD Chairman Charlie Chadez wrote a letter to the commissioners regarding the building's sale. The letter said that Jess Payne Appraisal of Caldwell had done an official restrictive appraisal in December, valuing the building at \$278,000. The letter also said that the OCD board had met after the Jan. 7 commissioners meeting, and agreed to offer the building for "\$260,000, negotiable depending on estimated remodeling costs." The building has been discussed as an option to consolidate county satellite offices.

Teenagers reach out to discuss youth issues

Three Homedale-area organizations have banded together to present an evening of activities and discussions Thursday at Homedale Elementary School.

Family Fun Night is set to begin at 6 p.m. inside the school's lunchroom and gymnasium. The event is a collaboration of 4-H, the I Can Do Kids Club and the Homedale High School chapter of the Future Hispanic Leaders of America.

While the event kicks off with a free dinner catered by Del Rio Mexican restaurant and includes carnival-like games for children, there is a broader objective for the night.

"They're taking on a leadership position as youth for positive improvement in the community," University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator Judith McShane said of the FHLA members involved in the program.

Toward that end, a public forum is planned to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday after the dinner.

McShane said the youth leaders have organized the night and will run the meeting.

Plans were to invite Homedale city leaders, but Mayor Harold Wilson and the city council hold their second regular meeting of the month at the same time.

Alex Ramos, a Homedale High School senior and FHLA member who is one of the coordinators for the event, said that there are plans to take ideas drawn from Thursday's discussion to a future city council meeting.

"(City leaders) could help by making a small little place into a recreation center, so that all the kids roaming the streets could go there," Ramos said.

Ramos also said the event will be a way to draw more participation into the I Can Do

Kids after-school program from parents.

She also said that Thursday's program is a way for the FHLA members to show the impact the I Can Do Kids program has had and to poll attendees on how to make things better.

McShane and Ramos both said that the meeting also will examine the needs of youth in the community and how to create opportunities for them, such as a recreation center.

"We're going to show what we have as far as ideas then ask (attendees) if they have any ideas on how to improve the after-school program or any other ideas," Ramos said.

The Family Fun Night is being made possible by a grant secured by the University of Idaho. The two-year grant includes \$2,000 for 2007-08 and \$3,000 for 2008-09.

The menu from Del Rio consists of carnitas, rice, beans and green salad. Ramos' family owns the North Main Street restaurant.

The carnival activities at Family Fun Night will include a photography booth, a robotics exhibition by other 4-H'ers, a bottle toss and a dart game where contestants will try to pop balloons.

Ramos hopes that at least one of the ideas brewed Thursday can be implemented by the end of the school year, and she said other ideas can be put in motion when the next school year starts.

She has been involved with FHLA all four years of high school, and FHLA members have been helping out with the after-school I Can Do Kids Club program for three years.

"It's exciting that they're willing to do this," McShane said of the FHLA's organization of Thursday's program.

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# Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008

## Rimrock boys creep toward top

The return of Logan Thomas from a back injury seemingly has infused Rimrock High School's boys basketball team with a new energy.

The Raiders sent a message during the weekend by handing Wilder its first 1A Western Idaho Conference South loss of the season.

Rimrock (8-5 overall, 4-2 1A WIC South) knocked off the Wildcats, 35-31, in Bruneau. No other details were provided.

The Raiders ended the week one game behind Wilder and Greenleaf Friends Academy, which were tied for first place in the conference. Rimrock visits Gem State Adventist in Caldwell tonight, and Greenleaf and Wilder played conference games Tuesday night (results weren't available at press time).

Thomas, a senior who had seen limited time before the new year because of a back ailment, entered the Wilder game averaging 32.5 points per game for the week.

Veteran Rimrock coach Gary Jones said last week that he sensed a change in his club.

— See *Rimrock*, page 15



Logan Thomas



### First-year wrestler performing like a veteran

Homedale High School freshman Justin Ensley prepares to pin Matt Merritt with a figure-four leg lock in the Trojans' dual-meet win over Marsing on Thursday. Ensley finished the week 20-2 after winning the Padilla Invitational 112-pound championship Saturday.

## Ensley KOs best from two states

### Homedale freshman wins Padilla title; Trojans go 1-2 in heavyweight flight

Homedale High School's wrestling team got a long look at its conference competition last weekend in Parma, and drank in another week of the future, too.

But while Weiser won the Padilla Invitational team championship and Fruitland finished one spot ahead of the sixth-place Trojans in the team standings, coach Toby Johnson was witness to some rays of hope.

Freshman Justin Ensley, ranked second among the state's 3A 112-pounders, won his weight class championship Saturday in Parma. He ran his record to 20-2 after a week that included wins over the 2007 103-pound 1A-2A Idaho state champion, a state-ranked wrestler from Oregon and a highly

regarded wrestler that Ensley had lost to during his runner-up showing at the Rollie Lane Invitational earlier this month.

In the heavyweight bracket of the Padilla tourney, seniors Amador Cortinas and Jaime Uriarte reached the title match. No championship action took place. Johnson spoke to both wrestlers and it was decided that Cortinas would be given the victory by forfeit. The teammates didn't want to risk injury to themselves or their seedings for future tournaments.

"I talked to each one separately, and they said we've done what we came to do, let's just call it a day," Johnson said.

Ensley beat Ty Peck from



### Marsing gets two wins against Homedale

Marsing 152-pound senior Mike Moore prepares to pin Homedale's Joe Mac Hernandez in the final varsity bout of a dual meet on the Trojans' mat.

Aberdeen, 6-4, to win the 112 championship.

Meanwhile, many Fruitland and Weiser wrestlers peppered the results, including Wolverines finishing second and third at 160 pounds.

Fruitland wrestlers brought home championships at 103 and 125 pounds. Weiser wrestlers had titles at 145 and 215.

Ensley was unbeaten for the week. He started with a decision at 112 in a 58-15 non-conference victory over Melba in Homedale on Jan. 15.

Wrestling up a weight class at 125 pounds, Ensley grabbed two victories during a tri-meet against Marsing and Vale, Ore.,

— See *Ensley*, page 15

### Trojans split with Vandals

Rachel Wheeler scores two points against McCall's Megan Hatstrup during Homedale High School's 55-45 loss on the road Jan. 15. Wheeler finished with 14 points. She scored four points Saturday when Homedale avenged the loss with a 50-23 victory at home. *Story, Page 15. Photo by Gregg Garrett*



## Rivals rumble for position Mustangs maintain third in HDL

Jordan Valley High School used balanced scoring Saturday to rout visiting Prairie City in a High Desert League boys basketball game.

Brandon Mackenzie hit a 3-point goal and led all scorers with 13 points to pace the Mustangs' 74-43 victory.

Five players reached double-figure scoring for Jordan Valley,

including Alek Quintero and Zac Fillmore (12 each), Koehl Trautman (11 points, 12 rebounds) and Cole Scown (10 points).

Jordan Valley took control of the game with a 26-4 streak through the second quarter to build a 46-15 halftime advantage.

The Mustangs (14-4 overall, 8-2 HDL at week's end) held on to second place in the standings

behind Crane and Spray.

Jordan Valley's junior varsity edged Prairie City, 27-26

Jordan Valley 72  
Monument-Dayville 29

The Mustangs pitched a shutout in the first quarter and coasted Friday on the road.

— See *Mustangs*, page 15

## Adrian boys' clutch wins set up showdown

Adrian High School's boys basketball team put a ton of importance into its upcoming rivalry game against Jordan Valley by sweeping High Desert League challenges this weekend.

The Antelopes (13-6 overall, 7-3 HDL) bunched up the league standings and pulled within a

game of the Mustangs for third place by knocking off Prairie City and blowing out Monument-Dayville.

Jordan Valley visits Adrian on Friday for the schools' second meeting of the season. The Mustangs rolled 73-33 on their home floor Dec. 14.

Adrian may have gained momentum for the homecoming by grabbing two wins on the road. The Antelopes set the tone for the weekend with a clutch 57-48 win over Prairie City.

The Panthers entered the weekend neck-and-neck with

— See *Adrian*, page 15



Sports

Cold shooting sinks Marsing

The Huskies shot just 27 percent from the floor, making 35 of 129 shots, in a pair of 2A Western Idaho Conference games last week.

Marsing made 19 of 70 shots in a 48-39 home loss against Melba on Jan. 15, and 16 of 59 in a 62-39 defeat at Nampa Christian on Friday.

Despite the shooting difficulties, the Huskies were in the game to the end against Melba. Marsing had a rebounding advantage over the Mustangs, 43-36, and pulled down 26 offensive boards. Taylor Nielsen had nine offensive rebounds on his way to a double-double, with 15 points and 10 caroms.

