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County fair ended FY '08 in red

Auditor's suggestion
prompted clerk
to ask fair secretary
for checkbook

A former member of the Owyhee County Fair Board has called attention to the legality of the county taking over the financial records of the fair.

Former fair board chair Joe Merrick, in a letter to the editor published in today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche (Page

19), points out that the Board of County Commissioners would be in violation of Idaho Code if they acted on a suggestion from auditor Jared Zwygart to close the fair board checking account and route transactions through the county clerk's office.

The board never took a vote on the mat-

ter after county Clerk Charlotte Sherburn reported in a Jan. 12 meeting that the clerk's office was taking over the fair board books. Fair secretary Kelly Haun said last week that the fair board checking account is still

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Marsing Disaster Auction back on block Saturday

With donations now rolling in and the selection of items up to its usual standard of excellence, the Marsing Disaster Auction will be gaveling out a wide variety of donated goods on Saturday. Proceeds benefit those in dire need in Marsing and the surrounding area.

As always, the auction will begin at 10:13 a.m. It will be held at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N. in Marsing.

Auction items this year will include a donated vehicle, a pellet barbecue grill, a rafting trip for 12, a queen-sized log bed, a 60-gallon 3-horsepower air compressor, a year's supply of movies and popcorn, a kids' cedar playhouse, a Las Vegas trip for two, an antique fireplace mantel, an all-inclusive Owyhee fly-fishing trip, a handmade cedar chest and many more items. Everything from shotguns to fresh eggs to one-of-a-kind autographed sports gear will cross the block.

This year's auctioneers are Chris Brown, Bob Hopkins, Sid Maxwell, Lonnie Rudd, Rick Brown, Ellis Albright, Roger



Above: Toby Forras, 3, tries out the cedar playhouse that is one of the items that will be up for bid at this year's auction. For more on the history of the auction, see Page 13. (Photo by Brandy Forras).

Baker, Sam Baker, and JB Salutregui.

For those who get a little too excited — not to worry, Visa and Mastercard will be accepted.

For those looking to gamble a bit, the disaster auction's \$10 raffle gives ticket-holders a chance at a washer and dryer, a gun safe, LCD-HD television, 22-250 rifle with scope, a 14-inch laptop computer and a Cabela's electric

smoker. For a dollar, one might win a \$250 Marsing shopping spree, a Boise getaway, half a beef (cut and wrapped) or a Nintendo Wii video game system.

A variety of food will be offered, including homemade pies for dessert.

For more information, contact Betty Ackerman at 896-4562 or Pete Smit at 454-5404.

— MML

Proposed cuts put pressure on schools

Luna's plan could mean 5-10 percent
contraction of Homedale budget

The fears of one local school superintendent were assuaged Thursday, but the proposed cuts to the fiscal year 2010 state schools budget still won't make life easy for smaller districts.

Many of the cuts proposed in the budget state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna

presented to the Legislature's Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee last week will affect teachers and administrators, and Homedale district superintendent Tim Rosandick fears that could impact the harmony of staffs

— See *Schools*, page 5

Hoagland: County budget holdbacks not as likely

The fiscal outlook apparently isn't as dire as it could be for Owyhee County, according to chair of the board of commissioners.

In January, District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund mentioned as a matter of warning that a neighboring county was contemplating 10 percent budget holdbacks because of the lack of revenue entering government coffers.

But last week, board chair Jerry Hoagland said that, while things aren't as rosy as everyone would like, Owyhee County may not have to look at drastic holdbacks.

"The revenues coming in are not as severe as we thought it might be," Hoagland said. "We just need to make sure (county departments)

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Jerry Hoagland

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City won't negotiate deal with Lurre over suit

Councilman:
ICRMP won't
cover claim if
case goes to trial

The City of Homedale could be on the hook of Lurre Construction's claim if the Caldwell construction company wins its lawsuit.

On Thursday, a motion made by Councilman Eino Hendrickson to

negotiate a settlement with Lurre died for lack of a second during a special meeting at City Hall.

The construction company is asking for at least \$20,000 plus court costs in a lawsuit stemming from the 2007 award of a sewer lift station construction bid to Eastern Oregon Construction of Ontario, Ore.

Hendrickson said he made the motion to seek negotiations because "I kind of got the impression that we were going to try as a group to just see what the (Lurre)

offer was."

He said that negotiations seemed like a crucial step in the process because Idaho Counties Risk Management Program senior claims specialist Randall Spencer apparently told the council that the city's insurance carrier will opt out of the proceedings if District Judge Gregory Culet denies Homedale's motion for a summary judgment, which would send the case either to trial or arbitration. Culet is expected to render his ruling in a telephonic

hearing Tuesday morning.

"If we can get this done for half (the settlement price) with ICRMP kicking in quite a bit, it wouldn't cost (the city) that much," Hendrickson said.

Hendrickson said he made the motion in an effort to get his council colleagues' views on the record. Tim Downing and Aaron Tines also were present. Council president Dave Downum had family business to attend to after sitting through most of the preceding 45-minute executive session

with city legal representation (city attorney Michael Duggan and Steven Kraft, the attorney handling the Lurre case) and Spencer.

Mayor Harold Wilson declined to comment on Thursday's open meeting, referring questions from The Owyhee Avalanche to City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

Pegram confirmed the meeting's attendees and also the outcome of the public portion of the meeting.

— JPB

Commissioners meetings may move to Tuesday

Sheriff gets
go-ahead to seek
boat grant

The Board of County Commissioners soon could be meeting on Tuesdays in Murphy.

During their Monday meeting in Murphy, the commissioners asked prosecuting attorney Douglas Emery to draft a resolution that would set weekly meetings at the Owyhee County Courthouse for Tuesdays, except for the second Monday of the month. Idaho Code mandates that all BOCCs in the state hold at least one meeting a month — on the second Monday.

Owyhee's commissioners discussed moving all other meetings to Tuesday so Emery could be available for legal opinions when necessary. With a Monday schedule, the commissioners are

competing for Emery's attention with the court docket, as was the case Monday when Emery was dealing with court cases while the commissioners were trying to corral him to discuss moving the meeting.

There's no word on when the resolution will be returned to the commissioners, but if and when it is passed, the board will meet on the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month, while maintaining the second Monday as required.

The commissioners also requested a resolution to adopt a uniform sign-in sheet for citizens wanting to give public comment during the meetings.

In other business covered Monday:

- The commissioners approved a resolution to seek from state agencies a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Suitability Determination for a proposed

4,000-head replacement heifer CAFO between Bruneau and Hammett.

The resolution, requested by county Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff, requests the state departments of Agriculture, Water Resources and Environmental Quality to perform a siting study.

- The commissioners approved a new memorandum of agreement as part of the county regional transportation plan after concerns were raised about the language of the original MOA approved in the Jan. 26 meeting.

The MOA accompanies a pair of \$50,000 grants that the Gem Highway District and Owyhee County have received to develop the plan. The county also will contribute in-kind services totaling \$17,500 according to the MOA, which now must be approved by the Gem district's board of directors.

- After preliminary testing showed arsenic levels in water at 15 times the federally acceptable level at the Homedale tipping station, the commissioners decided to draft a letter to the station attendant about the dangers of drinking the water. District



Dick Freund

3 Commissioner Dick Freund suggested also that "non-potable water" signs be posted.

- Homedale-area resident Pam Roylance spoke to the commissioners about the possibility of developing a district or an agreement with South Board of Control to battle gopher infestations. After a lengthy discussion, no action was taken.

Jan. 26 meeting

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has submitted a grant application to finance the purchase of a new boat.

During their Jan. 26 meeting, commissioners authorized the sheriff's office to seek \$50,000 in funding from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to replace the patrol boat now used on CJ Strike Reservoir.

The application deadline was Friday.

The matching funds for the grant, which county Marine Deputy John Nagel said would amount to about 20 percent of the grant, will come from the county waterways fund, BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said. Hoagland said that money is derived from boat license fees.

The commissioners approved the grant application six days after Nagel had given a report on why the sheriff's office was seeking the grant. During the Jan. 20 commissioners meeting, Nagel had said that the engine on the current

patrol craft had been rebuilt three times in the past year.

Nagel also said that the sheriff's office wanted to sell the boat, and use the proceeds — estimated to be about \$5,000 — to bolster the grant-match. But Clerk Charlotte Sherburn pointed out that the boat would have to be sold at auction as surplus equipment.

"We're still working on where the funds from the old boat will go," Hoagland said last week. "It'll probably have to be sold and the funds will go back into the general fund."

In other business from the Jan. 26 commissioners meeting:

- A resolution was passed to set up a protocol on requesting legal opinions from county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery. Hoagland said the resolution was requested by Emery that would allow clear instructions on what officials seek when they ask for a legal opinion. The resolution also gives Emery 10 days to return with an opinion.
- "It will help us get through the process and we don't have issues tabled and left," Hoagland said. "But he's pretty efficient so far. He's doing a good job."
- The commissioners held a 20-minute executive session with Emery and Sherburn also in attendance. Freund said the closed-door meeting was held to discuss legal matters.

— JPB

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Active in the community, Gavin is currently in his third term as President of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce. He has been particularly involved in the downtown revitalization efforts in Homedale.

Gavin enjoys golfing and spending time with his family. His wife Andrea, also born and raised in Homedale, has worked at Homedale Elementary School for the past seven years. Gavin and Andrea have three daughters, Emma Paige, Jacy Claire and Gweneth Sage.

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Hartgen prefers maximum of B2H on public lands

District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen took the time to answer several questions on the Boardman-to-Hemingway (B2H) — and the related Gateway West — transmission line(s) for The Owyhee Avalanche. While agreeing with nearly everyone that Idaho will need more electricity in the future, Hartgen has concerns over Idaho Power’s proposed route, more than 80 percent of which lies across privately owned land rather than nearby public lands.

The interview questions are reproduced in part, here.

Avalanche: What are the benefits to the state/region of the lines, with an eye toward future development in the Boise region

serviced by the proposed TVEP loop?

Hartgen: Generally, the benefits are to expand our electricity delivery system to meet the needs of our growing state. Idaho has added nearly 500,000 people since 1990, in less than two decades. If we are going to grow our economy, we need electrical power and transmission.

Avalanche: Is there a possibility of Gov. Otter issuing an executive order giving the line(s) priority attention from Fish and Game, the Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho Department of Lands? What effects would the order have, as far

as making the project quicker/cheaper/more feasible?

Hartgen: This proposal, HB 7, passed the House unanimously (Thursday). The bill gives the governor ability to have the (Public Utilities Commission) give priority designation to transmission. This does not circumvent the review process at either state or local (county) level. It merely allows transmission projects to be reviewed in a more timely fashion, i.e., to go to the head the line.

Avalanche: To turn from the state view to the local; what are your views on the landowner resistance to the line as routed through Owyhee County?

