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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

Givens home invasion suspect indicted

Fed prosecutor paid through Owyhee
has 85 percent conviction rate

The federal prosecutor whose
pay is sifted through the Owyhee
County payroll has netted more

than 50 indictments in the past
14 months.

And at least three of those in-

dictments involve people who are
suspected of committing crimes in
Owyhee County, or people linked
to those suspects.

Although the Special Assistant
U.S. Attorney position was creat-
ed to help the Treasure Valley deal

with gang-related crimes, Chris-
tian Nafzger says he does handle
other federal cases, such as felons
in possession of firearms or ille-
gal re-entry into the United States
violations.

"It's more of a fringe benefit,"

Nafzger said. "The intentional
goal was to get gang leaders and
gang members out of the area.

"My purpose is to stay busy, so
if I've got room on my docket to

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Learnin' the ways of the Old West

Wagons Ho!

Homedale El-
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fourth-graders
tackle one of the
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children learned
different disci-
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Old West.



Homedale illegals set for deportation

Court dates scheduled for seven
others after federal indictments

Five illegal aliens arrested dur-
ing an April 2 raid on a Home-
dale pallet company are in the
process of being deported, while
seven others suspected of violat-
ing U.S. immigration laws await
further proceedings in Boise fed-
eral court.

U.S. Attorney District of Idaho
criminal chief Rafael Gonzalez
said Friday that 12 of the 13 peo-
ple arrested during an Immigra-

tion and Customs Enforcement
operation at Specialty, Inc., Wood
Products Co., were indicted by a
federal grand jury on April 9. For
the next few days, hearings were
held at which five of the defen-
dants — Isrobel Madrigal-Valdez,
22; Herminio Villa-Gonzalez, 21;
Juan Benavides-Ayon, 24; Adan
Ortiz-Ruiz, 38; and Jesus Nuno-

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Raw instructional method opens eyes about meth

Emergency personnel
urged to stay alert in
possible lab situations

The prevalence of methamphetamine labs
makes it imperative that first-responders
pay attention to their surroundings,
according to law enforcement officials.

Members of several first-response units
as well as the Owyhee County Sheriff's
Office and Sheriff's Posse attended a

sometimes frank and graphic educational
course on the dangers of encountering a
potential meth lab last week.

The three-hour course took place
April 14 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing
American Legion Community Center.

"Don't get tunnel-vision when you go
in there," sheriff's Det. Jim Bish said
regarding responding to emergency calls
that could turn into health hazards. "Look
at the whole thing, so you can go home
tonight."

Getting home safely to family members

was one of the main messages during
the presentation for about 50 emergency
workers, many of whom are volunteers for
agencies such as Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson
Fire, the Central Owyhee Quick Response
Unit, Marsing Fire and Ambulance, Silver
City Fire and Rescue, Inc., and Idaho
Mountain Search and Rescue.

The class featured graphic photos and
exhibits of some of the deadly chemicals
used to produce the illegal drug. Bish said



Detective urges caution

Owyhee County Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish
addresses about 50 emergency personnel.

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Election hopefuls set to visit Murphy

Folks will have an opportunity Tuesday in Murphy to meet candidates in the upcoming Republican primary.

The Owyhee County Republican Party has scheduled a meeting inside the county courthouse at 7 p.m., and state and county candidates will be on hand.

Gary Smith, District 5 chair for the Idaho Republican Party, is the guest speaker, and refreshments will be served.

The Republican candidates who will appear on the GOP ticket for the May 27 primary include:

County Commissioner, District 1 — Jerry L. Hoagland

County Commissioner, District 2 — Hal Tolmie (incumbent) and George Hyer

County Sheriff — Gary B. Aman (incumbent) and Daryl W. Crandall

County Prosecuting Attorney — Douglas D. Emery

District 23 State Senator — Tom Gannon (incumbent) and Doran Parkins

District 23 State Representative Position A — Jim Patrick (incumbent)

District 23 State Representative Position A — Bert Brackett (incumbent)

Voters have until May 2 to pre-register for the GOP and Democratic Primary elections.

Write-in hopefuls have until May 13 to declare for the primaries.

Only Democratic and Republican candidates will appear on the primary ballots.

State group honors Bicandi



Marsing city clerk wins Idaho Rural Water Association award

Janice Bicandi, Marsing's city clerk, was named the Idaho Rural Water Association's Administrator of the Year for 2008. Marsing city superintendent Danny Martin said that IRWA represents more than 140 rural water districts in the state. Martin said that Bicandi has been with the city for more than 20 years, and is exceptionally knowledgeable and helpful.

Homedale council set to tackle animal adoption payments

The Homedale City Council is scheduled to revisit a subject tabled from earlier this month during its Thursday meeting.

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

During an April 9 meeting, Canyon County resident Cheryl Verkerk asked the council to waive the city's \$10 fee for each dog adopted from the kennel that holds strays impounded by the Homedale Police Department.

But Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller argued that waiving the fee would deprive his department of the only source of revenue connected to combating the animal control problem in the city. With an already small amount of money dedicated by the city to animal control issues, Eidemiller uses the impound fees to help bolster that part of his department's budget.

Eidemiller said the department spends between \$150 and \$175 each month on animal control, and "the only money the taxpayers see back is the \$10 fee." Eidemiller said that to cut down on costs, his officers have foregone the \$5 bounty to which they are entitled for each stray dog that they take off the street.

Verkerk said she has adopted 14 animals in the past year and that she trains the dogs and then sells them to good homes.

"I never charge more than \$25 a dog, and that's to cover my cost for food," she said. "With the \$10 fee, it's really putting me in the hole."

She's asking the city to waive

is \$10-per-dog adoption fee. If a dog isn't claimed or adopted within three business days of being picked up by authorities, the animal is euthanized at a cost of \$24.50 to the city.

Verkerk argued that her adopting dogs saves the city money, so waiving the fee shouldn't be a problem. But the council said that waiving the fee for Verkerk would set a precedent that could bring more folks in asking for a waiver.

During the discussion at the last council meeting, city attorney Michael Duggan suggested a volume discount for frequent adopters like Verkerk, such as paying \$10 for the first two or three dogs with a fee waiver for the rest of the dogs adopted during a calendar year.

In addition to the animal control issue, council members are expected to hear from Allied Signs owner Mark Jolley during Thursday's meeting.

According to the meeting agenda, Jolley will ask for a sign permit. He is in the process of remodeling his building at the corner of North Fourth Street East and East Idaho Avenue to include an ice cream shop as well as his original sign business.

An otherwise light agenda for the council also will include reports from the police department, the public works department and the mayor and city council.

A review of the city's building ordinance has been planned during the planning and zoning and building department report.

— JPB

Free sealants offered at Homedale Elementary

Delta Dental Community Outreach personnel will be on hand at Homedale Elementary School beginning Monday to apply free dental sealants for second- and third-graders.

Dental sealants fill the pits and grooves of a child's back teeth, where 90 percent of cavities occur. According to a press release from Delta Dental of Idaho, the sealants are painless to apply and can last several years or more.

To receive the free cavity-

prevention treatment, children must have a health history and permission form signed by a parent or guardian.

The forms were sent home with second- and third-graders earlier this month.

For more information, call Homedale Elementary or Delta Dental Community Outreach at (208) 489-3550.

Delta Dental personnel offered a similar program at Marsing Elementary School last year.

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The heat is on the street

Homedale city workers melt a crosswalk section onto East Idaho Avenue at its intersection with North Second Street East in front of Homedale High School on April 15. The city plans to install several crosswalks this spring, according to public works supervisor Larry Bauer.

Homedale installs crosswalk on E. Idaho

The City of Homedale installed a textured strip crosswalk on East Idaho Avenue in front of the high school early last week.

According to Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer, the textured crosswalks are more cost-effective than painted ones, because of their increased lifespan. Bauer said the new crosswalk should last four to five years.

Bauer said that while the current water project

is nearly finished, Homedale residents can expect a few more service outages.

"Outages are coming. We don't know when," Bauer said. "I just want to thank everybody for their patience. The people have been really, really understanding with us, and we appreciate that."

At the completion of the water project, another crosswalk will be installed spanning East Idaho Avenue at First Street East.

Smoking ban in county buildings put on the books

Fire outside courthouse triggers code in line with existing state law

Although state law has made smoking in county buildings illegal for some time, the Owyhee County Commission recently signaled strict enforcement of the regulation with a resolution.

With the resolution, which was passed last month, smoking is officially prohibited in and around county buildings. County employees violating the ban could be terminated.

The resolution, which was signed March 24, also orders the removal of bushes and other growth around the county courthouse in Murphy, and orders documented compliance with the county's fire mitigation plan.

The resolution came just one week after a fire burned two trees near the courthouse on March 17, according to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn. The fire is thought to be the result of smoking at the courthouse, she said.

Sherburn said that material from an ashtray was blown into the trees by the wind. A county employee put the fire out with a fire

extinguisher, and the courthouse suffered no damage.

Sherburn said that the smoking ban and fire mitigation plan compliance policies were already in place, and the resolution simply makes the policies official. Sherburn already reports to the commission on fire mitigation plan compliance at the courthouse. She said, however, that a "no smoking" sign was posted at the front door of the courthouse, but not at the back door, where the fire occurred.

The no smoking policy will be more strictly enforced in the future, Sherburn added.

The resolution also orders the smoking policy to be added to the county's personnel manual, and states "violation of this policy by an employee of Owyhee County constitutes a violation of workplace rules and subjects the offending employee to discipline up to and including termination."

— RTH

Adrian juniors sponsor prom for adults

The Adrian Community Prom, an adult dance sponsored by the high school's junior class, will be held from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday inside the school's gymnasium.

The gym is located at 305 Owyhee Street.

Entitled "Midnight Masquerade," the prom is open to all adults and senior citizens. Dress is semiformal, and childcare will be provided.

Drinks will be served, but attendees should bring their favorite sweet dish for the potluck

dessert.

Admission for adults is \$5 each or \$10 per couple. Senior citizens will be admitted for \$4 each or \$8 per couple.

Tickets are available at the door or through the high school office at (541) 372-2335.

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Lt. Rick Wiley, Nampa Police Department, retired



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Former HPD officer pleads not guilty to DUI charge

Former Homedale Police Cpl. Andrew Hoagland is scheduled for a June 12 pre-trial hearing after pleading not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence.

According to the Nampa magistrate court, Hoagland originally was scheduled for an arraignment this morning before Judge Debra A. Orr, but because he has hired an attorney, the arraignment was vacated and a not guilty plea entered.

Hoagland is next scheduled to appear before Orr in Nampa at 1:30 p.m. on June 12.

Hoagland, who served on Homedale's police force for more than nine years, resigned after Nampa Police arrested him on suspicion of driving under the influence on April 2.

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Marsing Chamber floats island festival theme

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce hopes to bring some of the idyllic beauty of the Pacific to Owyhee County this spring. A June 14 festival is still in the planning stages, but the theme is "Blue Hawaii."

Among events planned for the daylong occasion are a luau, a 5-kilometer "Run with the Lizard" fun run, a classic car parade and show, live entertainment and dancing, and a vendors area with food and craft booths.

The 5K fun run will be a fundraiser for the Lizard Butte Library.

The Chamber seeks vendors for the festival.

For more information, contact Marsing Chamber of Commerce

director Cathy Streibel at 896-7001.

The Chamber also has begun a quarterly networking breakfast for member businesses, and has distributed a calendar of events to Chamber members.

DEQ accepts GV plan to clean up water

Water, sewer board tabs new president

There are new developments for the Grand View Water and Sewer Association, including state acceptance of an arsenic removal process and the election of a new board member and president.

During its March meeting, which was held simultaneously with the monthly Grand View City Council meeting, the association board of directors certified the mail election for a new board member.

City Councilman Bill Lawrence won a four-way race for the association board seat with 43 votes. Dick Waltz was second with 23 votes, while Marie Hipwell received two votes and Jim Markham got one.

Grand View City Clerk Lani Race confirmed the vote last week after minutes from the March meeting were approved at the board's April 9 meeting.

Opal Ward was elected as president of the water and sewer board.

Race said association customers received mail ballots in

the first part of February, and all ballots were to be returned to City Hall by March 12.

In another water and sewer association development, it was recently announced that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has excluded the proposed arsenic treatment project from "additional substantive environmental reviews."

The project, which was submitted by the City of Grand View on behalf of the water and sewer association, proposes the installation of a central adsorptive media treatment system to remove arsenic in water taken from two existing wells in the system.

According to a legal notice recently published in The Owyhee Avalanche, the project also calls



Opal Ward



Bill Lawrence

for the construction of a 150,000-gallon, epoxy-coated water tank adjacent to an existing tank of the same size.

The legal notice also states that the new system will be constructed within the confines of the existing water facility that serves Grand View.

Race said she couldn't answer any further questions regarding the project, but according to minutes from the Water and Sewer Association's March 12 meeting, board members agreed to propose that the city file a loan application with DEQ regarding the long sought-after water and sewer treatment project. During its March 12 meeting, the city council, which includes three members of the water and sewer association board, accepted the proposal.

In November, voters rejected two measures at the polls: Proposition B, a \$1.53 million bond that would have financed the water and sewer treatment project, and Proposition A, a \$70,000 bond that would have allowed the city

to acquire the water and sewer association.

Also during the March city council meeting, public works superintendent Robert Servis reported on possible costs of a filtration system to remove arsenic. According to meeting minutes, Servis told the council that Filtration Technology could give a bid on the project. Filtration Technology has been involved with similar projects in Bruneau and Castleford, Servis said, and the monthly operation and maintenance costs of the Filtration Technology system is \$12,000.

According to the council meetings, Holladay Engineering proposes a filtration system that would cost \$35,000 each month to operate and maintain.

Grand View also recently replaced a failed 30-year-old pump in one of the municipality's water wells, according to Servis. No repair cost was reported in the meeting minutes.

— JPB

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Marsing will hold only trustee election so far

No competition in the majority of school board races after deadline

Of the three major school districts in Owyhee County, it looks like only one will have a trustee election May 20.

Candidates had until Friday to file nomination petitions.

Write-in candidates can file until May 6.

At this point, only the Marsing

School District will have a trustee election as Teri Belle and Clay Sauer have filed to square off in Zone 5, which covers the Canyon County portion of the joint district.

Zone 3 incumbent Betty Ackerman was the only person to file for that election, according

to district clerk Debbie Holzhey.

In Homedale, Zone 3 trustee Kevin Miyasako has filed to seek re-election, but district clerk Faith Olsen said Monday that no one has filed for the Zone 4 opening, and incumbent Ric Uria has decided not to run again.

Olsen said that the school board will appoint a trustee for Zone 4 if no candidate files by the May 6 write-in deadline.

In the Bruneau/Grand View

School District, only the incumbents have filed to run again — Howard Field in Zone 5, current vice chair Raymond Meyers in Zone 3 and Joe Merrick in Zone 4.

In all cases, if there is only one candidate for a school board position, no election is held and the person who filed for the spot is appointed.

