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Homedale scores first in home opener

Junior shortstop Ryan Davis rounds third while scoring the first run of the Trojans' home opener Saturday against New Plymouth. Pilgrims third baseman Casey Pfeifer watches as his teammate fields John Bittick's single into right field.

Homedale starts 0-3

Trojans baseball outscored 55-7 in first week

Homedale High School ran into a sleeping giant Saturday in a non-conference doubleheader on the Trojans' baseball diamond.

New Plymouth continued its monstrous start to the season, hammering Homedale 14-3 and 21-0.

Right-hander Jason Rangel started the first game for first-year coach Burke Deal. Rangel retired the first seven Pilgrims he faced before the roof fell in.

New Plymouth won the first four games of its season, averag-

ing 15 runs per game.

Homedale (0-3 through Monday), which opened the season Friday with a 20-4 road loss to 4A Emmett, drew first blood against the Pilgrims on Saturday.

The Trojans manufactured a run as speedy junior Ryan Davis stole second base then scored on John Bittick's single into right field.

Homedale's lead held up until the third inning.

The Pilgrims reignited their offense in the fourth. Wes Hooten scored from third on Casey Pfeifer's suicide squeeze bunt. Pfeifer was safe at second when Rangel threw away the ball, and the New Plymouth third baseman scored for a 10-3 lead when Homedale catcher Tyler Ford short-hopped a

throw to third on a steal attempt.

New Plymouth scored a dozen times in the first inning of Game 2, which was shortened to five innings. Hooten also homered in the second game.

Pilgrims pitchers notched 17 strikeouts in the twin bill.

Emmett coach Greg Daniels said his team's victory in five innings featured a no-hit performance by Huskies' pitching.

Casey Griffith got Emmett started with a two-run home run during a three-run first. The Trojans rallied with two runs in the second inning on two walks, a passed ball on a third strike and a throwing error. Homedale struck again in the third on a walk, hit batsman and an Emmett error.

2008 spring sports previews



Huskies warm up for fifth season under Worley

Members of the Marsing High School baseball team stretch their arms with tosses before a practice last week. The team's next home game is Friday against Rimrock. Game time is 4 p.m.

Huskies seek to polish diamond play

Marsing High School baseball coach Mark Worley hopes the miscues that plagued his team last season are a thing of the past. The Huskies committed more than five errors per game last year, and finished the campaign with a 5-16 record. The coach, in his fifth year at the helm of the Huskies, thinks his team's experience from last sea-

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son will help the 2008 club. "Our kids are a year older, so I

think we will be improved defensively," Worley said.

Worley said the team will miss the contributions of last year's senior leaders, Nick Marmon and Shea McClellin. Marmon pitched about a quarter of the team's innings last year, hurling 31 2/3 of the Huskies' 129 1/3 innings, with a 4.20 earned run average.

McClellin shared the team lead in hitting with a .455 batting average, and led the team with 20 runs batted in.

McClellin has moved on as a grayshirt player for the Boise State University football team.

Worley said that returning play-

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Tennis searches for No. 1s

Squad drops first match of year to Emmett

The Homedale High School tennis team opened the season on the road Friday with a slew of new faces in the fold.

Emmett pulled off an 8-4 non-conference victory as the Trojans began a rebuilding season after the graduation of many standouts, including the 3A state tournament silver medalist in boys singles last year.



Mark Weekes

Returning player Shravan Shriganesh picked up a boys singles victory as part of Homedale's four wins. Shriganesh is one of four key returners.

Coach Mark Weekes leads his first team without Joshua Myers, who graduated in May after finishing second at the state tournament. Weekes said Parma, for which defending state singles champ Bryant Timmons plays, is probably the team to beat in 3A District III competition.

The Trojans also lost seniors Vanessa Brown and Chanda Cox,

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New Trojans coach inherits young team



Burke Deal

During the early stages of a practice last week, Burke Deal asked his players to focus early when the team is preparing for road games.

Asking for an attitude immersed in the game from the moment the players board the bus reflects the total commitment that the new Homedale High School baseball coach expects to see from his players.

Deal has a young club to work with,

too, as the Trojans have lost at least eight players from 2007 to graduation or other reasons.

"I am concerned and focused on coaching our players up so that they have the fundamental baseball tools to put their best game forward," Deal said.

After one conversation with Deal, there is little doubt about the intensity with which he embraces being a base-

ball man.

And one gets the impression that true baseball players can't help but buy into Deal's philosophy.

"Our focus is building 22-plus players who play on two teams who are sold out to each other and the overall program, who will stand together, who will pick each other up, not bring each

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✓ Huskies: Several team leaders return

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ers Taylor Nielsen, Sean Finley, Martin Galvez, and Ethan Salove will help pick up the slack.

Nielsen also hit .455 last season, led the team in doubles, with eight, was second on the team with 16 RBI, and hit the team's lone home run. He also accounted for almost a third of Marsing's innings pitched, going 36 1/3 innings, while compiling the lowest earned-run average on the squad at 3.85

Finley hit .383 last season and led the Huskies with 27 runs scored and 26 stolen bases. Galvez hit

.273 with 18 runs scored and eight RBI, and pitched 12 2/3 innings with an ERA of 4.42. Salove hit .262 with 14 runs and 16 RBI, and pitched 21 innings, recording an ERA of 7.67.

Worley said that the goal is gradual improvement in the 2A Western Idaho Conference while



Taylor Nielsen

the team gains more experience.

"We would like to win a few more of our league games," Worley said. "We're still pretty young. Not as young as we were last year, but still young. We just want to improve from game to game and give ourselves the best possible chance to win some games at the district tournament."

The Huskies played their first game Tuesday at Homedale, with results not available at press time. The team plays a doubleheader Thursday at Glenns Ferry starting at 3:30 p.m.

— RTH

Strong Huskies settle into blocks

Heller siblings, Sauer look for return to 2A state meet

Marsing High School track and field coach Don Heller hopes his athletes will make a strong showing in competition this spring. With all of his top performers back from last year along with a host of hard-working teammates, Heller may have reason for optimism.

"This is one of the biggest teams that we have had," Heller said. "We have 31 out at this time, both boys and girls. We have a lot of new faces. We don't know what they will compete in just yet, but we are excited about the numbers and the quality of athletes we have. All the kids we have are good workers."

The Huskies' three 2007 state meet qualifiers, Holly Heller, Tyson Heller, and Ethan Sauer, return to lead the team this season.

Tyson Heller is the reigning 2A District III champion in the shot put, and placed fourth at last year's districts in the discus. He finished fifth at the state championships in the shot, and seventh in the discus as a freshman.