Hartgen: We should do what we can to assure this project takes as little private land as possible. I would prefer to see it go as much as possible on public lands. Our privately owned ranch land is critical to our county’s way of life, tax base and communities. The transmission line should go on public lands to the extent it can. I know our commissioners are concerned about this and are keeping us informed. I did have a chance last week to discuss the opposition to this routing with the people at Idaho Power and encouraged them to do a better job of getting out into the Owyhee communities to listen to people’s concerns and make adjustments where they can. We all know the

power is needed, but we should not be treading on people’s land and ownership rights.

Avalanche: Are there things the government of Idaho can do to make it easier for Idaho Power to gain approval of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (who watch over reliability issues, among other things) for two crossings of the PacifiCorp 500kV line in Owyhee County, crossings that would be needed should routing on BLM land be proposed?

Hartgen: This is a technical issue which I think can be resolved. If additional legislation is needed, I am confident it would be advanced and considered.

Federal agency delays power line confab with BOCC

BLM, county disagree on coordination issue

A two-day meeting between officials from Owyhee County and the Bureau of Land Management that was to cover the proposed Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt transmission line has been postponed.

The meeting, the topic of which was supposed to be the environmental impact statement regarding Idaho Power project, was scheduled for Tuesday and today in Ontario, Ore. But the BLM scrapped it, Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said.

Hoagland said the meeting has been rescheduled for March 9, but that he and his BOCC colleagues had cancelled other important meetings to make room for the trip to Ontario.

It was learned Monday that the commissioners had cancelled plans to attend the Idaho Association of Counties meeting in Boise.

Hoagland suspected that the developments during a weekly teleconference with the Boardman-to-Hemingway EIS triggered the change of schedule.

“Nothing really came out of (the conference call with BLM rep Lucas Lucero) except that BLM wanted all the counties involved as cooperating agencies,” Hoagland said.

“And we informed them that we had already sent a letter that said we wanted to be a coordinating agency, and that threw them for a loop.”

Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), any county that has a land use plan in place or is developing one can request to be considered a coordinating party in any BLM actions, requiring the federal agency to take the county’s land use plan into consideration when making any related decisions.

Hoagland said the BLM claims that FLPMA doesn’t apply because the Boardman-to-Hemingway EIS isn’t a planning document.

“I think they’re a little confused,” Hoagland said of the BLM contingent. “All EIS’s are planning documents.”

Hoagland said that Malheur County also has requested coordinating agency status in the Boardman-to-Hemingway saga, and Baker County could have an argument to join the fray under that banner, too.

— JPB

P&Z plans meetings on power lines

Owyhee County Planning and Zoning will hold two meetings to inform and interact with the public concerning the Boardman to Hemingway, Bowman and Gateway West transmission lines and their proposed routes through Owyhee County.

The first meeting will be held in Marsing on Feb. 24, at the Marsing Legion Hall and Community Center. The meeting

is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. A second meeting will be held in the south county, at the Rimrock Auditorium in Grand View on Feb. 26, again at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings are open to all Owyhee County property owners and citizens. Idaho Power representatives will present details of the project “including, but not limited to, timeline, scope of work, route designations and

the NEPA process,” according to a release from Planning and Zoning.

Those needing additional information can call Planning and Zoning at 495-2095.

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OCA set to cover a variety of topics

Mosquitoes, beef school on agenda

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Bodie Clapier says that Saturday's winter meeting in Oreana will have something for everyone.

That includes a new twist with the presentation of the winter beef school in the 2½ hours before the business meeting begins. The winter school starts at 10 a.m. at the Oreana Community Hall.

The school, presented by the University of Idaho's Owyhee County Extension, is free and each participant will be quality assurance-certified, which Clapier says is an important certification in the ranching industry these days.

"Anymore now, (livestock officials) are wanting certification for giving shots to cattle and things like that, and so we're kind of putting that school together," Clapier said. "University of Idaho is helping us out with that."

Extension educator Scott Jensen will present the Idaho Beef

Quality Assurance portion of the school.

Other topics for the beef school a presentation by U of I extension beef specialist Dr. Jason Ahola on the factors affecting beef eating quality from the consumer's perspective.

A panel discussion also will be held on the pending Country of Origin Labeling (COOL).

Clapier said that implementation of COOL legislation was originally set for April, but it could face a 60-day hold from the Obama administration.

"We'll have more information at the meeting," he said.

A free lunch will be furnished for all winter school students.

Registration for the winter meeting runs for an hour beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. with the membership silver bit drawing.

The program will include updates from the Idaho Beef Council, the state Department of Lands and the Owyhee Initiative. Dr. Chad Gibson is scheduled to deliver the Initiative update.

Mir Seyedbagheri, U of I Elmore County Extension educator, will brief OCA members on mosquito abatement, which ties into an abatement district resolution that will be presented to the membership.

Clapier said Seyedbagheri's presentation will illuminate the job of districts and how they can fight the affects of West Nile Virus in Owyhee County. Canyon County already has an abatement district.

"Mir has done a fabulous job and he's done amazing things through study and research," Clapier said. "It is a problem out there, the West Nile thing. I don't know if we can fix it, but it's something we need to look at."

As previously reported, the OCA also is poised to pay tribute to former Owyhee Sheriff Gary Aman and Backcountry Deputy George Reed for their years of service to the county.

Owyhee County extension educator Scott Jensen will lead recognition of Grand View rancher Donna Bennett, who recently won the Society of Range Manage-

ment Idaho Section's Outstanding Achievement Award for her efforts to keep the sage-grouse off the endangered list.

"She's an amazing lady," Clapier said. "She's done an awful lot of work for the county and the state as far as the grouse."

Bruneau rancher Chris Black, honored last year with one of two Bureau of Land Management rangeland stewardship awards, also will be feted. Idaho BLM director Tom Dyer will make a video presentation spotlighting Black's work in restoring riparian and sagebrush habitat in the Big Springs grazing allotment.

"It's amazing what he's done," Clapier said of Black. "And it's just all the right things."

The OCA business meeting is set to adjourn before at 5 p.m. social hour, which is followed by a 6 p.m. potluck dinner.

A dance to benefit the upkeep of the Oreana hall begins at 9 p.m. with Runnin' For Cover providing the music. Admission is \$5 per person.

— JPB

County seeks juniper chipper

The sage-grouse local working group headed by Grand View's Donna Bennett is poised for its next habitat restoration project.

A request for bid published in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche seeks candidates to perform juniper mastication on private land near Juniper Mountain and Flint Creek in Owyhee County.

The mastication project is being financed by a grant, and \$60,000 is available for the work that can run between March 2009 and the end of April 2010.

Bids will be accepted at the Owyhee County Clerk's office until 5 p.m., Feb. 27, and bids will be opened at 1 p.m. during the March 2 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. For more information, call (208) 495-2421. Bennett said the project will cover three different areas, each about 40 acres in size. The mastication entails chipping junipers on site to create a cover that would prevent future generations of juniper from growing back.

County Democrats set meetings

The Owyhee Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9, at the Spot Pizza Parlor, 12 Sandbar Ave., in Marsing.

All Democrats and other interested parties are invited.

Future monthly meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, with speakers and programs to be announced.

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open and control has not been relinquished. The fair board is scheduled to talk about the issue at its meeting Thursday night, she said. The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Haun said Sherburn had previously contacted her about turning the books over.

District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund said Idaho Code was not checked when Sherburn told commissioners that the fair board checking account had been turned over to her office.

"I just assumed they'd turned it over to us because they thought it was a headache and they didn't want to mess with it anymore," Freund said.

"That's what we would think, the board, when the clerk comes in and says they've turned the checkbook over to the clerk. We would assume that it was (the fair board's) idea."

But the biggest issue may be the reason the idea of county control was broached in the first place.

According to Sherburn, the fair fund had a deficit of \$5,230 at the end of fiscal year 2008 (Sept. 30, 2008).

Freund said Thursday that the commissioners paid the fair board's outstanding bills at the end of FY 2008.

"We went ahead and got them

current, and when we got them current, that put them in the red," Freund said. "They had over-spent."

Commission chair Jerry Hoagland said the commissioners met with fair board members after Sherburn pointed out the financial situation. He said that fair board members apparently had been under the impression that their fiscal year mirrored the calendar year, instead of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

"It's kind of an educational process for that board," Hoagland said. "They said they now understand how it works."

Both Haun and fair board chair David Rutan told The Owyhee Avalanche that the shortfall was related to the expansion of the livestock barn. Rutan said the commissioners were told — in the presence of then-prosecuting attorney Matthew Faulks — that the fair board would have to take money out of the county fair budget for tie-rails and panels for the barn — items that would be considered permanent improvements and should be paid for by funds in the buildings and grounds budget.

"We told them what we were going to do, and nobody seemed to think it was a problem. The county attorney was sitting there when we did this because he wanted to know how everything

was going to work, and he didn't seem to think there was anything wrong with it," Rutan said. "Nobody said anything, that it wasn't legal to do that."

"We told them that we needed a little more grounds and buildings money and we would have to carry it over into our '09 budget, and that seemed fine with everybody."

Before property tax receipts were turned over by the treasurer's office last month, the county fair line showed a deficit of \$5,338.82 for the first quarter of the current fiscal year.

"That tax bill for the 2009 budget isn't due until Dec. 20, so they expended all their 2008 funds, and the 2009 budget was in the red until those property taxes were collected," Sherburn said.

After tax receipts came in, Sherburn reported the county fair cash balance now stands at \$10,142.

But Haun said that the fair board was under the impression that it could run in the red for a short period of time based on a conversation with Sherburn.

Sherburn said she asked the commissioners if they wanted to pass a resolution to shift funds from one line item to the fair line — which is permitted under Idaho Code 31-1508 and is something she said had been done by previous boards, but not

while she's been clerk — and the commissioners told her to consult Zwygart.

"The outside auditor told me the county has plenty of funds, even though the county fair is in the red, the county is in good financial, is financially sound. So he didn't see any reason to do it (the resolution). He said just let it run into the red until the first tax collection," Sherburn said.

"And that's not in writing, that's a conversation."

A phone call to Zwygart was not returned by press time.

Freund said the commissioners didn't learn of the deficit until the latter days of FY 2008. He said that no one from the fair board makes a quarterly financial report to the commissioners. Sherburn said that Zwygart sifted through the fair board receipts from FY 2008 to do his audit, which she said the Nampa-based CPA will present formally at a board meeting within the next month.

"It has never been a problem where they have overspent, but in my tenure we haven't asked for a quarterly report," Freund said.