Marsing coach Jake Walgamott said that his team played well against the Mustangs.

“I was pleased with our effort in the Melba game,” Walgamott said. “We just couldn’t make a basket to finish the game. We were down six with two minutes to go, and never could overcome the gap.”

Jose Paramo had nine points for Marsing and Kelsey Cook had seven, while Melba’s Zach Owens scored 16 to lead all scorers and Doug Beus added 14.

Marsing’s coach was not as pleased with the way the Huskies played against Nampa Christian.

“At Nampa Christian, our effort was not what it has been,”



**Mustangs fly to victory in Marsing**  
*Melba’s Dustyn Skogsberg soars to the basket despite the defense of Kalob Myers during Marsing’s Jan. 15 home game against the Mustangs. Photo by Brandy Smith, MHS*

Walgamott said. “The shooting killed us early. We shot 17 percent in the first half and had 15 turnovers. We didn’t play well at all.”

Nielsen led the Huskies against Nampa Christian as well, with 12 points. Paramo and Kalob

Myers netted six each. Dustin Kamper led all scorers with 16 for the Trojans, while Marcus Lee added 14.

The Huskies are next in action Thursday night, when they host Cole Valley Christian.

— RTH



**Trojans’ SRV skid reaches three games**  
*Senior Austin Ferguson goes high and scores on a fast break against McCall-Donnelly on Jan. 15 in McCall. Homedale High School’s boys basketball team dropped a 60-42 3A Snake River Valley conference decision. Weiser flattened Homedale, 52-34, on Friday for the Trojans’ third consecutive loss. Photo by Gregg Garrett*

# Marsing Huskies

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Game times (unless noted):

Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24, home vs. Cole Valley Christian

Saturday, Jan. 26, home vs. New Plymouth

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 25 at Cole Valley Christian

Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.

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Saturday, Jan. 26, 2A District III Tournament, site TBA

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# Trojan Winter Sports

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 25, home vs. Payette

Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.

Junior varsity — Monday, Jan. 28, home for 3A District III Tournament

Freshman — Monday, Jan. 28 at 3A District III Tournament in Fruitland

Varsity — Tuesday, Jan. 29, 3A District III Tournament at TVCC, Ontario, Ore.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Game times (unless noted):

Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24 at Payette

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Fruitland

## WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 24, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26, home for Homedale Team Duals, 8 a.m.

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# Sports

## Rupp triggers Trojans girls

With the 3A District III Tournament looming, the Homedale High School girls basketball team sent a message last week.

That message: We're dangerous.

The Trojans split a home-and-home series with McCall-Donnelly, but saved the best for last in a 50-23 3A Snake River Valley conference blowout at home Saturday. The Vandals had beaten the Trojans, 55-45, on Jan. 15 in McCall.

"This game was a complete turnaround from Tuesday," Trojans coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "We came out and set the tone early and McCall was not able to keep up."

Homedale buried the Vandals with a 19-2 first quarter, and the Trojans' defense put in one of its stingiest efforts of the season by shutting out all but three McCall scorers. The Vandals were held to just 27 shots, and fired at 27 percent clip.

The Trojans (9-9 overall, 3-3 SRV at week's end) were led by 14 points from Kendall Rupp, who is averaging 9.5 points per game. Melissa Dammerman led McCall

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*Trojans get by scrappy Marsing in Jan. 14 non-conference matchup.*

with 13 points.

Chamberlain cited a drastic reversal in shooting percentage as another difference between the two games against McCall.

In the Jan. 15 loss, Homedale shot 29 percent from the field and 33 percent from the foul line. Saturday, the club hit 38 percent of its shots and converted 75 percent of its free throws.

More importantly, Saturday's bounce-back win could build confidence for the Trojans in the upcoming district tournament at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., which starts on Jan. 29. Homedale met Weiser for the second time this season on Tuesday. Results weren't available at press time. The Trojans wrap up the regular season Friday at home against Payette.

McCall-Donnelly 55  
Homedale 45

Similar to Saturday's outing,

McCall had only a handful of players break into the scoring column. Unlike Saturday, four of the five players went for double figures to fuel the victory.

"I'm still not sure what happened to us in this game," Chamberlain said. "We came out very flat and just never seemed to get any type of rhythm going."

"Our defense was not good, to say the least. We let McCall get a lot of lay-ins and easy looks at the basket, something we usually don't do."

Rachell Hall scored 11 of her game-high 19 points in the second quarter as the Vandals gained control with a 22-13 run to halftime.

Rachel Wheeler scored 14 points to lead the Trojans. Mandy Brasher added eight points, and Mikal Mackenzie had seven points.

Homedale struggled from the foul line, hitting just four of 12 free throws. McCall was 15-for-28 from the charity stripe, accounting for the winning margin.

The Trojans did pull within four points in the fourth quarter, but couldn't complete the comeback.

## Adrian girls run to 15-0

Adrian High School's girls basketball team extended its season-opening winning streak to 15 games with two High Desert League victories last weekend.

The Antelopes (15-0 overall, 10-0 HDL), ranked sixth in the 1A

Oregon coaches' poll, thumped Prairie City 73-24 on Friday behind a balanced attack led by Jayna Witty's 11 points.

On Saturday, Paige Branstiter scored 20 points in a 58-52 win over Dayville-Monument.

## √ Mustangs: Jordan Valley girls go 1-1 on the weekend

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Jordan Valley rolled out to a 22-0 lead after eight minutes and led 57-14 after three quarters as Trautman and Tad Jones scored 11 points apiece.

Athena Beckwith scored 13 points, and Kayla Cuvelier added 12 points, while Catie Kershner dished six assists.

Monument-Dayville 46  
Jordan Valley 31

Balanced scoring couldn't help the Mustangs keep pace with the Tigers on Friday.

Cuvelier was 4-for-6 from the foul line for 10 points, and Eiguren hit a trey and also connected on four of six foul shots for nine points.

Elisa Eiguren scored 20 points to lead three players in double figures for the Mustangs in an HDL victory Friday. Eiguren also had four steals.

## √ Adrian: Antelopes streak into fourth in the standings

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the Antelopes for fourth place in the HDL, and Prairie City did everything within its power in the fourth quarter of Friday's game to foil Adrian's attempt to gain some exclusivity in the standings behind unbeaten Crane, second-place Spray and third-place Jordan Valley.

"We knew we had a job to do to capture the fourth spot in the HDL," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "Our defense is what won the game. We were able to play with the intensity and determination of a championship team."

The Antelopes entered the fourth quarter with a 16-point lead, 48-32, but had to hold on for the victory and withstand Prairie City's charge.

George Ellsworth with six steals and Blake Ishida with four steals spearheaded the defense.

Kyle Dondero scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Antelopes. Brandon Crisler led Prairie City with 24 points.

"We were able to control the boards and make our shots," Brent Ishida said. "Kyle Dondero had a nice game, and George Ellsworth and Blake Ishida were instrumental in leading us on defense."

Adrian 60  
Monument-Dayville 44

A fast start allowed Antelopes coach Brent Ishida to empty his bench in the first half of a runaway HDL victory Saturday.

"We were able to get up on them early then we were able to play all of our bench before the half," Ishida said. "Maurus Hope and Blake Ishida had a nice game on both defense and offense."

Adrian raced out to a 28-20 halftime lead and grew that advantage to 18 points by the end of the third quarter.

Hope hit three 3-point goals and led all scorers with 17 points. The senior also helped out on the defensive end with six of his team's 28 steals.

Blake Ishida and Dondero had five steals each. Ishida scored 12 points, and freshman Blake Purnell grabbed six rebounds.

Kyle Hand scored 22 for the Tigers.

## √ Ensley: Homedale places sixth at Padilla

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on the Trojans' mat Thursday. Johnson said Ensley had come in a half-pound heavier than his 112 limit and was slated in at 119 for the night.

Ensley had a narrow decision over Arcenio Carrillo — a state-ranked wrestler in Oregon — in the Trojans' 45-24 win over Vale, a team coached by one of Johnson's former teammates at Mac Hi in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

"My hat's off to Vale," Johnson said. "They had a crew of mostly seniors, and we didn't have hardly any seniors and they wrestled hard. For our boys, it's not a bad job, just wrestled a team that was a little bit older."

Ensley dominated Marsing's Matt Merritt in their match during Homedale's 72-9 victory to close out the night. Ensley owned a 12-2 lead after the first two minutes. He ended the match by getting a figure-4 leg lock on Merritt's head and putting his shoulders to the mat from the unusual position with 59.4 seconds left in the second round.

