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## Deputy prosecutor files to seek boss' job

Faulks doesn't file, says he'll investigate  
validity of Emery's petition

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks missed the deadline to file for the May 27 Republican primary, and now he has said he will investigate the legitimacy of his deputy's candidacy for the job.

Deputy prosecuting attorney Douglas Emery submitted paperwork to run for county prosecutor with County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn on Friday, 30 minutes before the filing deadline. According to Sherburn, Faulks didn't file.  
"I guess I'm a little surprised by Mr.

Faulks' position particularly in the fact that he has made the decision not to seek further election," Emery said, adding that he had approached Faulks about his own interest in running for the job before deciding to  
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## Inaugural Easter

Egg hunts attract children

It was open season on Easter eggs Friday and Saturday in Owyhee country with at least five hunts in Homedale, Marsing, Jordan Valley, Grand View and Murphy. At Homedale's Sundance Park, 1-year-old Tripp Dunnam seemed stunned by all the activity as children gathered to redeem prize tickets they had found in plastic eggs strewn on the softball fields at the park. More photos, Pages 8-9



## Former Filler King employee stole nearly \$700,000

One-time bookkeeper gets 14 years in prison; parole possible in two years

A longtime employee of the Filler King Co., was sentenced to at least two years in prison Thursday after her conviction for felony grand theft. Claudia Lorraine Curt, 53, received a 14-year prison sentence in an appearance before Third District Judge Gregory Culet in Caldwell. She will be eligible for parole after serving two years. She also was ordered to pay \$238,632 in restitution to Homedale-based

Filler King. A press release from the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney's office said that amount represents the money



Claudia Curt  
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## Homedale-Marsing irrigation water could be turned on April 14

During a joint meeting of the South Board of Control and the Owyhee Irrigation District, directors set a tentative date of April 14 for the start of the 2008 watering season. The decision of when to turn on irrigation water came during a March 18 meeting.

Analysts have said that irrigators served by the Owyhee Reservoir can expect an average water year. The next round of meetings for South Board and the Gem and Ridgeview irrigation district boards of directors comes Tuesday, beginning at 7 p.m.

## Some backcountry areas reopened

Some of the more than 6,000 square miles of Owyhee County backcountry closed because of muddy conditions has been opened. The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners voted to realign the boundaries of the vast section of county that's off-limits during its March 17 meeting in Murphy.

County public information officer Brenda Richards said no other changes were made to the closures during Monday's meeting. The vote came after consultation with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Road District 1. No changes to the closure map were made during Monday's commission meeting, according

to Richards. The revised closure map released by the county shows the area in the south central portion of the county east of Idaho highway 51 now has been opened. A portion of Rabbit Creek Road southwest of Murphy also has  
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# Residents can expect more water shutoffs in Homedale

Crews continue to connect pipe into existing system

Homedale's ongoing municipal water system improvement project will necessitate service outages this week, city public works supervisor Larry Bauer said.

"We want people to be prepared for periodical shutoffs," Bauer said.

The service outages began Tuesday and will continue today and Thursday.

Meanwhile, Bauer said crews had to make two unscheduled shutoffs Thursday and Friday. Customers were without water for about 15 minutes Thursday because of a line break attributed to "human error."

Friday's outage lasted less than an hour between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Bauer said an ancient concrete composite pipe buried near the intersection of North Main Street and Oregon Avenue broke in two as crews were compacting asphalt into a trench 60 feet away. He said the vibration from the machinery pounding the surface probably compromised the old pipe.

Bauer said this week's outages will begin around 8:30 a.m. each day and last until noon then occur again in the afternoon. The water shutoff will enable project contractor Sommer Construction of Nampa to tie new lines into existing water pipe.

Bauer said crews will "make every effort" to have water service restored for the noon-hour rushes at businesses, and the water will be shut off again in the afternoon. All service will be back on in the evenings, he said.

"Some shutoffs will be citywide, and some will be localized,"



## Two unexpected outages last week

*A worker from Sommer Construction digs in a hole where an old water pipe ruptured Friday afternoon, forcing an emergency shutoff to the entire city.*

Bauer said.

Bauer said the city plans to alert residents of the round of shutoffs through advertisement on the reader board on East Idaho Avenue. On shutoffs affecting specific areas of town — the "localized" outages — crews will canvass the affected neighborhoods to give folks as much notice as possible, Bauer said.

Bauer said that any resident who experiences service problems after water has been turned back on should call the city for assistance.

While this week's outages are planned, Bauer said there have

been a couple emergency shutoffs because of pipe breaks, but nothing in the past few weeks.

"We've had a handful of two-block shutdowns, isolated areas, but we've been very fortunate not to have anything major," he said.

Bauer said crews are "nearly caught up" on troubleshooting and testing newly installed lines for water quality and safe-drinking criteria. He also said that the project was more than one-third completed.

"We're going to have our water project substantially done at the end of May," Bauer said.

— JPB

# Springtime in Owyhee



## Warm weather brings angler to Homedale

*George Noel, a 52-year-old Homedale resident, reels in his line while fishing in the Snake River from the Homedale boat dock Friday. Noel said he has tried the spot about three times since moving to town.*

## Homedale sets kindergarten registration for next month

Kindergarten registration for Homedale Elementary School's 2008-09 school year will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on April 22 at the school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

School officials say early registration helps place children in classrooms and assure a smooth transition for students entering school.

Children who turn 5 years old before Aug. 31, 2008, can be registered for school.

Parents or guardians must bring the following information for each child they will register:

- Official birth certificate
- Up-to-date immunization information to prove the child meets state requirements to enroll in school.
- The child's Social Security number
- Proof of residence inside the Homedale School District.

Call the school at 337-4033 for more information.



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# Idaho Ave. crossings could get lighting near Homedale H.S.

The Homedale City Council on Thursday is expected to make a final decision on installing lighting to illuminate crosswalks near Homedale High School.

Idaho Power Co., has told the city that it will cost \$1,072 to install a light pole and two street lights on the east and west ends of City Park, points at which crosswalks traversing East Idaho Avenue now sit.

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

Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson said the council is poised to OK the expenditure of city funds to pull off the project after discussions with Idaho Power. The utility company would do the installation.

A light would be installed on the southwest corner of the Idaho Avenue-Industrial Road intersection next to the city tennis courts. A light and a pole would be installed on the southeast corner of the intersection of Idaho Avenue and South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, which is directly across the street from the main entrance to the high school.

During the council's March 12 meeting, Wilson said the lighting was necessary for the safety of pedestrians, particularly students

## Formation of rec district to be discussed

Tim O'Meara, the director of the Middleton Recreation District will discuss how Homedale can form its own taxing district for recreational purposes this week.

O'Meara is scheduled to meet with the Homedale City Council at 7 p.m. Thursday, after the council's final regular meeting of March.

The meeting takes place at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

crossing the street heading to school.

The mayor said the need for the lighted crosswalks was brought to his attention by the Homedale School District.

"I understand there was a kid hit in (a crosswalk late last year)," Wilson said, adding that the incident occurred in darkness of the morning hours before

school.

A school official confirmed that high school teacher Rob Lundgren was involved in the incident last year. Lundgren was cited for failure to exercise due care and fined \$75 on Nov. 1, according to Owyhee County court records.

The mayor said at the last council meeting that there was another close call earlier this year.

Also on the agenda for Thursday's council meeting is a followup on the development proposed by business owners at Homedale Municipal Airport.

Wilson said that the group, which was represented at the last meeting by Ed Leavitt and Kitfox Aircraft owner John McBean, should have some information to present to the council.

Beyond that, Wilson would not comment on the matter.

The Owyhee Garden Club is scheduled to ask the council for a spring plant sale in City Park, too.

Reports from Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, city public works supervisor Larry Bauer, building inspector Rod Roberts and Homedale Planning and Zoning Administrator Sylvia Bahem also are planned.

— JPB

# Rodeo committee named best in ICA

All the investment and upgrades in competition and exposure engineered by the Owyhee County Rodeo Board of Directors has caught the eye of the members' peers.

The Owyhee County Rodeo Board was selected the committee of the year by the Idaho Cowboys Association following a smashingly successful 2007 season in which the final night of the rodeo was broadcast live from Homedale on local television.

"It's a pretty big honor for us," rodeo board vice president Chris Landa said. "We work a lot of hours down there and put in a lot of time and effort."

The board changed the four-day rodeo's format to create a championship round for broadcast on KTRV Channel 12, a Fox affiliate based in Nampa. The rodeo and TV station signed a three-year deal, which helped nearly double the 2007 championship purse to \$60,000.

"By far, we pay out the most money of any ICA rodeo," Landa said. "That's what we're trying to do. We're trying to give back to the cowboys, and that's why we made the TV deal."

The deal lasts for another two years, and after putting about \$50,000 in improvements into the arena before the 2007 rodeo, Landa says the board will concentrate on

bolstering the television package this year.

"We're just going to kind of fine-tune that TV night, and we're in the works of doing some more promotional (efforts) with that," Landa said.

In addition to the committee award, the Owyhee County Rodeo was cited for most improved grounds, and the ICA barrel racers voted the rodeo grounds as the best-groomed arena on the rodeo circuit.

"We worked with the fair board this year," Landa said of the grooming. "The rodeo took care of the arena events during the fair."

Thousands of dollars were spent on building a new roping chute and stock pens on the north end of the arena prior to the 2007 rodeo, board member Mike Matteson said in July. The rodeo board is a non-profit organization that has its sights set on more improvements at the rodeo grounds in the coming years.

Jim Ferguson is the current president of the rodeo board. The group has launched a Web site, [www.owyheecountyrodeo.com](http://www.owyheecountyrodeo.com), with information on the rodeo.

The 2008 Owyhee County Rodeo is slated for Aug. 6-9 during the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale.

— JPB

# Judge orders couple to pay county for care of animals

A Homedale couple cited for animal cruelty in January had until Monday to repay the cost of caring for their animals or risk losing them to the county.

An Owyhee County magistrate ruled Wednesday in a Homedale courtroom that Deborah Hopson and Zach Robinson had 72 hours to come up with \$7,700 to pay for the care of more than 36 animals that had been seized by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 17 on Sage Road outside of Homedale.

The animals, which included at the time of the seizure 29

horses, three burros, two cows, two llamas and numerous dogs, were to become property of the county had Hopson and Robinson failed to pay restitution by 5 p.m. Monday. The extended time was because the ruling was made with just 48 hours left in the business week. The total bill is to cover two months of care plus the anticipated cost of care for the next 30 days.

News of whether the bond was met was unavailable at press time.

The presiding judge asked attorneys for both sides for

arguments on a pending suppression of evidence motion filed by the defense attorney, according to Owyhee County Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish.

The case involving Hopson and Robinson and a similar case involving cattle kept by a Homedale man has prompted Sheriff Gary Aman to press Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks and the county Board of Commissioners to enact ordinances to prohibit puppy mills and to require proper facilities for the care of dogs, wolves and other animals.

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# Teenagers given motivational challenge



## Students sign up to make a difference

*Homedale High School students sign a banner signifying their acceptance of “Rachel’s Challenge,” which is to make a difference in their school and community through the five steps based on the writings and life of Rachel Scott, a student who was killed in the Columbine High School massacre. Homedale and Marsing middle-schoolers signed banners at their respective schools.*

## Students from Homedale, Marsing absorb message of kindness

Students from Homedale High School, Homedale Middle School, and Marsing Middle School filled the Homedale High School gymnasium on Friday for a presentation about tragedy, kindness, and compassion.

Homedale students attended the same program, Rachel’s Challenge, at Adrian High School on Jan. 23.

Rachel’s Challenge is a motivational school assembly program that communicates a positive call to action by talking about the life, writings, and tragic death of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine High School shootings near Littleton, Colo., in 1999.

Rachel’s Challenge organizers describe the program as one that “inspires, instructs, and enables students to bring positive change” to their lives. Cody Hodges, who once led the nation in passing as a quarterback at Texas Tech University, gave a multimedia presentation about Columbine and Rachel Scott that brought some in the Homedale audience to tears while the rest watched in silence.