Idaho Code 22-204 mandates that the fair board shall keep on file in its office all plans adopted by it from "time to time" in connection with the conduct of the business of the county fair. A copy of the plans must be filed with the commissioners, too. The same law

requires a financial report of the county fair be published in the county's official newspaper once a year within 90 days of the close of the fair. Haun said Friday that the financial statement should appear in The Owyhee Avalanche sometime after Thursday's fair board meeting. According to state mandate, the report currently is more than two months late, but the earliest a year-end statement had been published in the past four years was Dec. 12, 2007, for the FY 2007 accounting.

Haun said that after conversations with the county, the fair board was acting on the assumption that it could run its budget at a deficit for a short time. However, when the fair board tried to pay bills in the first part of FY 2009, Haun said she was informed there was no cash on hand.

"Charlotte told them that the money wasn't there," Haun said. "However, in several conversations that the fair board has had with the commissioners when we were trying to get the barn financed, we were told we could pay for things out of two budget years."

"And I'm not the only one who was at those meetings. There were several people who were shocked when we found out we couldn't access our money."

— JPB

✓ Schools: Current staff levels key to quality education

in his district and other small districts such as Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View.

In all, Luna proposed \$79 million in budget reductions, but offered a plan that would tap the dwindling Public Education Stabilization Fund for an additional \$17 million in FY 2010. State schools already are set to receive \$56.7 million from that rainy-day fund in FY 2009, according to Department of Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath. There were \$114 million in the fund at the beginning of the current fiscal year.

"It's not a done deal yet," Rosandick said. "We don't know exactly what the Legislature will come up with in terms of funding."

"But I have to look at anywhere from five to 10 percent in cuts."

Based on Homedale's current \$7 million budget, that would equate to between \$350,000 and \$700,000 in reductions, creating an environment that Rosandick calls, "unprecedented in my lifetime."

The superintendent said protecting the student's education is the priority.

"We'll try to get to our target number in a way that has the least negative impact on our students,

on their education," Rosandick said, "and on our personnel because our teachers and support staff are key to the kids' education. They make learning happen."

Keeping school staff in place could be difficult in light of several proposed cuts.

The biggest reduction is more than \$20.8 million in discretionary funding, but smaller cuts could be more painful as Luna proposes eliminating the early retirement incentive for teachers (\$4 million in savings), cutting three days' of teachers pay by eliminating in-service days or combining half-days into full days (\$15.1 million) and freezing experience-based pay increases for one year (about \$6.1 million). The latter proposal would affect less than a quarter of all teachers in the state, according to an SDE press release.

An exodus of teachers from smaller districts could ensue if the cuts are upheld by the Legislature.

"In our school system, in a



Tim Rosandick

small high school, you may have only one math teacher," Rosandick said. "You can't cut one math teacher when that's the only math teacher you've got."

Then, say, maybe you can cut it to a part-time position. Well, if you're a math teacher with a family to feed, you're going to look for a full-time position."

The superintendent wouldn't quantify how much impact Luna's ideas would have on smaller districts.

"I can't say that we were protected, nor were we ignored in terms of our budget," Rosandick said.

In Marsing, superintendent Dr. Harold Shockley's fears of drastic cuts in transportation didn't materialize. There will be a \$2.5 million reduction by eliminating state mileage reimbursement for field trips, bus driver training, repair trips and test-driving. But transportation funding vital to shuttling students to their classes in the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency coverage area



Harold Shockley

apparently went untouched.

But state funding for textbooks faces a 40 percent reduction, and money available for classroom supplies also could take a \$50 hit per teacher per year.

Shockley already is looking at areas to save money. An accreditation team coming to Marsing High School won't get lunch on the house because of a tightening of the belt.

The lack of transportation cuts, however, could save Shockley from a difficult decision regarding the district's kindergarten program. Noontime buses will continue to run, allowing Marsing to dodge a possible reduction in the number of kids taking advantage of the optional yet pivotal first year of public education.

Shockley remains realistic about the budgetary situation. He says the district has been upfront with its staff, and he understands that the true impact of the FY 2010 budget won't be felt until the Legislature is finished tweaking ideas.

"To a certain degree (legislators) hold the cards," Shockley said. "We'll have to put the pieces together, but they hold the cards."

— JPB

✓ Budget: Chair lauds frugality

hold the line and continue to be as frugal as they have been this fiscal year.

"Most offices have done a really good job."

Without being specific, Hoagland said commissioners will examine inefficiencies in a handful of departments. He said the analysis was brought out by some concerns from the public.

He said the county will remain vigilant.

"I don't see holdbacks at this time," Hoagland said. "Everyone is saying the worst quarter was the last quarter of (fiscal year) '08, but I don't know."

"You do have to be very alert that things won't continue to slide."

— JPB

Weather

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Jan. 27	33	10	.00
Jan. 28	30	15	.00
Jan. 29	46	16	.00
Jan. 30	48	16	.00
Jan. 31	no reading taken		
Feb. 01	no reading taken		
Feb. 02	43	13	.00

Calendar

Today

TRIAD meeting
1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

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

Homedale American Legion meetings
7 p.m., American Legion and Auxiliary meetings, Homedale American Legion Post 32 Hall, 16 E. Owyhee Ave.

Thursday

Women’s exercise course
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8 Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6 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.

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 337-4575

Friday

Children’s story time
10 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Saturday

University of Idaho winter beef school
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Community Hall, Oreana. (208) 896-4104

Marsing Disaster Auction
10:13 a.m., auction and raffle, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4562, (208) 350-9137, (208) 454-5404 or (208) 863-8742

Owyhee Cattlemen’s winter meeting
1:30 p.m., business meeting, 5 p.m., social hour, 6 p.m., potluck dinner, 9 p.m., dance (\$5), Oreana Community Hall. (208) 896-4104

Senior center dance
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., \$4 and finger food, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Monday

County Board of Commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Melba school board meeting
4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
6 p.m., The Spot Pizza Parlor, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116The. Owyhee Ave.

Tuesday

Women’s exercise course
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee CountyThextension Office, 238 8 Ave. W.,

Marsing. (208) 896-4104

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens dinner
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Marsing American Legion and Auxiliary meet
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Marsing school board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 209 8 Ave. W.

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

Wednesday

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
4 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8 Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

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

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

Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday rough Wednesday

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Thursday, Feb. 12

Women’s exercise course
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8 Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting
10 a.m., 250 N Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3271

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8 Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

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

Adrian school board meeting
7 p.m., Adrian School Library

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

Friday, Feb. 13

Children’s story time
10 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Grand View Lions Club meeting
11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2419

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

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click of the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page. Deadline is noon Friday. Call (208) 337-4681 for more information.



Bet You Didn’t Know Paul Revere fought for freedom, clean teeth

Another point about Paul Revere ... In addition to being a silversmith, he was also a dentist. Learned how to repair false teeth and to clean teeth from another surgeon.

Strange ... What we call a “French kiss” here in America is called an “English kiss” in France.

Al Capone, the gangster, told folks that he got the scar on his face from some battle in World War 1. Never happened, old Scarface actually got knifed during a fight in a bar where he was working as a bouncer.

Afternoons on Venus can get up to 984 degrees. Better bring some good sunscreen.

The only NBA game in which neither team scored more than 20 points happened on November 22, 1950 ... the Minneapolis Lakers (now the L.A. Lakers) beat the Fort Wayne (now Detroit) Pistons by a score of 19-18.

The custom of a man tipping his hat to a lady started in the days of chivalry. Used to be that when a knight met a lady, he would raise the visor on his helmet to show that he intended no harm. Of course, helmets went out of style as hats came in and so there you have it.

— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com*

‘Long Way From Chicago’ debuts on Homedale stage

The next performance of the Homedale High School Drama Club will take the stage on Monday and Tuesday at the old high school gym. This time, Owyhee County theater fans have a rare chance to see a first-run original play.

The club, which performed “The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf” in the fall, will present a play adapted by HHS senior Kelsey Thatcher from Richard Peck’s book “A Long Way From Chicago”.

Thatcher, who heard her mother — and Drama Club advisor DeAnn Thatcher — reading the book aloud one evening, caught herself thinking the book would make a wonderful movie, she said. The idea of adapting the story into a play followed quickly.

The story, in a nutshell, follows the humorous adventures of two Chicago siblings who spend a summer at their Grandma’s rural home — a classic tale of “city-slickers meet the country lifestyle”.

The adaptation itself began in August and continued through October, she said.

“I spent hours and hours on it. I was shocked how hard it was,” Kelsey Thatcher said. Adaptation aside, there were other hurdles to be crossed, and the young

playwright had to contact the author and copyright holder by phone and post to New York, in order to get the rights to produce the adaptation.

“I think they were excited by the play,” Thatcher said. “We sent them an act to review, and they said ‘We approve, and so does Mr. Peck.’”

The play has a big cast, which adds complexity, but allows several players with smaller parts to make more than one appearance during the performance, Thatcher said.

The play’s been a hit in rehearsals thus far, she said. “It’s been a lot of fun, this group of kids is like the best.” Tryouts were held in November, and practices began in December.

Does Thatcher want to try her hand at other plays in the future?

“If I ever find another thing that looked like it would make a good play, I’m not afraid of doing it again,” she said.

The performances start at 7 both evenings.

Tickets are available from Drama Club members or at the door, and will be \$3 for students, \$5 for adults or \$20 for a family ticket.

— MML

‘Snow’ tale drifts into library Friday

Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will take on a wintry and warming theme at 10 a.m. Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The featured book will be “Snow” by Uri Shulevitz.

For more information, call 337-4228 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sheriff's report

The following is information obtained through the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office dispatch log. Calls and e-mails requesting further details from Sheriff Daryl Crandall or any other authorized sheriff's official were not answered.

01/26/09, 3:19 p.m., stolen vehicle call, Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. Status given as followup.

01/27/09, 10:20 a.m., malicious injury, destruction of jail property. Log shows only that an arrest was made.

01/28/09, 10:57 a.m., report of assault at Marsing High

School, requested officer to speak with student.

01/28/09, 3:29 p.m., wanted subject Angel Luis Juan-Cervantes arrested outside the county.

01/29/09, 1:42 p.m., accident with property damage, milepost 75, Idaho highway 78.

01/29/09, 3:12 p.m., agency assist at 112 2nd Ave., Marsing. Arrest made.

02/01/09, 4:03 a.m., accident with property damage, Homestead and Market Rd., Homedale.

02/01/09, 8:24 p.m., accident with property damage, Idaho 51, Bruneau.

Courts update

Christopher F. Zechmann, 45, of Caldwell was sentenced to 10 days in jail and must pay \$500 in fines and court costs stemming from a DUI violation in September 2006. Zechmann, who was involved in an accident that led to the charge, will lose his license for six months, and has been given probation for one year.

Michael Patrick Kube of Homedale had his driver's license suspended for six months, will face \$500 of fines and court fees and has been put on probation for 18 months following a DUI citation issued in August. Kube will also serve two days

in jail for the offense.