— JPB

Dates to remember

May 6 — The final day to register as a write-in candidate for school board elections.

May 20 — School board election day in Owyhee County.

From page 1

✓ Indicted: U.S. attorney focuses on gangs, but has netted other felons

handle illegal alien or violent felon with a gun cases, I will.”

Data from a March 21 quarterly report shared at last month's Treasure Valley Partnership meeting showed that Nafzger had picked up 47 indictments, mostly in Canyon and Ada counties, since he began his work. That number of indictments since has risen to 52.

Since that report, Nafzger also has obtained indictments of a man allegedly involved in the string of home and car burglaries stretching from the Oregon border east to Elmore County as well as a home invasion in Givens that occurred earlier this year.

Josh Larrea, one of the suspects in the Givens home invasion in which an elderly woman was left tied up for hours, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boise on April 8. Larrea was indicted on two counts of being a felon in possession of two firearms and a felon in possession of ammunition.

A second related indictment involved Stephanie Hoffman, who was indicted in March on a charge of being a felon in possession of ammunition. Nafzger said that although Hoffman also was indicted on a charge of transferring ammo to Larrea, she was not involved in the home invasion or other burglaries.

The third indictment involving an Owyhee case pertained to Paul Cano, who was indicted for being

a felon in possession of a firearm after his arrest. Cano is scheduled for sentencing on May 13.

Nafzger said Cano was convicted of violating a protection order and possessing a controlled substance in 2005. He was on probation for those convictions when he was picked up on the gun possession charge. Nafzger said Cano entered a guilty plea to illegally possessing a firearm.



Josh Larrea

Owyhee County District 2 Commissioner Hal Tolmie, who attended the most recent partnership meeting, said that the report is proof that the program funded by the TVP and the state is working. Owyhee County stepped forward to serve as the governmental entity to sponsor the project when Ada and Canyon counties declined. Though Nafzger works out of the U.S. Attorney's office in Boise, his salary comes through the Owyhee County payroll system.

“Owyhee County stepped up to the plate to sponsor the SAUSA ... The money is put into a trust account in Owyhee County, and they pay his salary,” TVP project manager Bill Larsen said.

The government agencies in the TVP — including for the past two years Owyhee County — pay \$75,000 of the salary and benefits for Nafzger, while the state picks up \$25,000, Larsen said. County clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the county has been reimbursed for

the total cost of Nafzger's salary and benefits and the portion of his medical insurance that he has to pay.

Owyhee County pays \$416 annual TVP dues, Sherburn said, adding that the figure is based on the county's population.

Although Nafzger's name appears on official letterhead from the Owyhee County Prosecutor's Office, he has done the bulk of his work in Canyon and Ada counties and more specifically Caldwell, Nampa and Boise.

According to Larsen, Nafzger's conviction rate is 85 percent through March. That is down slightly from the number shared at the March 26 TVP gathering in Canyon County. That report represented Nafzger's work through the first week of January.

The project kicked off 16 months ago, but Larsen said Nafzger's prosecutions began a few months later because of a training period. The project began after talks between the governor's office and the U.S. Attorney General's office in fall 2005, Larsen said.

“They were trying to figure out what to do with the gang problem in the valley,” Larsen said.

Fifty-seven percent of Nafzger's indictments through Jan. 7 involved Caldwell cases, bumping the percentage of Canyon County indictments to 64 percent of his overall success rate.

People convicted on the federal indictments serve their time in federal prisons outside Idaho.

Five of the Caldwell indictments involved illegal re-entry immigration cases. Two of those men — Jose Cartagena Reyes and Sergio Colin-Martinez — entered guilty pleas and are currently serving time in federal prisons in California. They will be deported to El Salvador and Mexico, respectively, after they have served their sentences.

A third, Ramiro Hernandez-Carmona of Caldwell, received a 24-month sentence last month. He will be deported to Mexico after serving his time.

According to the report, Nafzger's work has saved the State of Idaho \$478,813 in costs related to housing convicts in state prisons. That figure covers only 14 convictions. The report projects that the state will save more than \$1.3 million for the projected 41 convictions Nafzger will obtain based on his conviction rate through the first week of January.

During a Jan. 23 meeting in Star, both Nampa Mayor Tom Dale and Boise Mayor Dave Bieter praised the work of the SAUSA Project. According to the report, 26 percent of the indictments obtained by Nafzger involve cases in the City of Boise, while 4 percent came out of Nampa.

But Dale warned partnership members that if the state picked up the full 100 percent of the tab for the project that the resource would be divided statewide and the TVP would lose its control.

According to the meeting minutes, Bieter expressed concern

about the TVP's ability to maintain paying 75 percent of the project cost. He suggested the partnership work toward having the state pick up more of the cost.

Nafzger said that he heeded Bieter's suggestion to contact TVP members and arrange presentations on what the SAUSA Project is all about, but he said he has spoken to the city councils in Boise, Caldwell, Nampa and Meridian thus far. None of the other member entities have answered his requests yet, he said.

At the same Jan. 23 meeting, the partnership approved picking up the cost of Nafzger's health insurance, which will be paid through the Owyhee County trust. Previously, Nafzger had been on his wife's insurance program, but she is no longer working, according to the meeting minutes.

On the organization's Web site, County District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund is listed as the Owyhee County representative on the TVP board, which meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month. According to minutes from the Jan. 23 and Feb. 27 meetings, Freund was absent. Larsen confirmed Wednesday that Tolmie attended the March meeting.

Meeting locations rotate among the municipalities and counties involved in the partnership. The next meeting is scheduled for today in Middleton, and no meetings are scheduled for Owyhee County this year.

— JPB

✓ Illegals: Trial dates set for June; one arraignment scheduled Thursday

Coronado, 44 — entered guilty pleas. Another defendant was deported immediately, while the other suspected illegal aliens are scheduled for court dates in the coming months, according to a press release.

Charges include possession of counterfeit alien registration receipt cards, misuse of Social Security numbers, aggravated identity theft and illegal entry or re-entry after deportation.

Anyone convicted of the illegal entry or re-entry charge faces

a prison term ranging from six months to 20 years.

The possession of counterfeit alien registration receipt cards charge carries a 10-year prison term, while misuse of Social Security numbers has a five-year sentence, and identity theft carries a two-year term.

Rafael Gonzalez said not every defendant was indicted on every charge, including 33-year-old Rolando Hurtado-Vega, who was charged with a single count of alien found in the United States

after deportation. Hurtado-Vega had been previously deported to Mexico in the spring of 1999. He faces a June 17 trial date in federal court in Boise.

Another suspect, Adolfo Gonzalez-Hernandez, is facing the possibility of being deported for the third time since 2002. He was kicked out of the country in May 2002 and again in March 2006. Gonzalez-Hernandez will be in court on June 9.

Other court dates include June 9 for 37-year-old Elba Machuca-

Macias, and June 17 for 38-year-old Manuel Chavez-Elias.

Amelia Ramos-Alcala, a 27-year-old woman who was released for humanitarian reasons after the April 2 raid, will be arraigned Thursday.

No court dates were available for 21-year-old Ventura Vargas-Ruiz or 20-year-old Reyes Beceril-Luis.

The five Mexican nationals who entered guilty pleas after their indictments are in the process of being deported, Rafael Gonzalez

said. The federal prosecutor added that the time it takes to deport someone varies.

“Typically what happens around here, when they are in immigration custody, they are bused to a central location and then (an air flight) takes them down to a central staging area, and from there they are deported,” Gonzalez said. “So it can take a period of time.”

Gonzalez said he has been a prosecutor for 20 years, including the past 13 years in Boise.

— JPB

Obituary

Elaine M. Smith

Elaine M. Smith, 78, passed away April 5, 2008 at a Boise Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday April 9, 2008 at Cloverdale Funeral Home. A viewing was held at Cloverdale Funeral Home Tuesday, April 8, 2008 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Interment was at Meridian Cemetery under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Elaine was born on August 22, 1929 in Meridian, Idaho to Clifford and Ada Ball. She was raised and educated in Meridian and graduated from Meridian High School in the spring of 1947. She worked for the local telephone company for several years at which time she re-met Lawrence P. Smith and they were married on March 28, 1948. Together they farmed and raised their family in Meridian. During this time she was a rural letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Upon retirement in 1991 they moved to the Homedale area, next to their good friends Charlie and Krena DeGeus. They enjoyed travel, camping and other family activities. Following Lawrence's death in 2004 she continued to enjoy camping with her dear friends Don and Dorothy Basey, as well as the rest of her family. She particularly enjoyed the annual elk hunting trips with her second love Louis Pool.

She was proud to be "Grandma Elaine" to everyone and, no



matter the outcome, everyone was a winner in her eyes.

She is survived by her children, David L. and Patty Smith of Jordan Valley, Oregon, Douglas H. and Ruthie Smith of Nampa, Idaho and Jeffrey L. and Debbie Smith of Nampa, Idaho; seven grandchildren, Jason & Jessica, Tyler & Annie, Bret, Lindsey, Clint, Shane and Steven; a brother, Harold Ball; brother-in-law, Homer L. and Pat Smith; a sister-in-law, Kathryn and Orval McPeak; nieces and nephews, Steve, Diane, Teri, Lori, Wendi and Kenny; and of course Louis Pool.

Memorials may be made in Elaine's name to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children c/o El Koran Shrine Temple, 1118 W. Idaho, Boise, ID 83702.

Bone marrow drive planned at church

A bone marrow drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The bone marrow drive has been organized by Greenleaf High School senior Kyra Patrick as a community project.

The church is located on the corner of Ustick and Batt Corner roads in Canyon County.

The bone marrow drive allows donors to register to be part of the National Marrow Donor Program.

According to the program's Web site, patients are in need of donors between the ages of 18 and 60 who meet health guidelines and are willing to donate to any patient in need.

Prospective donors must do the following at Friday's marrow drive:

- Bring a driver's license, passport or identification card
- Bring contact information for two family members or friends who would know how to get in touch if the donor's address changes.
- Give a swab of cheek cells or a blood sample so tissue type can be tested.
- Pay for tissue-typing costs, which in some cases can be a tax-deductible donation

More information on the national donor program can be found online at http://marrow.org/HELP/Join_the_Donor_Registry/index.html

School menus

Homedale Elementary

April 23: Oven fried chicken or beef taco pie, roll, potato salad, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 24: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

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

April 28: Hamburger or fish sandwich, potato wedges, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 29: Chicken tenders or cf beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 30: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

April 23: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 24: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 25: Chicken tenders or cf beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 28: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 29: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 30: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

April 23: Enchilada, burrito, pizza hot pocket, baked potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 24: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

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

April 28: Pepperoni pizza or chicken bacon melt, strawberry shortcake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 29: Beef nuggets or chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 30: Lasagna, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

April 23: Chicken nuggets, veggie, milk, chicken fajita, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

April 24: Chili hot dog, strawberries & bananas, milk, rib-b-que, salad bar 4th-12th, cinnamon twist.

April 25: Cheeseburger, fruit, veggie, milk, chicken nugget, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

April 28: Turkey, fruit, corn, milk, cf steak, salad bar 4th-12th, maple bar.

April 29: Wiener wrap, veggie, desserts, milk, sandwiches, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

April 30: Chicken patty/bun, veggie, fruit, milk, soup & sandwiches, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Bruneau-Grand View

April 23: Nachos/salsa, salad, corn, bread stick, fruit, milk.

April 24: Ham, scalloped potatoes, veggie, fruit, roll/butter, milk.

April 25: Crispy chicken/bun, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

April 28: Stomboli, tots, salad, fruit, milk.

April 29: Weiner wraps, tater wedges, carrot sticks fruit, milk, brownie, milk.

April 30: Haystacks, corn, fruit, cinnamon twists, milk.

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Senior menu

Homedale center

April 23: Ham & cheese sandwich, salad, roll, beverage

April 24: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, beverage

April 29: Pork chow mien, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, beverage

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Your finances KO'ing debt is key to freeing up investment capital

Dear Dave,
I'm making a budget every month, and I've got \$1,000 in the bank to start my emergency fund. After all my expenses, I have \$125 left, but I also have three credit card debts that total \$18,000. Should my next step be to pay these off or should I start investing the money I have left over?

— Holly

Dear Holly,
Congratulations on accomplishing Baby Step 1 and getting \$1,000 in the bank to start your emergency fund! Baby Step Two is paying off all debts except the house.
So let's put the investing off for now. Squeeze every dollar you can out of that budget, and focus on your debt snowball. To do this, make a list of your debts from smallest to largest, make minimum payments on all but the smallest debt and then attack it with a vengeance. As soon as you get that one paid off, roll the money over you were using on it — plus any other you can scrape up — and target the next debt and then the next.
Once the credit card mess is history and you're debt-free except for your house, you can work toward Baby Step Three — a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. NOW, you can begin concentrating on Baby Step 4 — long-term investing.
It's important to save, Holly. But it's also important to become debt-free. This is what frees up your income and makes investing easy!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
We have about \$8,000 in car loan debt. Despite this, I'd like to go ahead and fully fund our Roth IRAs. Time equals money, you know? My wife, however, thinks we should pay off the debt first. The fact is we can have either one done by December.

— Steve

Dear Steve,
I wouldn't do that, because I wouldn't borrow on my car to fund an IRA. Now, if time really did equal money — which it doesn't — then I would borrow on the car to fund the IRA. The problem, though, is that you're not adjusting for risk.
You've got to get out of the



mindset that debt is OK. Once you lose that idea, then you'll realize that missing a year of funding your IRA isn't going to kill you or keep you from becoming wealthy down the road. But if you stay in the mindset that debt is OK and you're going to play around with it, then it will kill you financially!
Winning with money is more about behavior than it is about math. Don't get me wrong, you need to crunch the numbers, too. But all the mathematical components are just theory unless the behavior kicks in.
I'm siding with your wife on this one, Steve. Just follow the Baby Steps, and have your emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place and all your debts paid off — except for your house — before you start any long-term investing.
A lot of folks will tell you it's not mathematically correct, but it will work better in the long run!

— 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. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027*

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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 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting and open house, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

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
Storytime for first- through third-graders
4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 3rd 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
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday, May 1
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. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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Anniversary Open house planned for Scheuffele 50th anniversary

The children of Robert L. and Bonnie L. Scheuffele will mark their parents' 50th wedding anniversary with a celebration this weekend in Marsing.
The open house will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 112 W. 2nd St.
The couple was married April 20, 1958.
The Scheuffeles' children — Tina Peden, Mary Goddard and Scott Scheuffele — are hosts.
The family welcomes cards, but asks that no gifts be presented.

Library holds puppet show

The Homedale Public Library will hold its monthly puppet show at 10 a.m. Thursday. Children of all ages are welcome to the show, titled "How Bear Lost His Tail."
The puppet show is an adaptation of the American Indian tale that involves a tricky fox and a bear with a long beautiful tail.
For more information about the puppet show, call 337-4228 in the afternoon during the week.