Senior Holly Heller was third in the district and fifth in the state in the discus last season, while fellow senior Sauer was third in the district and a state qualifier in

the triple jump. Sauer also missed state qualification in the long jump by just one placing at the 2007 district meet, as did Marsing athletes in four other events, including Marcus Miller (pole vault), Amanda Staudenmier (400 meters), and the girls 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams. Miller and Staudenmier also compete in the 300 hurdles and triple jump, respectively.



Holly Heller



Tyson Heller



Ethan Sauer

Elisa Moreno, a senior who has made State twice in the sprint events but did not qualify last year, is back to try for a third trip.

A small improvement by these performers this season could pay huge dividends at the district meet May 16-17 at New Plymouth High School.

Coach Heller said that other Marsing athletes capable of making a run at qualifying for the state championships include: Chaz Covey in the distance events; Jessica Freeman in the hurdles; Francisco Martinez in the sprints; Joel Moreno at 400 meters; Ty Shippy in the shot; and C.C. Zanardi in the sprints.

The track team faces its first test March 20 in a meet at New Plymouth.

— RTH

✓ Tennis: Strong freshman class arrives

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who made up the state-qualifying No. 1 girls doubles team a year ago, and the all-senior, state-qualifying mixed doubles team of Emily Verwer and Levi Jones.

Weekes also said that a variable for the Homedale season will be the play of several newcomers. The top rookies on the squad all are freshmen who have graduated from Ken Olsen's successful

middle school team.

Olsen is the assistant coach for the high school squad.

The freshmen include Jordan Meligan and Tanner Lair, both of whom Weekes has listed as boys doubles players, and girls singles player Nikole Mainarick.

Another first-year player, senior Mandy Brasher, teamed with Justin Harrel to win the No. 1 mixed doubles match, 6-1,

6-3, against the Huskies on Friday. Exchange student Tony Oehmichen paired with Kelsey Silva to win the other mixed doubles match, 6-2, 6-3. Returning senior Gage Egurrola paired with Ryohei Fushimi to win the No. 2 boys doubles match, 6-2, 6-0.

Shane Witt and Alejandra Ramos are the other seniors returning for the Trojans.

— JPB

Trojan Spring Sports

BASEBALL

Varsity

Thursday, March 13, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Friday, March 14, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, home vs. Parma, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 18 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, March 14 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, at Parma, 11 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Varsity

Thursday, March 13 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Friday, March 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, home vs. Parma, 11 a.m.

Monday, March 17, home vs. Nampa, 5 p.m.

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TRACK & FIELD

Tuesday, March 18 at Weiser Invitational

TENNIS

Friday, March 14, home vs. Emmett, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.

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Marsing softball looks to cash in on experience

The Marsing High School softball team finished fourth in both the 2A Western Idaho Conference regular season and the 2A District III tournament a year ago, finishing with a 5-17 record. Huskies softball coach Bryan Marquardt thinks his team can take advantage of experience to improve upon last season’s performance.

Five of the seven players who saw action in at least 20 games last season, and 10 of the 13 who played in 10 or more contests are back, including six starters and a pair of all-WIC players.

“Our team is looking to improve on our season from last year,” Marquardt said. “We are returning six starters from last year, and we have girls challenging the starters for their positions. The team would like to push to be in the top three during our league, and then make the top two at district.”

Marquardt admitted that achieving a boost in the standings is no easy task.

“We have a very competitive league, and all the teams return their starting pitcher from last year,” he said. “Melba is the team to beat in our league, since they won the state championship last year and lost only one player. I just want to make sure that we are competitive in every game.”

The Huskies will miss Jessica Elsberry and Keisha Stafford, both second-team all-conference players as seniors last season, but first-team all-WIC selection Miranda “Mo” Clausen and second-team all-WIC honoree Elly Collett are back, along with a host of players that Marquardt is counting on for big contributions to the team effort this season.

“I believe that we have a lot of depth this year,” Marquardt said. “We lost two

seniors that were all-league and leaders of the team last year. I am looking for a few girls to emerge this year as leaders.

“Miranda Clausen is returning this year as one of our leading hitters, and Elly Collett is our returning pitcher. I am also looking for a lot of contributions from Cheri Daniel, Kelly Brewer, Andrea Evans, Cat Rost, Breanna Cobiskey, and Mari Villa.”

Clausen led the team with a .364 batting average last season, 31 percentage points better than Collett and Elsberry. Clausen also held or shared team-highs in doubles (eight), triples (one), runs scored (13), runs batted in (13), and stolen bases (13).

Collett shared the team-highs in triples and runs scored while throwing every pitch for the Huskies last year. Marquardt said that the team has a pair of new pitchers

— sophomore Noemi Saenz and freshman Kacie Salove — to take some of the pressure off Collett.

Cobiskey, Rost, and Villa each played in 21 games last season. Brewer, Daniel, Evans, Peyton Kinney, and Lindsay Whitaker all appeared in 10 or more games.

“Our depth and people challenging for positions will make us better,” Marquardt said. “Most of the year last year we started seven sophomores. This year, they are juniors, and we will be starting seven or eight juniors with the experience of playing last year.

“Right at the end of the year, the team started taking strides in being a better team. I hope that we start this year where we left off last year.”

— RTH

✓ Trojans: Coach says core of returners bring right ‘attitude’ to diamond

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other down, who will do whatever work they have to do whether that be on the field or in the classroom, to support the team, and when they have done their work are going to step into each pitch of the game competing to the best of their ability.

“Once we have this, we will be successful.”

With only three seniors on the team — and only four returning players from Tim Fulwood’s last team at Homedale — Deal seemingly has the clay to quickly mold his own idea of Trojans baseball.

He retains Mark Thatcher and junior varsity head coach Brian Beard as assistant coaches.

Only one of the four players returning from the 2007 season — junior infielder/pitcher Ryan Davis — saw significant playing time a year ago.

Davis emerged as a speedy and consistent offensive player for the Trojans as a sophomore, but missed the last few games of the season for unspecified reasons.



Coach tabs Rangel as staff ace

Right-hander Jason Rangel fires a pitch early in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader against visiting New Plymouth. Rangel retired the first seven batters he faced.

According to Deal, the only other returning senior, infielder/pitcher Joey Cline, has stepped up to fill the leadership void left by the departure of Jolley, third baseman/pitcher Ryan Johnson, Notus co-op player Darren Burdine and shortstop Brandt Graber, who will stay on-campus at Greenleaf Friends Academy now that the Grizzlies have reinstated the baseball program.

“Joey is one of our best all-around players, and one of our best pitchers, has a great attitude, is a real hard worker, is willing to do whatever he is asked, and is really stepping up as a leader on the team,” Deal said.

Another returning player, Jason Rangel, has been penciled in as pitching ace for the Trojans thus far. He will be looked upon to help pick up the slack left by

an outfielder.

“Jarrod is a great attitude guy, and a real hard worker,” Deal said. “He does anything that is asked of him and is not afraid to work on any phases of his game. He’s a good team guy to have around.”