Andres Rodriguez-Rios of Caldwell was found guilty of misdemeanor DUI. Rodriguez-Rios must pay \$500 in fines and fees, has had his license suspended for 180 days and will be on probation for a year.

He also served one week in jail.

Deborah Hopson and Zachariah Richardson are scheduled, yet again, for trial on charges related to a January 2008 animal cruelty case involving more than 30 animals at their home near Homedale. The trial should begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

Crop Disaster sign-up ends soon

The sign-up period for the 2005-07 Crop Disaster Program ends Feb. 27, the executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in Idaho has announced.

The ending date of Feb. 27 applies to the receipt of a signed and completed FSA-840 application along with all supporting documentation and required forms at the applicable county FSA office. Sign-up information and required forms are available at each county FSA office, including Owyhee County's FSA outpost at 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

Successful applicants will be determined by March 27. For information, call the Marsing office at (208) 896-4544 or visit the FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Week four’s top ticket sellers honored

From left: Smorgasbord chair Heidi Nash, Morgan Nash (\$198), Daniel Silva (\$132), Devin Fisher (\$191) and Delaney Phariss (\$69) pose for a group shot at the Homedale Middle School. The tickets for the annual Homedale International Smorgasbord will be available up to the event’s kickoff on Feb. 14 and may be purchased through HMS sixth-graders or at the door.

Owyhee students land on U of I Dean’s List for fall

Several students with Owyhee County ties have landed on the fall semester Dean’s List at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

To earn a spot on the list, undergraduate students earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits:

Bruneau — Shelby Lea Chandler, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences; Ellie Jo Cantrell, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

Homedale — Andres Vasquez-Aguilera, College of Art & Architecture; Daisy Aguilera, College of Business & Economics; Zach Thomas Tolmie, College of Engineering; Will Black, College of Natural Resources; Belen Vega and Mark Loren Vance, College of Science

Melba — Leah Louise Schwisow, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

Murphy — Emily Louise Romero, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

Oreana — Melinda Jean Lewis, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences

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Seniors

4.0 grade-point average
— Rachele D. Christoffersen, Briana M. Cornwall, Angelica Garibay, Hannah L. Johnson, Mikal L. Mackenzie, Aubrey A. McCutchen, Kara McRae, Annamaria A. Salas, Amanda M. Stone, Kelsey Thatcher, Ashley C. Thomson, Andrea Vega

3.5 to 3.99 — Chance Bohr, 3.857; Kali McRae, 3.857; Jessica Sotelo, 3.857; Ryan W. Garrett, 3.833; Rye C. Hyer, 3.833; Sierra L. Aberasturi, 3.714; Nestor Machuca, 3.714; Mitchell G. Quintana, 3.714; Abdencio Sanchez, 3.714; Joseph C. Eckroat, 3.667; Haylie Freeloove, 3.667; Kendall K. Rupp, 3.667; Cody L. Gardner, 3.5; Ashli N. Kesler, 3.5; Blanca Uriarte, 3.5

3.25 to 3.49 — Laken A. Hiser, 3.429; Shirin Mamedova, 3.429; Carolina E. Salgado, 3.429; Daniel I. Zenor, 3.429; Kindra S. Eidemiller, 3.4; Austin Emry, 3.4; Shane R. Witt, 3.4; Angelica Cuellar, 3.333; Trevor M. Meligan, 3.333; Lizette Padilla, 3.333; Aimee N. Steinmetz, 3.333; Steven R. Williams, 3.333; Marco Gaspar, 3.286; Miguel Vasquez, 3.286

3.0 to 3.24 — Tyler Ford, 3.2; Gregory S. Truesdell, 3.2; Rodrigo Villarreal, 3.2; Kenny J. Cockrum, 3.167; Benjamin Fierro, 3.167; Mario Gaeta, 3.167; Cortnee R. Krzesnik, 3.167; Kelsey Martinat, 3.167; Elizabeth Nunez, 3.167; Chelsie L. Stansell, 3.167; Joel Aguilera, 3.143; Kevin E. Abels, 3.0; Jacqueline (Becky) Johnson, 3.0; Rowdy J. Lair, 3.0; Patricia Ramos, 3.0; Grant W. Sweet, 3.0; Wesley Taggart, 3.0; Ryan K. Vance, 3.0

Juniors

4.0 GPA — Kindra J. Gallo-way, Aaron Proferes, Megan M. Quintana, Ashlynn D. Uria

3.5 to 3.99 — Matthew Farrell, 3.857; Guadalupe I. Ozuna-Garcia, 3.857; Corina Sanchez, 3.857; Vanessa M. Sanchez, 3.857; Maria Vega, 3.857; Kaitlyn Amos, 3.833; Jennifer M. Dixon, 3.833; Kortney Stansell, 3.833; Kyle W. Abels, 3.714; Elizabeth Baltierrez, 3.714; Kurtis A. Dycus, 3.714; Jessica L. Eubanks, 3.714; Drew J. Farwell, 3.714; Jake Tolmie, 3.714; Chelsea D. Troxel, 3.714; Dylan D. Kushlan, 3.667; Amelia A. McIntyre, 3.667; Keith T. Bayes, 3.571; Megan A. Harper, 3.571; Megan Romans, 3.571; Carmen M. Zatica, 3.571; Efany Arteaga, 3.5

3.25 to 3.49 — Angelica M. Calderon, 3.429; Eddie E. Garcia, 3.429; Patricia Lopez, 3.429; Karly R. Bertagnolli, 3.333; Ariana Cardenas, 3.333; Neil R. Doyle, 3.333; Alexander Mereness, 3.333; Mariela Borja, 3.286; Bethany A. Clampitt, 3.286; Katie M. Holloway, 3.286; Richard W. Lyon, 3.286; Ryan R. Ryska, 3.286; Preston T. Stevenson,

3.286; Albert L. Villa, 3.286

3.0 to 3.24 — CiJi C. Christensen, 3.167; Stefan Phippen, 3.167; Brent Burton, 3.143; Cassidy L. Cook, 3.143; Garrett T. Gaskins, 3.143; Jose A. Gonzalez, 3.143; Moises D. Gonzalez, 3.143; Theresa E. Jaramillo, 3.143; Reece Landa, 3.143; Liliana Alvarez, 3.0; Jeffery K. Gay, 3.0; Jacy L. Grimm, 3.0; Kimberly D. Hancock, 3.0; Zachery L. Hayes, 3.0; Cody B. Johnson, 3.0; Eduardo Ramos, 3.0

Sophomores

4.0 GPA — Jarod S. Armenta, Megan E. Barraza, Amber Brinkerhoff, Caitlyn Johnson, Jonathan R. Stacey, Kirs Thatcher, Taylor Thomas

3.5 to 3.99 — Jessica L. Westergard, 3.857; Sarah Maggard, 3.714; Summer Phelps, 3.714; Elizabeth Silva, 3.714; Sydney Cornwall, 3.571; Makenzie R. Tiegs, 3.571

3.25 to 3.49 — Elizabeth Albor, 3.429; Maria Escutia, 3.429; Gil Lootens, 3.429; Jordan Meligan, 3.429; Jessica L. Bill, 3.286; Christopher Bueno, 3.286; Jonathan Gonzalez, 3.286; Colin Lootens, 3.286; Nickele J. Mainarick, 3.286; Alexandria McRae, 3.286; Mariah C. Tijerina, 3.286

3.0 to 3.24 — Marissa Ensley, 3.143; Saul Cortez, 3.0; Justin Ensley, 3.0; Tanner Lair, 3.0; Taylor Watkins, 3.0

Freshmen

4.0 GPA — Justine Calzacorta, Deena Emry, Kylie N. Farwell, Rachel Gonzalez, Raven Kelly, Ashley M. Leslie, Lane Matteson, Katie Price

3.5 to 3.99 — Kate L. Eaton, 3.857; Clay M. Johnson, 3.857; Cody Lynde, 3.857; Phaedra Stevenson, 3.857; Brenda Vega, 3.857; Anthony J. Adams, 3.714; Laurien Mavey, 3.714; Aubrey Nash, 3.714; Jenny Prado, 3.714; Kyle Purdom, 3.714; Angel Jr Salazar, 3.714; Amanda Cook, 3.571; Veronica A. D'Alessio, 3.571; Bodie Hyer, 3.571; Tad Muller, 3.571; Janette M. Salazar, 3.571

3.25 to 3.49 — Jessica Cascino, 3.429; Dominic Christiansen, 3.429; Trey Corta, 3.429; Carissa Gardner, 3.429; Kylie Kushlan, 3.429; Adriana Albor, 3.286; Casey Christoffersen, 3.286; Lyndee Coombs, 3.286; Ashley Downum, 3.286; Tabitha L. Hammett, 3.286; Zachary Lowder, 3.286; Zachary Mereness, 3.286; Mariah Moore, 3.286

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DONNA BENNETT, GRAND VIEW Rancher, conservationist

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Unselfish rancher looks after sage-grouse

Donna Bennett has perfected the rural lifestyle of doing a little bit of everything for the good of everyone.

Truth be told, the longtime Grand View resident does a lot of everything.

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will honor the longtime rancher at its winter meeting Saturday in Oreana. But there is more to Bennett than the Society of Range Management (SRM) Outstanding Achievement Award for which she will be recognized this weekend.

"If there's a need, somebody's got to do it," Bennett said. "In a small community like this, you've got to wear a lot of hats."

"What concerns me is the young people aren't putting on those hats. It's the other generations that are. The younger people need to step up to the plate and start doing it."

Among hats Bennett wears:

- She's an advanced emergency medical technician for Grand View Ambulance. She has been involved with the ambulance service since the early 1970s. She and her husband, George, shared the Idaho EMT of the Year Award in 2003.

- She's a rancher, running cattle on Owyhee desert rangeland and a farm near the Snake River. She and her husband are OCA members and have been ranching since the early 1960s.



Bennett receives award in Boise

While Donna Bennett admires her outstanding achievement award, her husband George accepts congratulations from Shannon Williams, president of the Idaho Section of the Society for Range Management. Submitted photo

- She's a mother of two — Scott and Debbie — and the grandmother of two — 14-year-old Courtney and 11-year-old Nick.

- She's one of two Owyhee County residents serving on the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Advisory Committee for the Boise District. Fellow rancher Brenda Richards is the other.

- Bennett has been either co-chair or chair of the Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group (LWG) since 2002, and she is a charter member of the 40-person panel dedicated to preserving sage-grouse habitat in the western part of the county.

- She also serves as an Elmore County Republican Precinct

Committee member and is chairman of the board and a director for the Idaho State Bank, according to nomination papers submitted to the Idaho Section of the SRM.

"One of Donna's greatest contributions is that of her time," OCA secretary Scott Jensen wrote in the nomination form he submitted to SRM. "She gives willingly and unselfishly to fulfill her responsibilities."