Marsing's victories against Homedale on Thursday came in the first match of the dual, when Kris Young rode a series of escapes to a 10-5 win over 160-pounder Rye Hyer, and in the final match when Michael Moore collected a pin 90 seconds into his 152-pound bout against Joe Mac Hernandez.

Highlights of Homedale's win over Melba at the start of week included a pinfall by Frankie Obregon at 125 pounds. Other wins came from Trevor Meligan (130) and Uriarte at 285.

## √ Raiders: Boys are one game out of first

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"I feel our team is gaining ground," he said. "We are starting to understand how to attack and where each other are on the floor."

"We are balancing the floor much better. We are playing team together, defending and rebounding, and that is our mantra — Team Together, Defend, and Rebound."

Rimrock 76, Idaho City 48

Thomas scored 33 points in just three quarters Jan. 15 as Rimrock pounded the host Wildcats in a 1A WIC South game.

With the team comfortably ahead, Thomas sat out the fourth quarter. He shot 67 percent from the floor (16-for-24) and grabbed six offensive rebounds. He scored

25 points in the first 16 minutes as Rimrock built a 37-26 lead.

"Logan is a force on the court," Jones said. "He defends well and can intimidate opposing players with his reach and shot-blocking ability."

"He is extremely difficult to cover and creates match-up problems for the opponent because of his ball-handling skills, height, and post-up abilities. He rebounds the ball well and has great vision of the court to get us into our transition game. He is a complete player."

Chris Hipwell hit a 3-pointer in the first quarter en route to 11 points. Thomas had the team's other 3-pointer, hitting during a 24-10 sprint through the first quarter.

Stuart McCusker scored 22

points for Idaho City.

Rimrock 66  
Liberty Charter 62 (OT)

Thomas scored twice as many points as the Chargers' leading scorer to fuel Rimrock's overtime victory in a conference game played Jan. 14 in Nampa. Thomas outscored the Chargers 8-7 in the extra period.

Thomas fired in 13 field goals and missed once in seven trips to the foul line to score 32 points. He also led the Raiders with 11 rebounds.

Liberty Charter was paced by 15 points from Derek Linford.

Sam Richardson, who had been Rimrock's most consistent scorer in Thomas' absence, shot 70 percent from the floor (7-for-10) for 18 points.



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Sports

Huskies struggling with shots down stretch

If the Marsing High School girls come up with something silly enough, maybe the basketball gods will lift the lid from their basket.

Maybe they should all walk out of the locker room backwards or step onto the court right foot first, being careful to avoid the boundary line. Stop wearing that wristband, or start wearing one, or wear one inside out, in a basketball version of baseball's rally cap. A ridiculous gesture might get the fickle hoops deities on the Lady Huskies' side. Or maybe it will relax them enough that the shots that go in routinely in practice start going in during games.

Shooting woes have been the bane of the team this season, and played a significant role in a pair of 2A Western Idaho Conference losses and a 50-41 non-conference loss at Homedale last week. The Huskies (1-17 overall, 0-8 WIC), lost 44-13 to conference leader Parma (16-2, 8-0) at home on Thursday, and 52-40 at Melba (7-11, 4-4) on Saturday.

Moreno, who leads Marsing in scoring, averaging 14 points per game, missed the Parma game with a hip injury suffered against Homedale. Leon is the Huskies' second-leading scorer, averaging four points per game. With Moreno out of the lineup, the Huskies made only four of 46 shots from the field, and hit five of 14 foul shots on the way to their

lowest point total of the season.

Despite the lack of scoring, Huskies coach Don Heller said that his team played well enough to beat the Panthers.

"I told the girls I was very proud of them," Heller said. "They battled to the end. We played good enough to win. We had shots open all night long, they just wouldn't fall. They weren't forced shots, they were good shots.

"The posts worked their butts off inside, the bench players all went in and did what they were supposed to. We had the lowest turnover total of the season, 15 for the game. We took care of the ball. I was proud of all of them. Like I said, we played good enough to win the game."

Against Melba, the Huskies made just nine of 56 shots from the field. Moreno was back in the lineup, scoring nine points, going 1-15 from two-point range, 1-3 from three, and 7-14 from the stripe. Candy Leon, who led all scorers with 13 points, was one for six from the floor, and eight of 17 from the free throw line. As proof of continuing effort in the face of the scoring drought, Leon and Andi Merritt each pulled down nine rebounds, while Cossel ripped down seven.

"We played a great game," Heller said. "The girls played their most physical game of the year. They showed excellent hustle and played great defense all night.

"We could not get a call in



Rivals get rough and tumble

*Homedale High School's Rachel Wheeler, right, crashes to the floor trying to recover a loose ball as Marsing's Amanda Staudenmier attempts to get to her feet just above the key during a Jan. 14 non-conference girls basketball matchup in Homedale.*

the second quarter, and Melba outscored us 17-4. The rest of the game, we won by 1 (36-35). In the fourth quarter, we outscored them 20-15. Make the easy points and we win."

The Huskies struggled from the field against the Trojans, hitting 16 of 72 shots from the floor, and made just 13 of 34 foul shots. Marsing's Elisa Moreno's game-high 17 points offset Kendall Rupp's team-best 15 for Homedale, but eight

points each from the Trojans' Rachele Christofferson and Mikal Mackenzie trumped Candy Leon's eight for the Huskies.

Mandy Brasher and Rachel Wheeler each had six points for the Trojans, while Miranda Clausen, Rebecca Cossel, and Kacie Hull each had four for Marsing.

"A couple of times we had a decent lead but were unable to put (Marsing) away, and they made a nice run at us in the fourth

quarter," Homedale coach Jeremy Chamberlain said.

Marsing hosted Nampa Christian on Tuesday, however results were not available at press time.

The Huskies close out the regular season in Meridian on Friday against Cole Valley Christian, and the 2A District III tournament starts the following Tuesday.

— RTH

Rimrock girls continue to roll

Shelby Chandler fired in five of her team's eight 3-point goals to help the Rimrock High School girls basketball team pull away for another 1A Western Idaho Conference South victory Thursday.

Chandler scored a game-high 21 points as the Raiders hammered Idaho City, 62-28, on the Wildcats' home floor.

Rimrock (13-3 overall, 9-0 1A WIC South through the weekend) saw its three-game winning streak end with a 57-53 non-conference loss to Dietrich on the road Friday.

Chandler was held scoreless in the first quarter as the teams played to a 5-5 tie after eight minutes. But she woke up with a pair of treys in the second quarter, and Sierra Ridley scored six of her eight points to fuel the Raiders' 22-8 run.

Jackie Thurman grabbed 14

rebounds, while Ellie Cantrell scored 10 points. Shoni Gennette, who has seen added playing time with the absence of regulars Anna Cantrell and Kaile Murray, notched a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Maleesha Barnhard was 6-for-8 from the foul line on the way to 16 points for Idaho City.

The 1A District III Tournament begins Tuesday with play-in games at Emmett High School and Cole Valley Christian High School in Meridian.

Rimrock, which played 1-9 Gem State Adventist at home Monday (results weren't available at press time), more than likely will have a shot to lock up the top seed from the 1A WIC South by beating Greenleaf Friends Academy on Thursday in Bruneau. If the Raiders secure the top seed for district, they won't play until Jan. 31 at Emmett High School.

Rimrock 48, Notus 28

Thurman and Ridley each notched double-doubles on the road Jan. 14 as Rimrock remained perfect in conference play.

Thurman buried a pair of 3-point goals on the way to 16 points, and added 13 rebounds (including eight on Notus' glass). Ridley had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Raiders rolled out to a 15-3 lead as Chandler scored all six of her points in the first quarter. Chandler was shackled by foul trouble through much of the game.

With Murray and Anna Cantrell both missing the game, Anh Nguyen continued to emerge as a contributor, dishing out eight assists.

Notus managed just one basket in the first quarter, and missed on all seven of its attempts from the free-throw line.

Fierro fires in game-winner; JV still unbeaten

Ben Fierro nailed a buzzer-beating jump shot Friday as the Homedale High School junior varsity boys basketball team continued its perfect season.

Fierro's jumper from the left side helped the Trojans sink Weiser, 49-47, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game played in Homedale.

Reece Landa set up Fierro with a pass after coach Mark Shafer called a timeout with the score tied. Fierro finished with seven points.

The Trojans (14-0 overall, 3-0 3A SRV) were led by 16 points from Alex Mereness. Tyler Ford chipped in 10 points. Ford buried a pair of clutch 3-point goals, too.