Rachel Scott’s ideas about unconditional compassion and kindness toward others are shown through her writings and accounts of her behavior toward people ignored or shunned by others, including the culprits in the Columbine killings.

In a school essay penned six weeks before her death, Rachel Scott wrote: “I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go.”

The challenge in the program is to adopt

and put into practice a five-point summation of Rachel Scott’s ideals. The five elements are:

- Eliminate prejudice by looking for the best in others
- Dare to dream – set goals – keep a journal
- Choose your influences – input determines output
- Kind words – small acts of kindness = HUGE impact
- Start a chain reaction with family and friends

After the program, attendees were invited to sign a poster, attesting to their commitment to accept Rachel’s Challenge. A large crowd of students gathered around to sign the poster at the conclusion of the program.

Rachel’s Challenge offers a message of tolerance and hope through a commitment to attitudes of kindness and compassion. The program has been presented at schools throughout the Treasure Valley and at more than 1,000 schools nationwide. Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick thinks that Rachel’s Challenge is a valuable program.

“The golden rule message was terrific,” Rosandick said. “It was a great presentation. I’m sure that many students were given some valuable food for thought in terms of treating others with respect and kindness. I’m hoping that many of them will take it to heart.”

Scott also wrote the following in her essay: “How do you know that trust, compassion and beauty will not make this world a better place to be in and this life a better one to live? My codes may seem like a fantasy that can never be reached, but test them for yourself, and see the kind of effect they have in the lives of people around you. You just may start a chain reaction.”

— RTH

## Federal program allows Marsing schools to serve free summer meals

The Marsing School District has announced it will participate in the Summer Feeding Program again this year.

The federally funded program is designed to provide free breakfast and hot lunch meals to all children ages 1-18 in the community.

The service will begin on May 27 and run weekdays through June 20. Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and hot lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Besides the age requirements, children must come to the Marsing School District cafeteria for scheduled meals, and they must eat on school campus.

For information, call the district office at 896-4111, ext. 146.

## Correction

In an article published last week, the incorrect player was credited with a 2-for-2 afternoon with a double and two RBI in the Homedale High School softball team’s 3-0 win over New Plymouth. Erika Shanley had the big game, and she also was among the players who tripled in the Trojans’ 13-5 victory over Vale, Ore.

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## From page 1

### ✓ **Prosecutor:** Emery says he cleared candidacy with Secretary of State

enter the race.

No Democrat filed to run for prosecutor, so Emery could run unopposed in the Nov. 4 general election.

But Faulks, who is in his first term as prosecuting attorney, issued a press release Monday morning that questions the "legal validity" of Emery's nomination petition.

Emery said he consulted the Idaho Secretary of State's office before filing his nomination petition and was told in a direct conversation with Secretary of State Ben Ysursa that Idaho Code 34-623(2) allows prosecuting attorney candidates to file candidacy papers provided they become a registered elector of the county they wish to serve 30 days before the general election. Emery said all other county offices require

one-year county residency.

"I researched this and also contacted the necessary authorities," Emery said.

Faulks said he would look into Emery's right to run for office in the county, calling the filing a "questionable action."

"I hope Mr. Emery does run for the office of Prosecuting Attorney," Faulks wrote in the release. "However, I am concerned about the legal validity of his current candidacy filing because he is not a resident of Owyhee County nor is he a registered voter here."

"Idaho law appears to require that a person must be qualified for an office upon filing for election."

Idaho Code 34-623(2) states that a prosecuting attorney candidate can be elected only if he is 21 years old "at the time of his

election," and that he "is admitted to the practice of law" in Idaho, a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector within the county.

Faulks, who said he recommended Emery move to Owyhee County then file for the primary as a write-in candidate, added that Emery was aware that Faulks didn't intend to run again.

"In the next days, I will complete a review of available legal authorities to determine if corrective action is appropriate," Faulks said without elaborating on what action could be taken.



Douglas Emery

"As always, my decision and any action will be guided by the desire to ensure that our county government operates in accordance with the law. This is especially critical in the question of electing our government officials. Voters should not have to speculate about whether a person on the ballot may or may not qualify to hold the position."

May 13 is the deadline to file as a write-in candidate for the May 27 primaries.

In other election developments, incumbent District 2 county commissioner Hal Tolmie filed papers to seek re-election. He'll face former commissioner George Hyer in the GOP primary.

Incumbent Gary Aman and Grand View-Bruneau area deputy Daryl Crandall both will be on the Republican ballot for Owyhee

County Sheriff. Sherburn said Homedale Police Cpl. Perry Grant also will seek the job, but he filed as an independent.

In District 1 for the Board of Commissioners, incumbent Jerry Hoagland, the current chairman, will run unopposed on the GOP ticket. Marsing businessman Joe Gannuscio will be on the ballot for the May 27 Democratic ballot.

Candidate lists for the library district board of directors elections weren't available at press time. Elections for the Eastern Owyhee, Lizard Butte and Bruneau Valley library districts will be held May 27.

The next deadline for the primary election is May 2, which is the last day to register to vote before Election Day. Registration re-opens on Election Day.

— JPB

### ✓ **Stole:** Woman had been writing checks to herself since at least 1996

stolen from the company since October 2002.

County prosecutor Matthew Faulks said in the press release that Curt embezzled more than \$670,000 dating to at least 1996, but that the five-year statute of limitations had run its course on the earlier thefts. "Ms. Curt used her position as bookkeeper

to issue a number of checks to herself over and above her ordinary wages," Faulks wrote in a press release.

Curt stole the money by writing more than 800 checks to herself. Since 2002, she had written at least 276 checks, according to the findings of an investigation conducted by the prosecuting

attorney's office and Filler King.

Faulks added that the company's owners testified at Thursday's sentencing hearing that Curt was a trusted employee who had been regarded like family.

Curt served as bookkeeper for Filler King for 15 years, beginning in 1991. Filler King's own investigation revealed that

Curt had been writing fraudulent checks for as long as the company had records currently on file — 1996.

Her thefts averaged \$5,000 per month, according to the press release.

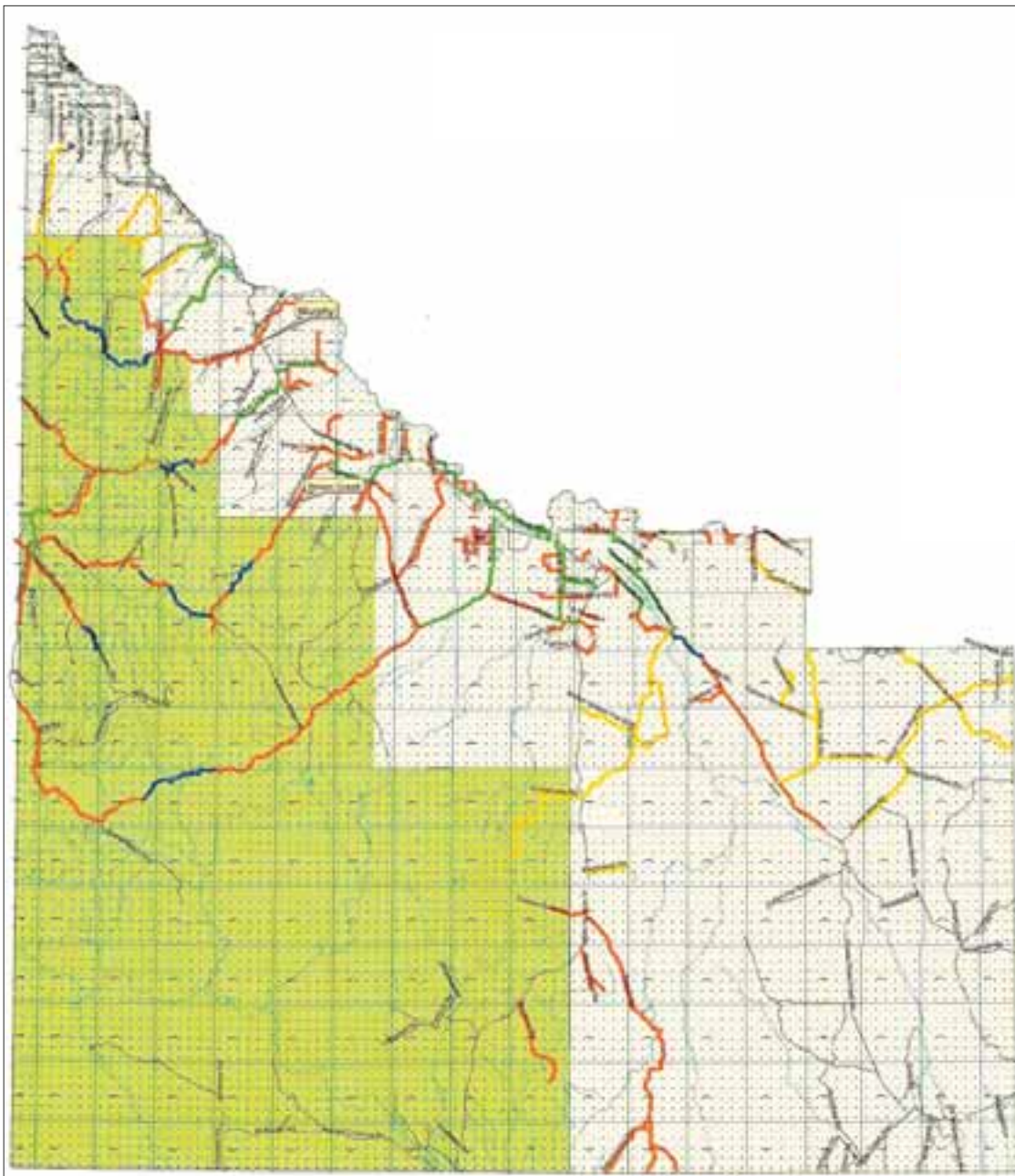
Faulks said Curt could begin paying restitution upon her parole. The sentencing, which

was originally scheduled for March 14 in Murphy, was moved to Caldwell for the convenience of the victims and the parties, according to the press release.

The company produces structural woods such as beams and roof decking. It was founded 20 years ago by Wayne King and Bud Filler.

#### Updated closure map

The dark area covering most of the western half of this Owyhee County map represents the areas still off-limits to most users. The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners voted to open parts of the previously closed area in their March 17 meeting, but most of the original backcountry deemed unsafe because of muddy conditions remains inaccessible. This map is also available on the county Web site at [www.owyheecounty.net/index1.php?recreation](http://www.owyheecounty.net/index1.php?recreation)



### ✓ **Reopened:** Vast majority still off-limits to most people

been opened.

The entire southwestern corner of the county from around Idaho 51 west to the Oregon line and south to the Nevada line remains closed.

Richards said a more detailed description of the revised closures would be released once GPS coordinates are mapped.

Closure signs remain posted in the affected areas. Persons who violate the closures will be held liable for the cost of rescue, if required, up to \$4,000 per incident as per Idaho Code 6-2401.

The closure does not affect ranchers, landowners, persons authorized by landowners, or law enforcement personnel.

Violators also could face criminal penalty as per Owyhee County Code 07-02 through 07-05.

The commissioners originally voted to close most of the county on Feb. 25.

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# Obituary

## Duane ‘Duke’ Pollock

Duane “Duke” Pollock, 73, of Homedale passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at home of natural causes. A memorial service was held at 11:00AM, on Monday, March 24, 2008 at the Homedale Senior Center, Homedale.

Duke was born on May 18, 1934 to James and Gladys Pollock in Hammett, Idaho. He married June E. Taylor on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1955 and to this union had four wonderful children.

Duke was an avid outdoorsman, taking in all that the outdoors had to offer.

Duke worked 35 years at the Nampa Amalgamated “White Satin Sugar Co.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years; June E. Pollock, children; Charlie (Tammy) Pollock, Mickie (Wade) Ebert, Harvey Pollock, Terry (Dena) Pollock, and 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister, Jerry and Elaine Pollock, Anchorage, AK; Jim Pollock, Tacoma, WA; Dee and Gary Ulseth, Tacoma area, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

# School menus

### Homedale Elementary

March 26-31: No school.