Jensen said Bennett is a well-respected voice as chair of the sage-grouse LWG, which was established in 1998 to keep the sage-grouse off the endangered species list, thereby sustaining the ranching industry.

"She does an outstanding job

on that committee, and I think it's through her leadership that they've been pretty successful at getting some on-the-ground habitat restoration projects completed," Jensen said.

In his nomination form, Jensen said Bennett's leadership has carried a delicate process through a "diverse group of members and personal interests", and that her standing in the community has been vital in the sometimes-sensitive process of obtaining permission and cooperation from landowners for projects.

Her leadership has triggered more than \$130,000 in grants for various projects to help sage-grouse in western Owyhee County, including habitat restoration and radio collars to track the bird's mortality rates, which also helps study the affects of West Nile Virus on the species.

Jensen said two of the LWG's bigger successes are the restoration of Crab Creek Meadows west of Grasmere where dikes and berms were built to raise the water table and replenish the wet meadow for sage-grouse habitat. The planting of native grasses and sagebrush in the area of the Chubby Spain Fire also helped bring back vital habitat and put

grazing land back.

Bennett said she got involved with the LWG a decade ago for obvious reasons.

"Because I could see the handwriting on the wall," she said. "If we can keep the sage-grouse from being listed, it's better for the ranchers. Because if the sage-grouse is listed, then it's going to put a whole lot of constraints on the ranchers, enough that I don't think enough of them won't be able to operate."

"If we can keep them from being listed, I think we're all better off."

But Bennett, whose parents ranched on Mary's Creek near Grasmere when she was growing up, lets the unselfishness that Jensen alluded to shine through when she reflects on the work that has been done to keep ranching alive in the county and ultimately led to her award.

"I was amazed that they gave it to me," she said. "I was surprised, I guess. I feel like it goes to the whole group that works on all these because they put a lot of effort into writing the proposals and making sure they're carried out and doing the actual work. I don't really do that."

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Three Creek posts honor roll

Teacher Marylin Boss has announced that Kodee Severe made the Three Creek School honor roll for the second quarter. The second-grader achieved a 3.6 grade-point average.

Parent/teacher conferences set

Homedale Middle School will hold parent-teacher conferences on Monday and next Wednesday. Conferences will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. both days. Parents will be able to pick up grade reports and take a survey.

Short finishes Army training

Army Pfc. Lauren M. Short, daughter of Lez Rahn of Bruneau and Kirby Short of Caldwell, has completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. The nine-week course included fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Homedale BPA'ers qualify for State

Seven members of the Homedale High School chapter of the Business Professionals of America placed first last month in the Region 4 competition to qualify for the state conference in March. In all, 11 Homedale students placed third or better in different skill categories to qualify for the state competition. The regional competition was held Jan. 21 at Nampa High School. Homedale BPA advisor Dennis Ankeny said the events at the regional require the students to utilize skills they learn in class as well as part of the club. "Several of the events are an extension of the classes I teach," the HHS Business and Office Technology instructor said. "Others are ones the students have an interest and they come in after school for extra help and study." The Homedale champions included sophomore Amber Brinkerhoff in Fundamental Word Processing Skills; sophomore Caitlyn Johnson in Advanced Interview Skills; senior Kara McRae in Advanced Word Processing and Administrative Support Team; sophomore Ali McRae in Administrative Support Team; and freshman Katie Price in Keyboarding Production and Basic Office Systems and Procedures. Also qualifying for the state competition were freshman Deena Emry, who finished second in both Fundamental Word Processing Skills and Basic Office Systems and Procedures; Johnson, second in Prepared Speech; freshman Ashley Leslie, second in Keyboarding Production; and junior Megan Romans, second in Legal Office Procedures. Sophomore Sydney Cornwall also earned a trip to State by finishing third in Basic Office Systems and Procedures. Brinkerhoff also finished fourth in Fundamental Accounting, while sophomore Maria Escutia was fourth in Basic Office Systems and Procedures. Cornwall placed fifth in Fundamental Word Processing Skills. The state leadership conference and competition is set for March 12-14 at Boise State University. The Homedale BPA chapter members constitute part of a nationwide 50,000-member organization with chapters in 18 states.



Library raffles quilt

This quilt on display at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be raffled on Mother's Day. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for three. The quilt was made by Ruth Clapier and finished by Joan Reeder. Proceeds from the drawing will benefit Friends of the Lizard Butte Library.

Emergency response training class offered

Citizens interested in learning the skills needed to help in an emergency situation have a chance to be trained by certified instructors — free of charge. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be offered at the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing at 10 a.m. on Feb. 28. The training includes disaster preparedness, fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations and light search and rescue operations. The course will be taught by instructors who have completed a course for CERT trainers provided either by the Idaho office for emergency management, or by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Call Marlene Moore at 896-5630 for more information.



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New DMV office opens in Marsing

Owyhee County Division of Motor Vehicles employees put the finishing touches on a move-in at the new offices at 19 Reich St., in Marsing on Friday. The new office opened for business Monday after being closed Thursday and Friday to allow for transfer of equipment from Marsing City Hall.



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Auction accompanied by half-century of history



Above: One of the quilts to be auctioned this year. This one is on display at Essence of Life in Marsing. **Right:** Peggy Korte's pies and pickles are a tradition that is moving into a new era this year.

When people speak of an “institutional memory” what they are really addressing is the history that makes an event more than simply something to do. The Marsing Disaster Auction has its own stories, like any long-time native.

In addition to the chance of winning a variety of raffled goodies, and the option to buy things needed — or at least very much wanted — those attending Saturday's incarnation of the Marsing Disaster Auction will be taking part in a tradition dating back almost 50 years.

Leading up to this, the 48th auction, organizers have given a look back at some of the things that make the event more than just a fundraiser, the things that make it part of a community's culture and history.

The following stories about Marsing Disaster Auction

traditions, past and present, were collected by Lyle Bowers and Jody Nilan:

The beginning

The first Marsing Disaster Auction was held at the Riverside schoolhouse for a married couple, the Stewarts, in order to help them with some excessive medical bills that they faced in connection with Mrs. Stewart's cancer. The first auction — which was not immediately picked up as an annual event — occurred in the latter half of the 1950s, though the specific date varies according to who is asked.

The people of the community gathered, bringing some donated items, and held an auction, the proceeds of which went to the Stewarts.

The idea caught on, and shortly thereafter the Disaster Auction was established and centered in Marsing. For the nearly a half century, it has been an annual fixture, drawing donations and bidders from throughout the area.

The staple of quilting

Quilting has always been a part of the Marsing Disaster Auction, and there are a number of ladies in the Marsing community who put together homemade quilts every year, as far back as most can remember. These quilters hand-stitch every square of every quilt every year, and then donate the fruit of their many hours of labor to the auction. Some begin their next quilt just days after the auction, and spend free hours throughout the following year preparing their donation for the next.

Some of their projects can be viewed by the public. There are quilts on display at the U.S. Bank and Essence of Life on Main Street in Marsing. The quilts are put together with love, and with pride for the quilters' community, and the ladies deserve the thanks and admiration they receive, and will receive in the future.

The treasured ingredient

No matter what changes year-to-year as donations vary and new people and businesses become involved, some things are staples of the auction.

Helen Floyd's walnuts are one such touchstone — something that makes the auction what it is. Helen shells each and every walnut by hand, bags them and then donates them to the auction. Bids on the bags usually close at \$100 to \$500, making them truly rare ingredients for your next batch of cookies — though

their actual value lies in the tradition, and the commitment of the community, rather than the walnuts.

Recipe for the perfect pie

Among the many homemade baked and canned goods that people prepare each year are Peggy Korte's canned pickles and sour cream raisin pies. Her donations, both well-known and much-sought-after, have been a perennial favorite. Sadly, this year may not see them up for bid, as health concerns have limited Peggy in what she can do. We will all miss having those pies and pickles; they were mighty tasty.



Peggy Korte

We all wish Peggy the best, and thank her for her generosity and hard work in the years past.

In an attempt to continue the saga of the pies, Korte has generously decided that the secret recipe for the famous pie, rather than the pie itself, will be on the auction block this year.

The recipe was given to Peggy by Mrs. Klingensmith, from the Lakeview area, over 50 years ago

and, according, to Peggy is “easy to make, and I haven't met anyone who doesn't like it.”

It's a unique opportunity for someone to take the crown as it's handed on, and we hope to see the “best pie at the disaster auction” appear for many more years.

Battle of the producers

Just because a bidding tradition is in the past, doesn't mean it's forgotten. Years back, when Jerry Bowman and Dick Symms were operating their respective businesses — Jerry with Bowman Produce and Dick with Symms' Orchard — both would donate their produce.

Jerry would donate sacks of onions, while Dick would bring boxes of apples to the auction. When the first sack of onions or box of apples would come to the auctioneer's table, Jerry and Dick would see who could outbid the other one for their products. Very seldom would the apples of onions go for less than \$300 per sack or box, and the winner would always turn the prize back over for the auctioneers to gavel again. By the end of multiple bids, some of those boxes and bags would have raised \$1,000.

“I hope these will be all right,” Bowers closed with, “and also give your readers a little bit of a feel and background for our auction. One thing that I can say with the utmost certainty is that all of us in this wonderful community and the surrounding areas are very proud of the Marsing Disaster Auction.”

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With a second-place finish at the Homedale Duals on Saturday — behind Mac-Hi and ahead of Parma, Boise and Melba — the Homedale High School wrestling team, led by a clutch performance against Boise by Alan Kennedy, focused and fought their way to the silver.

The Kennedy-Cameron Wilcock match was a momentum saver.

With Homedale coach Toby Johnson's last words to Kennedy "We need a win, here" as Kennedy walked onto the mat, the

130-pounder did not disappoint.

The match started with a one-point lead for the Trojans over the Braves of Boise High School, at 36-35. When the third period of Kennedy's match ended, the score was 39-35.

"Alan Kennedy was our hero," Johnson said afterward. "All the pressure was on him, and he wrestled a nearly perfect match to seal the win for the Trojans."

Kennedy controlled Wilcock throughout the match and was patient and technical, getting the needed points methodically, and allowing no openings for the Braves wrestler to exploit.

Sophomore Justin Ensley wrestled above his class (119) to face and beat Melba's Kyle Johnshoy — See *Duals*, page 17



Homedale's Alan Kennedy bends Boise's Cameron Wilcock to his will — and to another point — in the dual-winning matchup against the Boise Braves at Saturday's Homedale Team Duals.

Rimrock girls limp into 1A district tournament

Raiders open at
home; boys fall
to Garden Valley

Rimrock High School enters Thursday's girls' basketball district tournament as a top seed but on a three-game losing streak.

The Raiders are on the bottom of the bracket for the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament, which coach Mike Chandler's team kicks off with a home-floor battle against Horseshoe Bend of the Long Pin Conference at 7 p.m. Thursday in Bruneau.