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School trustees laud elementary fixture

A woman who has worked to strengthen the Homedale School District’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program was honored during this month’s trustees meeting.

Paula Huddleston, who has helped students as well as their parents with ESL needs, was presented the April Award of Excellence after an introduction by Homedale Elementary School first-grade teacher Mary Jo Larzelier.

“Paula is one of those unsung heroes in our district,” Larzelier told school board members. “She is hard-working, dedicated and an advocate for the children of our district.”

Larzelier said she was presenting the award to Huddleston on behalf of elementary school principal Yvonne Ihli.

Huddleston has gone beyond the school building to help the children and families in the district, according to Larzelier’s presentation.

She taught English to the parents of some of the district’s children, voluntarily holding evening classes at the elementary school. She also taught summer school for several years.

“This is the dedication that characterizes Paula,” Larzelier said.

Huddleston also has served as a liaison for the district, and Larzelier said she built trust in parents.

Larzelier also said that Huddleston bolstered her role with the children through home visits as well as housing students as their parents returned for school-year visits in Mexico. She also served as a conduit between the family and the school to ensure that parents and children understood what was needed to achieve success.

“Paula is an advocate for the Hispanic population, but she sees all children,” Larzelier said.

Her bilingual capability served to bring a future Homedale student into the world as well, according to a story Larzelier relayed from district ESL specialist Angela Correa.

“Paula gave the mom having the baby a ride to the hospital when she went into labor, and that is how she ended up interpreting,” Larzelier said.

Huddleston also was credited with being a mentor for Correa and Sarah Seamount, who now works in the Vallivue School District.

“They both speak highly regarding the trust that exists among community members toward Paula,” Larzelier said.

Larzelier also said Huddleston continues to impact students.

“She is always willing to discuss, problem-solve, and work with all of us for the benefit of the student,” Larzelier said. “I find it difficult to express all that Paula has done and still does.”

Homedale superintendent cognizant of cost of commute

Rosandick says he has examined possible district-sponsored carpool

Rising fuel costs may impact more than the day-to-day operation of school districts.

Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick envisions high gasoline prices could affect the work force of rural districts, too.

“I think that over the next many years there’s a good likelihood that teachers that we employ may not live in Homedale, and they’ll be commuting into work just as a number of them do already,” Rosandick said.

“With the price of gasoline, the cost of commuting is rising, so for some people that may go into their calculus of determining where they’re going to work.”

A quick analysis of the district’s staff directory shows that nearly half of its teachers commute from outside Homedale, including teacher and tennis coach Mark Weekes, who lives in Letha in Gem County, and many teachers who live in Nampa and Meridian.

“We have a guy that commutes everyday from around Emmett,” Rosandick said. “I don’t know what the mileage is or what that costs, but I would assume that costs a lot of money.”

Weekes said he has commuted the 70 miles each day from Letha, and that the drive takes about two hours on good roads. He said he has vanpooled in the past, but that his coaching responsibilities would make it hard for him to fit it into his current schedule.

“I have been doing this for eight years, and I have never lived any closer,” Weekes said. “I think this idea or a commuter allowance would be great.”

Rosandick said at least one longtime teacher has recently left the district, in part, because of the commute from Ada County.

In another transportation-related issue, the school board voted at its April 15 meeting to raise the mileage allowance for teachers



Tim Rosandick

and administrators who use their personal vehicles for district business. Trustees increased the allowance from 40 cents per mile to the federal Internal Revenue Service deduction ceiling of 50.5 cents per mile. Rosandick said it was the first increase since trustees approved an eight-cent raise to 40 cents in March 2006.

“We have numerous people—administrators and teachers—who are required to use their own personal vehicles to do their job,” Rosandick said. “The board realizes that people need to use their vehicles, and the board members understand that they need to reimburse those people for the gas and wear and tear on vehicles.”

While the trustees have made using personal vehicles less taxing for employees, Rosandick said that in recent years he has explored everyday transportation options to retain quality teachers who drive long distances to work in his small district.

“There’s been some discussion about trying to organize a car pool to the extent to where perhaps the district could help provide the transportation,” Rosandick said.

Under a plan that only has been discussed and not formally presented to the school board, the district would secure a retired commuter van from an entity such as the Ada County Highway District’s Commuteride program.

Employees would sign up to have a pre-tax fee taken out of their paychecks to help pay for the program, Rosandick said.

The superintendent said he conducted an informal e-mail poll about such a program a year ago. But Rosandick said with fuel prices expected to climb throughout the summer, he is considering bringing the plan to a school board meeting sometime before the start of the 2008-09 school year.

Rosandick said that the pre-tax deduction would amount to a tax benefit for employees who decided to participate in the carpool.

“Let’s say Tim spends \$100 on commuting each month. If I

‘I think this idea or a commuter allowance would be great.’

— **Mark Weekes**
HHS teacher and coach

was able to take that \$100 and through a payroll deduction kind of operation, I’d actually be reducing my taxable income and I’m going to spend that money anyway on transportation and that money could be used to pay my fare on this district-organized carpool.

“We haven’t pursued in depth to know, but to me, gosh, that’s a no-brainer. I mean, I’m beating some taxes on it, I’m going to spend that money anyway. I’m reducing my taxes and I’m paying myself rather than the government and I’m reducing my actual cost to commute to work.”

Rosandick could fill 10 positions prior to the start of the 2008-09 school year, but he sees a commuter program as a tool to help retain the district’s workforce.

He likened such a program and other benefits to things that larger companies do to keep their employees satisfied.

“They keep their employees very comfortable and happy, and it’s not about working for them,” Rosandick said. “Pay is something, but it’s not everything.

“It’s the work environment. It’s some of the ancillary things that go with the job outside of paying insurance that make people want to stay with an organization.”

Relatively speaking, Rosandick said, the turnover at the school district isn’t alarming, but he feels that the district should do everything it can to keep quality employees in the fold.

“So you think about what could we do in this district that is affordable or at no cost that creates creature comforts for our people,” Rosandick said. “And I guess thinking about organizing some sort of commuter-ride kind of carpool, vanpool kind of thing if it would be used and it was cost-effective and would help our good people stay here, to me that would be a wise investment.”

— JPB

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Probation department puts focus on juveniles

Agency one of few in area that handles misdemeanor clients, too

With three officers and a budget of more than \$250,000, the Owyhee County Probation Department is tasked with ensuring that folks who have run afoul of the law find their way back on the straight and narrow.

Working out of a home office in Homedale, three probation officers handle a caseload that chief officer and department administrator Doris Jewett said can include more than 160 juvenile and misdemeanor probationers.

Jewett points out that the Owyhee County department is one of the few in District 3 — which includes Canyon, Washington, Gem, Payette and Adams counties — that handles both juvenile and misdemeanor cases.

“I don’t know if I would use the term ‘rehabilitate,’ but we give them hope that there is something they can do with their lives,” Jewett said of the approach toward juvenile probationers.

According to figures provided by Jewett and Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, the probation department has a budget of \$258,200 for the current fiscal year. Comparatively, Payette, which Jewett said has four officers and deals only with juvenile and restitution work cases, operates with a \$450,000 budget. About 36 percent of Owyhee’s probation budget comes from grants from the Idaho Department of Corrections and U.S. Ecology, Jewett said.

The Homedale office, a 3,775-square-foot building owned by Peggy Jackson and leased to the county at a cost of about \$600 per month, also houses a classroom where juvenile probationers — as well as some non-probationers who are no longer attending school in any of the five districts served by the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency — can enroll for a flat fee of \$5 to cover the cost of basic supplies (Jewett said the fee may double next year). COSSA includes Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma and Notus, and

Jewett said some students have come over from the alternative high school Centerpoint to take advantage of the department’s ASSET (Alternative for Students Suspended, Expelled or Truant) program.

“The ASSET program that operates out of juvenile probation has been a terrific resource for us and the community,” Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick said. “It serves as a favorable alternative to suspending students from school, resulting in them being at home, possibly without supervision from their parents.

“With the ASSET program, students are supervised. They are not walking the streets or home watching TV or playing video games — not a very negative consequence for misbehaving at school. More than that, students are able to continue their learning during their short-term suspension from school.”

The county receives no monetary assistance from the school districts from which students gravitate to the ASSET classroom, but Jewett said that surplus desks and materials are provided by the districts when necessary. Jewett said the classroom program also is financed by grants and donations.

Jewett said the ASSET program began nearly eight years ago, about the same time the department office moved from a modular building that stood next to the Homedale magistrate courthouse. The original classroom program began with three students and was funded by a three-year grant from the juvenile division of the state Department of Corrections, Jewett said. She said that the department received another three-year grant in the fifth year of the program’s existence.

“We’re helping quite a few kids and, I think, the community,” Jewett said. “Some of these kids are good kids, they just don’t function well in a school



ASSET school keeps at-risk students in class

Homedale 16-year-olds Chris Sandoval and Chance Nelson, and Marsing’s Taylir Barnett, 14, are part of the group of teenagers who attend class at the Owyhee County Probation Office in Homedale.

setting.”

The class, which is taught by Gloria Albers, runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day year-round and serves between 10 and 12 students. Jewett said the students don’t leave the building during breaks or lunch.

“Our focus is to provide the kids with some type of long-term educational options,” Jewett said. “We’re here for the kids.”

The program has had six teachers since its inception in 2000.

Jewett attributes the high turnover to the high stress level in the job as well as the low salary, which was just over \$16,000, according to the department’s fiscal year 2007 budget. That figure was 23 percent below what was budgeted for the year. For FY 2008, the coordinator salary is budgeted at \$24,083.

Jewett said it costs about \$116 per day for Albers’ salary and benefits, or \$11.60 per student. The only non-salary expenses itemized specifically for the classroom or listed as expenses for the teacher in the FY 2007 budget came out to \$88.44. That figure is \$133.34 thus far for FY 2008, which ends Sept. 30. Albers was reimbursed \$35 for the purchase of two passes to the YMCA.

“We don’t have the best classroom situation, and we don’t have access to a lot of the things you find in a traditional classroom,” Jewett said.

Jewett said some students strive to get their GEDs, while others are using the program as a bridge to get back into a more traditional classroom setting.

“Sometimes they just don’t do well in an alternative school (such as Centerpoint),” Jewett said. “Sometimes they quit school and part of the terms of their probation is an educational component.”

In addition to Albers, who is a full-time employee under county salary, the department has a services contract with Tessa O’Donnell, who is Jewett’s daughter. Jewett said O’Donnell’s position is funded by grants, and that she has been working with the department since 2000 in a variety of capacities, including drug, alcohol and smoking awareness classes for teens and grant writing.

Thirty-seven of the juvenile probationers in the system hail from Homedale, and another 17 are located in Marsing. There are five in the Grand View/Bruneau area according to numbers Jewett provided The Owyhee Avalanche.

While the probation officers

— Jewett, Ivy Cardenas and Joshua Schumacher — handle cases from throughout the county, all three are based in the rented building at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 1st Street West in Homedale. Jewett said trips are made to the sheriff’s office substation in Grand View about twice a month, and she hopes to spend about one day each week in Marsing when the county satellite office comes on line in the old Owyhee Conservation District building on Reich Street.

An additional 197 misdemeanor probationers — both supervised and unsupervised — were placed on a current list furnished by Jewett, who has been with the department for 10½ years.

The misdemeanor program was added about seven years ago when Jewett discovered that the county could save about \$10,000 by taking those probationers away from a private firm handling the caseload. She asked the board of commissioners for permission to absorb the misdemeanor program, which she said includes primarily DUIs and other non-violent offenders. Jewett said only about 10 percent of the misdemeanor cases involve felony violent offenders who were pled down in the courts.

— JPB



Caseload includes adult misdemeanors

Chief probation officer Doris Jewett, center, has been with the Owyhee County Probation Department for more than 10 years. Two other officers are on staff, including Ivy Cardenas, left, since 2000, and Joshua Schumacher since 2003.

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Homedale FFA horse judging qualifies for nationals

Team wins state, other members earn gold

The Homedale High School FFA chapter's horse evaluation team has pulled down another qualification for the national convention.

"Well, we're headed to Nationals for horse judging again," chapter advisor Lori Harrison said. "It's good that this is becoming a regular event, I guess."

Homedale's horse judges — Alysha Bahem, Summer Megargee, Aubrey Nash and Kali McRae — won the state championship during the Idaho State FFA convention April 9-12 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The quartet now is eligible to compete at the FFA national convention, set for Indianapolis in October.

The horse evaluation team's championship was just the tip of the iceberg for the Homedale chapter. Every team that entered competitions placed in the top 10:

- Landscape, fifth place — Team was comprised of Mat Hansen, Kortney Bahem, Nina Bell and Ali McRae. Bahem also placed 10th individually.

- Floral Design, ninth place — Team consisted of Kaitlyn Amos, Rachelle Christoffersen, Summer Phelps and Mikal Mackenzie.

- Farm Business Management, 10th place — Team included Bri Cornwall, Annamaria Salas, Kendall Rupp and Kara McRae.

The Homedale FFA Chapter also received a Models of Innovation Award for its annual Meat the Need program. Each year, Homedale chapter members raise five pigs and donate the food to families, church groups and other assistance organizations. The award application for the Meat the Need program was written by Caitlyn Johnson and Laken Hiser.

Individually, two chapter members received gold awards and cash prizes for their work.

Kortney Bahem won a top equine placement proficiency award, and Steve Williams won a dairy entrepreneurship award. Each received \$300.

Chapter members Rye Hyer, Alysha Bahem, Hannah Johnson and Ashli Kelsner earned FFA State Degrees.

Dave and Sue Williams of Owyhee Dairy were presented with honorary FFA State Degrees for their contributions to the Homedale chapter during the past four years. The Williamses work included providing a place for chapter members to raise their Meat the Need swine.

The Homedale FFA members weren't all work and no play during the convention. Members toured the Whitesides Dairy in Rupert, which constructed the first anaerobic digester in the state, and they attended a dance at the Boys & Girls Club in Twin Falls.

The chapter extended special thanks to Devra Christoffersen, Diane Amos and Sue Williams for chaperoning the trip.

The Homedale chapter held its annual banquet Monday, and Harrison reports that 650 children have pre-registered to take part in the chapter's annual Ag Expo, which is set for May 2 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

Marsing water project remains on schedule

Marsing is close to completing the first part of its three-phase water infrastructure project.

Since the project began, delays, cost increases, and contract issues have appeared to some at times to be the rule rather than the exception. Some people wonder why Marsing's project has progressed so slowly while Homedale's work has seemingly experienced virtually no delays at all.

But three men who know something about Marsing's \$1.7 million project say that what has transpired is not at all unusual for such a complex undertaking.

Marsing superintendent Danny Martin, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Specialist Dave Flesher, and Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer all agree that for the most part, the bumps Marsing has encountered are fairly common issues in similar infrastructure improvements, and most of the issues were expected and planned for. The three also agree that Marsing's project is much more complex than Homedale's, and the two cities are working on different areas of their respective water systems, so comparisons are not particularly helpful.