Mereness was 6-for-6 from the foul line, and snagged six



Ben Fierro

rebounds.

Justin Harrel led Homedale's effort on the glass with 14 rebounds.

"As a team, the Trojans played some tough defense, and the bench came through, led by Jose Gonzales' six rebounds," Shafer said.

Homedale 55  
McCall-Donnelly 43

Tyler Ford made his debut in the starting lineup and scored 15 points as the Trojans beat the host Vandals.

Justin Harrel was a dominant force again with 18 points and nine rebounds, while Alex Mereness had nine points, nine boards and two assists.

Jake Tolmie played tough defense and chipped in eight points.

"The entire JV team played significant minutes in the win and the team continued to play a good team game," Shafer said.

Owyhee stats and standings will return next week



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

### January 19, 1983

#### Homedale PTA smorgasbord is this Saturday

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual PTA International Smorgasbord will open its doors at 11:30 this Saturday morning. The event, which draws approximately 5,000 people to Homedale annually, will again be held at the Washington grade school multi-purpose room.

New on this menu this year will be buckaroo beans and marinated carrots at the American table. At the European table, wieners and sauerkraut; at the Mexican table, the hot sauce will be made and ground by hand in authentic cookery. The remainder of the dishes will be much the same as last year, according the Bette Uda, publicity chairman.

Additional eating space will be available this year, Uda said.

The Homedale International Smorgasbord has gained statewide recognition as an outstanding community effort. PTA units across the state have shown particular interest in the event because of the entire community involvement and the contributions made to the schools that in no other way would have been attainable, Uda said.

#### City clerk to be hired officially

The Homedale city council will hold a special meeting in the near future to officially hire a new city clerk, Mayor George Murray said Monday.

Murray said Edna Grimes will be hired at that meeting. Grimes is presently secretary for high school principal Nolan Taggart.

Grimes was one of about a dozen who applied for the city clerk position following the announcement by Marie Badiola that she was resigning.

Taggart said he will be accepting applications for the school position immediately.

Grimes is expected to begin her city job about February 1, Murray said.

#### Retail committee meets

A group of about 15 merchants met last Thursday morning as a “retail committee” of Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

Plans were laid to organize a year-long retail promotion calendar for 1983. Several suggestions for different types of promotions were discussed.

Chairman of the committee Joe Aman urged the group to gear its efforts of attracting the people in the market area to trade in Homedale.

#### McCall bests Trojans in overtime

The Homedale Trojans lost their fourth season game to the hosting McCall Vandals last Friday night in overtime by a score of 56-53. The Trojans stand 8-4 for the season.

The Trojans led the first three quarters, but the Vandals caught up in the fourth and the regular time ended in a 49-49 tie. The extra three minutes saw Homedale earning four points, but they were outdone by a total of seven by the McCall boys.

#### Over coffee...

Six elementary students traveled to Jewett Chapel in Caldwell last Wednesday for a Fine Arts Program which featured Cecile Licade, a pianist from the Philippines, who is on a world tour.

Brian Baker, Elise Eidemiller, Carl Busse, Blas Ubergua, Jeff Cegnar and Brook Brown are included in the SAIL (or Scholastic Adventures in Learning) program for the gifted and talented grade school students. They meet two half days per week with Dennis Keogh, a teacher who comes from Caldwell to instruct them at their own individual ability level.

The SAIL students have been studying fine arts and the trip to Caldwell was their first field trip. They were driven and chaperoned by Nancy Ash. Before the performance they stopped at the home of their teacher.

## 50 years ago

### January 23, 1958

#### Farm labor assn. elects 3 new board members Monday

The annual meeting of the Farm Labor association was held Monday evening at the Legion hall with a good attendance.

Ross Wilson, Fargo, L. N. Parker and V. H. Hinton were elected to the board of directors for two year terms to serve along with John Kushlan and Frank Tanikuni, who have one year left of their terms to serve.

Outgoing officers are Raymond Aberasturi, president; Louis Cegnar, secretary, and Joe Itano, director.

The association decided to continue the building program that began in 1954, to eventually replace all buildings at the labor camp with pumice block buildings. At present the camp has five such pumice buildings, each containing four apartments. It will take approximately six more years to complete the project, according to Joe Eiguren, camp manager.

#### Radcliffe scores “irresponsible” press; warns people against complacency

Cy Radcliffe, Knife and Fork club speaker, and former implement dealer, scored American newspapers for their handling of the news about school integration at Little Rock, Ark., in a speech Saturday night before a large crowd at the Washington grade school.

The crowd had bought tickets from Boy Scouts and 4-H members as a benefit to these organizations, with Mr. Radcliffe volunteering his time as speaker, to tell of his observations during a five-month round-the-world trip taken last year.

Mr. Radcliffe also scored the press for playing up the failure of the U. S. to launch a world satellite, and castigated TV for bringing an hour-long interview with Khrushchev into American homes.

#### Marsing, Fruitland on Trojan casaba menu this weekend

Homedale put down a fourth quarter Middleton bid and grabbed a 37-34 Snake River Valley B-league victory from the Vikings here Friday night.

The Trojans led all the way, showing a 13-9 lead at the quarter, 21-14 at the half and 28-22 after three periods.

Middleton used a full court press to pull up to within one point late in the final period, but couldn’t capture the lead.

Homedale scoring — Kershner 4, Jackson 10, Parker 6, Uranga 12, Beagley 5.

#### Adrian votes to form SCD at election Tuesday

A soil conservation meeting was held at Adrian last Tuesday afternoon. The election passed and a district will be formed soon. The three supervisors elected were Walter Bishop, 52 votes; Dick Kriegh, 38, and Orlie Sipes, 37.

Perle Davis and Bernard Anderson served on the election board.

#### Homedale locals

Weekend visitors at the Paul Simon home two weeks ago were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanford and family, Jordan Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Swisher and family, McDermitt, Nev.

Mrs. Darlene Pline and children, Melba, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Upton entertained with a dinner last Thursday for his father John Upton and Mr. Upton’s house guests Mr. and Mrs. George Upton, Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Waite and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Denzel Waite home. Mr. and Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Denzel Waite were among several local people attending a Sunday school stake meeting at Nampa that day. Saturday afternoon callers at the Denzel Waite home were Mrs. Orval Knight and daughter Solinda.

## 140 years ago

### January 18, 1868

WHY? The Statesman of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. misrepresents the sentiments of Owyhee in the recent railroad convention, and attempts to make our delegation assume an antagonism in the premises that was never thought of. We hear nothing of a resolution which the Owyhee delegation sent to the convention. In saying so much about Owyhee, Mr. Statesman, why didn’t you publish the resolution referred to? It embodied more liberal views touching the question that you wished to disseminate; it conflicted somewhat with your “via Boise City” scheme, and wouldn’t look well confronting straightjacket opinions. The “memorial” is chiefly remarkable for its absence of “important facts, but then it is as good a make-up as could be expected from your side of the house until there shall be some survey made whereon to base come calculations.”

PRESENTATION. We were present at a presentation ceremony, which took place on Wednesday last at the Owyhee Co.’s mill. The employees in the mill presented Mr. R. H. Leonard, foreman and chief amalgamator, with a valuable gift in the shape of a magnificent silver watch — an English chronometer, and costing \$165 in San Francisco. The boys had sent for the watch several weeks ago, and expected to make the presentation on New Year’s day; but the bad condition of the roads over the Sierras prevented the arrival of the gift. Mr. Leonard was completely taken by surprise, not having been apprised of the arrangement beforehand. Immediately after dinner he was requested to come into the mill. Complying, he soon found himself surrounded by the hands — about forty in number. The engine was stopped and the busy rattling of machinery ceased; whereupon the oldest employee in the mill, Mr. E. Buck, who had been selected to make the presentation, mounted one of the pans and delivered a neat and appropriate speech. Among other things the speaker stated in substance as follows: Being convinced that Mr. Leonard, during the long period of his position as foreman of the mill, had dealt fairly and honestly with the men under his charge, and that while in his employ they had never been wronged out of a minute of time, they desire to manifest their appreciation of his fair dealing and kind indulgence towards them by presenting a small offering, not very valuable, but which would serve to show their friendly regard for him. The speaker concluded by saying, “Mr. Leonard, we now present you this watch as a friendly testimonial of our esteem for you, and hope that there may never be a breach in the friendship that has so long existed between us.” The watch was inscribed, “Presented to R. H. Leonard by the employees of the mill of the Owyhee Mining Co.,” and is certainly a splendid time piece. Mr. Leonard, who in the conscientious discharge of his duties, had no intimation of what the men were about, was totally unprepared to make a speech, but kindly thanked them for the gift. Then the engine was put in motion, and soon all were busily at work again.