Mike Chandler

Rimrock (14-5 overall) comes into the opening round on a three-game skid that includes its second 1A Western Idaho Conference loss of the season to Greenleaf Friends Academy, which will be the top seed in the 1A, Div. II district tournament.

Rimrock lost, 45-34, to the

Grizzlies in Bruneau on Jan. 23, one day before losing 46-28 on the road to non-conference opponent Dietrich. The loss to Greenleaf snapped a six-game winning streak for the Raiders, who had also won 11 of their previous 12 games before locking up with the Grizzlies again.

Tri-Valley of the Long Pin is the No. 1 seed and will take on 1A Western Idaho Conference No. 4 Wilder on Thursday.

The tournament's second round will be played Saturday at the home of the higher seed in the matchup, and the semifinals and finals will take place at Boise High School on Tuesday and Feb. 12.

The two teams who reach the district championship game automatically qualify for the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, which starts on Feb. 19 at Columbia High in Nampa. The district's third-place squad

— See *Rimrock*, page 17

Trojans lose tight battle for 1st

Reserve leads
JV boys past
Fruitland

Seemingly unable to find patience, Homedale High School suffered its first boys' basketball loss of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season Thursday in overtime.

Defending 3A state champion Fruitland got a pair of free throws from 5-foot-8 guard Ty Pena with 24.1 seconds remaining in a four-minute overtime to collect a 67-66 victory in Fruitland.

The Trojans (13-4 overall, 4-1 3A SRV) held a 66-63 lead with 1 minute, 15 seconds left in the OT when Reece Landa drilled a line-drive three-point goal.

Homedale rebounded from Thursday's loss by trouncing McCall-Donnelly, 53-23, on the road Saturday.

The Trojans held a 12-4 lead over Fruitland early in a showdown of SRV unbeaten in front of a packed house. But the frenetic pace at which both teams played soon swamped Homedale's advantage.

The Trojans hurried shots both



Homedale High School senior Ryan Garrett drives into the paint against Fruitland. Photo by Gregg Garrett

in the fourth quarter and overtime when chasing the lead. Tyler Gibson missed shots at the buzzer both in the fourth quarter and in the OT.

Austin Emry led Homedale with 18 points, but fouled out on an offensive charge with 35.6 seconds left in regulation. Fruitland's Matt Stanger led all scorers with 22 points, including a pair of free throws to pull Fruitland to within a point, 66-65, with 58.3 seconds left in the OT.

Homedale 53, McCall-Donnelly 23 — Gibson scored 15 points, and senior point guard Ryan Garrett added nine points as

the Trojans cruised to a conference win.

Leading 28-15 at the half, Homedale blew the game open with an 18-4 run through the third quarter.

Thursday's JV game: Homedale 56, Fruitland 50 — Mario Gonzalez came off the bench to score 10 points as the Trojans beat the Grizzlies to keep pace in the 3A SRV standings. Kenny Esparza led the Trojans (14-2 overall, 3-1 3A SRV) with 14 points and eight rebounds, while Walter Almaraz chipped in 13 points and Trevor Gibson added 10.

Mustangs feel right at home atop High Desert League

Jordan, Adrian
girls fight for
second Thursday

The Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team literally enters the home stretch of the regular season Thursday against Adrian.

The Mustangs, who won their

eighth consecutive game Saturday with a 79-41 blowout of league foe Harper, play four of their final five 1A High Desert League games at home.

Coach Mike Workman's club is 11-0 with a half-game edge over a Spray club it already has beaten this season. The only road game is a Feb. 13 matchup against defending league champion Crane (15-4, 9-2).

Essentially, the Mustangs (17-1 overall, 11-0 league) are playing at home with the lead.

Not a bad place to be.

Tipoff against the archrival Antelopes is set for 7 p.m. Thursday.

On Saturday, the Mustangs took another step toward the finish line behind four players in double figures. Jordan Valley pummeled Harper, 79-41.

The key was Jordan Valley's 21-3 run through the third quarter to widen a 17-point halftime lead.

"This was a good win heading into next week with three games," Workman said.

Zac Fillmore scored all of his points from the floor, finishing with a game-high 22. Alek Quintero drained three of his team's five three-point goals on

the way to 11 points.

Fillmore snagged 10 rebounds to complete his double-double and help Jordan Valley dominate the glass, 41-20, against the Hornets (4-8 in league).

Bryce Kershner scored 11 points, and Dusty Easterday added 10.

Harper was paced by 13 points

— See *Mustangs*, page 17

Sports

Mustangs push past Lady Huskies on Senior Night

Big Melba team
tops Marsing
68-42

With an across-the-board height advantage, and aided by an alert defense that led to too many Marsing High School turnovers, Melba put the final touches on a with a solid shooting game and disciplined fast breaks, to score a victory on the Huskies' Senior Night on Jan. 27.

Senior Katie Brinkerhoff led the visitors' charge with a game-high 18 points as Melba posted a 68-42 2A Western Idaho Conference girls' basketball victory. All but two of her points came from inside the paint.

Melba's experience — the team fields seven seniors and three juniors — allowed it to control the game from the outset, de-

spite a Husky team that remained competitive throughout.

The Melba defense slowed the host offense, and it was reflected in the numbers. For Marsing, Kaitie Kent led with 10 points, six of them from outside the three-point arc. Team effort showed in the scorebook, with 11 Marsing players putting up points, but no one player had a breakaway evening against Melba's string defense.

Rebecca Cossel and Mari Villa had seven points each, but senior Miranda Clausen was shut down completely by defensive pressure in her final home game. Villa had Marsing's third trey.

Melba shot 58 percent at the foul line, going 15-for-24, while Marsing seemed to waver on almost identical chances, shooting



Rebecca Cossel

9-for-25 (36 percent).

Prior to tipoff, six Huskies took the spotlight for Senior Night. Clausen, Kent, Bianca Mascorro, Cat Rost, Kaya Stahle and Villa were honored, and all saw playing time in their final home appearance. With the exception of Clausen, all scored.

Individual stats were not provided.

The Lady Huskies traveled to Nampa Christian on Thursday, suffering a 60-24 loss to the Trojans. No stats were provided.

Marsing ended the 2A WIC season at 0-10 and took a 5-11 overall record into Tuesday's first round of the 2A District III Tournament against Melba.

Results of the game, played at Vallivue High School in Caldwell, weren't available at press time.



Marsing High School senior Miranda Clausen tries to find the rim in the midst of a herd of Mustangs. Melba took pains to keep the 5-foot-10 senior under pressure to limit her effectiveness inside.

Homedale girls opens district tourney vs. Weiser

Homedale High School will meet an old nemesis when the 3A District III girls basketball tournament hits high gear.

The Trojans, who finished third in the 3A Snake River Valley conference, will meet second-seeded Weiser at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

The Wolverines have played a major role in derailing Homedale each of the past two seasons.

Coach Jeremy Chamberlain's Homedale squad wrapped up a 4-4 conference campaign Friday with a 44-28 Senior Night loss to regular-season champ Fruitland.

The Grizzlies are scheduled to play in an 8 p.m. game Saturday against the winner of Thursday's district tournament elimination game between No. 4 Payette and No. 5 McCall-Donnelly.

"While Fruitland seems to have the upper hand at this point, I think our tournament will be very close and could go a number of different ways," Chamberlain said.



Homedale senior Hannah Johnson, right, goes in for a fast-break layup as Fruitland's Sarah McGinley reaches in.

"I like our chances against Weiser. We played them to a four-point game in Weiser two weeks ago. Hopefully we can refocus after a bit of a disaster on Friday night and be ready to go."

Nine seniors — Rachelle Christoffersen, Bri Cornwall, Hannah Johnson, Mikal Mackenzie, Aubrey McCutchen, Kendall

Rupp, Annamaria Salas, Erika Shanley and Ashley Thomson — played their final home games for Homedale on Friday.

Johnson had 10 points — split between the first and fourth quarters to account for all the Trojans scoring in those stanzas.

"Hannah Johnson played a solid game for us," Chamberlain

said. "As a team, we failed to give Hannah any support offensively. Fruitland played good defense, but we didn't play well."

Rupp had six steals. Christoffersen and Mackenzie led the Trojans on the backboards with five and four rebounds, respectively.

Adrian rolls over Huntington; JV next

The opportunistic Adrian High School girls' basketball team swiped 22 steals Thursday to crush Huntington in a 1A High Desert League game.

The host Antelopes (15-3 overall, 9-1 1A HDL) built a 25-point lead through three quarters and cruised to a 50-24 win.

Coach Gene Mills' squad takes on third-place Jordan Valley at 6 p.m. Thursday on the Mustangs' floor. Both Adrian and Jordan Valley are chasing league-leading Crane.

Against Huntington, Adrian's Terra Rust had a breakout night with two three-point goals and a perfect 3-for-3 showing from

the foul line for a game-high 19 points. She scored 10 of her team's first 16 points in the game.

McKenzie Purnell tossed in eight points and four steals, while Maddy Pendergrass led the Antelopes on the backboards with seven rebounds. Jessica Morton also scored eight points.

Huntington received nine points each from Audryonm Langley and Haylee Harding.

Boys

Thursday: Adrian 67, Huntington 30 — Five players reached double figures as the Antelopes rolled to an easy 1A HDL victory at home.

"We played well tonight,"

Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "The boys ran their offense well and we controlled the offensive boards, allowing us several put backs."

George Ellsworth notched team highs with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Kyle Dondero scored 12 points, and teammate Levi Jones added 11 points.

Lois Adam and Blake Purnell both scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds.

The Antelopes' defense held the Locomotives to just three points in the second quarter, launching a 16-3 run.

Adrian takes on Jordan Valley on the road at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

MARSING HUSKIES BASKETBALL

Boys basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Feb. 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Feb. 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7 at Parma, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

Freshman

Thursday, Feb. 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7 at Parma, 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m.

Girls basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 2A District III Tourn., site TBA, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6 at 2A District III Tourn. Vallivue HS, Caldwell, if nec.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 2A District III Tourn., Vallivue HS, Caldwell, if nec.

WRESTLING

Thursday, Feb. 5 at New Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 9, junior varsity only at Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Melba, 2 p.m.

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Sports

With leading scorer hampered, Marsing boys lose pair in WIC

Jose Paramo expected back tonight vs. NP

Injuries and the record books may result in a low seed in the 2A District III tournament for Marsing High School's boys' basketball team unless a late-season second wind blows in from somewhere.

The Huskies slipped to 1-5 in the 2A Western Idaho Conference after a pair of losses to Nampa Christian and Cole Valley Christian last week.

Nampa Christian drubbed Marsing, 53-26, in a conference game Thursday, despite an energetic defense.