"Our project consists of supply, storage, booster stations, and distribution. Homedale's project right now consists of upgrading their distribution," Martin said. "You always bring your supply and storage in first, because it doesn't matter what kind of distribution system you've got if you have no water to supply to it. Homedale's distribution project will end up about parallel with Marsing's distribution system, but Marsing's wells, storage, and booster stations are on top of what Homedale is doing."

Marsing has encountered some difficulty in completing its supply improvements. Flesher said it is not as easy to get a good well in Marsing as it is in Homedale.

"It's really tough to get a good well, and Marsing's got the additional challenge that Homedale can usually get better volume or higher production, whereas in Marsing you've got everything from methane, to hydrogen sulphate, to arsenic in some of the wells," Flesher said. "The biggest challenge has been just getting that good water source."

"Last year, when the first well was drilled, it didn't produce as well as folks had hoped and that did cause some delay. I know that the council and the mayor had to decide what they wanted to do, and they made the decision to stay with their current engineer (SPF Engineering), who is a good company. The big thing is that they made that decision and have been moving forward."

Martin said that the necessary deliberation to evaluate and address present and future water quality concerns took time.

He said the first well the city

drilled didn't meet state drinking water standards because of high arsenic levels, so a second well was drilled.

"In the master plan, we were looking at a second well if the water quality wasn't there in the first well, and that's why we bid the second well when we bid the first one," Martin said.

Martin said the city was prudent to evaluate the situation and change its strategy regarding the arsenic problem rather than following the first course of action suggested, which was expensive water treatment.

Flesher said that another change for Marsing is to blend the water from existing and new sources to improve water quality.

"I think that did cause some delays, but in a way I think it's probably a positive because the city didn't jump in and make a rash decision," Flesher said. "There was a lot of good discussion between the city engineer and the project engineer. The end result is they are going to come up with a pretty good system. It's not a perfect water source by any means, but they'll be able to have a lot better, more consistent treatment."

Bauer said that Homedale's improvements have been less expensive and less extensive because the city completed a number of smaller upgrade projects over the years without outside funding. Those incremental upgrades make future projects less complex and less costly, he said.

The first phase of Marsing's project — the water source — is near completion. A storage system will be created in Phase 2.

Martin said work on the third phase — the distribution system — will be similar to the work now being done in Homedale.

"A lot of what Larry's running into will be identical to what we will be facing here in Marsing," Martin said.

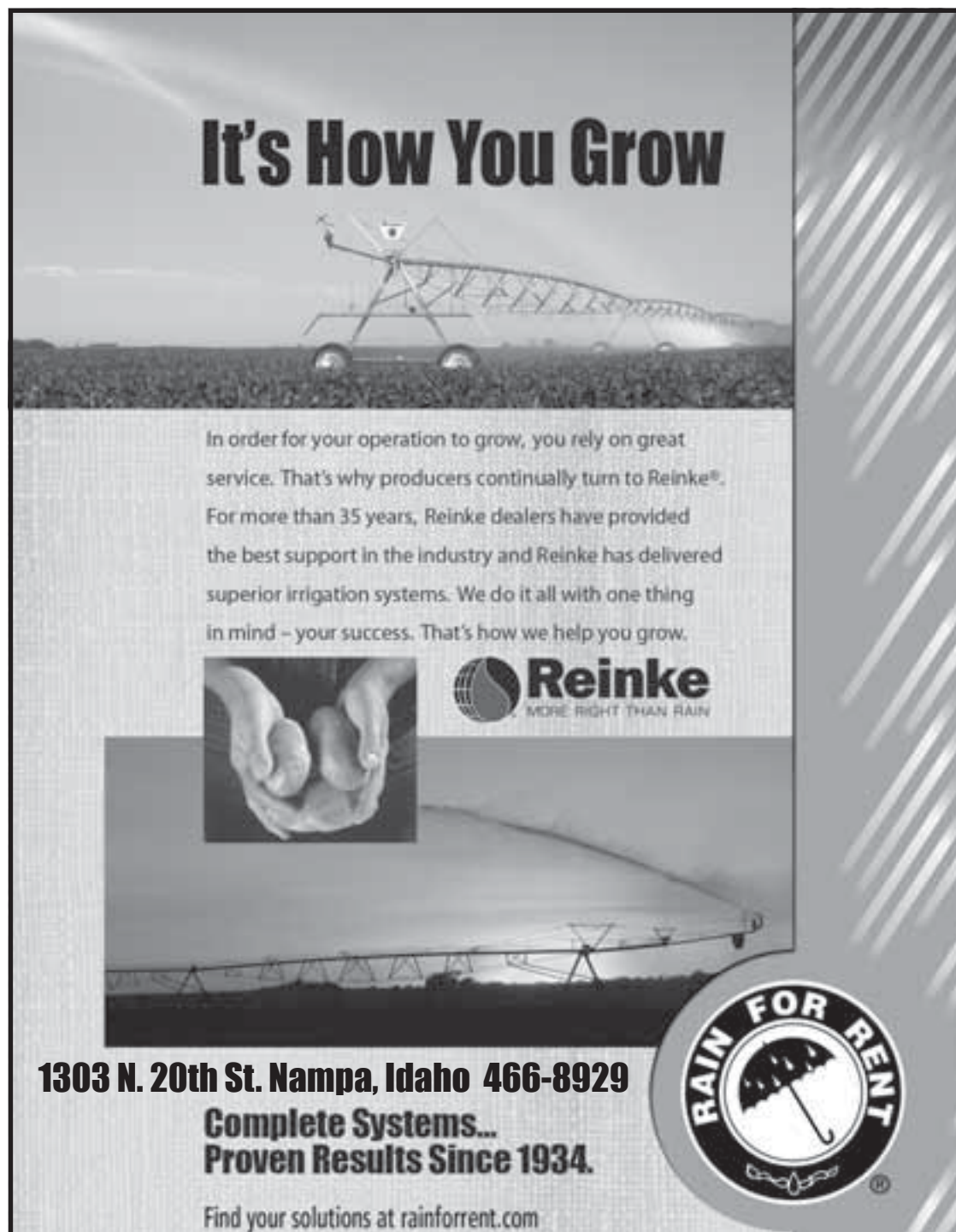
That part of the project is tentatively scheduled to begin in May, and run through the fall of 2009.

Martin said that any perception that the project has been unduly delayed is wrong.

"This is a very unique project," Martin said. "We have to deal with the water quality that is in Owyhee County. We are also looking at what is coming up with new regulations, and we also looked at fluoride levels. The same situation that people in the Givens area have had, we're faced with the same deal here — fluoride, nitrates — it's Owyhee County water. It's just what it is."

"I feel the council and everybody have made some good decisions, and now we'll have the supply and infrastructure so that when growth comes we will be ready for it. I want to ask everybody to be patient with us and with our schedule. We are working extremely hard to get this done."

— RTH



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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday morning, Owyhee Reservoir was 60 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 4,530 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out of the reservoir at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 240 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 426,631 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8:30 a.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.	
04/15	14.6	61	27	50	
04/16	14.8	32	20	26	
04/17	14.9	41	22	31	
04/18	14.9	55	29	43	
04/19	14.8	56	39	47	
04/20	14.8	40	22	29	
04/21	14.8	28	17	23	

Current snow depth is 0.4 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 0.0 inches.

Date	South Mountain		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
04/15	27.7	58	28	47	
04/16	28.0	33	20	26	
04/17	28.1	43	21	31	
04/18	28.3	56	33	45	
04/19	28.3	53	38	44	
04/20	28.2	41	22	30	
04/21	28.3	32	16	22	

Current snow depth is 46 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 20 inches.

Date	Mud Flat		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
04/15	13.6	67	33	49	
04/16	13.5	39	27	32	
04/17	13.5	46	23	35	
04/18	13.6	63	24	43	
04/19	13.6	61	36	48	
04/20	13.6	52	27	37	
04/21	13.6	38	18	27	

Current snow depth is 12 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 4 inches.

Weather

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April 15	78	35	.00
April 16	51	23	.00
April 17	58	25	.00
April 18	69	25	.00
April 19	no reading taken		
April 20	no reading taken		
April 21	73	23	.00



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Homedale music director resigns

After just two years in Homedale, Karla Kachelmier has announced she'll pack up her baton and move on.

The University of Idaho graduate was hired before the 2006-07 school year to guide the Homedale School District's music program.

Kachelmier said she's not sure where her career will take her next, but she said she hopes the guidance she has provided during her first teaching job has paid off.

"The progress our kids have made in the past two years I hope has been evident to the parents and the community," Kachelmier said.

The school board accepted Kachelmier's resignation during its April 14 monthly meeting.

"She's done a great job the last two years here," Homedale superintendent Tim Rosandick said. "We're sorry to see her go."

"She moved the program a long ways in two short years, and we wish her well in her pursuit of other professional opportunities."

Rosandick said the search has begun to find the district's next music director. Kachelmier had served as choir and music director for grades 5 through 12, taking over for Todd Thompson.

"We're confident we'll find a talented, dedicated teacher that will continue making artistic opportunities available to our kids," Rosandick said.

Kachelmier arrived with a passion to push the music program to new heights. She enlisted the help of musicians and parents to organize a drive to buy new uniforms and she entered the band and choir in several competitions.

- The high school band earned a Superior Minus rating at the District 9 Festival in Oregon last year. "The (Boise State University) Marching Band Director was one of the adjudicators, and he told me that it was the best the band had sounded in 15 years," Kachelmier said.

- This year, the high school band performed at the District III festival, a competition that featured larger schools, and Kachelmier said that BSU professor of bands Marcellus Brown said the combo of middle school and high school musicians was the best-sounding Homedale contingent from the past 15 years.

At the District III meet, the marching band performed in the 2A category.

- Kachelmier organized a summer band camp featuring former U of I marching band director Spencer Martin. She said she also received assistance with rehearsals from BSU Blue Thunder Marching Band director Dave Wells.

- Three musicians attended the BSU Honor Band in February 2007, and a clarinetist has attended the Treasure Valley Honor Meet in Nampa for the past two

years.

- Most recently, the high school choir earned Superior ratings at the District III music festival last week. "We also received a superior rating in sight-reading, which has been a great goal of mine," Kachelmier said.

- The number of vocalists attending the District III Solo Festival grew from two middle-schoolers and a high-schooler in Kachelmier's first year to 17 vocalists and instrumentalists from both levels. She said all of this year's competitors received Superior or Excellent ratings.

"I teach discipline, drive for excellence, work ethic and emotion; the vehicle I use is music," Kachelmier said.

"Some would say my expectations are too high. I detest this statement. What would society ever accomplish if all we ever attempted and expected was the supposed 'standard?'"

In the end, though, Kachelmier said that her goals went beyond results.

"What I hope I have accomplished doesn't show up on paper in the form of a score," she said. "My greatest sense of reward will come from knowing that my students learned about hard work and discipline — that they will apply the attitudes of the music rehearsal to everyday life and dreams, whether musical or otherwise."

— JPB

Message resonates



Middle school students spread the word

A group of Homedale Middle School students fanned out across Homedale recently to replace existing behavior keywords with new ones in the windows of local businesses. Taking part in the exercise spurred by Game Time International were, from left: Kyler Eidemiller, sixth grade; Perla Albor, seventh grade; Julissa Hurtado, fifth grade; Lyndee Coombs, eighth grade; Brady Brown, fifth grade; K.J. Atkins, sixth grade; Angel Salazar, eighth grade; and Lydia Aman, sixth grade

Marsing PTA seeks donations for upcoming spring carnival

The Marsing PTA chapter continues to plan for its annual carnival, set to run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 9 at Marsing Elementary School.

The PTA is seeking donations for the dessert booth and cake walk as well as items for a raffle during the carnival.

"We are accepting anything and everything," PTA spokesperson Kym Bowers wrote in an e-mail.

"These donations are tax-deductible, and we are glad to provide receipts."

For more information on making donations for the carnival, call:

- Desserts — Rosemary Brown, 459-7358
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C-SPAN bus hits Homedale on Campaign 2008 tour

Homedale High School students got a chance to learn about the 2008 presidential campaign and federal government media coverage when the C-SPAN Campaign 2008 bus rolled into town on Wednesday morning.

The bus is one of two mobile C-SPAN production studios on a "Road to the White House tour," covering the presidential election and promoting the network. C-SPAN says the purpose of school visits on the tour is to offer "presentations about the political process and C-SPAN's unique coverage of politics to students."

Homedale got the rare opportunity for a visit thanks to its rural character and proximity to the big-city Boise metropolitan area, according to Idaho State Department of Education spokesperson Melissa McGrath.

"That is specifically why we chose Homedale. Homedale High School was selected because we wanted to ensure a number of students living outside the immediate Boise area would have access to the C-SPAN Campaign 2008 Bus and have this wonderful opportunity to learn more about government, politics and the media on the national stage," McGrath said.

"C-SPAN contacted the department to let us know they would be in the Boise area. They had already scheduled visits at the State Department of Education offices, Boise High School, and Mountain View High School in Meridian. State Superintendent Tom Luna wanted to make sure that the bus also reached a more rural school district to give the students who live outside of Boise and Meridian the opportunity to learn more about C-SPAN as well. I contacted Homedale High School to see if the school would be interested, and (HHS Government teacher Jim McMillan) was excited to have the opportunity."

McMillan said more than 50 students boarded the bus for the 20-minute presentation. McMillan, Homedale Middle School principal Lucy Asumendi-Mereness, and Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick also sat in on the program.

The presenter, C-SPAN's Rebecca Stewart, strived to make students think about the election and the candidates. Stewart gave away T-shirts to students who



National cable network education tour visits Treasure Valley

Above: Homedale High School students board the C-SPAN Campaign 2008 bus Wednesday after it parked on East Idaho Avenue in front of the school. **Below:** Students raise their hands to answer a trivia question posed during the educational presentation inside the bus.



were able to answer a trivia quiz about American political figures featured on C-SPAN. She said that C-SPAN believes that the 2008 presidential election is historically significant. She explained that the race is more wide open because it is the first one in more than 50 years in which the president is ineligible for re-election and the vice president is not running to succeed him, and that this election had the potential of seeing the first African-American, first Hispanic, first woman, first Mormon, or oldest first-term president elected in the country's history.

While Stewart did talk about the campaign, the candidates, and the government, and C-SPAN says the bus program is "a way to bring the world of public affairs into schools and communities nationwide," the majority of the information provided was about C-SPAN and how it covers public affairs rather than the actual public affairs.

Stewart talked about C-SPAN's

mission to present federal government coverage unedited, uncut, and commercial-free to allow viewers to see everything and make up their own minds. She explained that C-SPAN also uses the same camera angle on all subjects to avoid making one subject look stronger or weaker than another.

The information about C-SPAN and its coverage was worthwhile, according to people who saw the presentation.

Alysha Bahem, an HHS senior, said she liked the program.