The Trojans will have a left-handed pitcher in the stable this season with the addition of sophomore Jose Gonzalez. Gonzalez also plays outfield and infield positions. Deal envisions Gonzalez as a lefty with a good arm whose importance to the team should grow as the season progresses.

“He could really be a force on the mound,” Deal said.

Alex Mereness, a sophomore, will play on the infield, but the coach sees him possibly growing into another pitching option.

“He has tons of potential,” Deal said. “He is real strong and fast,

has a good arm and is looking solid in the infield.

“He could help us out a lot on the mound if he continues to work hard at improving his mechanics.”

Deal also sees potential in the play of junior infielder Mitch Quintana, another promotion from the JV.

“Mitch is a steady infielder and hitter who we need to step things up a couple of notches so that he can be a force,” the coach said.

Junior outfielder Ryan Vance could have the potential of replacing some of the power lost with Jolley’s departure.

“Ryan has a really live arm and some pop in his bat,” Deal said. “As he keeps working hard, he should help us out more and more.”

— JPB

GO Huskies!

BASEBALL

Thursday, March 13 at Glenns Ferry (2), 3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 14, home vs. Rimrock, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 18, home vs. Homedale, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

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Friday, March 14, home vs. Rimrock, 4 p.m.
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25 years ago

March 9, 1983

Property annexation on agenda

The first item on tonight’s Homedale city council agenda will be the consideration of an ordinance to annex certain lands into the city limits, clerk Edna Grimes said.

The ordinance is designed to bring properties into the corporate limits which are connected to city water and sewer services.

Affected include the homes owned by Herschel Barber, Jess Payne, Richard Logan, Claris Lamb, WC Halbert, Robert Comstock, and Glen Burman, Grimes said.

Also on the agenda will be the consideration of an ordinance to combine the two city election precincts into one, discussion on overdue accounts, and bartender permit applications from Linda Cayford and Timothy Murphy.

Police and city service reports will also be heard.

HHS students begin jump marathon

Homedale High School students will be participating in the fourth annual “Jump Rope for the Heart” sponsored by the America Heart Association. This event will be held Friday, March 11.

The students will jump in six-person teams with each team member jumping ten minutes out of each hour. These ten minutes will be done in two-minute intervals.

Pledges will be collected based on how many minutes the entire team jumps. Proceeds from the event will go to the America Heart Association.

Mystery minister is identified

The mystery minister who assisted a stranded family in January has been identified as Rev. David Watson, Homedale.

The family was traveling from LaGrande, Ore. to Walnut Creek, Calif. When their vehicle broke down just south of Homedale. According to George and Dorothy Curtis, the stranded couple, a minister and his wife offered assistance, and prepared a dinner for them while they were waiting for their car to be repaired.

The Curtises wrote a letter to the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, asking for help in identifying the couple, and the Chronicle took on the task of helping. After exhausting all avenues, calling all ministers, etc., we ran the story in last week’s edition without the minister’s I.D.

The day the issues came out we received a call from Rev. Kenneth Watson, pastor of the Homedale Bible Missionary Church, who said “that was my brother David.” We’d contacted Rev. Ken in our search for the mysterious minister, but he didn’t now about his brother’s good Samaritan act until after the paper was out.

Rev. and Mrs. David Watson are missionaries for the Bible Missionary Church to Mexico. They are home on furlough after nearly 10 years with the foreign missions of the BMC.

Homedale junior high activities

February 3 marked opening of Junior Hi girls’ basketball season. The first game was played at home against Melba. Both seventh and eighth grade teams lost.

Seventh grade starters were Bobbi Frank, Jennifer Leeper, Henrietta Camel, Tracy Were, Teresa Uranga. Final score was 24-5. Mr. Stevens is coach.

Eighth grade score was 22-9. Starters were Kerry Krzesnik, Lori Vohs, Michele Freund, Kathie Kushlan and Cathy Hall. Mr. Ankeny is coach.

Both seventh and eighth grade teams won from Marsing on February 8.

Eighth grade starters were Kerry Krzesnik, Lori Vohs, Michele Freund, Denise Sonke, Kathie Kushlan. Mr. Taggart was coach as Mr. Stevens was sick.

The girls played Nampa Christian there on February 10. Seventh grade won under the coaching of Mr. Taggart.

Eighth grade team lost in the final seconds, 13-11. Starters were Michele Freund, Kathie Kushlan, Kerry Krzesnik, Lori Vohs, Denise Sonke.

50 years ago

March 13, 1958

Frank Kushlans purchase store at Cedar Flats, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kushlan have purchased a grocery store at Cedar Flats, Ore., about 9 miles up the McKenzie river from Springfield, and will take possession April 1. The store includes their living quarters and a lunch counter.

The Kushlan farm has been leased by his brother Lewis, who will farm the 80 acres along with his own 160 acres. A farm sale will be held Friday, March 21. The family plans to move to their new home about March 26. They will be close to their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stephens who reside at Springfield.

Their son Don will complete his junior year at Springfield high school. Another son Phil will attend the fourth grade and their daughter Patsy will attend the sixth grade at Thurston grade school. Their eldest son, Jack, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Kushlan has lived here the past 44 years, moving here in 1914 from Rock Springs, Wyo., with his parents. At the age of 16 he leased 40 acres from the state for \$10 per year with about one-half of the land still in sagebrush. In 1930 he bought the 40 acres and 40 more adjoining acres from the Gem district and cleaned all but 15 acres that was previously cleared.

Delegates chosen for Girls’ State to be held June 8-15

Diane Roberts and Jean Cearley, Homedale, and Connie Constantine, Wilder, were chosen as Girls’ State delegates Tuesday night by the American Legion auxiliary, following the regular dinner and business meeting at El Gavilan.

Delores Sweep and Carolyn Breach, Homedale, and Lida Rae Drew, Wilder, were selected as alternates. Other candidates were Pat Stevens, Virginia Lowe, Katherine Ledbetter, Carolyn Miller, Wilder, Joan McBride and Shirley Wason.

Sherry Byington and Linda Petzoldt, last year’s delegates, were in charge of the program and briefed the girls on Girls’ State. Each girl told of her school activities and gave a two-minute talk on a topic unknown to her until that night.

Hearings called for relocation of US Highway 95

Public hearings concerning the relocating of part of highway 95 between Wilder and Parma have been called by the state highway department for Tuesday, March 18, at 8pm at Wilder Masonic hall and Wednesday, March 19 at 8pm at Parma community house.

The proposal calls for extending the highway straight north of Wilder and building 4.4 miles of new road to connect with US highway 20-26 about two miles southeast of Parma.

This relocation would eliminate the curves in highway 95 now present between Wilder and Parma, and would necessitate building a new bridge across the Boise river.