It is pleasant to see such friendly feeling among men as was manifested on this occasion. Mr. Leonard is a practical mill man and possesses the rare faculty of getting men to do the largest amount of work, at the same time gaining their esteem. He came to Owyhee at an early day, went home to “the States” last winter, and returned in the spring with the girl he left behind him. Besides the gift above mentioned, friend Leonard was the recipient of another, a bouncing boy, the production of Owyhee; also, intended for New Year’s gift, but delayed a couple of days on account of the storm.

MISTAKEN. The Humboldt Register learns that the Owyhee River is frozen over and that the stages are crossing on the ice. The Owyhee Ferry is only sixty miles from this place; we are in direct communication with it every day, and we fail to hear of stages crossing on the ice, or even of the river’s being frozen entirely over, although there is so much ice that it occasions much difficulty in running the ferryboat, sometimes causing a delay of several hours in crossing.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense



### Polling for presidents

Parents Magazine polled readers about which of the 2008 presidential candidates would make the best babysitter.

It's something I've always pondered when I look at Andrew Jackson or Kinky Friedman. And, the relationship between getting unruly third-graders to bed on time and getting the House of Representatives to pass your legislation is equally frustrating. It all goes back to relating to the candidate as a person. I remember in the 1992 election hearing that all three candidates: George H. Bush, William J. Clinton and Ross Perot were left-handed! No matter who lost, I won! I could be confident that the next president would be math-deprived, lessdisslick, and smear everything he wrote!

There are always politically incorrect insinuations that women would vote for a woman candidate for the primary reason that they are both women! Or that blacks would vote for a black candidate simply because they are black. Of course, they would! Or at least give it serious consideration.

The same with cowboys, vegetarians and paroled felons! It's natural to want to have someone in office who understands you. What percent of the Mormon vote will candidate Romney receive ... 99 percent?

How big a piece of the parasailing electorate did John Kerry garner? How many brush-clearing cedar whacks went for George W. Bush? There have been many bright visionaries who toyed with the idea of running for president, but they registered low on the EMP factor, they were hard to empathize with: Ralph Nader, Jesse Ventura, Donald Trump. So, the EMP factor cannot be ignored. Given the opportunity to poll candidates, there are several questions I would proffer; i.e.:

- 1) Do you consider Miracle Whip and Jalapeños essential nutrients in the Food Pyramid?
- 2) Do you prefer Copenhagen or Skoal?
- 3) Do you have any nieces, nephews, cousins or children named after coon dogs ... Blue, Jake, Badger or Whoop?
- 4) Do you Head or Heel?
- 5) How long till you have to renew your (a) Farm Bureau Membership, (b) your subscription to Sports & Field, (c) the warranty on your wife's 4x4 pickup?
- 6) And finally, do you already own one of my books or CDs?

This last one would show if you were a discriminating reader with a literary bent or were simply into recycling paper.

Jon P. Brown

## The way we see it

### Faulks' plea deals create prosecutorial express lane



Contrary to television depictions, ensuring law and order takes longer than 60 minutes of primetime.

And yet, the Owyhee County Prosecutor's Office has managed to boil down the justice process to a cartoon depicting a fast-paced assembly line at the ACME company.

The only thing missing is the cheesy industrial music.

Less than a year ago, Matthew Faulks reached a plea agreement with robbery and assault suspects Adam Cook and Stephen Dickson, who left their victim severely beaten and in a coma, then recommended a sentencing package that could have seen them out of jail in as little as six months.

At the time, the county prosecutor said that the plea agreement is a tool to save taxpayers the expense of jury trials.

He also said in late February of last year that he looks at prior behavior when considering plea agreements and sentencing recommendations.

He never mentioned a desire to protect citizens or ensure that dangerous criminals are put behind bars.

On Nov. 9, Faulks entered into a deal with 20-year-

old Manuel Omar Avila that resulted in the waiver of a \$250,000 bond and dismissal of several misdemeanor charges in return for a guilty plea to a felony count of eluding a police officer.

As part of the deal, Avila was released on his own recognizance, a defense attorney stipulation accepted by Faulks, whose term ends in December.

More importantly it put a man who had endangered innocent bystanders and law enforcement personnel and had been previously been charged with violating a no-contact order back on the streets rather than in jail to await his sentencing. Faulks said that he agreed to the deal because he didn't expect Avila to receive a lengthy prison term based on case history and the Nampa man's few previous misdemeanor convictions.

A month later, Avila was arrested on suspicion of firing seven bullets into Mario Gonzalez, killing the 26-year-old Nampa resident. He also allegedly wounded two teenage girls. He still sits in Canyon County Jail.

While there is no way to have known that Avila was

— See *Express*, next page

Wayne Cornell

## Not important ...

### but possibly of interest

### Still funny after all these years



It was back around Thanksgiving when I spotted "The Ultimate Looney Tunes Collection" at a local store. The box contains something like 20 DVDs. And each DVD has about 10 of the famous Warner Brothers cartoons that were produced from the 1930s until the 1960s.

I have always been a Looney Tunes fan. It just doesn't get much better than a cartoon featuring Bugs Bunny or Elmer Fudd or Porky Pig or Yosemite Sam or Foghorn Leghorn or Pepe Lepew.

The great thing about the Looney Tunes is that while the screen action was designed to make kids laugh, most of the dialogue was written to amuse adults.

How about the cartoon version of "Hansel and Gretel," when Bugs Bunny tells the Wicked Witch, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself — roasting children!" And she giggles and replies "Call it a weakness."

Or how about Elmer's, "Be vewy vewy quiet. I'm hunting wabbits?"

And who can forget Yosemite Sam rubbing his hands together with glee saying "When I get my hands on the money I'll buy the old ladies home and kick the old ladies out. I'll have the orphans home torn down and I'll get rid of the police department!" Or, "Shut up shuttin' up!!!!"

So, when I spotted the Ultimate Looney Tunes Collection, I scooped it up, tracked down my mate who was in another part of the store and said to her, "Can we get it? Huh? Huh? Canwe? Canwe? Pleeeease canwe get it?" I was somewhat surprised when she said yes.

The agreement had a proviso, however. Sara noted that sometimes the price of an item goes down after the holidays. So I had to agree not to open the Looney Tune package until after Christmas — just in case the price went down and we could return it, then buy it again cheaper. And when we got home she made sure I stuck to my word by hiding the darn package!

So the days and weeks went by. Then one day in early January we were in the store and I noticed that the price of the Ultimate Looney Tunes Collection had not gone

down — therefore, it was safe to open the one we had at home!

That evening Sara surrendered the Looney Tunes box. I popped a DVD into the player, curled up on the couch and started watching cartoons

I chuckled when Foghorn Leghorn said, "Who's respo ... I say, who's responsible for this unwarranted attack on my person!"

The there was Yosemite Sam standing outside a castle demanding that Bugs Bunny "Open the drawbridge!!! Open the drawbridge!!!!" And when Bugs opens the drawbridge by dropping it directly on Sam, there is a muffled voice yelling "Close the drawbridge! Close the drawbridge!!!"

But the best cartoon I saw during the first night of viewing featured Claude the Cat and a floppy eared puppy named Frisky. The entire concept of the cartoon is simple: Every time the cat is relaxed and not expecting it, the puppy sneaks up behind him and goes "RRRROOOOWWWW RRRROOOOWWW RRRROOOOWWW!!!!!" which makes the cat involuntarily leap straight up in the air. This happens at least 10 times in the six-minute cartoon. And even though I know the pup is going to sneak up on Claude and bark and make the cat leap into the air again, each time it happens it's funnier than the previous time. I checked on the Internet and discovered that the mark of a really great cartoon is that it uses the same gag over and over and it's still funny.

So far I think I've seen about 15 of the Warner Brothers classics. That means I've only got about 185 to go. I think I'll save the rest until the presidential race gets into full swing this fall. From what I've seen during the early Republican and Democratic primaries, watching Looney Tunes instead of debates will be a whole lot more entertaining, and educational.

Daffy Duck must have been talking about politicians from both parties when he first uttered the memorable phrase, "Yer despicable!!!"



Commentary

Letter to the editor

Volunteer firemen risked lives to fight Owyhee ranch blaze

On Sunday morning, Jan. 13, 2008, a massive fire destroyed a labor home and a mechanic shop on the F&M Cattle Ranch facility on Upper Reynolds Creek Rd.

It took several hours for different crews in the Owyhee area to contain the blaze and finally get the flames under control.