"I'm glad our teacher brought it here. I enjoyed it," Bahem said. "I didn't even know about C-SPAN before it got here, and I didn't know it was a network on TV, but I'll probably watch it now."

"She (Stewart) talked about how their buses travel around and cover the campaigns and how they film the House (of Representatives) and stuff and how they film

them without any interruptions or commercials so it's like you're right in the room. And how they (C-SPAN) have been an influence, and stuff like that. I thought the technology was pretty neat."

"I thought she would cover the candidates, that it would be solely about that, but it was all about the White House, the whole big picture of it. It was pretty good. I liked it."

Rosandick commented on the effort to educate the students about reporting news without bias.

"I thought that the C-SPAN presenter did a good job of helping kids explore the difference between broadcast news that has the appearance of being 'commercialized and editorized' through production techniques versus news that is delivered unadulterated, like with C-SPAN," Rosandick said.

Asumendi-Mereness said: "I was very impressed that C-SPAN would come to Homedale, Idaho, and give our high school students the rare opportunity to see 'behind the scenes' a little of what they're about, and how the news is reported. The bus was so well-equipped to provide up-to-the-minute news reports, from within. The technology opportunities are unlimited."

"The presentation was informational, and it challenged our kids to think beyond what they

actually see on TV. The idea that a news story can sometimes be slanted depending on how it is presented will help our kids understand that hearing both sides of a story before making a decision is important."

McMillan thought that the information provided to his Government students was a bit light on campaign content.

"I guess I was expecting more on the presidential candidates that remained in the race, rather than information on C-SPAN itself," he said. "We are studying the executive branch right now, so it fits with our curriculum. We just finished talking about the election process of candidates announcing, primaries and caucuses and the convention leading up to November. We've been following the election all year doing a role-playing of candidates that were in the race and trying to win election for their candidate."

"I'm sure it's good that kids are aware of resources available when they desire more info on politics, but I was hoping they had received a little more insight into the 2008 election."

The Campaign 2008 bus left Idaho on Thursday, bound for the next stop on its "Road to the White House tour" — Carson City, Nev.

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Officials sound alarm about dangerous meth labs



Emergency personnel learn what to look for

About 50 members of various volunteer and paid emergency response agencies turned out for the April 14 seminar in Marsing on methamphetamine labs. A table filled with common items used to manufacture the illegal drug was part of the presentation.

✓ Meth: Workers urged to be cautious when entering emergency situations

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one of the goals of the seminar was to somehow prevent the occupational reflex to rush into a building at first sign of an emergency.

Such disregard for their own safety got some firefighters injured five years ago after a home-based meth lab exploded in Marsing not far from the location of last week's seminar.

An undercover officer from the Idaho State Police's drug enforcement division and Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Aron Streibel presented the bulk of the education during the meeting.

Another point of the education was to convince first-responders to think about the situation in terms of contaminating their vehicles, their homes and the emergency rooms of hospitals to which they take patients.

"If you're not alive, you're not going to do any good," Bish said. "If you don't have the right equipment, back off and don't make it worse. Don't contaminate your home, your family and your ambulance."

Emergency workers were urged to stay alert for suspicious scenarios when they respond to a call. Instructors showed photos of busted meth labs in which large quantities of household items used to make the drug were found in conspicuous locations, such as around the kitchen, in a bathroom and even on the bed shared by a mother and her 4-year-old daughter.

The gas that emits from meth while it is "cooking" on a hot plate

in a lab is only two molecules off of the chemical makeup of debilitating mustard gas, which was used as a weapon during World War I.

"That's why this can be so dangerous to us and to you guys if you go in headlong into a house fire," Streibel said.

And the danger goes beyond chemical exposure.

Meth manufacturers use lithium batteries and sodium metal in the making of the drug. Both those elements are water reactive, which means that they combust when they come in contact with water — such as from hoses carried by firefighters battling a blaze.

"Be alert to a possible meth lab," Streibel said. "Is it just another simple house fire? Or a simple kitchen fire? You never know."

Streibel pointed out that drug users and drug manufacturers are paranoid by nature, so weapons and even booby traps are possibilities when emergency workers come upon a clandestine drug lab.

He also told the emergency personnel on hand that meth makers are getting creative with coloring and flavoring, which makes it all the more crucial that the workers give the situation the respect it deserves, Streibel said.

"If you suspect it might be drugs, limit your exposure as much as possible," the deputy said.

Exposure to any meth lab requires decontamination and can ruin very expensive breathing apparatus used by firefighters,



Deputy shares his expertise

With his boss, Sheriff Gary Aman, looking on as part of the student body, Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Aron Streibel presents his Powerpoint talk on methamphetamine labs. Streibel also gives the talk at hospitals and in other non-law enforcement-related settings.

according to instructors.

The ISP detective on hand, whose identity remains confidential because of his undercover operations, said most evidence found at a meth lab crime scene is catalogued on-site and then destroyed by personnel trained in the disposal of hazardous materials. None of the dangerous chemicals — lye, white camping fuel, red phosphorous, etc. — is retained as evidence for court cases for safety reasons, the detective said.

Beyond identifying the tell-tale signs of a meth lab — chemicals

that produce harmful fumes as well as unstable elements that can explode when combined — instructors also shared the characteristics of a person under the influence of drugs so workers can identify possible scenarios in which meth or its ingredients may be encountered on traffic stops, car accidents or other medical emergencies.

The ISP detective pointed out that the drug is extremely prevalent on U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 51 because those two roads are main thoroughfares for the trafficking of the drug from

the burgeoning "super labs" in Mexico.

Streibel also said that first-responders should be aware if they are dealing with a "tweaker" because of the possibility that the drug-user could try to harm the emergency workers.

"The chance of firemen encountering a tweaker is not as high as it is for law enforcement and EMTs, but you should always use caution," Streibel said, pointing to his head. "You never know what voices they're hearing up here."

— JPB

Marsing teams up to tidy up

Jump Creek 4-H brings trash troops together Saturday

The Jump Creek Wranglers 4-H group's "Clean Up Marsing" community service event showed that neatness counts, as participants put litter — at least 40 bags worth — in its place on Wednesday and Saturday. With the help of the Boy Scouts and some Marsing High School students, the Wranglers picked up trash along Marsing's main corridor and in both city parks.

More than 60 people turned out for the town-tidying project, according to co-organizer Ken Feaster-Eytchison. About 50 MHS students picked up 20 bags of dross on Wednesday, and 15 4-H members picked up another

20 bags on Saturday. Feaster-Eytchison did not know how much rubbish the Boy Scouts crew picked up at City Park on Saturday. Tammy Bowman and Kimberly Williams also helped put the pick-up party together.

"It's been really good," Feaster-Eytchison said. "We started by the high school gymnasium and worked our way down, we broke up into teams and had some of our young kids come to the park."

After Saturday's litter patrol, all participants enjoyed a barbecue lunch compliments of Marsing's city council and Chamber of Commerce.

— RTH



An un-pallet-able sight
Members of the Jump Creek Wranglers 4-H club fanned out in Marsing's Island Park on Saturday to pick up debris — large and small — in their "Clean Up Marsing" community service project. The group also received help from the Boy Scouts and Marsing High School students.

Marsing High students help out in community

Students from Marsing High School joined the effort to enhance community pride Wednesday.

Freshmen and juniors cleaned roads, while the sophomores took time out in the afternoon to play pinochle at the Marsing Senior Center on Main Street.

"Our community gives a lot to us, and our kids are just trying to give back," sophomore class advisor Janet Cooney said.

About 50 sophomores turned out at the senior center to play cards. Another class advisor, Ed Pfeifer, said sophomores have been learning pinochle as part of their Lifetime Sports class this school year. Kirk Hubbard is the third class advisor for the sophomores.

While the sophomores were inside playing cards, members of the school's junior and freshman classes were scouring Main Street and a two-mile stretch of Idaho highway 78, picking up trash.

Brandy Smith, one of three class advisors for the freshmen, said that first-year high school

principal Wade Pilloud is stressing more community involvement for his students this year.

Smith and fellow class advisors Mark Worley and Daryl Lemos kept watch Wednesday afternoon as students walked along a two-mile stretch of Idaho 78 with bright orange trash bags. A dump truck from the highway district followed the students as they cleaned from Howard Road to the edge of the city limits near the school campus.

High school juniors walked from the Snake River Bridge of Idaho 55 to the intersection of Main Street and Eighth Avenue (also Idaho 78) to clean the streets.

According to Pfeifer, the seniors will help set up the Marsing PTA carnival next month as their community service project.

Wednesday's activities were part of a larger Cleanup Marsing effort that was continued Saturday by the Jump Creek Wranglers 4-H Club.

— JPB



Huskies lend a hand throughout town Wednesday
Clockwise from above:
Members of the sophomore class at Homedale High School play a hand of pinochle at the Marsing Senior Center.
Students from the school's freshman class pick up trash along a fence line next to Idaho highway 78.
Two girls from the Marsing junior class pick up broken glass on Main Street.



Adrian drops two
to league leader

Avalanche Sports

Home run powers
Trojans past Grizzlies

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008



Sherry Thomas fundraiser raises thousands of dollars

Homedale High School track and field coach Thomas Thomas, left, watches as Caldwell High School athletes, including his son Terrance, take part in the "Trekking for the Thomases" fundraiser last week at Deward Bell Stadium.

Benefit run sparks outpouring

An extended community gathered at Homedale High School's track on April 14 to come to the aid of one of its members.

Athletes and staff from Homedale High School and Middle School, track teams from Caldwell, Fruitland, Payette, Weiser and Greenleaf Friends Academy, and numerous others came together to run, jog, walk, roll, and skip around the track to raise money for Sherry Thomas, who has incurred extensive medical expenses after suffering a stroke.

Homedale athletic director David Hart said that more than 400 people took part in the walkathon-style event, dubbed

"Trekking for the Thomases." Hart said that track team members from six high schools and Homedale Middle School gathered pledges based on how many laps they completed, with a maximum of 10 laps. HHS and HMS teams will donate all pledged funds collected to the Thomas family, and the other track teams will donate half of their pledge receipts. Hart said that organizers received more than \$2,000 in direct donations at the event as well.

"No matter how much is collected from the track teams, the event was a huge success. It was a great turnout for the family's benefit," Hart said.

"We set up three tracks,"

HHS principal Mike Williams said. "One here, and the middle school kids have their own track, and the high school kids that want more distance can go around the perimeter of our complex."

Paul's Market donated hot dogs and buns for the event, and Swire Coca-Cola, a local distributor, donated beverages.

Thomas trekkers circled the track to the beat of "Halftime Hits by Williams," an upbeat collection of songs whose popularity, for the most part, peaked 20 years or more before the average participant was born, that Williams put together.

Homedale teacher and track coach Thomas Thomas, Sherry's

husband, was at the event. He walked along the edge of the track, thanking participants with smiles, handshakes, high-fives, and hugs.

"The giving from the community was wonderful," Hart said. "Just the show of support for the Thomas family had to be worth a million dollars to them."

At the end of the trek, Coach Thomas held a cell phone to the public address microphone and Sherry Thomas thanked the participants.

A shout from the crowd in reply captured perfectly the purpose and tone of the event: "We love you, Sherry!"

— RTH

Emry shines at Boise Relays

Austin Emry signaled his arrival Friday at the 38th annual Pat Beiter Invitational/Boise Relays at Bronco Stadium.

Performing in the same arena where he won a 3A state title in the high jump as a sophomore, Emry cleared 6 feet, 4 inches, to win the Boise title by two inches.

He followed up his high jump victory with a gold medal in the long jump, soaring 22 feet.

Homedale teammate Austin Ferguson, a senior, was third in the high jump at 5-10.

Another senior, Daniel Valadez, rose up in the boys discus, finishing sixth with a throw of 142-9. Twenty teams sent athletes to the prestigious event, and among 3A athletes only third-place Tyler Kuder of Payette (147-2) finished higher than Valadez.

Valadez also grabbed a 13th-place showing in the shot put (42-11¼).

Sophomore Trent Acree also turned in three top-10 finishes and qualified for the boys 100 meters final. He ran 11.81 and

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Austin Emry

Raiders rip through Mustangs

Francisco Garcia and Devin Meyers delivered triples April 15 as Rimrock High School blasted another 1A Western Idaho Conference opponent.

With Ricardo Araujo firing a one-hitter and striking out seven, the Raiders pounded Horseshoe Bend, 24-1, on the Mustangs' home field.

When Horseshoe Bend scored a run on a pair of walks in the third inning, it marked the first run allowed by Rimrock pitching

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Sand doesn't trap Trojans' Garrett

Homedale High School junior Ryan Garrett chips out of the sand on No. 11 at Scotch Pines Golf Course on his way to a 44 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference golf match last week. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Ryska tames blustery day at Scotch Pines

Trojans nab 3rd in SRV meet

Ryan Ryska had the third-lowest score of the day, but his efficiency couldn't push Homedale High School any higher than third place on a gusty day at Scotch Pines Golf Course.

"Scores for the day seemed to move up as the wind buffeted the course," Trojans coach David Thompson said. "The temps dropped, and the scores moved up."

Fruitland won the team portion of the meet behind Ty Pena's medalist score of 37. The Grizzlies shot 153 and cleared the field by 22 strokes.

Ryska braved the conditions and fired a 41, which

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Sports



Adrian continues resurrection
Junior right-hander George Ellsworth delivers a pitch in the second game of Adrian High School's doubleheader against visiting Union.

Adrian baseball learns in school of hard knocks

Adrian's fledgling baseball team goes into just about every game with a decided disadvantage in experience. The only way to build up that experience is to play the games, knowing that they are improving with each outing — even if the improvement doesn't show up on the scoreboard.

The Antelopes got a taste of that moral victory on April 15, as defending 1A/2A Wapiti League champion Union swept their doubleheader 13-1 and 15-0 in Adrian. Adding insult to injury, both games were shortened to five innings by the 10-run rule, and two Union pitchers combined for a no-hitter in the nightcap.

In the first game, the Antelopes manufactured their only run in the third inning. Tyrel Phelps drew a walk to lead off. Rudolpho Araujo, a Brazilian exchange student, rapped a single for his first-ever hit in a baseball game. The runners advanced into scoring position on a passed ball. Chance Wood then hit a ball back to Union pitcher Kyle Langford, and Phelps scored when he knocked the ball out of the catcher's grasp after the throw to the plate.

Araujo batted 1.000 for the game with his 1-for-1 performance. Jose Arreola, George Ellsworth and Levi Jones each went 1-for-2 in the contest, and Wood picked up an RBI.

Adrian coach Kevin Purnell said that only one of Union's first 10 runs was earned.

"I thought that both Blake (Purnell) and Joey (Arreola) pitched pretty well," Kevin Purnell said. "They (Union) hit the ball well, but were aided by some errors. In each of the first two innings, we could have been out without giving up a run, but errors prolonged the innings."

"The boys are still learning the game and continue to work hard, but we can't afford to prolong innings."