April 1: Chicken tenders or cf beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 2: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale Middle

March 26-28: No school.

March 31: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

April 1: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 2: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale High

March 26-28: No school

March 31: Pepperoni pizza or chicken bacon melt, fruit & veggie bar, strawberry shortcake, milk.

April 1: Beef nuggets or chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 2: Lasagna, burrito, or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Marsing

March 26-28. No school.

March 31: Burrito, buttered rice, fruit, milk, hamburgers, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.


April 1: Lasagna, fruit, salad, milk, popcorn chicken, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, cinnamon roll.

April 2: Red Baron pizza, salad, fruit, milk, Chinese egg roll, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

### Bruneau

March 26-31: No school.

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### Third quarter

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**Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average)** — Justine Calzacorta, Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Rachel Gonzalez, Raven Kelly, Kylie Kushlan, Ashley Leslie, Lane Matteson, Laurien Mavey, Aubrey Nash, Katie Price and Brenda Vega

**High honors (3.99-3.5 GPA)** — Anthony Adams, Nahum Bermudez, Austin Chase, Dominic Christiansen, Casey Christoffersen, Amanda Cook, Lyndee Coombs, Veronica D’Alessio, Ashley Downum, Kate Eaton, Holly Gallagher, Carissa Gardner, Rabecka Gay-Krasko, Bodie Hyer, Clay Johnson, Ana Juan, Zachary Lowder, Cody Lynde, Levi McCutchen, Bryce Osborn, Jenny Prado, Kylie Purdom, Brett Ryska, Angel Jr. Salazar, Phaedra Stevenson

**Honors (3.49-3.0)** — Adriana Albor, Adrian Amezquita, Trey Corta, Tylee Fry, Yanelli Gaspar, Isaac Lopez, Danny Magdaleno, Mariah Moore, Wendy Prado, Angel Ramos, Janette Salazar and April Strohman-Norris

**Seventh grade**  
**Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average)** — Graviela Albor, Garrett Davis, Robert Evans, Emilee Hann, Derek Hellman, Christian Hurtado, Mariah Mackie, Reed Maggard, Jacob Murray, Gabrielle Nash, Cole Twedt and Whitney Uria

**High honors (3.99-3.5 GPA)** — Alexandra Abbott, Hailee

Aberasturi, Elizabeth Albor, Perla Albor, Jordan Brady, Samantha Christoffersen, Mikal Culver, Debra Esparza, Elizabeth Farrell, Mariza Fernandez, Malina Geerston, Nicole Keller, Ramon Kelly, Hayden Krzesnik, Ruben Lomeli, Jacqueline Martinez, Mikel Mavey, Mackenzie McMichael, Shelby McRae, Miranda Miklancic, Ariana Rice, Heather Romriell, Veronica Sanchez, Kylie Schoonover, Erin Shenk, Brenda Uriarte and Stephanie Villarreal

**Honors (3.49-3.0)** — Daniel Aguilera, Alejandro Albor, Melissa Borja, Gene Bush, Rebecca Coffman, Shelbie Criffield (Reyes), Aspen Curtis, Connor Davis, Valeria Garcia, Kolbie Gerdes, Jessica Gonzalez, Kenneth Harper, Leavell Hicks, Rachel Miranda, Cayetano Montes, Corbin Schamber, Patricia Smith, Mickayla Taggart, Taylor Vandeventer, Ana Vasquez, Mariela Vega and Nadine Wright

**Sixth grade**  
**Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average)** — Lizett Chavez, Trey Lane, Shelby Lee and Esteban Lejardi

**High honors (3.99-3.5 GPA)** — Leslie Albor, Kynna Bertagnolli, Angel Cardenas, Benjamin Cardenas, Katie Deal, Britt Eubanks, Alisandro Garcia, Dora Gonzalez, Tell Hyer, Jedidiah Jones, Riley Maggard-Qualls, Erik Martinez, Ryan McDermott, Noah Munster, Kaylee Rupp, Eric

Sanchez, Kathryn Thatcher and Edmy Vega

**Honors (3.49-3.0)** — Stephanie Aguilera, Lydia Aman, Cameron Brandhagen, Joel Campos, Maria Castro, Lauren Craft, Magdalena Escutia, Danny Gomez, Quincy Hall, Mykal Hill, Lizbeth Hurtado, Stephanie Kennedy, Destiny Long, Logan Moore and Jesse Padilla

**Fifth grade**  
**Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average)** — Kellie Barraza, Sierra Bowman, Justine Cornwall, Alec Egurrola, Ismael Fernandez, Andrew Martinez, Victoria Nash, Delaney Phariss, Miguel Salazar, Elise Shenk and Daniel Silva

**High honors (3.99-3.5 GPA)** — Amos Aguilera, Alejandra Almaraz, Brooke Armenta, Quinton Fry, Orrin “Coy” Gardner, Jennifer Hernandez, Spencer Mast, Kerigan Morris, Morgan Nash, Carlie Purdom, Sierra Renteria and Samantha Vasquez

**Honors (3.49-3.0)** — Bailey Adams, Hernan Albor, Makenzie Anderson, Brady Brown, McKenna Calzacorta, Monique Davis, Silvia Delgadillo, Sarah Dixon, Devin Fisher, Colton Grimm, Marissa Guzman, Joshua Harden, Alandra Hartley, Jose Ibarra, Cameron James, Rocio Juan, Yahaira Lomeli, Faviola Mendez, Erika Miklancic, Cody Mitchell, Abraham Monreal, Rosio Ojeda, Paige Pippen, Brandon Sheley, McKenzie Sutterfield, Samantha Woods and Vanessa Zenor

# Senior menus

### Homedale center

March 26: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, carrots, beverage.

March 27: Pork chow mein, stir fry vegetables, fried rice, beverage.

### Marsing center

March 26: Chicken pot pie (chicken, potatoes, peas), broccoli, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

March 27: Ham, yams mashed potatoes, salad bar, soup, dessert, beverage.

March 31: Breakfast to order.

## Marsing resident earns college degree

Marsing resident Marlene Moore has graduated from Western Governors University with a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

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## Melba screens kindergarteners

Melba Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration next Wednesday and April 3.

Registration and screening will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the school both days.

Any child that will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2008, is eligible.

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# Your finances Loan co-signers should always prepare for worst

Dear Dave,  
I just found out that my mom co-signed my son’s new car loan. He defaulted, and now she’s making the payments. Does this mean she owns the car that was financed with the loan? If not, how do I go about taking over the car? I want to sell it.

— Patty

Dear Patty,  
No, this doesn’t make your mom the owner of the car unless she signed as an owner. But the first thing you do is call this kid up and tell him to bring you the car.  
Just make sure he hands it over voluntarily, otherwise you’re looking at another problem called grand theft auto!  
When you co-sign a loan for a friend or even a family member, it’s like playing Russian roulette. Chances are the gun’s going to go off, and you’ll end up blowing your financial brains out.  
Debt is the most aggressively marketed product in our culture today. And if some banker wants a co-signer on a loan, it means he doesn’t think the person asking for the loan will pay it back! Before all this started, I’m pretty sure grandma didn’t have a space on her to-do list marked “go thousands of dollars into debt.”  
Co-signing is BAD idea. If you insist on doing it, you better make sure you have the ability to write a check and hand them the money. Because chances are — one way or another — that’s exactly what you’re going to end up doing.

— Dave

Dear Dave,  
We’ve managed to become debt-free thanks, in part, to the fact that the little house we’ve been renting is just \$500 a month. We’ve also been able to save up a few thousand dollars to buy a new home. We’d like to move into a better place of our own soon — especially since a skunk just moved in under the floor — but that will mean doubling what we now pay for a better way of life in a nicer neighborhood. What do you think?

— Rachel



Dear Rachel,  
Congratulations on becoming debt-free! Feels great, doesn’t it?  
Renting should be a time of wisely having patience until you reach the point where you can buy properly. It shouldn’t be a way of life, but it’s kind of like paying patience tax until you can save up for a big down payment.

I imagine it’s pretty hard to have tons of patience when a skunk moves in with you, so maybe the big question right now is this: How much longer are you willing to hold your nose while you save up money for a nice home?

I can see three options here. Number one, get the animal control people to trap that critter and continue to live in Skunk Manor for a couple of years longer while you save more money. Two, you could go ahead and make the move to a nicer place of your own that costs twice as much before you’re truly ready. Not what I’d recommend, by the way.

Or, option three could be taking a couple of months to look around for another bargain rental deal — something that’s in-between where you are now and the really nice neighborhood you’ve got your hearts set on AND would allow you to save up a fat 20 percent down payment on the place you really want.

God bless and good luck, Rachel!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. For more financial advice, visit [Davesays.org](http://Davesays.org) 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

# Calendar

**Today**  
**DivorceCare recovery support group**  
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

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

**Friday**  
**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

**Tuesday**  
**Exercise class**  
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**El-Ada commodity distribution**  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee office, 15 W. Colorado Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4812  
**Storytime for first- through third-graders**  
4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**Pure Word recovery meeting**  
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733  
**Marsing PTA meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing.  
**Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**  
7 p.m., 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., Homedale  
**Gem Irrigation District board meeting**  
7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., Homedale  
**South Board of Control board meeting**  
7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., Homedale  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Wednesday**  
**DivorceCare recovery support group**  
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

**Thursday, April 3**  
**Exercise class**  
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center,

224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**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  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.  
**Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting**  
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383

**Friday, April 4**  
**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

**Tuesday, April 8**  
**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, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., 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.

**Wednesday, April 9**  
**Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641  
**DivorceCare recovery support group**  
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151  
**Marsing City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122  
**Grand View City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday  
**Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**  
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

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# Owyhee 4-H leaders, teens attend regional conference

A strong Owyhee County contingent was among the 400 4-H volunteers and teens from across the Western region who came together to share ideas for their local 4-H programs at the Western Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum March 6-9 in Boise.

Owyhee County 4-H Youth Development Coordinator Judith McShane and 4-H Youth Development Vista Volunteer Tamar Miller, Jan Aman and tDeride Erwin attended from Owyhee County.

A banquet honoring Idaho Distinguished Service Volunteers was held on Friday night. Jan Aman from Homedale was among 16 other Idaho 4-H leaders who received recognition for their continued support for the 4-H program and service to their communities.

Homedale teens who attended the Saturday forum were Daisy Aguilera, Tony Aguilera, Elizabeth Albor, Jose Albor, Jessica Gonzales, Romone Lira and Alejandra Ramos.

More than 50 workshops were presented to 4-H volunteers and teens, bringing them together to network and learn about innovative programs aimed at bringing fresh perspectives and activities to 4-H programs across the region.

Stacy Dragilla, a former 4-H member and Olympic Gold Medal winner shared her inspirational story at the closing ceremony.

The Idaho State 4-H Leaders Association with support from Monsanto and the National 4-H Council sponsored the forum.

4-H is a community of more than 6.5 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. The National 4-H Council is the national, private sector, non-profit partner of the 4-H Youth Development Program and its parent, the Cooperative Extension System of the United States Department of Agriculture. Learn more about 4-H at [www.4husa.org](http://www.4husa.org) or <http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu/owyhee/4h.htm>.

# ‘Circuit breaker’ deferral deadline nears

Property tax deferral applications are available at the Owyhee County assessor’s office in Murphy.

Homeowners who apply for property tax reduction have until April 15 to file for a property tax deferral under Idaho’s Property Tax Deferral Program.

The program offers individuals a way to defer the property taxes on their primary residence and up to one acre, which must be in Idaho.

Anyone who is granted property tax relief under the Property Tax Reduction (Circuit Breaker) Program can apply to defer their remaining taxes for the same year.

The deferred taxes and interest must eventually be repaid to the state of Idaho.

For more information about property tax deferral, call the county assessor’s office at 495-2817 or the Idaho State Tax Commission at 334-7736 in the Boise area or toll free at (800) 334-7756 from other parts of the state.

You can also visit the Tax Commission Web site at [www.tax.idaho.gov](http://www.tax.idaho.gov) (click on “Property Tax,” then “Property Tax Relief”).