Responding facilities with their volunteers included:

- Marsing Rural Fire Department
- Melba Fire Department
- Owyhee Fire Department
- Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire

As well as many other volunteers and crews who were at the scene to assist in the process of containing the fires and help with any injuries.

Jon Mortensen, owner of F&M Cattle Co., would like to express his gratitude and appreciation to all the volunteers who sacrificed their time and lives as each of them assisted in the grueling process of fighting such a massive blaze. Thank you for all you did!

We recognize the above the departments and their work as volunteer firefighters and commend them for the work and effort they put forth to serve this community.

Jon Mortensen

Fullmer and Mortensen Cattle Co. LLC

Melba

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in the these ways:

- E-mailed to [jbrowneditor@cablone.net](mailto:jbrowneditor@cablone.net)
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Immigration and assimilation is nothing new

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

Who said this?

President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907



County P&Z changes  
Proposals won't solve the problems

by Joe Weatherby

Current proposed changes to Owyhee County's Code and Subdivision Ordinances should be reworked and new, more extensive public hearings held. As an Owyhee County citizen, I feel the changes are ill-considered, incomplete, and not good for anyone. The changes are more sweeping than one may think. First, it consolidates a great deal of land use policy into the hands of one person, the P&Z administrator. Good or bad is in the eye of the beholder and totally dependent upon who holds the administrator's position. Before you allow those changes to become law, imagine your worst choice for an administrator in that position, the one neighbor who hates you.

And consider, the Planning & Zoning Commission, in theory, should be appointed from a cross-section of the population to represent a checks and balance to weigh various citizens' interests. The proposed changes change that proposition in dramatic ways. How, you say? Keep in mind, P&Z commissioners must make decisions based only on information presented. If the commissioners get a picture, carefully painted and fashioned by the Administrator, game over!

Now the current Administrator, Mary Huff, may be an exceptionally fair-minded person, and you may love the idea of her controlling your life and your retirement. However, she may decide to move on (it is a pretty stressful job). Or as new County Commissioners are elected, the new Commissioners may decide for her. All of a sudden, the picture can be quite different. Though the Administrator has to follow laws, there is a great deal of latitude about the way he/she can do the job. Therein is the concern. That latitude can shift property rights issues dramatically.

Second, in Owyhee County, private property rights are paramount. County Code and the Comprehensive Plan claims to protect private property rights. It is not



Joe Weatherby

as easy as it sounds. As a farmer, subdivisions can be an evil thing. I cannot tell you how many times one of my well-trained gophers escaped their enclosure and dug a hole in someone's yard, or I got dust on someone's car while disking my field. I usually end up apologizing for my gopher's lack of manners, and offering to wash someone's car, or worse. We've all been there. Ah, ha, the solution, we simply prevent any subdivision next to any agricultural operation, right? Well, that solves one problem, but what about the poor guy that owns that property where the subdivision wants to go? Since the kids burnt out on farming long ago what other choice is there? Solution: sell; yup to that evil developer. Guess what? The higher the risk to the developer, the less they are willing to pay for the ground. Land use planning is one of the biggest risks.

The proposed "minimum lot sizes" are just what they say they are, minimums. It would still force you to apply for a conditional use permit to do something smaller than the "Minimum", but a conditional use permit is a request to be, "excused from the law." I believe the explanation given in the hearing was inadequate. When P&Z Commissioners are asked to rule on the advisability of an application with lots less than the minimum, the minimum lot size will become one of the criteria considered to determine if the conditional use permit is granted. The minimums will, without question, reduce property values and make it more difficult to do something with your property with sizes less than those "minimums."

I do believe we need to reduce the frequency with which a conditional use application is required, but I don't think the current proposal is the answer particularly given our inadequate and out-of-date comprehensive plan.

— Marsing resident Joe Weatherby is a member of the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Express: Avila's Owyhee County actions warranted more than reduced charge, release

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going to commit as heinous a crime as that of which he has been accused, warning signs definitely were there. And Faulks seemingly ignored them for the sake of expediency.

Avila showed an obvious disregard for human safety in the events that led to his Oct. 25 arrest — allegedly kicking in his wife's car window and then leading personnel from Homedale Police and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office on a chase into Marsing during which Avila reached speeds of up to 110 mph.

The pursuit ended when Avila crashed into a truck on Main Street in Marsing, but it could have ended far worse at any time during the chase.

After originally opposing Avila's release, Faulks agreed to let him leave Owyhee County Jail rather than sit behind bars to await sentencing, which came on Jan. 11 when he received up to five years in prison. In an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche, Faulks said he originally opposed releasing Avila at his preliminary hearing. Five days later, the prosecutor changed his mind and agreed to a plea deal that included Avila's discharge.

Faulks said he agreed to cut Avila loose so he could take care of a no-contact order violation in Canyon County, but he also said that he didn't expect Avila to serve more than six months in jail.

This despite the fact that Avila allegedly had committed crimes severe enough to warrant a quarter-million-dollar bond.

This despite Avila showing strong tendencies to find trouble when he was on the outside.

This despite the fact that the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has a vehicle that can be used to transport inmates for pending court dates in other counties, and then return them to Murphy to continue their stay.

Much like Canyon County did after Avila was booked into its jail after the shooting of Gonzalez. He was transported to Murphy for his sentencing in a sheriff's vehicle and then returned to Caldwell.

No release was forthcoming when Avila entered a not guilty plea to murder and was denied bail in Caldwell.

He still sits in jail.

And he should have still been in jail in Murphy, awaiting a prison sentence, no matter how short.

But Faulks, whose responsibilities not only are to the victims of crime but also to help ensure the broader safety of Owyhee's citizens, has shown a propensity for fast-tracking cases.

When the Board of Commissioners hired a deputy prosecutor, Douglas Emery, to free up Faulks' schedule, one would have hoped the prosecutor could find time to put more effort into seeking stiffer sentences.

Alas, it seems the express checkout lane is alive and well in Murphy.

Last week, a man who has numerous animal cruelty violations for starving livestock was allowed to keep part of his herd and start the cycle all over again — because of a plea agreement with the prosecutor.

Instead of analyzing the bottom line in making his prosecutorial decisions, Faulks should look into the eyes of the people victimized by those with whom he has made deals.



# Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2008  
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioner’s Freund, Tolmie, and Hoagland. Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Sheriff Aman, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

The Board amended the agenda to include: Subpoena’s for P&Z Hearing, Dickerson Appeal, and Road Rally.

The Board approved funding for the Road and Highway Standards plan. The amount approved to Paragon Engineers is not to exceed \$7,500.

The Board appointed Commissioner Freund to serve on the Technical Committee for the Joint Land Use Program through Idaho Department of Commerce.

Peter Wagner & Michael McCurdy with Region 10 DEQ met with the Board to discuss pending issues and answer questions. Coordination meetings are scheduled every six months.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-01 Destruction of Records for the Treasurer.

The Board approved the request of the Treasurer to allow cancellation of late charges on tax payments deemed valid.

The Board approved payment of all outstanding bills to be paid from the following funds:

Current Expense \$12,162, Road & Bridge \$56,324, District Court \$2,111, Probation \$453, Health District \$4,187, Historical Society-Museum \$512, Indigent & Charity \$23,066, Revaluation \$644, Solid Waste \$8,991, Tort \$3,094, Warrant Redemption \$12,507, Weed \$158, 911 \$2,782.

The Board approved the Municipal Software Agreement for Planning and Zoning applications.

The Board took the following action on pending Indigent and Charity cases.

07-50 lien approved, 08-01 lien approved, 08-02 lien approved, 06-47 assignment to Catastrophic approved, 06-58 assignment to Catastrophic approved.

The Board approved issuance of subpoena’s for the Falcon Butte Planning and Zoning hearing.

Representatives with the Owyhee Soil Conservation District met to discuss the purchase of the Soil Conservation Building in Marsing. The Board made a \$250,000 offer on the building. The Soil Conservation District will consider the offer.

The Board authorized the pay request for probation employee Lyndsey Redburn at \$11.20 per hour.

The Board approved the construction of the rural addressing signs to be paid at \$4.00 per sign.

The Board denied the request made by Jens Schrade to hold the Road Rally in the county.

The Board went into executive session at 3:10 p.m. on a personnel and land issue. No action was taken.

The Board moved to remand the Dickerson appeal to Planning and Zoning for preparation of a development agreement and economic study.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk’s office.