The Huskies, missing starting guard and reliable points-leader Jose Paramo, couldn't get the

needed points on the board.

While the Huskies turned up the offense slightly in the second half, that didn't equate to more accurate shooting.

"Not having Jose and then shooting bad isn't a good mix," coach JW Chadez admitted. "I did think we took better care of the ball, though, and we didn't quit."

With his brother out, Agustin Paramo kept the point-lead in the family with a team-high eight, and Ethan Salove played both ends, with five points and eight rebounds.

"It would be nice to climb the ladder a bit, because the three

and four seed both host a district tournament game," Chadez said. "It would really help us if we could get to fourth and host that game. Then you never know what might happen."

A 56-40 loss to Cole Valley was an opportunity unfulfilled Saturday.

That loss raises the stakes for Marsing as it looks ahead to its final four WIC games, none of which are a walkover.

The Huskies face New Plymouth on the road tonight, and Chadez expects Jose Paramo back at full strength after twisting his ankle two weeks ago.

On Friday comes a road game against Parma.

Marsing closes the season against Melba and Nampa Christian, both of which are among the top teams in the conference.



JW Chadez



Marsing junior Ethan Salove is denied by Nampa Christian's Nate Forseth last week in Marsing.

Trojan Winter Sports



BASKETBALL



Boys basketball

Varsity

Friday, Feb 6, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Feb 6, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Freshman

Friday, Feb 6, home vs. Payette, 4:45 p.m.

Girls basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Feb. 5 at 3A District III Tournament, TVCC, Ontario, Ore.

Saturday, Feb. 7 at 3A District III Tournament, TVCC, Ontario, Ore.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 3A District III Tournament, TVCC, Ontario, Ore.

Junior varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 4, home for 3A District III Tournament, if in championship game, 7:30 p.m.

Freshman

Wednesday, Feb. 4, home for 3A District III Tournament, if in championship game, 6 p.m.

Go Trojans!

WRESTLING

Thursday, Feb. 5, at Fruitland, 5 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7 at Weiser Invitational



Jeremy Ensley ninth in NCAA Div. II wrestling

Homedale High School wrestling career victories leader Jeremy Ensley made news this month, with a pictured appearance in Wrestling USA Magazine, according to his former coach, Toby Johnson.

Ensley is ranked ninth at 125 pounds among NCAA Div. II wrestlers, according to the magazine's February issue, in which his photo appears.

Ensley is a 2006 Homedale grad and one of a very few to ever be a four-time State champion in Idaho.



Jeremy Ensley

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Sports



Marsing Senior Night

Left: Marsing High School girls' basketball seniors and parents lined up to honor their graduates-to-be at the MHS-Melba game on Jan. 27. Seniors honored included Miranda Clausen, Kaitie Kent, Bianca Mascorro, Cat Rost, Kaya Stahle and Mari Villa.

Homedale Senior Night

Right: Homedale High girls' hoops seniors and parents mark their night with celebration at the HHS-Fruitland game on Friday. Seniors honored included Ashley Thomson, Erika Shanley, Annamaria Salas, Kendall Rupp, Aubrey McCutchen, Mikal Mackenzie, Hannah Johnson, Bri Cornwall and Rachelle Christoffersen.



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√ **Duals:** Event offers a different atmosphere, opportunity to teams

in the 125s. Johnshoy is a senior and two-time state champion. The dramatic match was a chance for redemption for Ensley, who, wrestling at 125, had lost on points to Boise's George Gundlach and Mac High's Ryan Bullock.

The Homedale Duals celebrated its second year by adding a new competitor, Melba.

The event is a little different than, say, the Rollie Lane Invitational, Johnson pointed out. At the Homedale Duals, a team gets a chance to put more kids on the mat than at a big tourney where only the top one or two wrestlers will see any real competition time.

"There's no going two-and-out. You better be ready to go for the next one, because you get lots of mat time," he said.

A tournament like Homedale's offers some advantages that Johnson likes to see utilized.

"If you have a kid who's coming along, and you take him to Rollie Lane, then he won't see much competition," he explained. "It's (Homedale's duals tourney) a different type of situation — (it serves teams) where they want the mat time. Seeking out the best, there's a lot to be said for that, but that's not good all the time. You need competition that's right for you."

Johnson hopes that each year he can add another team or two, and keep the format such that wrestlers can have as many matches, and as much excitement, as possible.

"If you missed the duals, you missed out on some great wrestling," Johnson said.

Duals results put the Trojans at an enviable 10-3 for duals this year, and stretches their string of 10-plus dual-winning seasons to seven of the past eight, and their string of winning seasons to nine. The graduation of his seniors this year has Johnson fretting, though he is confident that he's worried unreasonably.

"When you have the bodies you are competitive duals-wise. I'm hoping we can get a lot out next year, because were losing a lot of seniors; close to a dozen. It's going to be tough," he said.

His son reminded him of the reality of the situation, and that seniors are always graduating, and new blood coming in, he said.

"He told me 'Kids come up, and they step up, and life goes on,'" Johnson said.

With a coach that's led his wrestlers through nine winning seasons in a row, that should be very much the case.

Looking ahead, the Trojan

wrestlers will be in Fruitland on Thursday.

Weight class winners

103, Evan Miller, Parma ; 112, Dallin Christensen, Melba; 119, Ben Alcala, Boise; 125, Kyle Johnshoy, Melba; 130, Ryan Osterman, Boise; 135, David Hemmett, Parma; 140, Alex Rodighiero, Mac-Hi; 145, Wyatt Law, Mac-Hi; 152, Jace Sargent, Mac-Hi; 160, Ulysses Vargas, Homedale; 171, Travis Jensen, Parma; 189, Cassidy Cook, Homedale; 215, Randy Riley, Parma; 285, Kieran Riley, Parma.

— MML

√ **Mustangs:** Jordan Valley will seek to unseat Antelopes on Thursday

from Nick Martinez.

Girls

Saturday: Jordan Valley 42,

Harper 27 — Kayla Cuvelier scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to push the Mustangs past the Hornets.

Anne Marie Eiguren and Ashley Hebison scored eight points apiece.

Jordan Valley (12-5 overall, 9-2

1A HDL) take on Adrian (9-1) in a battle for second place at 6 p.m. Thursday on the Mustangs' home floor.

The Antelopes trail league-leading Crane by one game, while Jordan Valley is 1½ games back with a three-game week ahead.

√ **Rimrock:** Boys can't overcome 25 turnovers against top Div. II squad

will have to travel to Glenns Ferry for a Feb. 14 play-in game against the third-place squad from the District IV-V-VI tournament.

Boys

One of the best 1A boys' basketball teams in the state stifled visiting Rimrock in the first

half of a Jan. 27 victory.

Garden Valley, which will be one of the team's to beat in the upcoming 1A, Div. II District III tournament, rode off with a 59-35 win over the Raiders.

Rimrock committed 25 turnovers and converted on just 31 percent of its field goals (13-

for-42).

"Garden Valley is one of the top teams in the north and a tough place to play," Rimrock coach Gary Jones said. "I was a little disappointed that we could not finish a lot of high-percentage shots that would have kept us competitive.

"I am not discouraged. We will soldier on and prepare for our upcoming contests with vigor and enthusiasm."

Justin Pederson scored 10 of his 14 points in the first 16 minutes as the Wolverines outscored Rimrock, 30-12. Teammate Marshall Beelsh led all scorers

with 18 points.

Dary Langfitt scored all eight of his points in the second half for Rimrock (5-11 overall, 3-5 1A WIC).

Sam Richardson led the Raiders with 11 rebounds, but was saddled with four fouls and limited to just four points.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Lost weekend

In the movie *Long Kiss Goodnight*, Samuel L. Jackson’s character practiced a habit of saying out loud to himself, “I’m putting my car keys on the dresser” ... “on the kitchen counter”... “on the nightstand” as he laid down the object. It is a great mental mechanical memory device. It has worked for me, but I don’t think I would have ever thought about saying, “I’m dropping my glasses in the dog’s water bucket.”

Mule deer season opened on Friday. My son and I drove to Davidson Canyon. From the highway to the unimproved road, we put my new purchase to the test. It is a 1997 one-ton, long bed, long cab, 4-wheel-drive diesel with 244,000 miles. It’s white. We call it the Polar Bear.

Pulling a 16-foot gooseneck with three horses we squeezed by, crashed through, crawled over, scraped under and climbed up the rocky trails that would have frightened a yeti! It is my own monster truck! We stopped, unloaded the horses and rode out. Within an hour we had slid up on six does and a buck. The chase ensued. We had purposely lowered the volume on our walkie-talkies so they would only vibrate and not spook the wildlife. As can happen, we lost contact. My son lost his walkie-talkie before he lost the buck! Tracking back was fruitless since we couldn’t call it, the walkie-talkie, I mean. We’d turned off the ringer.

At lunch we took a break. “Where’s your other saddle blanket?” I asked. We both agreed that he had started with two. The country was so rough there was no point goin’ back to try and find it. We finished the day’s hunt, loaded up and came home. It was then I discovered my keys were missing and I couldn’t find my glasses!

The next day we changed country and hunted afoot. Again, we saw deer but no bucks. Back home by early afternoon, I realized I couldn’t find my wallet or my hunting license, which was humiliating since the one I lost was, itself, a replacement for the original, which I had also misplaced. Cost me \$4.

Sunday, I took a day trip back to Davidson Canyon with my GPS. I had the foresight to enter the location of where we had parked on Friday. Lo and behold I walked to within 10 feet from the keys! They were so grateful to be rescued they actually leaped up into my arms! Later, I found my wallet in my other pair of boots. Hunting season was over so the license didn’t matter. I bought another walkie-talkie. As you might guess, one isn’t much good by itself and when I cleaned out the dog’s bucket ... well, you know that story.

But somewhere in the Arizona desert is a pack rat’s nest or a raven’s nest lined with red and black threads with a strip of fluorescent orange ribbon poking out. As to how it might have happened, I’d rather not discuss.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

The way I see it
Recent missteps beg a solution



The start to 2009 has not been an auspicious one for politicians in Owyhee County.

The row over Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson’s expense account has been well-documented in these pages, as has the controversy surrounding the transition at the sheriff’s office, which was aired in an open meeting on Jan. 20.

And now, with one letter to the editor, a former fair board chair has shone a light on another failing in Murphy.

Joe Merrick’s letter appearing on the subsequent page points out quite correctly that the Board of County Commissioners would be ill-advised to follow through on the county assuming control of the financial account of the Owyhee County Fair Board.

The commissioners haven’t taken any action, and after Merrick’s letter and inquiries from The Owyhee Avalanche and concerned fair board types, chances are they won’t.

For starters, it’s against Idaho Code for the commissioners to take the day-to-day business of the fair out of the fair board’s hands. The law also says the commissioners are ultimately responsible if the fair runs into a deficit, but it’s the job of the fair board to run their books.