# Naturalist shares knowledge, photos at Bruneau talk

The Bruneau Valley Library observed a first-time event Wednesday when a speaker was asked to return for a second presentation for the “Bruneau and Beyond” series.

Freelance photographer and naturalist Colleen Sweeney of Boise impressed the directors so much with her presentation last year, that she was asked to return with a different program.

This time, she brought a collection of slides titled “Little Creatures and Little Critters.”

Sweeney’s talk and slide collection, shown during a free luncheon, spanned from butterflies and dragonflies to spiders, snakes, lizards, frogs, rodents, fish and even small birds.

Her main concern is that we are losing small species rapidly, and she talked about the various factors that can cause the decline in a species. Two of her major concerns are destruction of habitat and the pet trade.

Small animals, particularly lizards and snakes, are trapped in the wild and sold on the pet market. Not only is this illegal, but Sweeney pointed out that the practice devastates certain species and has disrupted the wild population in areas that are poached.


Sweeney is now retired from teaching at Boise State University and from working with the Bureau of Land Management. She keeps active in retirement by traveling to photograph wildlife.

She continues to participate in national U.S. Geological Survey wildlife surveys seven to 10 times a year between May and July. Sweeney uses her keen observation skills and knowledge of species while stopping her vehicle every half-mile to count everything she sees and hears during a three-minute span.




With an impressive recall of the vast number of species that call Idaho home, Sweeney spoke of the difference between a damselfly and a dragonfly and educated luncheon attendees on how to tell a chipmunk from similar ground squirrels.

She also cleared up just exactly what a “whistle pig” is. The animal, which is prevalent in the Mountain Home area, is the yellow-bellied marmot.

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# Homedale original still bowling 'em over



**Homedale native helps with Holy Week Luncheon**  
*Fannie Mrak, right, opens a bottle of salad dressing while helping Teresa Ryska during setup for Friday's Holy Week Luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church in Homedale.*

## Austrian Settlement member, 97, still active with bowling, gardening

Fannie Mrak has seen it all in Homedale — literally. One of two surviving members of the Austrian Settlement that came to the area from Rock Springs, Wyo., in 1914, 97-year-old Fannie has been here to work the land and watch the birth of Homedale, its civic groups and, yes, even its bowling alley. The other living original member, Jenny Gereb, still resides in Homedale, too.

“It’s just been a good place to be,” Fannie said of her hometown.

Fannie still lives a short distance from her family’s original home site in the Austrian Settlement on Graveyard Point. And she still works the land, just like she began doing to help her father, Frank Kushlan, nearly a century ago as a small girl who knew little English.

“I wanted to be a nurse, but he wanted me to stay home and work,” Mrak said.

And so she did. She married Anton “Tony” Mrak, and together they farmed 40 acres south of Homedale for years. They were married 54 years.

In the 24 years since Anton passed away, Fannie has remained active at home, putting together an award-winning garden year after year. This year, though, she says

*‘I’m still going, and I feel good. That’s the problem. I can’t complain.’*

— Fannie Mrak

she’s still looking for someone to plow her land so she can plant her vegetables.

Last year, the Owyhee Garden Club honored Fannie for her garden with a plaque. Even at 97, you can still find her out there tending to potatoes and other crops.

“I don’t go out a lot, so I have my garden to keep me busy,” she said.

Anyone who knows Fannie might see that as a bit modest.

She still drives, and comes into Homedale every Thursday for pinochle then bowling at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Her doubles partner at the recent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Homedale Women’s Bowling Association city tournament was the bowling lanes’ former owner, Virginia Josephson. Josephson owned the bowling alley from 1964 to 1986.

Fannie said bowling is a hobby

that she fell in love with in the 1960s, and now her teammates in the Thursday night Hi-Lo League won’t let her retire.

“I worked outside a lot, so I didn’t bowl,” she said. “But then my sister called and said she needed a substitute, and I just fell for it.

“I just love it.”

Thursday was particularly busy for Fannie. After completing her daily exercises at home, she drove into town and stopped at the Holy Week Luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church before joining friends for their pinochle game.

Then Thursday night, she carried her 108 average into the weekly Hi-Lo league play.

“I didn’t do too good (Thursday),” Fannie said, saying that she was tired after the busy day.

Fannie was back at it Friday, as her church was one of the congregations that helped put on that day’s Holy Week luncheon. She helped set out the food and fixings for the free meal. Each day, a different church or group of churches coordinated the luncheon.

“I’m still going, and I feel good,” Fannie said. “That’s the problem. I can’t complain.”

— JPB



**Doubles partners, bowling veterans**  
*Fannie Mrak, left, poses with her bowling doubles partner, Virginia Josephson, during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Homedale Women’s Bowling Association city tournament. Submitted photo*

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# Magistrates commission seeks comment on Grober

The Third Judicial District Magistrates Commission is seeking public comment as part of its normal six-month evaluation of recently appointed Owyhee County Magistrate Dan C. Grober.

The Third District will accept public comment until 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Comment forms are available in the Clerk of the District Court offices throughout the Third Dis-

trict, which encompasses Owyhee, Canyon, Gem, Washington, Payette and Adams counties. Public comment forms also are available at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, 1115 Albany St., Caldwell 83605. That office also is where comments and evaluation sheets must be returned before the comment period deadline.

Grober practiced law in Homedale for 11 years before being appointed last year to succeed Thomas Ryan, who left the county magistrate bench for the Third District Court. Grober began his tenure in courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale on Sept. 4.

# County seeks help to pay for Hoffman case

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners recently voted unanimously to pursue funding to help pay for legal proceedings involving convicted murderer Maxwell Hoffman.

Commissioners have directed county prosecuting attorney Matthew Faulks to request funding from the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Fund to cover the costs of the state's appeal of a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that Hoffman be released or offered the plea agreement he rejected on the advice of his attorney at his 1989 trial.

In January, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated the Ninth Circuit's ruling that Hoffman received ineffective counsel in the plea-bargaining portion of his 1989 murder trial. At that time, the state Attorney General's office dropped its appeal of the Ninth Circuit Court's ruling that Hoffman had received ineffective counsel during the sentencing phase of the same trial.

The case has been remanded to federal District Court in Idaho, which had originally ruled that

Hoffman had received ineffective counsel in the sentencing phase. The court must re-sentence or release Hoffman.

Hoffman was convicted of murdering Denise Williams in Owyhee County in 1987 and was sentenced to death. Hoffman refused a plea agreement offer of life in prison on the advice of his attorney, despite warnings from prosecutors that they would seek the death penalty if he refused the agreement. The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals voided the death sentence on the grounds that Hoffman received ineffective legal advice. The court ruled that Hoffman's attorney exposed Hoffman to undue risk with minimal potential benefit by advising him to refuse the plea agreement.

The county must help pay for the expense of arguing the appeal.

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**New Mexican restaurant draws crowd**  
*Patrons leave Alejandra's Mexican Restaurant on Main Street in Marsing after a recent lunch break.*

# Mexican restaurant moves into familiar Marsing locale

Owyhee County's newest restaurant has a familiar name. Alejandra's Mexican Restaurant, originally in Wilder, has opened a second location on Main Street in Marsing.

Alejandra's, which is owned by 17-year Nampa resident Maria Correa, has been open in its second location for about a month.

"I had an opportunity for the place," Correa said. "I'm glad to be here."

Alejandra's is located at 208 Main Street, in the same suite that has housed Owyhee Mountain Pizza, The Vine Dinner House and the Gateway Grill in the past two years.

But Correa says she isn't concerned about the past history of eateries at the address.

The Marsing location is open for lunch and dinner from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Appetizers are priced from \$4.25 for taquitos to \$8.50 for botanas, which are tortilla chips topped with beans, cheese, two quesadillas, three taquitos, pico de gallo, guacamole and sour cream.

The entree prices begin at \$8.99 for Bistek Ranchero, which is sirloin tips cooked with onions, bell peppers and tomatoes in a Mexican-style sauce.

Some of the top-end items on the Alejandra's menu are:

- A 14-ounce T-bone steak with a side of rice and beans for \$14.25.
- The \$12.99 Happy Family Mucho Grande package that

features two enchiladas, one tamale, one chile relleno, one tostada, two tacos, a zope and rice and beans.

- The \$12.99 Vallarta Style Shrimp, sauteed in mushrooms, onions, bell peppers and pineapple slices. The order is served inside a pineapple with rice and salad on the side.

There are traditional Mexican favorites as well as American dishes, including cod, chicken strips, rib-eye steak and burgers.

The kids' menu has eight options, all priced at \$3.50.

The restaurant also serves wine by the glass, local and imported beer, pina coladas and margaritas.

The Alejandra's chain is named after Correa's daughter. The original restaurant is located at 308 A Ave., in Wilder.

Correa employs six workers in Marsing and nine in Wilder.

— JPB

## Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday afternoon, Owyhee Reservoir was 39 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River at Rome, Ore. at a rate of 1,900 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 277,354 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 2:30 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30):

Date	Reynolds Creek		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
03/18	12.7	35	25	30	
03/19	12.8	43	33	38	
03/20	13.1	45	30	35	
03/21	13.2	37	24	31	
03/22	13.2	37	22	39	
03/23	13.4	40	21	30	
03/24	13.5	50	24	39	
Snow depth — 12 inches. Snow water equivalent — 5 inches.					

Date	South Mountain			
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
03/18	22.7	38	24	30
03/19	22.6	44	33	38
03/20	22.7	43	30	36
03/21	23.0	41	24	31
03/22	23.5	39	23	29
03/23	23.5	47	22	34
03/24	23.6	49	36	43
Snow depth — 52 inches. Snow water equivalent — 20 inches.				

Date	Mud Flat			
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Temperatures		
		Max.	Min.	Avg.
03/18	12.0	45	18	32
03/19	12.0	52	34	41
03/20	12.0	51	29	39
03/21	12.3	46	27	34
03/22	12.5	44	17	32
03/23	12.4	45	12	31
Snow depth — 27 inches. Snow water equivalent — 10 inches.				

## Weather

	H	L	Prec.		H	L	Prec.
March 18	54	24	.00	March 22	no reading taken		
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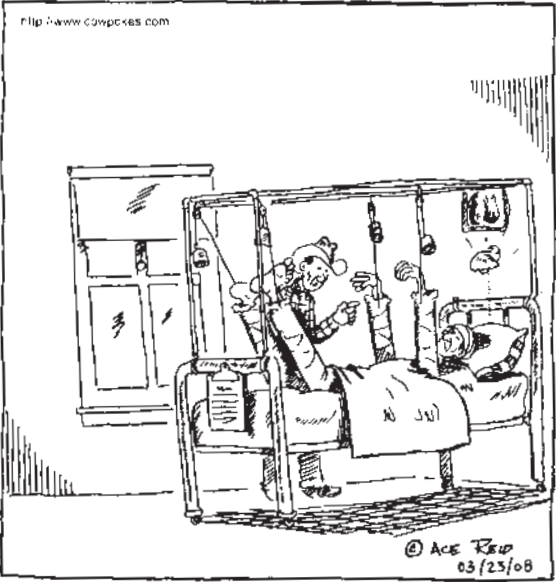
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# Owyhee celebrates Easter



### Egg hunts create cute scenes

**Top:** Children scramble to find Easter eggs during Saturday morning's Grand View Lions Club Easter egg hunt in City Park. Photo by Doug Thurman. **Bottom:** Kendra Dee Williams was the youngest participant in the Jordan Valley FFA chapter's Easter egg hunt held Friday on Jordan Valley High School's football field. Photo by Tara Echave



### Community involvement drives Homedale event

**Top:** Volunteer Tim Chinnock helps a youngster claim his prize after the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Easter egg hunt at Sundance Park on Saturday. **Above:** The Easter bunny (AKA Mary Wilson, the wife of Mayor Harold Wilson) poses with members of the Homedale High School junior varsity softball team, which helped hide the plastic eggs before the event. The softball players involved were, from left: sophomore Carmen Zatica, pitcher/outfielder; freshman Sarah Maggard, center fielder/second baseman; sophomore Chelsea Troxel, outfielder; freshman Marissa Ensley, pitcher/shortstop; freshman Brooke Fry, outfielder; and junior Angie "G" Cuellar, catcher.