The Antelopes did not fare so well in the second game. Bobcats pitchers Austin Woodward and Kaden Titus combined to strike out 14 of the 16 Adrian batters they faced.

Adrian is now 1-5 overall, and 1-4 in league play, while Union leads the league with an 8-2 record, and is 14-4 overall.

— RTH

Prep rodeo season moves on



Marsing cowboy performs in New Plymouth
Marsing High School rodeo club member Kelsey Cook flies off his horse during the weekend's District 2 rodeo action at the Payette County Fairgrounds in New Plymouth. The two rodeos on Saturday and Sunday were the fifth and sixth of the season, and the next two rodeos will be held in Homedale at the Owyhee County Rodeo Grounds on May 3-4. Photo by WT Bruce Photography

Trojan Spring Sports

BASEBALL Varsity Thursday, April 24, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m. Friday, April 25, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m. Monday, April 28 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at Payette, 5 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, April 24 at Melba, 5 p.m. Friday, April 25 at Weiser, 5 p.m. Monday, April 28, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.	SOFTBALL Varsity Thursday, April 24, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m. Friday, April 25, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at Payette, 5 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, April 24 at Melba, 5 p.m. Friday, April 25 at Weiser, 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
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Sports



Trojans falter in No. 1 mixed doubles

Tony Oehmichen prepares for a forehand return during a mixed doubles match Thursday against Payette. Oehmichen and Homedale High School partner Alejandra Ramos lost to the Pirates duo of Mark Solberg and Kass Gross, 6-2, 6-0.

Trojans frosh catches fire

Freshman Tanner Lair settled into his role as No. 1 boys singles player last week, but Homedale High School lost a pair of tennis matches.

Lair beat Mike Rich, 6-4, 7-5, on Thursday as the Trojans were edged, 7-5, in their home 3A Snake River Valley conference match against Payette.

The ninth-grader began the week on April 14, snagging his first victory from the top spot

in the boys singles ladder with a three-set, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 win over Nampa's Brian Dambi. The Bulldogs posted a 9-3 non-conference win over their hosts.

Against the Pirates, Homedale also received a first-seed victory in the girls doubles matches. Mandy Brasher, a senior playing tennis for the first time, teamed with Kelsi Silva to beat Payette's Viktorya Kalesknikova and Christine Hildeman, 6-2, 6-1.

Homedale also won the No. 2 boys singles match against Payette as Shravan Sriganesh beat Pedro Nunez in three sets, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.

Other victories against Nampa came from Brasher and Silva at No. 1 girls doubles (6-1, 6-0 over Celeste Slover and Amber Hadley) and from Blanca Uriarte and Jacy Grim in a three-set comebacker over Alexis Weaver and Kristina Wineman, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Stansell's home run carries Homedale

Getting out-hit didn't seem to bother the Homedale High School softball team last week against conference rival Fruitland.

Kortney Stansell homered and Hannah Johnson ripped a double to account for three of the visiting Trojans' five hits, but coach Larry Corta's club pulled out a 7-4 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over the Grizzlies.



Kortney Stansell

Homedale (8-7 overall, 2-3 3A SRV at week's end) snapped a 4-4 tie with a run in the fifth inning. Fruitland had touched Trojans starter Corey Hall for three runs to knot the score in the bottom of the third.

Johnson and Taryn Corta

knocked in a pair of runs for the Trojans.

Fruitland managed eight hits against Hall, while Homedale could only manage five hits and dodged three errors.

On April 14, Homedale scored three times in the second inning but couldn't hold down Melba, which came back for a 7-3 non-conference victory at home.

Johnson knocked in three runs and doubled to lead the Trojans. Kendall Rupp was the only other Homedale player to collect a hit against Mustangs pitcher Cara Duckworth.

Owyhee County resident Kayla Aman was 1-for-3 with an RBI for Melba.

Rimrock's day brightened by Gray

Lee Gray was 2-for-2 with three stolen bases and two runs scored Wednesday to lead Rimrock to a 1A Western Idaho Conference softball win in Bruneau.

Shelby Chandler held Notus to a pair of hits and fanned nine in the Raiders' 11-0 victory.

Rimrock (2-6 overall, 2-1 1A WIC) collected six hits. Shoni Gennette, Sadie Timmons, Laura Smith and Brittany Boman added singles.

On April 15, Horseshoe Bend

needed nine innings to get the better of the host Raiders in an 11-7 1A WIC victory.

The Mustangs scored five times in the ninth to snap a 6-6 tie.

Randie Denton collected her second hit of the game in the bottom of the ninth inning, but after she scored Rimrock was unable to continue its rally in the bottom of the ninth.

Chandler was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, while Sadie Timmons and Boman went 2-for-5.

Homedale boys take 2nd at Parma

Paced by two event wins each from Trent Acree and Austin Emry, Homedale High School's boys track and field team finished second at the Parma Invitational on Wednesday.

Acree won the 100- and 200-meter dash, Emry took first in the high jump and long jump, and Homedale scored 77 points.

Acree ran the 100 in 11.47 seconds, and the 200 in 22.64, while Emry easily won the high jump with a season-best leap of 6 feet, 6 inches, and took the long jump with a 21-5½ effort.

Zach Tolmie and Austin Ferguson each earned bronze at the meet, Tolmie with a time of 2 minutes, 9.44 seconds in the 800, and Ferguson with a height of 6-0 in the high jump.

Marsing's Tyson Heller won the shot put with a 50-3½ heave, and his 141-2 in the discus was good for third place.

Maurus Hope of Adrian won

the 400 in 50.46, and the Antelopes 4x400 relay team of Hope, Kevin Fillies, David Meyer, and Kyle Rogers was the event's fastest with a time of 3:38.26.

In the girls meet, Adrian's Paige Branstiter, in both the shot put and discus, and Antelopes teammate Sammy Bowns in the 3,200 meters, won events. Bowns ran the 3,200 in 13:22.14, while Branstiter put the shot 38-3 and flung the discus 117-4.

Homedale's Nickole D'Alessio was runner-up to Branstiter at 35-6 in the shot, and 108-10 in the discus. The Trojans' Kindra Galloway, Rachelle Christoffer- sen, Annamaria Salas, and Rachel Wheeler earned second in the 4x100, running the event in 53:69.

Elisa Moreno of Marsing finished second in the 100 (13.14), while Ellie Cantrell of Rimrock was third in the 300 low hurdles, running the event in 52.17.

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BASEBALL

Friday, April 25, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 24, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
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Fruitland no-hits Homedale

Fruitland High School showed why it's the class of 3A baseball April 15 against Homedale.

Three Grizzlies pitchers teamed to shackle the Trojans with a no-hitter as Fruitland rolled to a 26-0 3A Snake River Valley conference victory.

It marked the third time this season that Homedale has been the victim of a no-hitter.

The loss dropped the Trojans to 2-14 overall and 1-4 in the 3A SRV.

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Sports

Marsing teams find diamond going rough

The Marsing baseball and softball teams met some tough competition last week, as both squads dropped games at Payette and to New Plymouth and Parma in Marsing.

Taylor Nielsen struck out 11 and went 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI, and two runs scored in

Marsing's 6-5 loss to Parma on Friday. Sean Finley went 5-for-9, drew a pair of walks, drove in two runs and scored twice in the three games. Kris Young picked up three RBI, and Neil Sevy scored twice for the Huskies, who also lost 8-0 to Payette and 9-5 to New Plymouth.

Marsing's softball team was beaten 16-0 by New Plymouth on April 15, 11-0 by Payette on Thursday, and 13-3 by Parma on Friday.

Both teams hosted Glenns Ferry on Monday and traveled to Melba on Tuesday, but results were not available at press time.

Idaho F&G tabs free fishing day

Saturday, June 7 is Free Fishing Day, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game invites veteran and novice anglers of all ages, residents and nonresidents alike, to celebrate the day by fishing anywhere in Idaho without a license.

Though fishing license requirements are suspended for this special day, all other rules, such as limits or tackle restrictions, remain in effect.

"Free fishing day provides a great opportunity for novices to give fishing a try and perhaps develop it into a lifelong pursuit," Fish and Game Southwest Region fish manager Jeff Dillon said. "Parents are encouraged to bring their children out for a day of fun fishing excitement."

For more information, contact the Fish and Game Southwest Region office in Nampa at (208) 465-8465.

Rimrock bowls over Horseshoe Bend

Rimrock High School base runner Ricardo Araujo, right, prepares to run through the Horseshoe Bend catcher during 1A Western Idaho Conference baseball action Wednesday in Bruneau. Photo by Doug Thurman



✓ Raiders: Rimrock takes down NC JV

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in three conference games.

Araujo and Meyers have limited conference opponents to a pair of hits in three games.

Both hits were surrendered by Araujo, while the Rimrock offense has outscored its three conference foes 66-1.

Rimrock (5-2 overall, 3-0 1A WIC at week's end) blew open the game against Horseshoe Bend with 12 runs in the second inning. Meyers, Alberto Ontiveros, Garcia and Stetson Dick had hits in the inning.

The Raiders scored eight more runs in the fourth inning behind a double from Araujo.

Rimrock 8 Nampa Christian JV 7

Reid Hipwell's third hit of the game Thursday turned out to be the game-winner in the eighth inning of a non-conference game played in Bruneau.

Hipwell's two-out single drove in Devin Meyers and snapped a 7-7 tie against Nampa Christian. Meyers had reached on a two-out base hit.

Hipwell was 3-for-5 with a triple and a run scored out of the No. 4 slot in coach Bob Murray's batting order.

Meyers struck out seven and allowed just one hit through four innings as Rimrock surged ahead

3-1, with runs in the third and fourth innings.

Meyers doubled in the first inning and scored the game's first run. He scored an unearned run in the third inning to snap a 1-1 tie.

Nampa Christian scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning to grab a 4-3 edge.

Nate Hofer reached on an error, collected two of his five stolen bases on the day, and scored to tie the game in the sixth inning.

After the Trojans tied the game with a three-run rally that featured a couple unearned runs, Hipwell tripled home a pair of runs and scored on Hofer's base hit to send the game into extra innings.

✓ Relays: Galloway just misses in girls 100

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finished eighth in the 100 final, but his 11.55 in the preliminary heat would have given him the fifth-fastest time in the final.

Acree was seventh in the triple jump at 39-8 and was 10th in the long jump (19-¾).

Sophomore Jake Tolmie ran the 16th-best 2,000-meter steeple-

chase, finishing the unique event in 7 minutes, 54 seconds.

Jake Tolmie was entered in the boys 110 high hurdles, but the senior failed to qualify for the final.

On the girls side, Kindra Galloway was 11th in the long jump at 14-11, and she was two slots away from qualifying for the girls 100

final. The sophomore finished the sprint in 13.44 seconds, and the top eight transferred.

In the 100 high hurdles, another sophomore, Katie Holloway, was 10th in 18.34, again missing the final field.

Junior Rachele Christoffersen bounded to a 29-7 effort for 13th in the triple jump.

✓ Ryska: Trojans three shots from second

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was bettered only by Pena and a 40 from Pena's teammate Nick Dhaenenes. Kenny Branstetter of Weiser also had a 41.

The Trojans carded a 178, three strokes behind the second-place Wolverines.

Grant Sweet and Ryan Garrett both notched 44s for the Trojans, while Reece Landa finished the nine-hole tourney at 49.

Junior varsity Cody Johnson had the best round of the day for the Trojans'

JV boys crew, with a 44. Garrett Gaskins scored a 58, Drew Farwell had a 62 and Sal Cardenas posted a 69.

On the girls side, Dusti Marose logged a 68 for the Trojans, and teammate Emelia McIntyre notched an 84.

Fishing report

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Boat ramps near the powerhouse, at the resort, and at the day-use area are accessible. All other ramps are out of the water. Angling is slow.

LOWER OWYHEE RIVER — Fish for brown trout and hatchery rainbow trout.

Flows below Owyhee Dam were turned on March 9, and the flow was at 238 cubic feet per second (cfs) on April 13. Anglers still need to be careful around spawning areas to protect redds. Trout fry will not emerge from the redds until late April. Angling for rainbow trout and brown trout is good.

UPPER OWYHEE RIVER — Fish for smallmouth bass and channel catfish.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 27, 1983

Band receives ‘superior’ ratings

The Homedale Concert Choir and Concert Band competed in the BSU. Large Group Festival over Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Held annually on the Boise State University campus, the Festival pitted bands and choirs from all the Treasure Valley schools in musical and vocal competition.

The Homedale band received three superior ratings in their division which has been accomplished by only one other school, Capital High.

The Homedale Choir received one excellent rating and two good ratings. Solos were performed by Diane Bruneel, Scott Root, Debbie Chadez, Rita Chadez, Christie Bautista, Janice King, Mark Thatcher, Mandy Gainer, Cheryl Root, Michelle Matlock and Holly Grow. On a rating scale of 1-5 (with No. 1 as highest), there were three No. 1 and eight No. 2 placings for the Homedale soloists.

Student accompanists were: Stacie Matlock, Josie Isaguirre, Kay Ferguson and Holly Grow.

Tom Morris to serve on P.I. Council

A local implement dealer has been appointed to serve on the board of the Southwest Idaho Private Industry Council, according to Homedale Chamber of Commerce coordinator Maureen Cegnar.

Tom Morris, Sr. has been named to the 26-member council. The board is responsible for preparing a plan for job creation and job training within a 10-county area of southwest Idaho. The plan is to be submitted to Gov. John Evans by July 10 of this year.

There is \$1.6 million available for job creation and training, Cegnar said.

Homedale students place in contest

Winning third place in Idaho Power Co.’s fourth annual alternate Energy Contest held April 9 in Ontario were Jeanie Jordan, Beth Rotter and Niki Chadez, all students at Homedale Junior High. Each received fifty dollars for their energy conservation ideas at an awards luncheon held at the Vip’s Restaurant in Ontario last Saturday.

Receiving honorable mention and a check for \$25 were Alan Middleton for a solar heat project and Rusty Middleton for a solar greenhouse.

In addition, the Homedale Junior High school will receive matching grants from the Idaho Power Company for the purchase of classroom materials for science projects dealing with energy conservation and alternate energy sources.

Other Homedale Junior High students entering projects were Dana Brown, Maurice Kennedy and Michael Stowell.

HHS wins in science competition

Homedale High School won the top trophy in the Boise State University annual Science Competition Day.

In the small school category, Homedale High had the highest team combined scores. Team members included Warren Rutledge and Margaret Vance.

Scholarships...

Denise Taggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Taggart, has been named as a recipient of the Ricks College Presidential Scholarship, by Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, according to Dean Vance, High School Counselor. This is the highest award given by Ricks College. Students with ACT test scores of 28 or better and in the top four percent of their graduating class throughout the United States are eligible to apply for this honor.

Mike Matteson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matteson and David Kubosumi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kubosumi, have been named for the 1983-84 University of Idaho County Honor Award for graduating seniors from Owyhee County. Mike has been selected as the principal recipient with David as the alternate recipient. The amount of this year’s scholarship is \$700 according to Dean Vance, High School Counselor.