/s/Richard Freund, Chairman  
Attest:/s/Charlotte Sherburn  
1/23/08

CITY OF HOMEDALE Quarterly Expenditure Report 1ST FISCAL QUARTER, FY2008							
FUND	PERSONNEL	Overhead / Maintenance	CAP IMP	QTR TOTAL	Fiscal Year to Date Total	BUDGET AMOUNT	PERCENT of BUDGET USED
01 General	\$ 15,863.08	\$ 29,177.03	\$ -	\$ 45,040.11	\$ 45,040.11	\$ 547,546.00	8.2%
02 Streets & Highways	\$ 8,415.80	\$8,401.00	\$ -	\$ 14,816.80	\$ 14,816.80	\$ 162,171.00	9.1%
03 Parks	\$ 5,010.39	\$ 4,753.33	\$ -	\$ 9,763.72	\$ 9,763.72	\$ 86,765.00	11.3%
04 Library	\$ 7,001.07	\$ 1,736.73	\$ 957.01	\$ 9,694.81	\$ 9,694.81	\$ 66,390.00	14.6%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 53,217.40	\$12,602.16	\$ -	\$ 65,819.56	\$ 65,819.56	\$ 313,513.00	21.0%
30 Airport	\$ -	\$ 153.09	\$ -	\$ 153.09	\$ 153.09	\$ 5,115.00	3.0%
60 Irrigation	\$ 8,531.42	\$ 12,871.85	\$ -	\$ 21,403.07	\$ 21,403.07	\$ 109,640.00	19.5%
25 Water	\$ 18,097.09	\$ 12,276.82	\$ 71,180.29	\$ 101,554.20	\$ 101,554.20	\$ 2,301,985.00	4.4%
26 Sewer	\$ 13,114.67	\$ 5,200.76	\$ 48,526.00	\$ 66,841.43	\$ 66,841.43	\$ 823,300.00	8.1%
27 Sanitation	\$ -	\$ 20,010.47	\$ -	\$ 20,010.47	\$ 20,010.47	\$ 87,000.00	23.0%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 129,250.92	\$ 105,183.04	\$ 120,663.30	\$ 355,097.26	\$ 355,097.26	\$ 4,503,425.00	7.9%
The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours. Publish: January 23, 2008 Signed: ALICE E. PEGRAM City Clerk-Treasurer							

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
BID REQUEST FOR  
GRAVEL CRUSHING**

Sealed bids will be received by the Owyhee County Road and Bridge Department, Attn: Charlotte Sherburn P.O. Box 128 Murphy, Idaho 83650 until 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2008 for the crushing of gravel with the following specifications:

3/4 inch chips 20,000 tons to State Specs, near Grandview, Idaho

Bids will be awarded on February 11th at 10:00 a.m. by the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting.

The completion date shall be before September 1, 2008.

For more information please contact Dave Miller at the Bruneau Shop, (208) 845-2746.

1/16,23/08

**REQUEST FOR  
QUALIFICATIONS**

The City of Marsing Idaho is currently soliciting Requests for Qualifications for preparation of a Wastewater Facility Plan. The City of Marsing owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system that currently serves the City. It is anticipated the Wastewater Facility Plan will be completed in FY 2008. Funding will be provided in part by a matching funds grant from DEQ, and the agreement will be on a lump sum or Time and Materials Not To Exceed basis, with the contract and terms to be negotiated with the selected Engineer.

The Engineer selected will develop a comprehensive Wastewater Facility Plan to evaluate the existing system condition and capacity, review population growth data and future need, evaluate and recommend improvement alternatives to support future capacity and regulatory compliance requirements, and prepare the environmental information document, as specified by DEQ.

The proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

1. Experience with wastewater facility planning for systems of similar size and complexity (25)
2. Experience with regulatory requirements, including EPA –NPDES permit requirements, Snake River TMDL, and IDEQ requirements. (25)
3. Planning Approach and Schedule (25)
4. Familiarity with Community and System Needs (25)

Total Points Possible = 100  
The written proposal should not exceed 20 pages including cover sheet and index. Engineers chosen to make a presentation will be notified, in writing, the time and place. Proposals are due on or before February 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Questions and responses should be directed to: Janice Bicandi, City Clerk, PO Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639. 208-896-4122 ext 2

1/23,30/08

**HOMEDALE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #370  
NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 1990 Ford School Bus, VIN 1FDPJ75A7LVA35191 and 1993 Ford School Bus, VIN 1FDXJ75C5PVA41109.

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$750.00 (the appraised value) for the 1990 Ford School Bus, VIN 1FDPJ75A7LVA35191 and a minimum bid of \$2,100.00 (the appraised value) for the 1993 Ford School bus, VIN 1FDXJ75C5PVA41109. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on February 7, 2008 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of January 23, 2008 and February 7, 2008.

/s/Faith K. Olsen  
Administrative Specialist  
1/23,30/08

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 365, will sell by sealed bid the driver’s education car, a 1994 Buick Regal. The sealed bids should be received in the District Office by 4 p.m. on February 7, 2008 and will be opened at the regular

Board meeting February 7, 2008 at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. No bid shall be less than \$1200.

For further information, contact Superintendent Vickie Chandler or Clerk Catherine Sellman, PO Box 310, Grand View, Idaho 83624 or telephone 208-834-2253.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

Joint School District No. 365  
Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008  
/s/Catherine R. Sellman, Clerk  
1/23,30/08

**NOTICE**

Notice of sale for non-payment of rent and other charges.

Unit(s) F-14 and B-17. Tammy Johnson, 219 E. Montana, Homedale, ID 83628. Contents in units: household items, paint, ac, and misc. items.

Unit F-18. Randy and Stacie Gray, 3315 Pluto Cir., Caldwell, ID 83605. Contents: household furniture and misc. items.

Unit I-18. Jeff Monroe, 1311 Amity, Nampa, ID 83686. Contents: washer and dryer and misc. items.

Bids are accepted at Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID on 01-26-2008 between the hours of 9:00am-1:00pm in accordance with Idaho Code Section 49-1702, 45-805. Dated 1-11-08  
1/16,23/08

**NOTICE**

The Southwest District Board of Health will hold a **Board Meeting** on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Southwest District Health, Room 206, 920 Main Street, Caldwell, Idaho.  
1/23/08

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S  
SALE**

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: December 18, 2007 File No.: 7777.25160 Sale date and time (local time): April 18, 2008 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 506 Cascade Dr. Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Tarry Meligan and Jennifer Meligan, husband

and wife Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Home Funds Direct Recording date: October 12, 2006 Recorder’s instrument number: 258462 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 18, 2007: \$172,217.61 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: All that certain land situated in the State of ID, County of Owyhee, City of Homedale, described as follows: Lot 4 of Block 4 of Big Sky Estates No. One, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593 in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.25160) 1002.81253-FEI  
1/2,9,16,23/08

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happening*

Get in the Calendar.  
Submit information  
on fund-raisers, dances,  
meetings or special  
events.

Call (208) 337-4681  
for details



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
Loan No: 0014789796 T.S. No.: 07-9455-ID On 5/5/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognizead local time), In the lobby of Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID.. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company as Trustee on behalf of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: See attached Exhibit “A” P06527 Exhibit “A” A tract of land having 192 1/2 foot frontage on the Grand View to Bruneau Highway in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Bolsa Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Section corner common to Section 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 5 south, Range 3 East, Bolsa Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho: thence south 0°17’ East 14.10 east along the section line to a point; thence south 79°27’ east 235.10 foot along the south highway right of way line to a point on the curve; thence along a curve to the right having the right having the following description, a central angle 5°55’ tangent of 296.1 foot, a radius of 5,729.58 foot a 1° curve, and whose South right of way long chord bears South 76°20’30” East 586.24 foot to a point on the tangent; thence South 73°32’ East 500.64 feet along the Southerly right of way line of the Murphy-Bruneau Highway to the Northeast corner of Lot 6 of the Sheldon Burghardi Survey, an Iron pin, tho True point of beginning; thence South 73°32’ East along the south right of way line of the Bruneau-Grand View Highway 192.5 feet to an Iron Pin; thence South 05°39’40” West 120.00 feet to an Iron pin; thence North 73°32’ west a distance of 192.5 feet to an iron pin; thence North 05°39’40” East, a distance of 120.0 foot to the True Point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 420 Frontage Rd Grand View, ID 83624, is sometimes associated with the 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: Gilbert R. Chapa, a married man as his sole and separate property, As grantors, To: First American Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 11/26/2004, recorded 11/29/2004, as Instrument No. 250083, records 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 11/26/2004. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$600.02 due per month from 4/1/2007 through 5/5/2008, and all subsequent payments 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 \$52,146.82, plus accrued interest at the rate of 10.75% per annum from 3/1/2007 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. Dated: 1/4/2008 By: First American Title Insurance Company By Financial Default Services, Its Duly Authorized Agent 4665 MacArthur Court Suite 250 Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-252-2800 Lisa Bradford, Authorized Signor P355345 1/16,23,30;2/6/08