### Lions Club sponsors activities in Marsing

**Above:** According to the Marsing Lions Club member Don Denton, over 120 people enjoyed a fundraising breakfast at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center on Saturday. Denton said that last year, around 100 people took part in the breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast go to defray costs of Marsing's annual Easter egg hunt organized by the Lions Club. **Left:** Children in four different age groups, including the young lady pictured wearing a pink sweatshirt accessorized by matching shoes and bunny-shaped handbag, dashed out onto the Marsing High School football field and athletic track Saturday morning to claim some of the 2,000 Easter eggs placed there.



# Owyhee celebrates Easter



## Holy Week luncheons draw crowds in Homedale

*Above:* Diners line the wall at the First Presbyterian Church in Homedale as others dish up food during Friday's installment of the Holy Week Luncheon Series. Each day, a different church hosted the meal at the Presbyterian church. *Right:* Helen Chadez plays music before the start of Friday's installment of the Holy Week Luncheon Series at First Presbyterian Church in Homedale.



# Homedale businesses make comeback



## Owyhee Sand and Gravel rebuilds

*Top:* Gibson Construction owner John Gibson notches a post Thursday as he continues to work on the frame of the new shop for Owyhee Sand and Gravel on Northside Road. Gibson said his crew has been working about three weeks on the building that will replace the company's original shop that burned in December. *Below:* Gibson expects the new building to be completed in another three weeks.



## Bahem back to business as usual

*A customer's vehicle sits on a lift in the rebuilt workroom of Alan Bahem's auto body shop south of Homedale. The room sustained heavy damage when the building caught fire in September. Bahem said that the shop was down for repairs for three months. Bahem thanked his friends and customers for their kindness and patience while the shop was being reconstructed.*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008

# Trojans track team can't wait to run

Coach: Lack of early-season meets could pay off in the end

After losing a home meet and having its first competition of the season washed out, the Homedale High School track and field team is champing at the bit. But, coming off a 2007 season in which

Trojans athletes won two state championships, one can't blame the team for being impatient. "The season's a week longer this year," Homedale coach Thomas Thomas said.

"We haven't had any meets yet. "That makes the month of March a practice season, and it makes them hungry." Homedale's first meet will be the Bob Walker Lions Invitational on April 4 in Nyssa, Ore., but Thomas isn't concerned about the lack of competition. "There's an advantage to not having a meet because they have more consistent

training," the coach said. That could be bad news for opposing athletes considering that the Trojans boys squad has the defending 3A high jump state champion in Austin Emry, and several other athletes on the brink of breakout seasons. "Some kids are pretty antsy, but their — See *Track*, page 16



Trojans edge rival Marsing

Homedale catcher Tyler Ford waits for the throw as Marsing's Nick Birmingham heads home.

## Homedale rallies to 1st win

Fruitland sends Trojans to big loss in SRV opener

Three hours of batting practice early in the week paid off for Homedale High School with the baseball team's first victory. Ryan Davis and Ryan Vance scored on Joey Cline's two-run double in the top of the seventh inning as the Trojans snapped a tie and a season-opening six game losing streak by handing Marsing its first loss of the season March 18.



Villarreal homers vs. Fruitland

Homedale junior Rodrigo Villarreal receives congratulations after smacking a home run for the Trojans' first run Thursday.

Cline held on through a rocky bottom of the seventh to finish out a 6-5 victory for Homedale (1-7 overall, 0-1 3A Snake River Valley conference at week's end). "I think we spent all day (March 17)," coach Burke Deal said. "We had a three-hour batting practice, and we videoed some things and analyzed their swings." It paid off as Davis ripped a solid single before Cline crushed his double to help the Trojans battle back from a 4-2 deficit. "It was an exciting comeback, and it was exciting that they stuck in there," Deal said. "I think that's the good thing; that through a couple of pretty tough losses they

were able to put it together and hang in there." Cline pitched a complete game, but tired in the seventh, putting the tying run on base and allowing the Huskies (4-1 through Sunday) to cut the lead in half when Taylor Nielsen scored on Matt Hill's sacrifice fly. Even as Cline was having difficulty finding the plate in the bottom of the seventh, Deal said he only fleetingly thought about pulling the right-hander. "It crossed my mind for a second, but I thought it was his game to lose," Deal said. "He'd pitched

a great game." The victory ended a six-game losing streak during which Homedale was held hitless in two contests, and the win over Marsing came three days after a 16-1 non-conference loss to Parma that Deal said was closer than the final tally. Homedale was within four runs, 5-1, through five innings against the Panthers on March 15. On Thursday, Homedale started its conference season with a lopsided loss to powerful Fruitland (7-1, 1-0) on the Trojans' home field. No details were provided. — JPB

## HHS grad tabbed for all-star game

Football folks outside of Idaho are taking notice of Homedale High School graduate Michael Eby. First, the former Eastern Oregon linebacker worked out for officials of various NFL teams at the Boise State University Pro Day on March 3. Now, Eby has been selected to play in the second annual Victory Sports Network (VSN) Senior Classic football game on April 19 in Platte City, Mo. The

best seniors from NAIA programs across the nation are selected for the all-star game. Eby was EOU's second-leading tackler in his final season, racking up 26 solo tackles, 65 assists and 5.5 tackles for loss. He also had 1½ sacks and a forced fumble. As a junior, Eby was the team's third-leading play-stopper with 30 unassisted tackles and 37 assists. He also had — See *Game*, page 15



Michael Eby

## Raiders come on late to beat NC JV



Araujo paces Rimrock

Ricardo Araujo started on the mound March 18 against Nampa Christian, but it was his triple, stolen base and two runs scored that pushed Rimrock to a non-conference victory over the Trojans' junior varsity squad.

Rimrock High School shook off Nampa Christian's fast start to grab a narrow non-conference baseball win on the road March 18. Devin Meyers carried the Raiders to a 6-5 victory over the Trojans' junior varsity squad in Nampa. The right-hander got the win on the mound, and he went 2-for-3 with a double, two RBI, a stolen base and three runs scored. "This was a good ballgame," Rimrock coach Bob Murray said. "The kids battled back after the second inning. The kids didn't give up and played hard. It was a good first win." Nampa Christian owned a 5-2 lead after three innings, but Rimrock scored two runs each in the fifth and seventh innings to gain control. Meyers, who struck out 10 and walked no one in a complete-game loss to Marsing in the Raiders' opener on March 14, fanned five Trojans and scattered three hits in 5 1/3 innings. He didn't walk anyone again. Ricardo Araujo scored twice with a triple and stolen base. Juan Gomez was 2-for-3 with three RBIs for Rimrock (1-1).



Sports

JV hoops players earn awards

The Jordan Valley High School basketball teams passed out end-of-season awards last week.

Coach Doug Rutan's girls team and the boys team coached by Mike Workman were honored during the school's winter sports awards ceremony March 17.

The girls team was named top academic team among Oregon's 1A schools. The award comes from the Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All-State Program.

The team had a 3.86 grade-point average.

The other girls team awards were:

- Most valuable player — Annie Mackenzie
- Defensive player of the year — Emma Johnson
- Offensive player of the year — Elisa Eiguren
- Most inspirational player — Catie Kershner
- Most promising player — Kayla Cuvelier
- Most hustle/best floor burn — Jessie White
- Rebounder of the year — Athena Beckwith
- Coach's award — Nickie Naegle

Mackenzie was an HDL first-teamer and made the second team for the all-district squad. Eiguren was a second-teamer in the all-league voting, while White made the honorable mention list.

The boys awards included:

- Most valuable player — Koehl Trautman
- Defensive player of the year — Brandon Mackenzie
- Most improved player — Dusty Easterday
- Most inspirational player — Bryce Kershner
- Coach's award — Tim Eiguren and Carlen Hipwell

Trautman was a first-team selection both in the HDL voting as well as the all-district tournament poll. Alek Quintero and Zac Fillmore were on the second team both for All-HDL and all-tourney.

The Jordan Valley junior varsity girls basketball players also were honored:

- Most valuable player — Emma Johnson
- Best rebounder — Mattie Wroten
- Defensive player of the year — Michelle Telleria

Rimrock vs. Marsing  
Big second inning lifts  
Huskies baseball team

Marsing High School survived a slugfest in the second inning Thursday to edge Rimrock in a non-conference baseball game played in Bruneau.

The Huskies (4-1 overall) scored three unearned runs to beat the Raiders for the second time in six days. The teams combined for 13 runs in the second inning, but Marsing emerged with a 10-8 victory.

Joey Burril was 2-for-2 with two runs scored for Marsing, which took an 8-0 lead with a seven-run second inning.

The Huskies' rally was fueled by a leadoff triple from Martin Galvez, a triple from Matt Hill and a two-out double by sophomore Ethan Salove. The rally came against Rimrock starter Juan Gomez.

The Raiders (1-3) fired back in the bottom of the inning, scoring seven runs after Marsing left-hander Galvez had retired the first two batters.

Consecutive singles by Stetson Dick, Ricardo Araujo, Devin Meyers, Gomez and Reid Hipwell helped Rimrock bat around.

Meyers finished 3-for-4 with two runs scored and a fourth-inning double. Hipwell was 2-for-3.

✓ Game: One more go for Michael Eby

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three interceptions and a sack.

Coaches for the VSN Senior Classic will be Vic Wallace, who recently retired after 14 years leading Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn., and Ted Kes-singer, an NAIA Hall of Famer who coached at St. Thomas in Minnesota and William Jewell in Liberty, Mo.

According to VSN's Web site, the inaugural 2007 game attracted 120 players, with four of those signing NFL contracts and two enlisting with Canadian Football League teams. Several other players signed Arena Football League or AF2 contracts or joined other pro teams.

— JPB

Two-out run propels  
Marsing softball squad

Elly Collett singled and scored with two outs in the top of the sixth inning Thursday to push Marsing High School to a non-conference softball victory over Rimrock in Bruneau.

Collett was 2-for-4 with two runs scored in a 5-4 win.

The Huskies (2-4 overall) scored all their runs in the fifth and sixth innings against Rimrock senior right-hander Shelby Chandler.

Trailing 1-0, Marsing scored four runs in the fifth inning, kicking off the rally with five consecutive singles.

Rimrock rallied in the bottom of the inning to knot the score, 4-4. Chandler and Sadie Timmons singled and scored runs during the uprising, while Janice Ontiveros smacked a two-run double.

Timmons was 3-for-4 to lead the Raiders' offense. Randie Denton went 1-for-4 with two runs, including the score that gave Rimrock a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third against Collett.



Elly Collett

# Trojan Spring Sports

## BASEBALL

Varsity  
Monday, March 31 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 1, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

## Junior varsity

Monday, March 31, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

Varsity  
Saturday, March 29, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 31, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 1, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

## Junior varsity

Tuesday, April 1, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

## TRACK & FIELD

Friday, April 4  
at Don Walker Invitational, Nyssa, Ore.

## GOLF

Monday, March 31 at 3A Snake River Valley conference match, Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 3 p.m.

## TENNIS

Monday March 31, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 4 p.m.  
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Sports



Fruitland rallies to beat Homedale in SRV opener

A Homedale baserunner makes it to second base just ahead of the tag of the Fruitland shortstop during the third inning of Thursday's 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener at Sundance Park. The Grizzlies erased a 3-2 deficit to win the game. Homedale had taken the one-run lead in the third inning.

Two Trojans in top 10 at Canyon classic

Competing against larger schools, Homedale High School put two players in the top 10 Thursday at the Jack Jones Canyon County Classic golf tournament.

Grant Sweet finished seventh, 10 shots off the 71 Vallivue's Clay Christensen shot to win medalist honors at Purple Sage Golf Course in Caldwell.

Ryan Garrett fired an 83 to finish ninth in the individual tournament.