US 95 from the junction between Marsing and Homedale to Parma has recently been added to Idaho’s primary federal aid system. The new roadway construction will be 34 feet wide.

Preliminary engineering and right-of-way is included in the 1958 program. The program is estimated to cost \$1,050,000, including \$27,000 for right-of-way; \$250,000 grading and drainage; \$205,000 surfacing; \$468,000 for major structures and their approaches, and \$100,000 for engineering and contingencies.

Homedale Chamber of Commerce holds meeting

A \$35 contribution to the Industrial Development Council and up to \$25 for purchases of eggs for the annual Jaycee-sponsored Easter egg hunt were voted at the regular monthly meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon at El Gavilan.

The \$35 contribution was considered a token payment, to be followed by a second payment if funds are available.

140 years ago

March 7, 1868

EDS. AVALANCHE: A subscription paper will be put in circulation to-day to raise funds to build a Church in Silver City. Our citizens have ever shown a commendable liberality in matters of this sort, and as an evidence of this generous disposition among them I will state that Mr. Henry Oster, a laboring man, whose means are quite limited, has already contributed in cash the handsome sum of \$325 towards building a church. Who will beat that? Yours, &c.,

N. B. – The committee will publish from time to time a statement of the contributions made.

CAN’T GO. Some time ago we took occasion to mention that J. A. McQuaid was spoken of as a Delegate to Congress. We regret to know that friend Mc. is unwilling to sacrifice private interests for the public wealth. Alas! The want of patriotism that is displayed in the following response:

EDS. AVALANCHE: I am under profound obligations to you — I see you have mentioned me as a candidate for Congress. This is the nearest approach I expect to make to that proud situation. I am indebted entirely to you, (and the wishes of the dear people who have induced you to express the idea,) and my laurels. I am sorry — grieved — to disappoint the people — for the fact is, I can’t go — I have previous engagement, and indeed, can’t go. When a climax of National disaster seems pending, and the people need their most faithful servants in council, you may easily comprehend the conflict I support, between patriotic inclination, and the fact that I can’t go, which latter compels me to close my ears to the voice of the people. I am the more afflicted on this account when I consider, of the fifty other eminent gentlemen, who have also been called upon by the people for this service, whose talents and virtues would reflect back upon the country with double luster the honors they should receive, who are solicited, like myself, and, really, can’t go. Hoping, Mr. Editor, that some gentleman may yet be found in the confines of our “Gem of the Mountains” whose patriotism will rise superior to his private sacrifices, and so accept this trust. I have, however, an idea, which I suggest: in event of total failure in this, that is, that each and every elector vote for himself; this burthen would thus be shared equally among all, and a fall and most respectable delegation be secured. But, as for me, once and for all, I can’t go. My apologies to the people, for, like the other gentlemen mentioned, if I could I would. J. M. Q.

THEATRICAL. Harry Wilkinson’s Combination Troupe is over average for the mountains. Since their advent here they have favored us twice with “Retribution, or the Cincinnati Tragedy.” The theater was crowded, and the first evening many who could not even find room to stand up were compelled to go away. It is difficult to imagine the character of Helen Lovett better represented than it was by Charlotte Crampton, while every one was charmed with Harry Wilkinson’s performance as Harry Lovett. That wild devil-may-care sort of a character, Dick Gray, was well acted by Mr. McDonald. The audience was also well pleased with the other Dramatis Personae. That funny farce, “Toodles,” was well received and caused the people to laugh heartily. “Drunken Old Toodles” was represented by Harry Wilkinson in a manner that would be hard to beat. Harry, Lizzie Gibson, and Kitty Holman sang a number of songs which were loudly encored.

On last Saturday night the Troupe gave a minstrel performance, at which Charlotte Crampton, by request, recited the celebrated poem “Shamus O’Brien” in a very impressive manner. But Wilkinson and Holman, with their colloquies, songs and dances “brought down” the house several times. Evidently their strong suit is comedy.

BULLION SHIPMENT. Last Tuesday Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped below, per Hill Beachey’s stage, \$58,000 in bullion, the largest amount ever shipped at one time from this place.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Steps along the cowboy trail

STEP 1: Some cowboys are born and raised on a ranch; they grow up riding and working cows, they compete in high school rodeo, have a horse and an FFA project. They develop the art of hangin’ out and lookin’ cool. Which is easier if you’re a big fish in a small pond. They begin thinking, “I really am as good as they say I am!”

STEP 2: Dad and Mom want him to go to college upon high school graduation. But he’s got the rodeo fever. He doesn’t need college. He’s pairing up with a buddy whose in love with roping but doesn’t have a trailer ... or a horse! But they’re a team. They get their picture in the Super Looper that first summer. The bug just gets stronger. The second year they get in the top 20 of the PRCA. But their gasoline and beer expenses play havoc with their finances until ...

STEP 3: The heeler attracts the attention of an equine veterinarian with a three-horse slant, roping arena, vet clinic and seven horses. They fall in love. He takes care of the rancho, she brings home the bacon. He gets someone to clean the stalls, feed, and shoe. He invites his friends over to rope. The relationship eventually is discontinued by her. He never does know why?

STEP 4: He’s always felt he had a good way with horses, so he moves in with a trader who pays him to ride green horses. This only lasts three months but it’s enough, in his mind, to hang out his shingle and become a horse whispering clinician!

STEP 5: He develops a technique he patents as the “Lead Foot to Light Bulb” equine directional method. It involves wiring Christmas lights to the horses’ feet, connected to a battery on the saddle. Using a remote control from an X-Box, horses are taught to turn the direction of the blinking light on their feet. This works until one of the wires shorts out!

STEP 6: After six weeks in the hospital where he had lots and lots of time to think, he plotted a course that led him to horseshoeing school (too hard), auctioneer’s school (he couldn’t understand a word they were saying!), Real Estate school (too much math), and Seminary (a mistake). Eventually he found himself experienced and learned in many ways, but unable to support himself without actually getting a job.

Finally he stumbled into a group of decorative cowboys who sit around, drink coffee and expound at great length on the wonders of cowboydom, and occasionally get paid for it!

He had found Nirvana. He signs up to be a cowboy poet the rest of his life!

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest* Hometown, USA



A few months ago I got a telephone call from the owner-publisher-editor of the weekly newspaper in the town where I grew up. I don’t know where he got my name. He wanted to know if I would be interested in writing a column on the history of the town. I told him I already have a job that keeps me fairly busy, plus I already write this column weekly. The real reason, however, is that a real community history column would require a good deal of research and I’m ... well ... lazy.

The newspaper guy seemed to have at least a vague notion that my parents once operated the local newspaper. I gave him a general time line of the history of that newspaper, noting that the original building was demolished nearly a half-century ago and the building that replaced it now is known as the “Red Eye Saloon.”