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
Trustee’s Sale No. 02-FWG-47702 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 11, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 21, BLOCK 1, ROYAL VISTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AS INSTRUMENT NO 239203, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 3047 ROYAL VISTA COURT real property. HOMEDALE, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said 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 WILLIAM W CULVER, JR AND KRISTINA L CULVER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MULTI-STATE HOME LENDING, INC, as Beneficiary, dated 8/15/2006, recorded 8/21/2006, under Instrument No. 257776, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO

COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 8/15/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 3/1/2007 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of December 5, 2007 Delinquent Payments from March 01, 2007 10 payments at \$2, 272.50 each \$22, 725.00 ( 03-01-07 through 12-05-07) Late Charges: \$795.41 Beneficiary Advances: \$45.00 Suspense Credit: \$0 00 TOTAL: \$23,565.41 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$270,000.00, together with interest thereon at 10.100% per annum from 2/1/2007, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 12/5/2007. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trust Officer (Name (Title) c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP# 953446 1/9,16,23,30/08

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
Loan No: 0019932383 T.S. No.: 07-11453-ID On 4/28/2008 at 11:00AM (recognized local time), At the entrance to First American Title 168 W. Pacific Blackfoot, ID 83221. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company as Trustee on behalf of Option One Mortgage Corporation will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot(s) 3, 4, 5 of block 14 of Grand View Townsite, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 205 2nd St. Grandview, ID 83624, is sometimes associated with the 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: Kirk S Oemig and Hazel I Oemig, husband and wife, As grantors, To: First American Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Option One Mortgage Corporation, as

Beneficiary, dated 11/15/2005, recorded 11/22/2005, as Instrument No. 254224, records 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 11/15/2005. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$628.79 due per month from 10/1/2007 through 4/28/2008, and all subsequent payments 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 \$60,510.15, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.65% per annum from 9/1/2007. 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. Dated: 12/26/2007 By: First American Title Insurance Company By AllNation Default Services, its Duly Authorized Agent 4665 MacArthur Court Suite 250 Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-252-2800 Lisa Bradford, Authorized Signor P349785 1/9,16,23,30/08

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS No. 07-61907 Title Order No. W732065 Parcel No. RP02N05W110190 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 St., 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 73650 on 5/27/2008 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 4/21/2006 as Instrument Number 256055, and executed by Kelly T Verceles, and Suzanne G Verceles, husband and wife, as Grantor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: A parcel of land located within the W 1/2 NE 1/4, 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 W 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 11, said point also being the E 1/16 corner common to Sections 2 and 11; thence South 89°&#186;42’38” East along the North line of said Section 11, 451.34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0°&#186;29’39” West 1311.83 feet to a point; thence following the approximate center of an irrigation ditch, North 28°&#186;36’02” West 260.53 feet to a point; thence North 23°&#186;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°&#186;14’55” East 145.08 feet to a point; thence

along a curve to the left having a radius of 70.90 feet and a length of 99.59 feet to a point; thence North 38°&#186;14’07” West 414.78 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 83.34 feet and a length of 57.59 feet to a point; thence North 1°&#186;21’35” East 148.21 feet to a point; thence leaving the approximate center of said irrigation ditch South 89°&#186;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 tender 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 09/01/2007 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 \$151,556.60, 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: 01/09/2008 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, 2380 Performance Dr, RGV-D7-450 Richardson, TX 80028-1821 Phone: (800) 281-8219 ReconTrust Company, Successor Trustee Cathy Craig, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 972774 1/23,30;2/6,13/08

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# Owyhee County Church Directory

<b>Snake River Valley Fellowship Wilder/Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Road Sunday 10 am Worship 475-3733 or 880-8962 Pastor Robert Cooperstein	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Pastor: John Beck Sunday School 9:35 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Adult Sunday School: 8:30 am Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church</b> 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale • 337-4248</b> Sunday Services 10am Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm Visitors Always Welcome!	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene</b> 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing</b> 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 <small>Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)</small>	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>Marsing Church of Christ Marsing</b> 932 Franklin, Marsing  Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-4437 Pastor Paul Miller Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 249-2512 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 7-8pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lakey Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Payne	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	<b>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</b> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b> 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 2008 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 26 - Feb. 23 - March 8 - April 12 May 10 - June 28 - July 12 - Aug. 16 Sept. 27 - Oct. 11 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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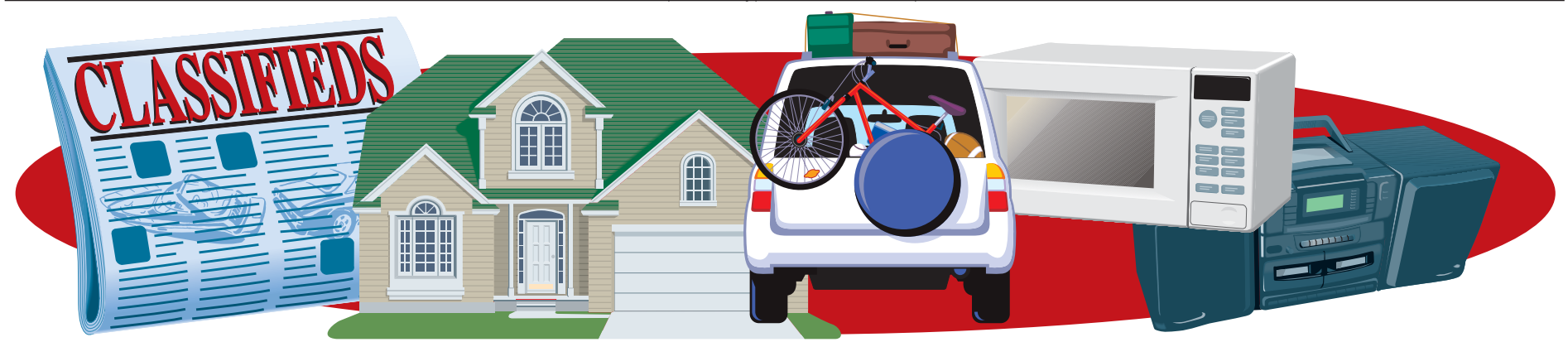
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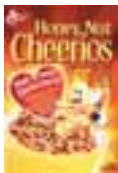
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Kellogg's Cereals  
Asst'd Varieties

**\$2.59**  
ea.

Western Family  
Gravy & Seasoning  
Mixes - foil pouches

**3 for \$1**

Planters Cashew  
Halves & Mixed Nuts  
9.25-11.5

**2 for \$6**

Wonder Whole Grain  
White or Wheat Bread  
20 oz.

**\$1.99**  
ea.

Western Family  
Peanut Butter  
28 oz.

**\$2.49**  
ea.

Hawaii's Own  
Frozen Juice  
12 oz.

**10 for \$10**

Western Family  
Beef Jerky  
4 oz.

**\$3.59**  
ea.

Capri Sun  
10 ct.

**\$2.19**  
ea.

French's Classic &  
Spicy Brown Mustard  
12-14 oz.

**\$1.39**  
ea.

Post Cereals  
Asst'd Varieties

**\$2.59**  
ea.

Windex Wipes &  
Trigger Spray

**\$3.29**  
ea.

Hunt's  
Pasta Sauce  
26.5 oz.

**\$1.29**  
ea.

LaVictoria  
Salsa  
16 oz.

**2 for \$4**

Stouffer Entrees  
8.88-9.36 oz.

**\$2.79**  
ea.

Western Family  
PM Caplets  
Aspirin Free 50 ct.

**\$2.99**  
ea.

Fritos & Cheetos  
8.5-11 oz.

**\$1.89**  
ea.

Krusteaz Buttermilk  
Pancake & Waffles  
12 ct.

**\$2.49**  
ea.

Lean Cuisine  
Entrees  
6-10.5 oz.

**\$2.69**  
ea.

Lay's  
Potato Chips  
12.5 oz.

**\$2.89**  
ea.

Western Family  
Chunk Style Dog Food  
20 lb.

**\$5.89**  
ea.

Jet Dry Liquid  
8.45 oz.

**\$3.69**  
ea.

**Marsing Disaster Auction**

**Raffle Items on Display**

Gun Safe, Rifle, Washer/Dryer, TV  
& Year of House Cleaning.  
**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE!!**

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**Marsing, Idaho**

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