"I was very pleased with the way the team played," Homedale coach David Thompson said. "Both Grant and Ryan Garrett played out in 44s, and Grant came in with a fine 37 and Ryan finished with a 39."

Sparked by Christensen's 71, Vallivue won the team champion-

ship with a 319, four strokes better than Emmett. Homedale finished tied with Skyview of Nampa for fifth place. Both teams shot 341, 32 strokes ahead of Garden Valley, the next team in the standings.

Ryan Ryska carded a 42 in his first nine holes, but ran into difficulty down the stretch with a couple shots out of bounds on No. 12, according to Thompson. Ryska finished at 88.

Jonathan Verwer holed a birdie from the bunker in front of a crowded gallery on No. 18 to highlight his day.

Homedale takes a breather for Spring Break before resuming play Monday at Scotch Pines in Payette for the Trojans' 3A Snake River Valley conference opener against Fruitland.



Grant Sweet



Ryan Garrett

Homedale coach's spotlight — David Thompson



David Thompson

Positions held

Golf and freshman boys basketball

Number of years coaching

Two years at Homedale as off-campus coach

What is the most important aspect of coaching in Homedale?

At times the kids seem to have an inferiority complex when they compete with the larger schools in our league. Getting the kids to believe in themselves and their teammates is an ongoing challenge.

What do you enjoy about coaching?

Teaching the fundamentals of the sports and how that relates to real life

What is your greatest achievement/or most significant accomplishment as a coach?

The boys (golf) were co-Snake River Valley conference champs in '07

What is your occupation outside of coaching?

I retired in November 2005 from running a Boys & Girls Club in Southern California for 38 years.

Tell us about your family, and the role they play while you coach

My children are grown and out of the house. We spend as much time as possible with them and our grandchildren.

My wife endures the late nights for games and the daily practice schedule and makes me feel as though I am not imposing upon our time during our retirement years.

— Submitted by Athletic Enhancement Committee

√ Track: Thomas foresees possibility of school records falling by wayside

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plates will be full soon enough," Thomas said.

Emry has been slowed after hurting his ankle in the second-to-last Homedale boys basketball game of the season, but Thomas said the junior's regimen has been scaled back to allow him to heal.

"We've held him out of the triple jump because of the impact it has on the body," Thomas said.

But Emry seems to be on track to threaten Marcus Christoffersen's 1997 long jump mark of 22 feet, 10 1/2 inches. The first day that coaches measured practice performances this year, Emry soared 21-7.

Emry probably also will threaten Matt Lowder's 18-year-old record in the high jump. Lowder cleared 6-7 1/2 to set the mark, and Emry's best jump as a sophomore was 6-6.

While Matt Holloway graduated, Emry and senior Austin Ferguson return to maintain a solid stable of high jumpers.

It's possible that Emry could

own three school records by the end of the year. He already has the top triple jump performance in school history at 42-7 1/2, but even that mark might be in jeopardy.

"When Emry's healthy, he could possibly break his own triple jump record," Thomas said.

Sophomore Trent Acree is another underclassman who could continue to turn heads.

He recently competed in the 200 meters at the prestigious Simplot Games in Pocatello, and Thomas said the athlete's speed has improved.

Acree will run the sprints, the 4x400-meter relay and also he'll compete in the long jump and triple jump, Thomas said.

The coach also said that Daniel Valadez has a chance of making

May's state meet at Bronco Stadium as a shot putter and possibly as a discus thrower.

"We have a good number of first-time throwers," Thomas said. "They're a dedicated group of throwers."

Valadez and returner Sam Hart, another senior, are joined by Mark Klug and Dayton Syme.

Other athletes to watch on the boys side include sophomore distance runner Jake Tolmie and senior Zach Tolmie, who Thomas says has a great work ethic.

On the girls side, one of the few athletes who actually has been able to see some action this season also is one of the Trojans' top runners.

Thomas said sophomore Kindra Galloway ran close to her personal record while winning the

100 meters at the Weiser Invitational before officials shut down the event because of weather conditions. Galloway also will compete in the 200, long jump and as part of Homedale's 4x100 relay team.

Junior Annamaria Salas comes back after a sophomore season that ended in the 3A state meet in Boise.

Another former state meet qualifier back in the fold is senior Rachel Wheeler. Wheeler competed in the 200 meters at State as a sophomore before taking last year off. She will enter the sprints and high jump this season.

Sophomore Katie Holloway is back after competing in the high jump at the state meet as a freshman. Thomas said she'll help in the jumps.

Nickole D'Alessio, another sophomore returning from a state meet appearance, could be on the verge of a breakout season in Thomas' eyes. The coach anticipates the 10th-grader will break the school shot put record of 35-8. Stefanie Woodburn set the record in 1999.

The small but strong core of athletes has Thomas optimistic about the girls team overall this season.

"I expect our girls team to be stronger this year," Thomas said.

Thomas said he was pleased with the way the team of about 34 athletes is shaping up. He also complimented his assistant coaches on how they've picked up extra duties to allow him to spend more time with his wife, Sherry, who continues to recover from a recent stroke.

"These kids we have this year are real coachable and a pleasure to be around," Thomas said.

— JPB



Austin Emry



Nicki D'Alessio



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# Looking back...

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## 25 years ago

### March 23, 1983

#### City council, farmers agree on usage of city water

A group of approximately 20 farmers met with the Homedale City Council in a special meeting last Wednesday evening to discuss the use of city water obtained from the standpipe near city hall.

During the council’s regular meeting, members voted to construct a building around the standpipe and lock it. The action resulted in several complaints from rural residents who have had access to the water for years.

Following the complaints, Mayor George Murray called a special meeting to work out a solution to the problem.

At the special meeting, the farmers suggested the city keep the system access locked and issue keys to those who have arranged to pay for the water used. The danger of contamination by insecticides was also discussed, and it was agreed that such chemicals not be carried on the water trucks using city water.

Following further discussion, the council accepted the suggestion Murray said, and keys are being made.

#### Committee considers another swim pool repair bid

The swimming pool committee of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce has received another bid on the refurbishing of the facility, committee member Hal Tolmie said Monday.

Although details of the bid were not available, Tolmie said it was “certainly worth consideration.”

The previous bid was for \$24,500, which is \$4,500 more than the chamber budgeted for the project.

Tolmie said a decision will be made by early next week, and hopes that construction can begin immediately.

#### Pitman chosen as farmer of year

The Owyhee Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors named Sam Pitman the outstanding conservation farmer in the Owyhee SCD for 1982. Sam owns and operates a dairy farm in the Wilson Community south of Givens Hot Springs.

Sam farmed with his father until 1970, at which time he purchased the 280-acre farm from his father. In 1976 he purchased an additional 40 acres. There are approximately 210 acres of irrigated cropland and 95 acres of dry pasture land. All farming operations are oriented towards the production of top quality feed for the dairy herd.

Sam milks 65 to 70 high producing Holstein dairy cows, with more than half of the herd being registered. His herd average last year was 17,253 lbs. of milk and 642 lbs. of butter fat per cow.

#### Jaycee update

Twenty-five dollars has recently been donated to COSSA for Special Olympics. The Jaycees have decided to donate manpower in the renovation of the Homedale swimming pool, if approved. Plans are underway for a fun bus weekend trip to Elko, Nevada, in April.

President Fred Egurrola reports a recent purchase of equipment from the Marsing Theater, including a popcorn popper. Fred says that the Jaycees are still in need of financial assistance to order fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They would appreciate any donation, however small or large to the Idaho First Homedale Jaycee Fireworks account.

#### Over coffee...

Pearl Perkel, President of the second Ward LDS Relief Society, reports that its annual dinner was held March 10 in commemoration of the 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Relief Society Organization. Lunch was served to the 55 present, following a short program.

Vera Bevill of Brentwood, California, came to Idaho to see her daughter, Wilma and Al Habig of Fargo on March 6. Last Thursday Wilma and Vera left for Longview, Washington, to visit Wilma’s daughter, Gloria and Terry McKenney, and their children, Sean, Kelli and Randae, for a few days.

## 50 years ago

### March 27, 1958

#### Organizational meeting of Presbyterian church held

The organizational service of the First Presbyterian church by the Presbytery of Boise, was held in the armory Sunday with 240 persons attending. Roswell, Parma, Emmett, Caldwell, Nampa and Boise were represented.

Baptismal services, the reception of the 53 charter members by confession of faith, reaffirmation of faith and by letter of transfer; special music by the Parma men’s glee club, Mrs. Walter Bauch and Mrs. David Phelps, were included in the service.

The services were presided over by Rev. C. Warren VanCamp, moderator, Presbytery, Boise; Rev. Francis M. Kirk, Jr., interim pastor, First Presbyterian church, Boise, national missions committee; Rev. Paul E. Baker, dean of men, Boise Junior college; Rev. Ralph O. Marshall, pastor of Kirkpatrick Memorial church, Parma; Rev. William D. Millen, pastor of United Presbyterian church, Nampa; Rev. John F. Shaw, pastor of Sterry Memorial Presbyterian church, Roswell, Rev. Robert C. Shupe, DD, stated clerk of the Presbytery of Boise and pulpit supply for Homedale; Rev. Lee W. Underhill, Ph. D., department of religion at the College of Idaho, Caldwell; and Rev. Curtis Westfall, V. P., for Development, College of Idaho.

Reverend Shaw was appointed moderator and Reverend Shupe will continue as interim pastor.

#### Firemen called to Symms farm

Homedale volunteer firemen raced to the Symms farm one and one-half miles west of Homedale, Monday morning in answer to a call.

A glove had been left on a stove and had caused a good deal of smoke, but no fire or damage, according to Bruce Smith, rural fire chief.

#### More on Owyhee County Planning Board

One might say that the planning commission is an advisory committee to the county commissioners on many of the matters that come before the board.

It is the duty of the commission to recommend and make suggestions to the county board for the adoption of co-ordinated plans for the physical development of the county; to make suggestions concerning the laying out, widening, extending and locating of roads and highways; to make suggestions concerning the population and development of land within the county; to make suggestions concerning the future growth and development of the county; and to promote the public health, morals, safety and welfare of the inhabitants thereof.

These are just a few of the purposes of a planning commission relative to a county.

The planning commission has been of assistance in promoting and securing the following:

Extension service; services of a resident county agent; services of a resident home demonstration agent; county fair; emergency airstrips in the county; Marsing-Indian Cove oiled highway; signs for county highway; bridge at Rabbit Creek crossing on highway No. 45; rodent control; weed program; soil conservation; flood control; addition to county jail; armory at Homedale; re-valuation of Owyhee County; publicizing Silver City, Bruneau Canyon and Sand Dunes as tourist attractions.

The above and many more projects or services have been discussed or acted upon by the commission.

The members of the planning commission do not draw any salary. However, they can draw mileage if they wish to attend the meetings, but mileage claims are seldom turned in. The budget for the commission is usually around \$500 a year, which if not used is turned back to the current expense fund of the county.

#### Homedale locals

Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Dick Fry, Jr., home were Mrs. Nellie Kelson, Mrs. Martha Mortensen, Mrs. Carrie Vanderhoff and Bill Vanderhoff.

## 140 years ago

### March 21, 1868

EIGHT HOUR LAW. The eight hour law, recently passed by the California Legislature, goes into effect the 19<sup>th</sup> of April next. By its provisions eight hours’ labor is a legal day’s work, except when otherwise stipulated between the parties concerned. In all contracts in which the State, County, or municipal government therein is a party, eight hours shall constitute a legal days’ work. Any person or persons having minor children in their employ or under their control, either as wards or apprentices, and who shall exact from such more than eight hours labor, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, or, in default of which, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail not less than two nor more than twenty days. Agricultural, horticultural, vinicultural and the services of household and domestic servants are not included within the provisions of this law.

KEEP OUT OF DEBT. Horace Greeley, in his “Recollections of a Busy Life,” gives the following good advice: “Hunger, cold, rags, hard work, contempt, suspicion, unjust reproach are disagreeable: but debt is infinitely worse than them all. And if it pleased God to spare either or all of my sons, to be the support and solace of my declining years, the lesson which I should have most earnestly sought to impress upon them is — Never run in debt. Avoid pecuniary obligations as you would pestilence and famine. If you have but fifty cents and get no more for a week, buy a peck of corn, parch it, and live on it, rather than owe any man a dollar.”