The caller suggested that we get together for lunch sometime so he could “pick my brain.” I’m not sure how much there would be to “pick.” When I was a kid the sign at the city limits stated “Population 516.” The estimated 2008 population is 12,000 people, and that’s probably on the conservative side.

As late as the early 1960s, the town’s main thoroughfare looked much the same as it had looked in the 1940s or 1930s. The blacksmith’s shop, adjacent to the park and water tower, was the first business at the east end of the south side of the street, followed by the volunteer fire department and City Hall building. A little farther along was the tavern — the only place in town where alcohol (beer only) was served. Next door, on the corner, was Joe White’s Auto Repair. Next was Del’s Texaco station followed by Giltner’s Market. Then came the movie theater (which had just closed or was about to close) followed by Marie’s Café (Marie was the wife of Del of Del’s Texaco), followed by the hardware store. Last on that side of the street was the Pride Lumber Company. When Pete Pride died, his wife Mary took over the reins

of the business and of the town, too, after she was elected mayor.

Bowering’s Service and Grocery was the first business on the north side of the street at the west end of town. Next was Bill Miller’s Kuna Save-On — a drug store with a real soda fountain — and the Kuna Merc, owned by Glen and Hilda Caskey. The variety store next door had changed hands several times, but at this point was probably operated by the Willis family. Next was a café, followed by the post office building and another café that was closed. Beyond that was Ray Smith’s barber shop and a small standalone building with the Ward Insurance Agency in the front portion and Mr. Grebe’s law office in the back. Across a vacant lot was the newspaper, a two-story frame building with a false front. It was one of the oldest buildings in town and boasted such modern conveniences as a two-hole privy out back. Across the street, still going east, was a service station, the IOOF Hall and the local Co Op. Finally, facing the blacksmith shop was the feed mill, operated by the Wickhams. Mrs. “Bat out of Hell” Wickham also drove a school bus.

That’s about all there was to my hometown when I lived there. A lot of the folks who can remember those days are gone (either from this Earth or to other towns or states). When I was growing up, most of the adults worked in the local businesses or on the surrounding farms. Today, I suspect at least 80 percent of the residents work in other towns. And I also suspect most could care less what the town was like in 1958. For them it’s a place to sleep.

Since the guy who wanted to “pick my brain” over lunch has never called back, I guess he got enough information during our phone chat. Or, very possibly, he got more information than he really wanted.

I seem to have that effect on a lot of people.

— Read some of Wayne’s previous columns on his Internet blog at <http://swcornell.com/wordpress/>

Growth issues Annexation isn’t answer for Marsing

by Steve Givens

The Owyhee Avalanche’s Jan. 9 article on Marsing’s Mayor Keith Green was interesting but reflects incredible political naivete. Mayor Green’s comment that, “The city must expand to meet the needs of internal growth,” basically means, “We need to take in a larger tax base to fix downtown Marsing.”

It’s totally unrealistic and bizarre to think the area from Sunnyslope to Givens Hot Springs should be a part of Marsing. Why would the agricultural tax base be willing to contribute to fixing downtown Marsing while being incorporated into the city offers them nothing?

As soon as the population base of Marsing expands beyond its existing 800 to the 4,000, 5,000 or 6,000 that the mayor envisions, there will be incentive to put in a new mayor and city council that better reflect the new population base. In other words, a mayor and city council who do not live in downtown Marsing.

Then, depending how much mischief the new leadership wants to cause, they might change the name of the new town to Sunnyslope, Sand Bar, River Haven, Sturgeon Landing or Wolf Bait. They might even require that commerce and government which is currently bilingual (Spanish and English) be converted to French and Swahili



Steve Givens

to create a new ambiance for the area.

The final action of the new mayor and city council could be to have the State of Idaho eliminate Marsing as a city. No elected officials, no taxing authority, etc. Small cities around the state have done that when the cost of being a city is simply not worth the benefits the residents receive. (go to the staridaho.org Web site, click on City of Star, scroll down to Our History):

“Star’s growth declined with the closure of the Boise and Interurban in 1928. Another setback came in 1929 when the town was dis-incorporated. That year the state paved the highway east and west of Star to the city limits. Star would have had to pay for the pavement through the city. The farmers made so much disturbance about their taxes, which would have been raised to build the highway, that the city charter was turned back and the highway became the property of the state.”

In conclusion, the City of Marsing should figure out a better way to take care of its own neglected infrastructure than trying to annex and tax the surrounding rural and agricultural area (its neighbors) in an attempt to pay for its problems.

— Steve Givens is co-owner of Givens Hot Springs and lives in Givens.

Commentary

Closures step toward protecting county from recreation abuse

Sheriff Aman and the Owyhee County Commissioners are to be congratulated for closing the roads in the county this spring. A lot of the roads in the county do pretty well with minimum maintenance as long as they’re not traveled when muddy.

There is a pasture near the weigh station on Highway 95 south of Marsing. Last spring when the ground was very wet, some mud bogger did terrible damage to the pasture, leaving ruts that will be years recovering. Imagine my disgust when I noticed that the bogging in this pasture was repeated again this spring. Fortunately, the damage was not as extensive as last year because the ground was not as wet.

Perhaps the Owyhee County closure will help minimize some of these problems.

Fred Christensen
Caldwell

Time has come for uniforms at Homedale Middle School

Kids in school these days dress very inappropriately. This is a time for change. We can bring a uniform policy into Homedale Middle School. There are some inappropriate incidents with clothing. As a student, I say that school uniforms are equalizers because no one has better clothes than someone else. People also cannot make fun of other students’ clothes.

Wearing school uniforms at Homedale Middle School will reduce incidents of students with bad signs on their clothing. If the students are showing too much skin, or even bad language on clothing, requiring a school uniform will reduce it.

There is also the potential increase of school spirit. If Homedale gets school uniforms, you will be showing your school sign and colors. That is going to increase school spirit.

One of the most important things is that clothes will not be gang-related. As far as I know, Homedale’s school colors are not gang colors. If we did have school uniforms in the Homedale School District, and someone made Homedale’s colors their gang’s identity then everyone in the Homedale School would still be neutral.

Some may not like school uniforms. A seventh-grade student at Homedale Middle School said, “School uniforms are not equalizers. Nerds are still nerds, and popular people will still be popular.” This may be true, but you can all look the same so no one can make fun of you.

Racheal Miranda
Homedale Middle School student

Sali’s illegal ‘immigrants’ position still leaves questions

Bill Sali is still strumming his one-string guitar.

In a Feb. 27 editorial, Sali keeps talking about illegal immigrants. Immigration is a lawful process and if a person is an “immigrant” he/she is here legally. If they have not followed legal procedure then they are not immigrants — they are aliens; illegal aliens. Whether they are from Mexico, Guatemala, Germany or outer space.

The term “illegal immigrant” is an oxymoron.