50 years ago

April 24, 1958

Council discusses plans to drill new Homedale well

The city council held a special meeting Friday morning to discuss the need for a new city well.

The council will meet with a representative of the Idaho survey and rating bureau to find out if a new well will lower insurance rates.

An engineer will be asked to draw specifications. Bids will be asked later. Watermaster Warren Stimmel will consult with well drillers of the area over the best site for the well.

New PTA officers installed Monday at meeting

Ross Barney, assistant state superintendent, Boise, was guest speaker at the regular PTA meeting Monday night. He spoke on teachers’ certification and curriculum in elementary and high school levels.

New officers installed were Phil Batt, president; Mrs. Bonnie Jemmett, vice president; Mrs. James Garrett, secretary; and Mrs. Gordon Cahill, treasurer.

Mrs. Glen Faulks, a past president, was the installing officer. Out-going officers pinned corsages on the new officers.

A special tribute was made to James Claybaugh, eighth grade teacher who retires after this year with 45 years of teaching, 39 of which were in Idaho and 11 in Homedale.

Martin’s win men’s bowling title over Field Runs

Martin’s team, winners of the first half, won the playoff games with the Field Runs, winner of the second half, Monday night.

Don Hatch bowled the high individual game with 213; John Kushlan, high three games series with 579. Two Boys bowled the high team game with 1015 and the high team series with 2914. The men’s bowling banquet will be held tonight at the Tango Club. William Reimer is banquet chairman. Entertainment will include singing and guitar playing by Joe Turner, and awards will be presented.

Members of Martin’s championship team are Ed Manning, John Cegnar, Don Townsend, Forrest Parker, George Wolff, and Steve Hirai.

Runner-up team members of the Field Runs are Lawrence Lineberger, Joe Jesenko, Johnny Jesenko, Dave Haken, Ralph Lineberger, and Ralph Bowman.

Homedale wins 2 league games

Homedale edged New Plymouth 3-2 Friday on the five-hit pitching of Jay Brinkerhoff. Batteries – Davis, Killebrew and Peterson; Brinkerhoff and Bergeson.

The Homedale-Wilder game was played at Marsing Tuesday because of muddy fields at both Homedale and Wilder. The Trojans took advantage of four Wildcat errors to score three runs and win a 3-0 shutout.

Batteries – Brinkerhoff and Toston; Maurer and Obendorf.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Iola Potter attended the state women’s advisory council on civil defense at Boise last Wednesday. She took with her as a guest Mrs. Bernice Glanzman, program chairman for the Farm Bureau civil defense.

Mrs. Paul Zatica and Polly visited the kindergarten class at the home of Mrs. Carrie Phillips Monday.

Several local people attending a youth rally at the Gem State academy in Caldwell Saturday evening were George Moore, Mrs. Jess Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph and family, Marlene Payne, Sharon Butherus and Kay Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Adams and granddaughters Toni and Dani Lee Downing visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keiths’ sheep camp on McBride creek Sunday.

Attending little sister week end at BJC in Boise were Judy Lewis, Charlene Markley, Linda Petzoldt, Janet and Sandra Ross.

140 years ago

April 18, 1868

OWYHEEANS BY THE BAY. Had a talk with Charley Robbins on the street to-day. He looks considerably improved in health — resided at present in Vallejo, but intends to put up wife and baby shortly, with a view to locating in Owyhee — thinks “there is no place like home.” Philip, formerly at Herman’s, I believe is talking of buying a large stock of assorted goods to open at Silver. A good many of your town folks left for Silver the early part of this week, and the balance, sojourning here, talk of following suit in a few days. So look out for old familiar faces once more.

THE AVALANCHE. This journal is considered the “live” paper of Idaho, in San Francisco. Aside from being largely quoted by all the leading daily papers, it enjoys a liberal circulation, and the offices of Beachey and Hudson and McCarthy are constantly crowded with individuals who are anxious to glance at its columns. This morning’s papers contain a telegram from Unionville quoting the Avalanche items of the 28th in relation to the late disastrous fight of the Elmore and Chariot companies. This fact is considered a high compliment to the journal quoted from, but I hope you will not put on any airs in consequence.

FROM CATHARINE CREEK. Col. Jennings just in from his ranch on Catharine Creek, informs us that the crops are growing beautifully out there — corn, potatoes, onions &c., are up and looking finely. There is a large scope of magnificent farming land on Sinkers, Catharine and Bruneau Creeks, affording unsurpassed opportunities for farmers, as all kinds of agricultural products will always find a ready market and command fair prices here.

FROM FLINT. Squire King, from Flint, paid our town a flying visit a couple of days ago. He dispenses law to the Flintites and does a general splicing business. Says that the people on his side of the mountain are “marrying and given in marriage,” which is corroborated by matrimonial notice in this paper. Beautiful weather in Flint, Indian scares occasionally and grass of sufficient growth to afford good grazing for stock. The Rising Star Company are energetically pushing forward work on their mine, the Rising Star, which we are told is 6½ feet wide and yielding very rich silver ore. W. M. Lent, one of the Trustees of the Company arrived from San Francisco on Thursday.

OWYHEE FERRY. Messrs. Lockwood & Cable have replaced the boat lost during the late freshet by a splendid new craft just acquired and ready to transport anything that comes along. The new boat is 45 feet long 12 feet wide and will carry 15 tons with perfect safety.

INDIANS IN FLINT. Information comes to hand that last Friday afternoon four men from Eves’ sawmill in Flint, discovered a fresh Indian trail nearby, and following it up a short distance saw eight Indians, who took refuge in the rocks and commenced shooting. The parties being unable to dislodge them from their position in the rocks immediately conveyed the information to Flint and twenty men were soon en route for the seat of war; but in the meantime the Lo family had skedaddled. They were followed into the Jordan Creek Canyon, about two miles below Wagontown, and there the trail was lost.

Considerable Indian “sign” has been seen in the vicinity of Flint of late and the people are becoming much alarmed in consequence. They demand protection which would certainly be granted them. With a detachment of cavalry stationed on the flat below the town they could thus be ready for any emergency and the Flintities would be rendered comparatively secure against the murderous raids of the savages. We would respectfully call the attention of the Commanding Officer of this District to the very urgent necessity of affording protection of our neighbors and thus prevent a recurrence of those bloody Indian outrages with which we are all too familiar.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Cell phone overcharge

The Deputy Sheriff looked at the coordinates on his GPS and the Verizon customer’s complaint sheet again. He was in the exact spot, but it was an empty field.

This story began a year and a half ago according to John. Technology had swept through the valley and drawn JG into its zephyr. The telephone company modernized his irrigation system by incorporating cellular phones. With a call to a cell phone attached to his sprinkler he could give instructions to turn it off when the wind blew, turn it on after fixing a gear box and by doing so, he could save lots of gas and time.

In addition, the sprinkler could call JG’s monitor cell phone to report a problem like a break in the line or frozen pipes. The programmer put a nice lady’s voice as the interlocutor between JG’s monitor cell and the one on the sprinkler. She sounded like a cross between Tokyo Rose and C-3PO!

Valley Sprinkler even donated used cell phones to JG out of the goodness of their heart and agreed to bill him annually since the calls were so few. When JG received his second annual bill he was astounded! It was over \$300! Someone had been calling his monitor cell phone. Not once or twice, but two pages worth! He had no memory of so many calls. Fortunately, the number of the caller was listed right on the bill, over and over and over!

In an angriious mood he punched in the number. A lady answered. JG introduced himself and immediately began castigating her, “I do not appreciate your constant calls to my private line,” he said, you are costing me hundreds of dollars and I don’t like it!” He thought it best to avoid trying to explain the sprinkler cell phone connection.

“Oh, oh, oh! Dear Lord, I don’t believe this! Please don’t hang up; I’m in Colorado Springs! (100 miles away). Your phone has been calling me for a year. Late at night, in the early spring and late fall. I’ve called back over and over only to get this crazy computer woman’s voice asking me to enter my code!” She sounded horrified. “I’ve been crazy with this harassment. I’ve called the District Attorney, the Sheriff’s Office, Verizon, even Art Bell! She raged on hysterically until she broke into tears. JG assured her it would never happen again.

Turns out that on cold nights the sprinkler phone would call JG to give him a freeze-warning shut-down alert. It happened so often that he just turned his phone off after dark. But, it was programmed to call a secondary number if one was available. And, it turns out that the used cell phone had never been cleared properly and it faithfully put the sprinkler through to the nice lady in Colorado Springs, time after time after time, driving her bananas.

JG quickly hung up and found the delete button on his phone. The beleaguered woman didn’t press charges, and to this day the Deputy still drives by the empty field now and then secretly hoping to spot a UFO!

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

Annie the Beagle 1994-2008



It was almost exactly 14 years ago that our eldest daughter, who was still living at home, added an item to the grocery list on the refrigerator door:
“Beagle.”

Every week for a month Melanie put “Beagle” on the list. So one day Sara and I drove to a farm on the other side of the lake and brought home a Beagle puppy. It was asleep on Melanie’s bed when she arrived home from classes. She named the puppy Annie.

It was only a few months later when Annie’s mistress met a guy. When she got married and moved out, Annie stayed with us.

During Annie’s early years, I wrote a number of newspaper columns about life with a Beagle. The columns eventually were posted on the Internet. I received responses from as far away as Australia and Russia. The writers thanked me — usually saying something like, “I own a beagle and thought it was retarded but your columns made me realize it’s just normal.”

When one of Annie’s rear legs gave out, we paid more to have it repaired than it cost for me to be born. And when the other back leg had the same problem a couple of years later (bad genes according to the vet), we already had too much invested not to write another check.

It hasn’t been easy. Nearly a week has passed, and I still catch myself glancing toward the fireplace, expecting to see Annie sprawled halfway out of her doggie bed, one eye covered by an ear. And I could swear I still sometimes hear her jumping against the metal storm door in the back of the house, the signal that she is ready to come inside.

Over the years, I wrote a lot trying to describe Annie. But I think our daughter Tara did it best in an e-mail sent to us after she learned of Annie’s demise.

“I know Annie had a lot of ‘critics,’ but she was a good little dog. She was enthusiastic about everything! Dinner, a bone, someone coming home, someone passing by, a hot dog, going for a walk. How can you not love an animal that takes such great pleasure in such little things?”

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

Tune in to legacy of 1st Congress



Hidden among the granite and steel canyons of the Wall Street financial district of Lower Manhattan in New York City sits a building invisible from more than a few blocks away in any direction. Comparatively diminutive in appearance, its granite columns and ornate architecture call to mind a different age — memories of the birth of our nation. In fact, this building, known as Federal Hall, housed the 1st Congress of the United States of America from March 4, 1789, to March 3, 1791. Nearly 220 years ago on April 30, that body inaugurated George Washington as our first president.

History circles back sometimes, and in interesting ways. Federal Hall sits at the proverbial ground floor of the financial headquarters of the United States. This distinguished old grandfather has witnessed a manifestation of his ideals of individual liberty and human freedom in the robust financial markets that the U.S. is known for today — markets that create opportunity for financial independence and prosperity. It was during the 1st Congress that our Founders enacted historic financial legislation by creating the first national bank.

The financial foundation of the federal government was just one of many issues requiring urgent attention over

“People forget the younger Annie and how much fun she was. I remember her little potbelly when she was just a puppy, and how we all said ‘uh oh’ when she finally realized she could jump on the furniture (where we climbed to get away from her sock-chewing ways). I remember how we could tell her to go pick a toy, and she’d go to her toy box and do just that. She loved her rope more than any other toy, I think, and she loved to ‘kill it,’ and how she’d happily play tug-of-war until we finally gave up.

“I remember playing hide-and-seek with her, and how she knew us all by name and who was missing. She was so funny, how she tracked herself, birds, and squirrels around the yard for hours. I remember the Christmas morning Jenny wouldn’t get up, and how we sent Annie in to do the dirty work of getting her up. And how Annie would always know which Christmas present was hers and open it herself. And speaking of holidays, her favorite was always July 4th. It didn’t get any better than that for her! I think my favorite thing she did was when she used to hide her rawhide bones. It was so funny to step into the shower to find one, or see one peeking out from behind the curtains. She wasn’t the best hider, but she sure tried!

“If Annie’s biggest downfall was her enthusiasm for life, well then, I guess we could all aspire to be more like her. Her enthusiasm for such small things was the exact reason why I loved her so much. If there’s anything I can take comfort in, it’s that she lived such a long, happy life. You took such good care of her, and I don’t think she could’ve of asked for anything more.”

When Annie died my initial reaction was: “No more dogs because they always break your heart.” But I think we eventually will get another pooch. Pets are good for us — especially as we get older. Human friends may come and go but a dog loves you unconditionally and forever.

— *Go to www.owyheepublishing.com to link to some of Wayne’s previous columns on his Internet blog. You’ll find the link in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page.*

Commentary

Letters to the editor

Community should be proud of Homedale paramedic

This letter is written to acknowledge the performance of Homedale Ambulance/Paramedic Teresa Uranga.

Teresa came to our home on two occasions. Both times she did her job in a top-notch professional manner. She utilized her medical training with triple AAA++ effectiveness and was also able to defuse a volatile situation and turn it into a “win-win” for all involved.

Teresa, I am proud that you are a member of our county’s emergency team. The rest of our citizens should be proud also.

Gary Evans
Homedale

Gary Aman can keep up with coming changes in county

I wish to offer my support for the re-election of Sheriff Gary Aman.

In the tradition of the Owyhee office, Gary has demonstrated his ability to keep abreast of changes coming our way.

Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

Marsing Disaster Board’s generosity enriches community

On April 1, 2008, members of the Marsing Senior Center Board, Mary Mahler, Anne Ingersoll, Roman Usabel, and Bonny Willer joined with the Marsing Disaster Board members at their annual meeting. Their elections of officers consisted of re-election of their present officers: Roman Usabel as chairman, Thomas Ineck as secretary, and Deb Halsie as treasurer.

It was a very interesting meeting, listening to the

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 27 primary elections until noon on May 16.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer

Submit letters in one of four methods:

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it has increased, and our community is the envy of many others who do not have this type of cooperation.

So it is with heartfelt gratitude that the Marsing seniors say thank you.

Mary Mahler, Treasurer
Marsing Senior Center Board of Directors
Homedale

Good to see an editorial, but commentary page is frustrating

It was very refreshing and somewhat surprising to finally read an editorial by the actual editor of the Avalanche, even though it was only in defense of your position on printing the DUI story. Right or wrong, public officials, particularly members of the criminal justice system, are held to a higher behavior standard.

Whether or not it should have been placed on the front page is debatable, but then I am continually amazed by the layout of the Avalanche. The editorial section should be the most important part, after the first page, yet you stick it behind the high school sports section with Baxter Black and Wayne Cornell. Ho, hum.