SHERIFF’S OFFICE, Owyhee Co., I. T., March 20  
EDS. AVALANCHE: Having heard that it is the opinion of many of our profoundest street and chimney corner lawyers that it is my duty as Sheriff of the County, to summon a “posse comitatus,” or call out the military to aid me in interfering with the working of the mines claimed respectively by Wilson & Co. and Beachey & Co., and for the benefit of such persons and of those who might otherwise be duped by them, I will say:

That I have no official knowledge of anything that has transpired in the said mines;

That it is no part of a Sheriff’s duty to employ the power of the County to watch from day to day to prevent an apprehended breach of the peace.

When a warrant is put into my hands I shall endeavor to execute it — until then, I propose to attend to my own legitimate business, wiseacres to the contrary, not withstanding.

A.C. Springer, Sheriff of said County.

PROGRESS OF IMPEACHMENT. On Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. The United States Senate organized itself into a Court of Impeachment. Chief Justice Chase took the oath, as also did all the Senators except four who were temporarily absent. A question then arose as to whether Wade could have a seat and vote in the Court, he being President of the Senate, would succeed to the Presidency by law should Johnson be removed. The Republican Senators ranged themselves on the affirmative side of the proposition and the Democrats the negative. The next day the debate was closed and Wade’s right to a seat and vote was confirmed. He and the remaining Senators were then sworn in and the Court adopted the rules of the Senate by which to conduct the trial. A summons was issued to the President by the Court, made returnable on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. The President is required to respond in person. The Court of Impeachment was then adjourned to March 13<sup>th</sup>. It is said that in the event of Johnson’s removal, Wade will resign his office of President of the Senate pro tem, in which case Speaker Colfax will be President of the Nation by existing law. Various rumors are afloat as to what course President Johnson will pursue. Some reports say he will file a demurrer denying the jurisdiction of the Court but the latest sensation is that he intends to resign his office and appeal to the people, through the ballot box, to reinstate him.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense



### I like oil

I must confess I like oil and I like factory farming  
And I think factory health care is absolutely charming  
And factory education lets us school the huddled masses

While Conoco and offshore rigs produce our natural gases.

Factory transportation is a middle seat in coach  
It's soccer moms in minivans, the thrifty man's approach.

If there ain't no fancy Lear jet parked outside your bungalow

It still means you can pack your lunch and stand in line and go!

I love the pharmaceuticals who've given us new life  
From cancer cures to Botox shots, reduced our stress and strife

And doubled up our lifespan, though you hear them cursed a lot

By the very ones whose world they've changed, I guess they just forgot?

Forgot that all the coal they hate gave birth to industry  
That heats our homes and gives us cars and opportunity

And jobs, and time to stop and rest, take respite from the toil.

We built a country, good and great, with blood and sweat and oil.

There's some who sneer and denigrate what we call factory farming

Though we can feed the multitudes, they find it most alarming

"They're using everything," they say, "to make it more efficient.

And cheaper for the common folks." Do they think that they're omniscient?

Folks, there's nothing wrong with gardens or organic, we all know

The problem is most can't afford food that costs so much to grow.

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Wayne Cornell

## Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



### An afternoon with granddaughters

Ella and Grace came to our house for a Saturday visit. It was the first time Ella had been away from her mom for an extended period of time. It was the first time her parents were able to have some time to themselves since Ella was born back in late January.

At age 4½, Grace knows us well, spending at least a couple of hours with Grandma five days a week. But her little sister is a different story. After Mom and Dad departed, Ella looked at Sara as if she was thinking, "Who are you and where is that wonderful person who usually talks to me and feeds me when I cry?"

Sara assigned individual duties before the girls arrived. Her job was to keep Ella happy. Mine was to stay home and entertain Grace.

I had been looking forward to the visit so I could shoot some good pictures of Ella. But after her parents left, she cried for a little bit, then drank a bottle of milk and did what she does best — go to sleep. I already have enough pictures of her with her eyes closed.

The weather outside wasn't great. When I asked Gracie what she wanted to do, her immediate response was, "Let's watch Looney Tunes, Grandpa."

Grace knows I can't turn down an excuse to watch Looney Tunes. The Warner Brothers cartoons have action for the kids and funny dialogue for adults. You don't see them too much on TV anymore. I suppose some of them are too violent and/or not politically correct enough for modern

society. That's probably why I like 'em so much. Last fall we acquired the Ultimate Looney Tune DVD Collection. It contains something like 20 DVDs, each containing about 10 cartoons. That's a lot of Looney Tunes.

Grace is particularly fond of the Coyote v. Roadrunner cartoons. She'll laugh every time the coyote falls off a cliff. But she likes all the characters. On this day, Daffy Duck and Porky Pig were the primary stars. As we watched, I taught Gracie how to say "Bidee, Bidee, Bidee..That's all Folks!" After 2½ hours and more than 20 cartoons, she was pretty good at it.

Later in the afternoon, Ella woke up again — hungry as usual. She has a technique of crying without opening her eyes to see if anyone is doing anything to remedy the reason she is crying. I sang "Bye Baby Bunting" to her and she quit crying and opened her eyes. I'm not sure if my singing soothed her or stunned her.

It was about 6:30 when Scott and Jenny returned to pick up their offspring. They seemed very appreciative of their break and we enjoyed having the chance to spend some time with both of our granddaughters. But as all grandparents know, the great thing about that status is that at the end of the day, the kiddies go home.

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## Accuracy In Media Both parties violate the Constitution

by Cliff Kincaid

The liberals have come up with a clever way of ratifying dangerous treaties, which now require a two-thirds vote (67) to pass in the Senate. They will introduce them as legislation, requiring only a majority vote to pass. The model for this new approach is the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which President Bush mistakenly refers to as a treaty.

Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have been portrayed by our media as being opposed to it. In fact, they want to make NAFTA stronger. They want to renegotiate the pact and attach binding commitments and strong enforcement mechanisms on labor and environmental issues. In effect, the Democrats are calling for NAFTA to assume even more supranational authority over economic activity in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. This could be the next step on the road to a proposed North American Union.

Regarding NAFTA, Hillary says she wants "to fix NAFTA by making it clear that we'll have core labor and environmental standards in the agreement. We will do everything we can to make it enforceable, which it is not now." Obama says, "As president of the United States, I intend to make certain that every agreement that we sign has the labor standards, the environmental standards and the safety standards that are going to protect not just workers, but also consumers."

When President Bush criticized these comments as tantamount to threatening a U.S. withdrawal from NAFTA, he said that "It's not good policy on the merits and it's not good policy as a message to send to ... people who have in good faith signed a treaty and worked with us on a treaty."

But it was not treated as a treaty in the U.S. President Bill Clinton submitted NAFTA as an agreement, requiring only a majority of votes in both Houses of Congress for passage, and not a treaty, requiring a two-thirds vote in favor in the Senate. NAFTA passed by

votes of 234-200 in the House and 61-38 in the Senate.

Clinton did it this way because he didn't have the votes to pass NAFTA as a treaty (requiring 67 votes) in the Senate. But how did he pull off such a blatantly illegal and unconstitutional move?

Although the strict text of the U.S. Constitution includes the treaty clause as the only means by which the U.S. can enter into such international agreements, there's a growing body of mostly liberal-left "legal opinion" that holds that "congressional-executive agreements" like NAFTA can serve as substitutes for treaties.

Clinton's move was seen at the time, even by some on the left, as an effort to bypass constitutional processes, and the United Steelworkers challenged NAFTA's constitutionality in court. The case reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 2001, after lower courts had thrown the case out, saying it was a political matter between the President and Congress. The Bush administration sided with Clinton, and the Supreme Court declined to get involved.

The Bush administration's support for the unconstitutional Clinton approach could easily backfire on conservatives if the Democrats take the White House and hold Congress in the fall elections. Citing NAFTA as a precedent, liberal Democrats could submit and pass treaties by a simple majority vote.

In an article in the liberal American Prospect, Thomas Geoghegan lamented that the Kyoto global warming treaty and the International Criminal Court "are among the great global projects of our day" but are not getting through the Senate because of the two-thirds majority required for passage. "So what's the way out of this bind? It's the same way out we used for NAFTA or for fast-track free-trade agreements. That is, we just pass a simple law," he said.

Geoghegan says the reason liberals can't get these measures currently passed in the Senate is because this body "over-represents" places like "Wyoming, Idaho and

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# Commentary

## ✓ **Constitution:** Bush using Clintonian tactic around treaty protocol

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America’s backwoods.” In other words, Red State senators have too much clout under the Constitution. They are obstructing the “progressive” vision.  
Geoghegan says legal justification for this new approach can be found in an article in the American Journal of International Law by Steve Charnovitz, an associate professor of international law at the George Washington University School of Law. The article complains about Senate inaction on such treaties as the feminist Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the anti-parent U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, and various U.N. human rights treaties.  
Since this article appeared, in October 2004, the Bush administration has been trying to pressure the Senate into ratifying the Law of the Sea Treaty. It now awaits full Senate action.  
Charnovitz admits the approach of pushing these treaties as mere agreements would be controversial. But he finds comfort in the fact that the legal action against NAFTA was thrown out.  
It would make a good issue for John McCain, except for the fact that he’s for NAFTA and most of the U.N. treaty agenda.  
— *Cliff Kincaid is the editor of Accuracy In Media, and can be contacted at cliff.kincaid@aim.org.*

## ✓ **Baxter:** Castigated industry has helped us realize great prosperity

*From previous page*  
If the world was a perfect place, the ‘complaining’ crowd’s ideal  
We’d have no impact on the Earth, bananas with no peel,  
Forests without clear-cut tracts, factories without smoke,  
No endless freeways, windmill farms, no global warming jokes.  
  
But none of us, ’specially farmers, like the crowding and pollution  
But with the help of oil and gas, there came a revolution  
Where people could find work to live, and improve their situation  
And farmers who could feed themselves, were asked to feed the nation.  
  
And we who till and mine and build your malls and schools unending  
Leave footprints with each concrete pour that take millennia in mending  
The search to give us all good lives, and all ... not just a few,  
Should also strive to make our tracks less harmful when we do.  
  
So here we sit on God’s green Earth, each one a worker bee  
Contributing our own small part to have prosperity  
And I, for one, am thankful what oil and factory farming gave  
For if we’d stopped each time they whined, we’d still live in a cave!