When Sali was running in the GOP primary, I twice raised the question of cost. I have to admit he did not lie; he totally ignored the issue. At that time he was for the detection, detainment, prosecution and deporting of all illegal aliens (or immigrants as he would say). My question then: If there are 12 million illegals, and if the cost to find, incarcerate and prosecute and then deport them is approximately \$100,000 (the then current cost, probably more now) then the approximate net cost would be \$1.2 billion. At a time when our government is trying to balance unsuccessfully the federal budget, except to run up the highest national debt ever, where is Sali going to get that kind of money?

It’s still a good question.

Do the math, Mr. Sali.

Sali claims to be a Christian and I accept that at face value. A Christian is supposed to look to the Bible for guidance. I would call his attention to Leviticus 19:33-34.

If Democrats want to get rid of Sali they would cross over in the primaries and vote for Matt Salisbury. I heard Salisbury speak in Marsing on Feb. 20; here is a man with his head on straight! A soldier, a successful businessman, a family man, and active in his community.

He would be a perfect match running on a ticket with John McCain.

Dr. Ray Heidt
Marsing

Western Watersheds’ objective shouldn’t be called ‘extremist’

An article in the last *Owyhee Avalanche* (“Fed’s review of sage-grouse begins again,” March 5) refers to the Western Watersheds Project as an “extremist group.” I disagree with this negative characterization.

The WWP is a home-grown, non-profit group headquartered in Hailey working “to protect and restore western watersheds and wildlife through education, public policy initiatives and litigation.” This hardly strikes me as the mission statement of an “extremist group.”

Although not a WWP member, I know people who are. They may be confrontational but none strike me as “extremist.” Of the seven people on the WWP Board of Directors, four have “Dr.” in front of their names, again hardly characteristic of an “extremist group.”

The federal judge who sided with the WWP stated that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision “was tainted by the inexcusable conduct of one of its own executives, Julie McDonald, whose tactics included everything from editing scientific conclusions to intimidating FWS staffers.” Now there was an extremist. (She resigned last April.)

I, for one, appreciate organizations like the WWP, which work to protect and restore our public lands and wildlife through lawful, non-extremist means.

Al Herring
Homedale

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.

Longer opinions, up to 600 words, will be considered as long as a photo of the author is included.

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

- E-mailed to jbrowneditor@cableone.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.

Voice of Idaho Agriculture: *Frank Priestley, Idaho Farm Bureau president*

Legal challenge to wolf delisting is irrational

The reintroduction of Canadian gray wolves into Idaho, Wyoming and Montana is arguably one of the most successful projects of its kind ever undertaken. In just over 12 years, these incredibly efficient predators multiplied more than 15 times the number reintroduced, far exceeding what the top federal biologists predicted.

In spite of the fact that the top federal wolf biologists agree the population is recovered, 11 environmental groups are mounting a logic-defying legal challenge, arguing the wolf population is not yet sustainable. This lawsuit could stall the delisting process for several months or even years, while the wolf population continues to escalate exponentially. According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) estimates, Idaho’s wolf population has grown by 20 percent in each of the past two years.

The wolf population achieved its recovery goal of 30 breeding pairs and 300 total wolves in the three-state region more than five years ago. Today’s numbers stand at more than 100 breeding pairs and more than 1,500 total wolves, according to the FWS.

In the beginning, FWS promised to remove wolves from protection under the Endangered Species Act as soon as the population reached the recovery goal. Part of the reason for the delay is Wyoming state officials were reluctant to submit a management plan that was acceptable to the feds, which held up delisting in the entire region. A clear

majority of the rural residents in the region didn’t want wolf reintroduction in the first place and in pushing for unrestricted predator status Wyoming probably did a better job of representing their rural constituents than either Idaho or Montana. That’s water under the bridge now, but our bet is that after living with wolves for the past 12 years, most rural residents in the region would want them gone if given the option today. We know that’s not an option, and we believe it was mainly environmentalists in faraway cities that wanted wolves in the northern Rockies. They got their way, but it’s time the people who live here have a say in how these predators are managed.

Idaho livestock operators and our elk and deer herds have borne the brunt of wolf reintroduction. Wolf depredation on livestock and decreased hunting opportunities has created a drain on our rural economy that isn’t an issue to environmentalists in those faraway cities. They don’t know that only one in 10 cows or sheep killed by wolves ever gets confirmed as a wolf kill. They don’t know what it’s like to sit up all night, night after night during calving season keeping watch over a herd. They don’t know what it’s like to ride out to check on a flock of sheep and find 100 or more dead on the ground, their throats ripped out purely for the sport of the kill. This has happened twice in Idaho in recent years. They don’t know what it’s like to have their dogs killed and consumed or to pay the vet bills

when horses are torn up after being run ragged through the forest by pursuing wolves. They don’t know what it feels like to be stalked by a pack of wolves or that without a wolf hunting season these predators have nothing to fear.

In addition, they don’t know that even if a wolf hunting season comes to fruition it will have very little effect on the overall wolf population. The steep and difficult-to-access mountains and dense, remote forests where wolves live in Idaho will make it extremely demanding for men on the ground with rifles to shoot enough wolves to make any noticeable change in the overall year-to-year wolf population — especially at the rate wolves are currently reproducing. In addition, we believe that most of the wolves that could be harvested by hunters in Idaho will be incidental kills — animals taken by hunters who are out after elk or deer. And this depends on whether the seasons are set to overlap. We don’t believe that large numbers of sportsmen are going to load up exclusively for a wolf hunt.

Environmentalists in faraway cities don’t know how living with wolves has changed our lives, and they ought to before they go to court to argue that Idaho doesn’t yet have enough wolves.

— *Frank Priestley is the Idaho Farm Bureau president.*



Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On April 2nd, 2008 beginning at 10:00AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony at the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below, when hearings are finished the commission will take up administrative matters:
10:00AM The Commission will hear file 06-24. Deborah and Allen Linder filed an application for a preliminary plat approval for a previously approved subdivision to be named Sunset Meadows. This preliminary plat application was heard November 7th, 2007 but the Applicant agreed to postpone the decision for the preliminary plat, due to the misunderstanding of the language in the conditional use permit application. Sunset Meadows is a 43 acre parcel subdivided into 15 lots, 3 acres in size. Subject property is located south of Marsing in a Residential Zone off Highway 78 in Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
1:00PM The Commission will hear file 08-07. Michael Prenn and Ronald Thomas filed an application for the Transfer of a Conditional Use Permit. Conditional Use Permit 03-09 was approved June 6th, 2003 to split three parcels for residential use from a parcel which is approximately sixty-five (65) acres in size located southwest of Marsing on Gem Road in Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
For additional information on any of the above matters, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.
3/12/08