You should write your own column every week. There are hundreds of critical subjects that are (or should be) of vital interest to residents of Owyhee County and Idaho right now. I find myself both angered and bored by Cliff Kincaid’s countless columns. His “Accuracy In Media” is not particularly accurate, for one thing.

Newspapers across the country are losing readership, particularly amongst people under the age of 30, who find it easier to read news online or get it from television. How interesting do you suppose this group finds Cliff Kincaid, who continues to yip about poor old Ted Kennedy’s misbehavior of 30 some years ago? This wasn’t just in one column either, and it was referencing something that happened before most of them were even born.

Let’s hear from you more often.

Pam Roylance
Homedale

✓ Congress: TV network offers window into happenings in Washington

From Page 18

While Congress achieved many historic milestones, setting us firmly on the path to becoming a great nation, some things have definitely changed for the better. Federal Hall had no visitors’ gallery — sessions were closed to the public.

Now, as you know, there are galleries in both the House and the Senate chambers from which visitors can observe the business conducted every day that the Houses are in session. And today, we have something that our Founders could never have imagined: C-Span operates what amounts to a virtual gallery — we can watch proceedings on our

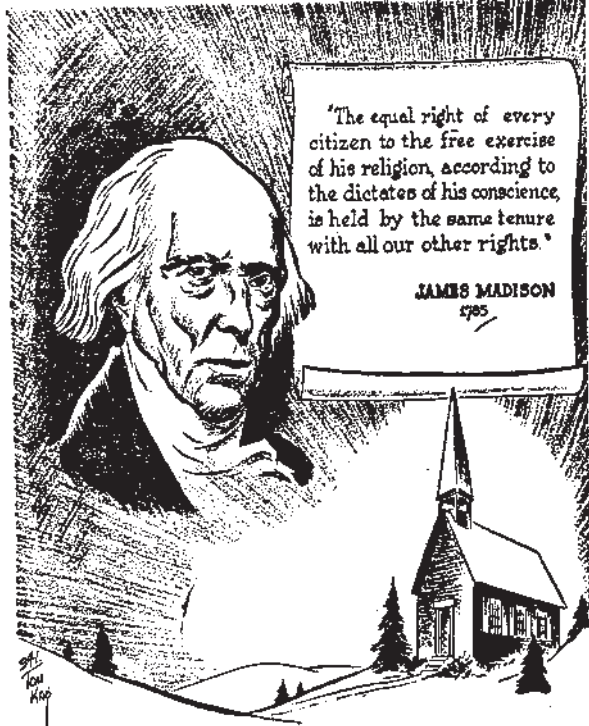
television or computer. This affords an arguably better view than from the Chambers’ galleries and, in most cases, it’s much easier than getting to Washington, D.C., through the Capitol security and even maneuvering the steep, narrow aisles of the galleries themselves.

While admittedly not as exciting as sports or a blockbuster movie, I encourage you to tune into C-Span periodically while Congress is in session. Unlike the days of Federal Hall, we have technology and an openness to the legislative process that better equips participatory democracy. The media is a good information source

for many things, but when it comes to politics and the inevitable commentary that comes with political coverage in the media, first-hand observations are the best way to learn about the issues before Congress.

In some ways, we’ve come a long way from those historic days in Lower Manhattan; in others, only the faces and the locations have changed. Appreciating and preserving America involves embracing the new while adhering to the history-altering ideals richly envisioned two centuries ago.

— Mike Crapo is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho.



Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

The Owyhee Avalanche

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

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

Amendments to the agenda included: pay bills, executive session, Owyhee Initiative, and P&Z recommendation.

Approved the proposal submitted by Don Frank to replace the roof on the law library.

Approved the paycard agreement for the sheriff’s office.

Approved the certificate of residency for a student attending CSI.

Held a hearing on I.C. Case 07-50 it was continued until 11:00 a.m., on April 14th.

Indigent & Charity case’s 08-06 and 08-07 were approved.

Payment of bills was approved from the following funds: Current Expense \$69,106, Road & Bridge \$27,812, District Court \$5,296, County Fair \$8, Probation \$2,527, Health District \$4,187, Historical Society-Museum \$624, I&C \$14,006, Revaluation \$954, Solid Waste \$15,142, Tort \$3,506, Weed \$2,694, 911 \$2,135

The Bureau of Homeland Security Grant was approved for \$70,222.

Approved an ingress, egress off of Silver City Road requested by Chad Nettleton.

Approved \$50,000 toward purchase of an ambulance for Marsing.

Adopted Resolution 08-11 rescinding area closures imposed by Resolution 08-03.

Approved Larry Church to be on ballot for SWDH Representative.

Pay authorization requested by the Sheriff approved for deputy Heeb.

Denial of Creative Real Estates request for refund of CUP.

An Owyhee Initiative meeting was held at the Annex Building.

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

/s/Jerry Hoagland
Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn
4/23/08

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION
Joint School District No. 365
Elmore and Owyhee Counties,
Idaho**

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that the annual school trustee election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 3, 4 and No. 5 may vote for a candidate in their respective zone. The purpose of said election shall be to elect a trustee from Trustee Zone No. 3 and Zone No. 5 to serve for a period of three years and a trustee from Zone 4 for a two-year term.

**TRUSTEE ZONE NO. 3 - GRAND VIEW AREA
TRUSTEE ZONE NO. 4 - GRAND VIEW AREA
TRUSTEE ZONE NO. 5 - OREANA AND GRASMERE AREAS**

As provided by Idaho Code, Section 33-502A, no write-in

vote shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed with the District Clerk indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed not later than fourteen (14) days before the day of election.

The polls will be open from 12 o’clock Noon until 8 p.m. at the following location:

**OREANA COMMUNITY HALL
G R A N D V I E W
ELEMENTARY
GEORGE BENNETT
RESIDENCE**

Qualified electors who expect to be absent from the District on May 20, 2008, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot. Written application for an absentee ballot may be made to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees on a form made available at the district office, 660 Boise Ave., Grand View, Idaho on Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Such application must be made no later than 5 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2008. Electors applying in person may obtain their ballots starting April 29, 2008. Electors applying by mail should submit their requests as soon as possible. The absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
Catherine R. Sellman, Clerk
4/23,30/08

**INVITATION TO BID
BUS MAINTENANCE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Grand View, Idaho 83624, P. O. Box 310, Telephone (208)-834-2253, until 4 o’clock p.m., May 22, 2008 for bus maintenance, materials and services.

Specifications or additional details (including bid forms) may be secured from Superintendent Vickie Chandler.

The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting, May 22, 2008 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 7 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 365, P. O. Box 310, Grand View, Idaho 83624

Catherine R. Sellman, Clerk
4/23,30/08

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF
WATER RIGHT**

Edith Nettleton Test Trust &/ or Robert Nettleton &/or Steve Nettleton of PO Box 267, Boise ID 83701 filed Application No. 74652 to transfer a water right with a 1951 priority date from the Snake River totaling 1.71 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to retire 2 acres of irrigation on BLM land and replace it with 2 acres of irrigation on applicants’ nearby land. The site is about 2 miles southeast of Walters Ferry near Noble Island in Owyhee County.

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 May 5, 2008. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
4/16,23/08

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-FMS-56065 Notice is hereby given that, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 8/8/2008, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, Front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit: A parcel of land being a portion of the SE1/4 NW1/4 of section 28, Township 3 north, range 4 west, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found Brass Cap marking the northwest corner of said section 28, T3N, R4W, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho and being the centerline intersection of Dunlap Road and Edison Road, said Brass Cap bearing north 0º00’00” east 2666.85 feet (formerly 2667.00 feet) from a found 5/8” iron pin marking the W1/4 corner of said section 28 and being the centerline intersection of said Edison Road and Bruneau Highway; thence south 88º52’33” east 2639.50 feet (formerly south 88º53’ east 2640.00 feet) along the north boundary of the said NW1/4 of section 28 and the said centerline of Dunlap Road to a found 5/8” iron pin marking the N1/4 corner of said section 28; thence south 0º05’38” west 1324.65 feet (formerly south 0º06’ west 1325.10 feet) along the easterly boundary of the NE1/4 NW1/4 of said section 28 to a found 5/8” iron pin marking the C-N 1/16 corner of said section 28; thence continuing south 0º05’38” west (formerly south 0º06’ west) 16.80 feet along the easterly boundary of the said SE1/4 NW1/4 of section 28 to a set ½” iron pin, said pin marking the real point of beginning; thence continuing south 0º05’38” west (formerly south 0º06’ west) 325.00 feet along said easterly boundary of the SE1/4 NW1/4 of section 28 to a set ½” iron pin; north 88º52’33” west 672.61 feet to a point on the centerline of an existing concrete irrigation ditch, said point being witnessed by a set ½” iron pin which bears south 88º52’33” east 5.00 feet; thence north 1º06’45” east 324.95 feet along said existing concrete irrigation ditch to a point, said point being witnessed by a set ½” iron pin which bears south 88º52’33” east 5.00 feet; thence south 88º52’33” east 666.83 feet to the point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but,

for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 5711 Gosling Lane, Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Maria Violet Goicoechea, an unmarried woman, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of New Century Mortgage Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 1/13/2004, recorded 1/20/2004, under Instrument No. 246502, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 1/13/2004, failure to pay the monthly payment which became due on 1/1/2008 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of March 31, 2008 Delinquent Payments from January 01, 2008 2 payments at \$2,205.78 each \$4,411.56 1 payments at \$2,092.61 each \$2,092.61 (01-01-08 through 03-31-08) Late Charges: \$402.54 Beneficiary Advances: \$280.84 Suspense Credit: \$-596.22 Total: \$6,591.33 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$208,005.84, together with interest thereon at 11.125% per annum from 12/1/2007 to 3/1/2008, 10.375% per annum from 3/1/2008, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: 3/31/2008 Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC Trustee By Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 2734647 4/23,30;5/7,14/08

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No.: ID -124849-C Loan No.: 7470424672 A.P.N.: RPA00100350160A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 6/30/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 73 and Hailey St.,

known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, ID, 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 and personal property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 16 IN BLOCK 35 OF AMENDED PLAT OF HOMEDALE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 202 WEST ARIZONA AVENUE HOMEDALE, ID 83628 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: OLITA POPE AND ARTHUR L. POPE, WIFE AND HUSBAND, as grantors, to ALLIANCE TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of “MERS” MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER HOME COMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 8/28/2006, recorded 8/30/2006, as Instrument No. 257931 and re-recorded RERECORDED 1-28-2008 #263788, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, IN THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/28/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of 533.10, due per month from 9/1/2007 through 6/30/2008, 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 \$56,752.50, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.875% per annum from 8/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 2/29/2008 First American Title Insurance Company Dee Ortega, authorized signatory c/o Executive Trustee Services, Inc. 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504 Phone: (818) 260-1600 Sale Line: (714) 259-7850 ASAP# 2704418 4/23,30;5/7,14/08

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Loan No: 0021959085 T.S. No.: 07-11240-ID On 7/25/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the Lobby of Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company as Trustee on behalf of H & R Block Mortgage Corporation, a Massachusetts 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: EXHIBIT AA parcel of land in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 20, township 3 north, range 5 west of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 20, township 3 north, range 5 west of the Boise Meridian, the real point of beginning; thence south along the west boundary line of said section 20 a distance of 178 feet; thence east a distance of 389 feet; thence north a distance of 178 feet to a point on the north line of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter; thence west along the north line of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, a distance 389 feet to the real point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 4444 Homestead RD. Homedale, ID 83628-3646, 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: Kathleen M. Biery and Shawn T. Biery, wife and husband, As grantors, To: First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of H & R Block Mortgage Corporation, a Massachusetts Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 7/25/2006, recorded 07/31/2006, as Instrument No. 257481, 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 7/25/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,164.62 due per month from 9/1/2007 through 7/25/2008, 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 \$179,228.92, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.35% per annum from 8/1/2007 All delinquent amounts are now

due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 3/27/2008 By: First American Title Insurance Company By Financial Title Company, Its Agent 4 Hutton Centre, Suite 100 Santa Ana CA 92707 714-668-8420 Alma Nunez, Authorized Signor P387095
4/16,23,30;5/7/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee’s Sale No. 02-SN-52656 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on July 10, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 14 IN BLOCK 39 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYNEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYNEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 210 W MONTANA AVENUE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JOHN B MCCUTCHEN AND KRISTI K MCCUTCHEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to TRANSNATION TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 3/29/2002, recorded 4/4/2002, under Instrument No. 239210, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE SECURITY NATIONAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-1. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE,

OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 3/29/2002, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2006 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of March 4, 2008 Delinquent Payments from October 01, 2006 18 payments at \$591.52 each \$10,647.36 (10-01-06 through 03-04-08) Late Charges: \$1,096.86 Beneficiary Advances: \$0.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL:

\$11,746.22 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$54,031.37, together with interest thereon at until paid. 12.625% per annum from 9/1/2006, The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 3/4/2008.

PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Amy L Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 2712979
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Owyhee County Church Directory

Snake River Valley Fellowship Homedale 20 E. Oregon, Homedale Sunday 10 am Worship 475-3733 or 880-8962 Pastor Robert Cooperstein	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm Visitors Always Welcome!	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 249-2512 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 7-8pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lakey Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Payne	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2008 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 26 - Feb. 23 - March 8 - April 12 May 10 - June 28 - July 12 - Aug. 16 Sept. 27 - Oct. 11 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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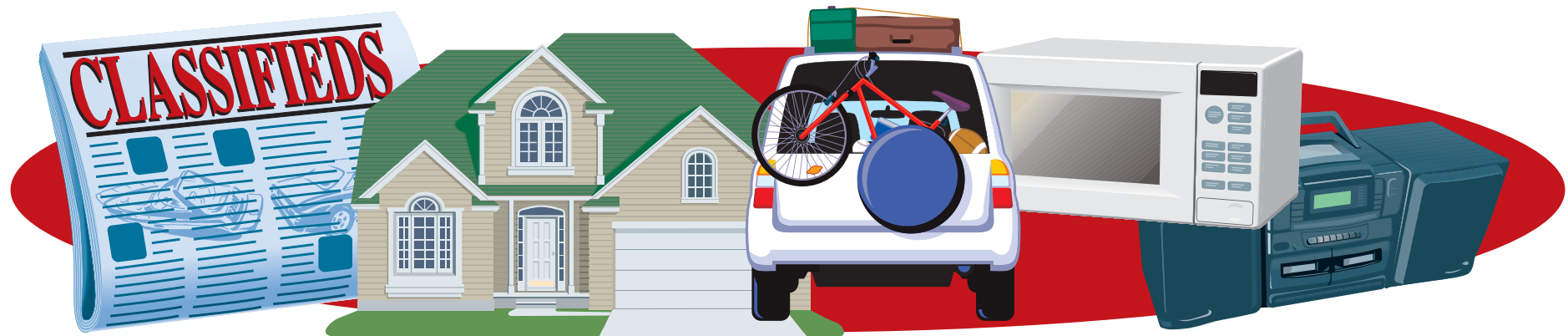
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