## Property taxes Bill would give taxpayers a voice

*The following commentary addresses House Bill 579, which was passed by the Idaho House of Representatives, 39-29-2, on March 7. The bill had its first reading in the Senate on March 10*  
— *Ed.*  
  
*By Reps. Mike Moyle  
and Rich Wills*

State law provides all the mechanisms needed to raise property taxes, and as a result, many Idahoans are being taxed out of their homes.  
We’re offering a different approach. We are co-sponsoring legislation (House Bill 579), which allows property taxpayers the opportunity to reduce taxes by the same process that’s used to raise taxes. This bill gives Idahoans a much-needed outlet for property-tax relief, while promoting accountability with local governments.  
It’s high time to change the mindset in this state. At the moment, the advantage tilts to the taxation structure we’ve created that digs into the pockets of hard-working Idahoans. The property taxpayers, meanwhile, have limited recourse.  
HB 579 levels the playing field. It gives taxpayers the authority to resist excessive property taxes and initiate local-option property tax relief in the form of a budget limitation or reduction of the property tax portion of the district’s budget. An election on a budget limitation may be held after the district adopts a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year. Registered voters may initiate any budget

limitation election by petition from at least 10 percent of the number of people voting at the last election of the taxing district, just as we already do in other local elections.  
As you might imagine, we’re hearing a lot of concerns over this proposal from those who object to the mere thought of having their revenue stream cut, or having to justify their budgets. Opposition comes from some of those who think that constitutional requirement for a two-thirds vote on tax increases is too restrictive. These are the people who generally are well represented during every legislative session by special-interest lobbyists.  
We’re hearing no criticism from those who have to pay the bills — Idaho’s taxpayers, which is what we are. We can relate to the folks who work hard to provide for their families or senior citizens who try to make ends meet on fixed incomes — only to find that property taxes keep going up. The hard-working taxpayers may not have the ability to hire lobbyists to promote their interests, but we’re trying to make sure the taxpayers are not forgotten in the legislative process.  
All elected officials — whether we are in the Idaho Legislature or a local taxing district — never want to forget who we work for. The needs of our constituents must be the highest priority in our decision-making.  
The time is right for the Legislature to approve H 579.  
— *Rep. Mike Moyle (R-Star) is Majority Leader in the Idaho House of Representatives. Rep. Rich Wills (R-Glenn Ferry) is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.*

*Sen. Mike Crapo*

## From Washington Digital TV conversion could have major impact in Idaho



We’ve certainly come a long way from the television pioneering days of Philo T. Farnsworth, one of Idaho’s finest inventors. Eighty years ago, the young inventor developed the theory that resulted in the first electric television. That unit and its contemporaries present a stark contrast to today’s televisions. Early televisions had notoriously large electronic tubes and devices supporting very small screens; today’s televisions are almost all screen, driven by tiny microchips.  
Television mechanics and the science of broadcasting have undergone the same mammoth changes as other technology in recent years, and we’re on the cusp of another revolution in television. As many of you know, full-power broadcasters will cease analog broadcasts on Feb. 17, 2009, and begin broadcasting television signals in a digital format. This change will free up critical analog bandwidth for public safety communications and for wireless services.  
This represents a significant change for many, but especially elderly consumers, minorities, individuals with disabilities and those in rural areas. As many as 400,000 Idahoans could be affected by this change. In February and early March, together with the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and Idaho’s television broadcasters, I hosted a series of informational meetings around Idaho to help educate consumers about the upcoming change to digital television and the assistance that the federal government will be providing.  
To broadcast over mountainous terrain, Idaho makes regular use of devices called translators, which receive signal from major full-power stations and repeat or “translate” them to a targeted broadcast area. These translator stations are not mandated to change to digital by the 2009 date. Many translator stations are being prepared for the transition by converting to digital only. Thus, many

also will begin broadcasting in digital on Feb. 18, 2009. Others may be equipped with a converter that will receive digital signal and translate it to analog. As a result, some viewers who are served by certain translator stations may continue to receive analog, over-the-air signals after the transition. If you receive your signal through a translator, please contact your local translator district to determine its plan for the digital transition.  
The transition to digital television is a positive step. A digital signal is clearer and carries better sound quality. To receive digital signals, consumers who do not subscribe to cable or satellite will need to either purchase a television with a digital tuner or purchase a digital-to-analog converter box. To assist consumers with the financial cost of this transition, Congress has established the “Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Program,” which provides households with two \$40 coupons to help offset the cost of the converter boxes.  
Idahoans, like many other Americans, rely on their televisions for news, entertainment, weather and emergency information. Given the fact that the percentage of people who receive their television signals over the air rather than through cable companies, is higher in Idaho than in many states, it’s critical that recipients have access to the latest information about how this digital transition will affect them.  
Like any major transition, this has its set of challenges, but they are far from insurmountable. There are local, state and federal information sources available to help. If you would like more information about the upcoming analog to digital television transition, please call my offices or visit my Web site: <http://crapo.senate.gov>. You will find a list of frequently asked questions and links to coupons at the site.  
— *Mike Crapo is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho.*



# Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**MARCH 10, 2008**  
**OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioner’s Hoagland, Freund, and Tolmie, Clerk Sherburn, Sheriff Aman, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Prosecutor Faulks, Mary Huff, Fred Grant and Jim Desmond.

Amendments to the agenda included: executive session, Planning & Zoning, and appointment to SWDH Board.

A conference call was held with IAC. The Board approved a letter regarding the Capital Crimes Defense Fund.

The Board met with members of the Snowmobile Committee to discuss allowable expenses for plowing snow.

The Board held an executive session on personnel & possible litigation.

The Board met with Idaho Fish & Game to discuss pending issues, and set up consistent coordination.

The Board sent a letter to Jarbidge BLM regarding the Jarbidge Draft Conceptual Alternatives to the Resource Management Plan.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-05 setting the mail ballot precincts for the 2008 elections.

The Board met as Board of Equalization.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-06 keeping areas in Owyhee County closed to traffic.

The Board accepted the resignation of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Joe Weatherby.

The Board moved to appoint Jeffrey Christoffersen to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Board reappointed Newton States as Gem County Representative to serve on the SWDH Board.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk’s office.  
/s/ Jerry Hoagland, Chairman  
Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn  
3/26/08

**APRIL 1, 2008 – 2ND QUARTER**  
**TO: CITY OF MARSING RESIDENTS**  
**FROM: CITY OF MARSING**  
**RE: WATER QUALITY IN THE CITY**

Dear City of Marsing Resident,

Effective January 26, 2006, the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. One well supplying water to the City of Marsing, Well #3, has an arsenic concentration of 11 ppb, which exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level set forth by the EPA. The City of Marsing is required to provide quarterly public notice of this exceedence. You will continue to receive this notice every quarter until such time as the City is notified by IDEQ the notice is no longer required.

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations. Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.

The City of Marsing is taking action to remove the well as a source of water for the water

system. As you may be aware, the City is in the process of upgrading the municipal water system, and a new well to serve the system, and replace Well #3, will be first item completed for water system upgrade project.  
3/26/08

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT**  
**REGARDING INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY**  
TO: All Interested Persons  
TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING: Legal notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 East Colorado Avenue in Homedale at 8:00 p.m. At which time any interested person may appear and show cause that the sale of the below described real property should not be made, as the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 3, 2008 has found that the below described real property is no longer useful to the Homedale Highway District.

The SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY is located on Old Pioneer Road, Owyhee County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows:

The parcel consists of a portion of Government Lot 1 of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northwest corner of Government Lot 1 a found 5/8 inch rebar with an aluminum cap;  
Thence North 90° 00’ 00” East along the north boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 418.39 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, a found ½ inch diameter rebar;  
Thence continuing North 90° 00’ 00” East a distance of 39.82 feet to a found ½ inch diameter rebar;  
Thence South 52° 56’ 42” East a distance of 1050.46 feet to a point on the east boundary of said Government Lot 1;  
Thence South 0° 33’ 42” East along said east boundary a distance of 30.29 feet to a found ½ inch diameter rebar;  
Thence North 52° 56’ 42” West a distance of 1100.73 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.592 acres, more or less, and being subject to all easements and rights-of-way of record or implied.

This description was written from recorded information on R.O.S. Inst. No. 213201.

Please take further notice that a copy of the survey of the said real property is available for public inspection at the Homedale Highway District office at 102 East Colorado, Homedale, Idaho from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT  
Terri Uria, Secretary  
DATED: March 19, 2008  
3/26/08

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**  
**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 364**  
**Owyhee County, Idaho**

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the election of one (1) Trustee for a term of three (3) years from Trustee Zone 1,

not later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2008. The election will be held on May 20, 2008.

Any person legally qualified to hold the office of school trustee in Pleasant Valley School District No. 364, Owyhee County, Idaho, may file a declaration of candidacy for the office, each of which shall bear the name of the candidate, state the term for which the declaration of candidacy is made, and bear the signature of not less than five (5) school district electors resident of the trustee zone of which the candidate is resident. A declaration of candidacy may be obtained at the School District Office, Pleasant Valley School, Owyhee County, Idaho. The declaration shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Pleasant Valley School District not later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth Friday preceding the day of election.

Rosa Maria, Clerk  
Board of Trustees  
Pleasant Valley School District  
No. 364, Owyhee County, Idaho  
3/26;4/2/08

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DISASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00 p.m.) o’clock p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (3) directors for a term of three years. One (1) each from the communities of Marsing Area, Sunnyslope and (1) for Director at Large from within the Association boundaries, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting.

Thomas Ineck  
Association Secretary  
03/26/08

**NOTICE OF LEIN SALE**

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

Unit E-8 and G-14, Charla Dudley, 507 W. California, Homedale, ID 83628, 8x8 and 13x22 with misc. house hold items and papers.

Unit E-2 Marvin Lewis, 62 Summit Ridge Rd., Horseshoe Bend, ID 83629, 8x8 with misc. household items.

Bids will be accepted at Hwy 95 Self Storage at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628 on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, in accordance with Idaho Code, 49-1702, 45-805.  
3/19,26/08

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT**

Joseph L. Parkinson of 123 W. Highland View Dr., Boise, ID 83702 filed Application No. 74581 to transfer three water rights with 1966 to 1977 priority dates from the Snake River and waste water. The transfer proposes to change the place of use under the rights to reflect current use by three pivots and handlines for a total of 424 acres. The wildlife and aesthetic uses under one waste water right and the Snake River right will remain unchanged. The lands are located near the Birds of Prey area on the west side of the Snake River.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with detail

provided under “new water right applications.” Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before April 7, 2008. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,  
Director  
3/19,26/08

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Idaho Code 25-2301, the State Brand Inspector is holding one 1-2 year old black bull, found Homedale-Marsing area. He will be sold at Treasure Valley Livestock Auction, Caldwell, Idaho, on Friday April 4, 2008. May be claimed with proof of ownership and paying all expenses. 459-4231  
3/26;4/2/08

**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  
3/12,19,26;4/2/08

**NOTICE**

The Idaho Unclaimed Property Program will post an updated list of Idaho Unclaimed Property owners on the internet on April 1, 2008. This online list will be updated quarterly at tax.idaho.gov (click on “Unclaimed Property”) anyone without Internet access can view the list on computers at any Idaho State Tax Commission office, or at most public libraries. Unclaimed Property consists of abandoned bank accounts, forgotten refund checks, utility deposits, gift certificates, and more.  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE** Loan No: 0019932383 T.S. No.: 07-11453-ID On 7/11/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, ID. 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 7/11/2008, 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: 3/13/2008 By: First American Title Insurance Company By Financial Title Company, Its Duly Authorized Agent 4 Hutton Centre, Suite 100 Santa Ana CA 92707 714-668-8420 Alma Nunez, Authorized Signor P380453  
3/26/4/2,9,16/08



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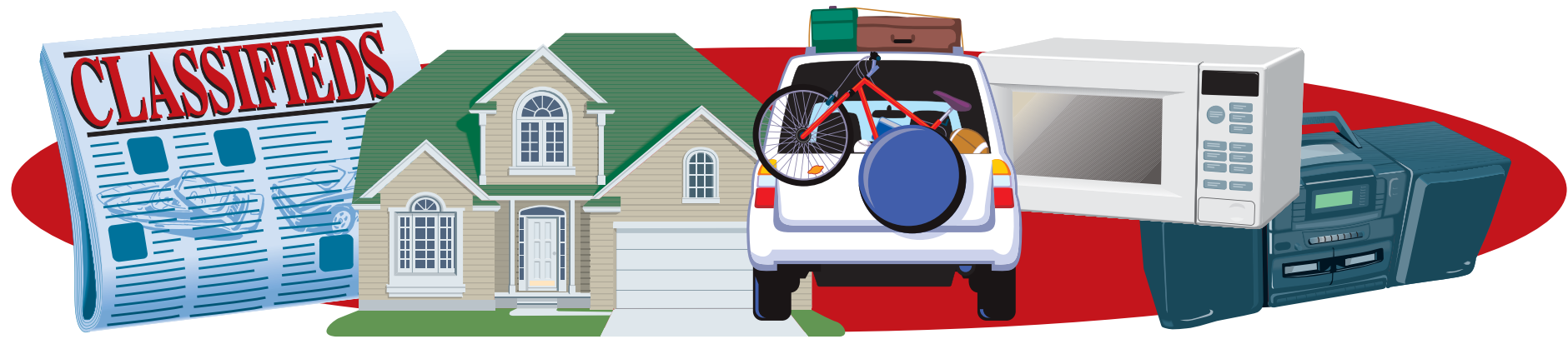
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