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING HEARING EXAMINER
On April 3rd, 2008 beginning at 10:00AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Hearing Examiner will hear testimony at the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.
10:00AM The Hearing Examiner will hear application 08-06. Brad and Staci Workman filed for a Conditional Use Permit for a single family residence at 11835 Walking Plow Lane, Guffy, Idaho 83687. Subject property is in an agricultural zone in Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
10:30AM The Hearing Examiner will hear application 08-08. Jake and Tammy Miller filed for a Conditional Use Permit for a single family residence at 31286 State Highway 51, Bruneau, Idaho 83604. Subject property is in an agricultural zone in Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
For additional information on any of the above matters, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.
3/12/08

NOTICE
Marsing Ambulance Service Inc., annual meeting will be held March 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marsing Rural Fire Station.
3/5,12/08

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT.
Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the Board of Directors of the Gem Irrigation District for the following described real property, situated in the county of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as being 15 acres (more or less) in the NW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 13, T2N, R5W, and 6 acres (more or less) in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Sec. 14, T2N, R5W.
Which said petition prays that an order of the Board of Directors be issued, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Title of the Idaho Code annexing the above described property to E1/2 SE1/4, Sec. 15, T2N, R5W and amending the boundaries of said district to include the property above described.
Dated this Friday, February 22, 2008.
2/27;3/5,12/08

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF GRAND VIEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER:

Effective January 1, 2006 the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for Arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. The two Well's supplying water to the City of Grand View and/or Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. was tested on January 2, 2008 and has an Arsenic concentration of 0.15 ppb, which is above the 10 ppb Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set forth by the EPA. This is considered to be at the violation of the federal drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what is happening, what you should do and what your water company is doing to continue to keep in compliance. The City of Grand View and/or Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. are still required to provide quarterly public notice of this excess EPA standard Arsenic level. Until such time as Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) notifies the City that this notice is no longer required you will continue to receive this notice quarterly.
What happened? Arsenic is a natural deposit occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations.
What health effects? Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.
What is being done? On February 6, 2008 Andrew Gehrke with Holladay Engineering Co. hired by the Grand View Water and Sewer Association, Inc. and City of Grand View answered IDEQ's questions concerning the 2006 Draft Arsenic Preliminary Engineering Report. This report is available at City Hall on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm.
On March 12, 2008 and April 9, 2008 there will be a regular City Council and Water & Sewer Board meeting at City Hall – 425 Boise Ave. at 7:00 pm – THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE A PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING OUR ARSENIC

REMOVAL PROJECT.
What should I do? It will be each citizen's choice to use alternative drinking water (e.g., bottled) or drink City of Grand View water the choice is the total responsibility of each citizen. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your Doctor.
For more information, please contact Grand View City Hall - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, lunch 12:30 to 1:30 – (208) 834-2700 - Closed all major holidays or you may contact Tiffany Floyd or Steve Staufer at the Boise DEQ office 373-0550.
Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. The City of Grand View has notified owners of properties to supply copies to their residence. (For example, people in apartments, manufactured home parks, businesses, visitors and schools) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.
Thank you,
Helana Race
Grand View City Clerk
March 3, 2008
3/12/08

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS LIZARD BUTTE LIBRARY DISTRICT OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES IDAHO
Notice is hereby given, that in accordance with IDAHO CODE 34-1405, nominating petitions will be accepted for the position of Lizard Butte Library District Trustee on or before March h 21, 2008. Petitions are available at the Lizard Butte Library located at 111 3rd Ave. W. Marsing Idaho. Candidates for the position of trustee must be qualified electors and residents of the Lizard Butte Library District. One position is available for a five-year term from Canyon County. An election will be held Tuesday May 27, 2008. For further information, contact Janna Streibel, Clerk of the Board, 111 3rd Ave. W. Marsing Idaho 83639. Dated the 5th of March, 2008.
Janna Streibel, Clerk
Lizard Butte Library District
111 3rd Ave. W.
Marsing ID 83639
3/12/08

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That declarations of candidacy for the office of Trustee of the Bruneau Valley Library must be filed with district clerk/ secretary whose address is 32073 Ruth Street, Bruneau, Idaho 83604 no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day of March, 2008.
Two (2) positions are open. One (1) for a five (5) year term and one (1) for a two (2) year term. Date of the election will be Tuesday, May 27th, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Bruneau Valley Library. If only one (1) candidate files for each position, no election will be held.
Such declarations are available at the district office at 32073 Ruth Street, Bruneau, Idaho 83604 or at the office of the County Clerk.
Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 25th day prior to the election

May 2nd, 2008.
Ginny Roeder, Clerk
Bruneau Valley Library
3/12/08

NOTICE
1969 Chev pickup VIN# CS1492810896 will be sold March 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at 3622 Industrial, Homedale, ID 83628. Vehicle may be previewed 1 hour prior to sale.
3/5,12/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: ID-08-125967-PJ Loan No.: 0730015377
On 6/16/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho Limited Liability Company, as Trustee on behalf of Washington Mutual Bank will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: The east half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 12, in Township 1 north, range 4 west, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 7823 Sommercamp Rd, Melba, ID 83641, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Michael J Cook, an unmarried man, as grantor/Trustor, in which Washington Mutual Bank, is named as Beneficiary and Lender Services Direct Inc. as Trustee and recorded 2/28/2007 as instrument No. 260008 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please

Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 2/14/2007. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,653.36, due per month for the months of 9/1/2007 through 2/7/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$218,206.21, together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.3000 per cent (%) per annum from 8/1/2007. 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee, Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Paul Johannsson, Assistant Vice President *** For Sale Information Call: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 993310
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No.: ID-08-127986-PJ Loan No.: 0729536474 On 6/12/2008 at 11:00AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: In the lobby of Owyhee County Courthouse Located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho Limited Liability Company as Trustee, on behalf of Washington Mutual Bank will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 24, Township 3 North, West, of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter monumented with a 5/8" inch rebar, with a plastic cap marked LS 832, thence South 89°18'32" East, 120.00 feet along the North Boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, thence South 00°18'21" 03" East 385.21 feet parallel with the West boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 63°18'18" 56" West 32.45 feet along the Northerly right of way line of the Union Pacific Railroad; thence 102.74 feet along the arc of a 5,679.65 feet radius railroad curve left; said having a long chord bearing North 62°18'47" 51" West, 102.73 feet; thence North 00°18'21" 03" West 324.64 feet along the West Boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in the Point of Beginning Except any portion lying within the railroad Right-of-way, Except minerals are reserved in State Deed recorded October 18, 1927, Book 22 of Deeds, page 301, Owyhee County Records. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 4481E Market Rd, Homedale, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Debbie Hansen and Clark G. Hansen, Wife and Husband, as Grantor/Trustor, in which Washington Mutual Bank, is named as Beneficiary and Lender Service Direct as Trustee and recorded 9/26/2006, as Instrument No. 258248 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 9/14/2008. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,351.26, due per month for the months of 8/1/2007 through

2/7/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$140,455.25 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 10.3000 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2007. 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: 2/12/2008 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho Limited Liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp., 2141 5th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Paul Johannsson, Assistant Vice President**For Sale Information Call: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder’s rights against the real property only. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 991501

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS No. 07-63121 Title Order No. W732101 Parcel No. RP 009200020150 A 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 Halley St., 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, on 07/14/2008 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 01/15/2003 as Instrument Number 242207, and executed by CHRISTOPHER K. POWELL AND KIM H. POWELL, 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: LOT 15, BLOCK 2, CANYON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWHYEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT FILED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 225491, RECORDS OF OWHYEE COUNTY, IDAHO. 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 5610 JOHNSTONE ROAD also shown of record as 5894 STAGE COACH DR., HOMEDALE, ID

83628 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 6.375% 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 \$129,594.46, 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: 02/28/2008 RECONTRUST COMPANY Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY 2380 Performance Dr, RGV-D7-450 Richardson, TX 80028-1821 Successor Trustee PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Cathy Craig, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 2704979

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Assembly of God Church Homedale 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	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 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	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 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
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 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!	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing 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	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 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
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Espanol)	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 249-2512 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing 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	Nazarene Church Marsing 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	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lakey Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Payne	Vision Community Church Marsing 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.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder 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	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 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	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC 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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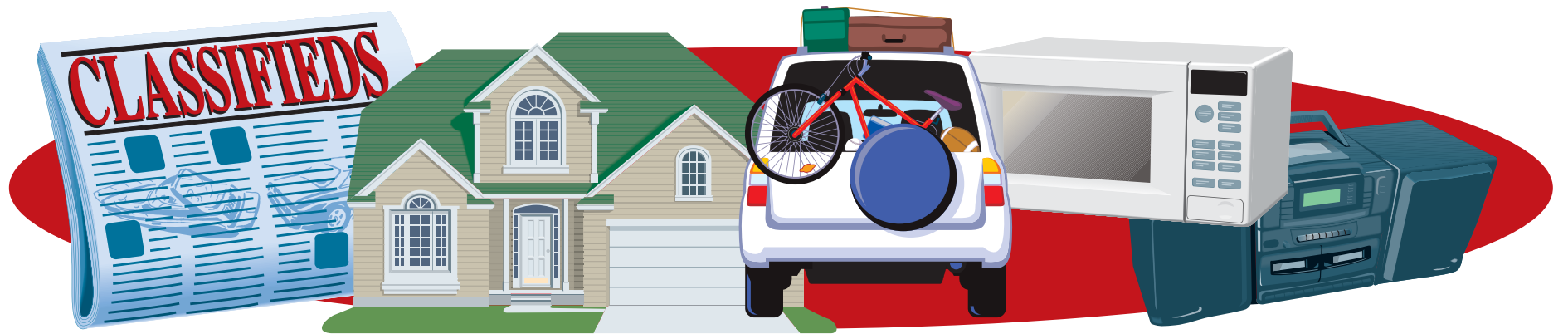
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Sports

It's wintertime, the fishing's fine

by Jeff Dillon
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Winter has settled in, hunting seasons are about done, there's snow in the mountains. For many outdoor enthusiasts, this is the mid-winter doldrums — a good time to watch folks catch fish in warm, exotic places on cable TV, and dream about the catfish bites and mayfly hatches of next summer.

But if that's your approach to surviving the winter, you're missing out on some of the best fishing of the year. Whether it's through the ice or in open water, successful winter fishing just requires the right frame of mind and some extra layers of clothing. Here in southwest Idaho, the menu for winter fishing is big. Between the close-to-home urban ponds, the bigger reservoirs, and the rivers, there's no shortage of options. Bundle up the family and give it a try.

Hot spots for cold weather fishing:

C.J. Strike Reservoir — The waters in and around the Owyhee County lake definitely are hot right now. Trout fishing has been very good in the reservoir and in the river just below the dam. Most folks are bank fishing near



Cold weather, hot fishing at CJ

This CJ Strike Reservoir angler can confirm that cold weather doesn't necessarily keep the fish from biting. Photo by Brian Flatter, Idaho Fish and Game

the dam or trolling in the main reservoir; some are catching big trout. The perch bite has been a little spotty this year, with occasional good reports off the spillway or on fish suspended in 15 to 20 feet of water.

Treasure Valley Urban Ponds — Most folks in the Valley live within 15 minutes of catching a fish. More than a dozen ponds are stocked with trout every few weeks through the winter and spring. There's Park Center, Veteran's, and Riverside Ponds

in Boise, Merrill Pond in Eagle, Settler's Park Pond in Meridian, and Wilson Ponds in Nampa just to name a few. Another sleeper is Black's Creek Reservoir southeast of Boise. Black's Creek is loaded with smallish perch, which have been providing great kid fishing through the ice. These are all great spots to take kids, particularly if you only have a few hours of free time.

Lucky Peak and Arrowrock Reservoirs — You might have to wait for more open water, but both

reservoirs have been very good for trout all year. At the Mores Creek check station this fall, we saw lots of holdover hatchery trout up to 16 inches.

Cascade Reservoir — Ice fishing has been fair for trout and perch. Keep Cascade on your radar during the next couple of years. The best access to the ice is at the city ramp and Poison Creek. Most of the keeper-sized perch are still the brood fish that Fish and Game transplanted to rebuild the perch population, but recent surveys show lots of young perch being produced as a result of these efforts.

South Fork Boise River — For those willing to travel a bit for trophy wild trout, the South Fork below Anderson Ranch Dam is hard to beat for winter stream fishing. The flows are held constant and water temperatures tend to be a bit higher than most mountain streams. Average size of fish has increased in recent years, and our electrofishing surveys tell us the trout population is very healthy. Note that trophy fishing rules — lures and flies only and barbless hooks required — still apply during the winter catch-and-release season for trout. Visit your local fly shop for

recommended patterns.

Lower Boise River — Right in the heart of the Treasure Valley, the Lower Boise has a mix of wild and hatchery trout — and probably a few steelhead left over from our fall plant of 1,000 fish. Low winter flows mean the river is very fishable this time of year, and the fish tend to concentrate in deeper pools and runs. Most of the river has general fishing rules, but the stretch from the east Boise footbridge upstream to the Logger's Creek diversion has a two-fish limit, none shorter than 14 inches. Pick a sunny winter day, take a walk on the greenbelt, and give it a try.

These are just a few of the winter fishing options in southwest Idaho. There are many others across our state.

So you don't have to wait for spring to get that casting arm in shape. And you don't have to rely on cable TV to provide your outdoor experience. Put on your long johns, load up the family, and go fishing. It's the best cure I know of for the winter doldrums.

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