The fact that the commissioners didn’t know until the last minute about the fair’s financial shortfall at the end of fiscal year 2008 opens an entirely different discussion.

But both events illuminate a glaring weakness in the county’s attempt to provide transparency.

The commissioners didn’t know about the financial shortcomings with the county fair because there is no protocol in place for a fair board member to make a quarterly report on the books.

Perhaps that lack of oversight triggered county auditor Jared Zwygart’s suggestion that the county take over the books, which was reported by County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn at the Jan. 12 meeting.

Zwygart’s suggestion apparently led to Sherburn calling fair director Kelly Haun to arrange for transfer of the books to Murphy.

On Jan. 12, Sherburn told the commissioners that the fair board’s checkbook was being taken over by her office. In a follow-up interview with the Avalanche, Sherburn said the commissioners would approve all claims submitted by the fair board. Neither is the case at this point.

As already pointed out, state law prohibits the commissioners from taking over the fair board books, and no formal vote was taken on Jan. 12. And last week Haun told The Owyhee Avalanche that the fair board will continue to maintain its finances and will discuss the matter at its monthly meeting Thursday night.

Finally, both fair-related controversies and the fires ignited by Sheriff Daryl Crandall’s report to the board on Jan. 20 — much of which should have been aired in

— See *Solution*, page 19

Wayne Cornell

Not important ...
but possibly of interest



Suzhou’s one white cat

We get up at 3:30 a.m. to go to the Beijing Airport to catch a flight to Shanghai. The China Airlines Airbus carries at least 300 people, but the seats are more cramped than they were on the 747 that brought us to China. Like the flight from LA, the 19 people in our group are just about the only Westerners on the plane, which is nearly full.

The Beijing climate is much like southern Idaho. In October, it is chilly and mostly dry. Shanghai is farther south. It’s warmer and wetter. As our plane descends to land, it is raining, and visibility is very poor. When the pilot lowers the landing gear, a screen at the front of our cabin comes on and a camera gives us essentially the same view the pilots have, plus a readout of our speed and altitude. I decide this is really more information than I need when we get down to 300 feet and visibility is still near zero. The runway lights become dimly visible just as the wheels touch.

The old Shanghai Airport seems to be in a densely populated area. We are told there is a new airport on the far side of town. We meet our new guide, “Jack,” a twenty-something youngster with an infectious laugh. His first advice is to not say “Hi, Jack,” when we are around the airport.

Beijing is about 16 million people. Shanghai is larger. At about 20 million, it is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world. But we won’t see Shanghai until later in the week. Our bus splashes off toward our first stop.

Suzhou (“Sue Joe”) is a little town of only 6 million people located maybe 75 miles north of Shanghai. It is one of the major industrial areas of the new China. We are told many American companies, including Hewlett Packard, have manufacturing plants here.

The bus drops us off at a local restaurant where we have another “traditional Chinese meal.” Jack tells us the food in southern China tends to be lighter than the meals in northern China. We can’t tell any difference.

There is one immediate difference between this part



This photograph of Suzhou’s lighted skyline materialized only after admonishment from a rather adamant crew member on the boat floating through one of the city’s canals.

of China and the Beijing area. When we sit down to eat, we are told to keep a close eye on purses, camera bags and other personal items which sometimes “disappear.” Apparently, the government doesn’t have as tight a control on things here.

It’s starting to get dark as we board a motor launch for our tour of Suzhou’s Grand Canal. The Grand Canal was started in 486 B.C. and eventually was 1,786 kilometers long, connecting Beijing with many southern cities, including Suzhou. The city is sometimes called the “Venice of the East.” As we chug along, we see residents washing clothes in the canal and going about the normal business. The children often smile and wave. It’s a lot like Venice. But there are more cats in Italy. I see a white cat with a red collar on the far bank, drinking from the canal. It is the only cat we have seen during our stay in China.

We stop for a few minutes and wander through a street market. Chaotic would be the best description of the scene. There are hundreds of people of all ages, all talking

— See *Suzhou*, page 19

Commentary

Financial management

Don't feel guilty for spending after saving well

Dear Dave,

Is it common for older people who have saved their entire lives, have no debt, good pensions, and Social Security income, to become obsessed about not spending their money? My husband and I almost feel guilty about spending any of the money we've worked so hard to save.

— Connie

Dear Connie,

What you're talking about is very common, especially among folks who have developed a pattern of living frugally for 40 or 50 years. I call it the embarrassment of riches. I've heard some people in your situation say that they're even too embarrassed to order dessert in a restaurant. They feel like it's a betrayal of who they are as a person.

You guys have worked hard, saved big, and now it's time



to begin *enjoying* some of that money. You don't have to do things that are frivolous or wasteful, but there's nothing wrong with having a little fun with your money when you can afford to do so.

Here's an idea that might help you loosen up a bit. Every time you spend money on a luxury, or something fun for yourselves, give a percentage of the amount you spent to help someone else. You don't have to match it dollar-for-dollar, because you don't want to blow through your nest egg and have nothing left. But give it a try, Connie. It will bring balance to your life. You'll be able to

have some fun with your money, plus you'll get the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped another human being!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I just lost my job due to company-wide layoffs. I have an emergency fund in place, but I'm losing my health insurance, and family coverage is very expensive. Our state has a program that covers children's healthcare in these kinds of situations. Would it be OK to accept this kind of state assistance for my kids until I find another job, and things get better?

— Paul

Dear Paul,

It's perfectly OK to accept help when you're down or struggling. On the other hand, to *define* yourself as being down

or struggling is just plain wrong. By this, I mean you should never just sit there, consider yourself helpless, and expect someone to take care of you!

Remember this: every person falls down. Losers stay down; successful people get back up. Remind yourself every day that you're a success looking for a place to blossom.

If I woke up one morning and realized I had no insurance or couldn't feed my family because I'd lost my job, I'd be out looking for work all day long, every single day. If that didn't work, I'd pack everyone up and go find another place to work and live. At the very least, I'd map out a plan to work and make money somewhere else during the week, then come home weekends.

You sound like a good dad. I love the fact that you're thinking about your kids. Do what's

necessary to take care of them right now, even if it means getting help from the state. Make sure you're out there busting it, and trying to make something happen in the job market, too. Being down and struggling for a little while is OK, but you shouldn't still be living this way six months from now!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He hosts *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel as well as a radio call-in show. Find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Letters to the editor

Longtime deputy thanks community for 'great ride'

For the last 9½ years, I have had the honor of serving the people of Owyhee County as a sheriff's deputy. Owyhee County has always been seen as a training ground for law enforcement officers, and most officers come here and get certified and then move on to other agencies for more money and better benefits.

I stayed here in Owyhee County for several reasons, the main one being the people that live and work here. Owyhee County is a great place, with great people, many of whom I consider friends. Over the years I have had the opportunity to work with and for many of you, and that is why it is with a heavy heart I announce that the time has come for me to move on.

Due to several reasons at this time, I have decided to seek employment elsewhere. I am still going to be around Owyhee County, and hope to see the people I have come to know as friends out and about. For those of you who

truly know me, and consider me your friend, thank you for everything. Your support, your trust and your friendship, it means more than you can ever imagine.

It's been a great ride, Owyhee County. Thank you.
Chris Even
Marsing

Commissioners should check code on county fair business

I was reading in *The Owyhee Avalanche* on Jan. 21, 2009, page 5, "Big tax receipts". The article states that the commissioners have taken control of financial accounts of the Owyhee County Fair board.

Idaho Code 22-204. Duties of County Fair board

"The county fair board shall be charged with the care and custody of all property belonging to the county and used for fair purposes, and shall be responsible for all moneys received by it, raised by tax levy or levies for fair

purposes as well as all receipts from the operation of the fair and any other moneys received from other sources for fair purposes."

Idaho Code 22-206

"When such taxes have been collected, the same shall be paid to the treasurer of the county fair board to be used for the purposes authorized by this act."

Idaho Code 22-207

"Any moneys remaining on hand after a county fair has been conducted within the county pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be paid into the current expense fund of such county but shall be retained in the custody of the treasurer of the county fair board, and may be used in the conduct of a county fair in the succeeding year or years."

For the full wording of these statutes, go to www.stateofidaho.gov. Click on county fair board. It appears that the commissioners need to become more familiar with Idaho Statutes.

Joe Merrick
Bruneau

✓ Solution: Commissioners meeting on Tuesday could remedy problems

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executive session — make one thing abundantly clear:

The commissioners need full-time legal counsel at their meetings to avoid future missteps.

New Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery has said that he will be a full-service prosecutor — something that runs very much contrary to the job performance of his predecessor and former boss, Matthew Faulks.

To that end, a Jan. 26 resolution by the commissioners set up a formal process to request legal opinions from Emery. Previously, a verbal request was made to Faulks, and that's

usually where the matter ended, without an opinion.

In another idea to put Emery in meetings full-time, the commissioners voted Monday to ask that the prosecuting attorney draft a resolution to move most BOCC meetings to Tuesdays.

State law requires only that the commissioners meet on the second Monday of the month. More frequent meetings, if necessary, are permitted; hence the weekly meetings on Monday.

But Mondays are no good for Emery, who exits the commissioners meeting at lunch to attend court down the

hall, or as was the case Monday, was too busy to be in the meeting except for a few moments.

Barring unforeseen court conflicts, Tuesday BOCC meetings will allow Emery to sit in on the proceedings from start to finish, if needed.

District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund and new District 1 Commissioner George Hyer both mentioned this solution in interviews last week, before the issue was voted on during Monday's meeting.

The idea is a logical one — even if logic isn't always synonymous with the workings of government.

✓ Suzhou: Wandering through the canals comprising Venice of the East

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at once as they move along the narrow street, Quacking live ducks, destined to be someone's dinner, add to the cacophony of sounds.

Back to the boat. It's dark now, and there are large red lanterns hanging on some of the houses along the canal. I

go up on deck, outside the boat cabin, so I can get some pictures without shooting through glass windows. When I'm done I start to go back inside. One of the Chinese crewmen grabs my arm. He speaks no English, but it is obvious he wants me to stay where I am. In a minute, I understand why. We go under an arched footbridge and

emerge into a lagoon. Virtually all the buildings along the shore are outlined in colored lights — a truly breathtaking scene. I nod my thanks to the crewman, and that seems to please him.

— Go to www.theowyheeavalanche.com to link to some of Wayne's previous columns on his Internet blog.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 8, 1984

Absenteeism up as flu bug hits area’s students

Student absenteeism in the Homedale School District has been running high due to an outbreak of influenza, according to school officials.

Herb Fritzley, principal of Homedale Elementary School, told The Owyhee Chronicle that 72 students were absent due to illness on Monday – the highest absenteeism rate since the flu season began.

With 560 students in kindergarten through sixth grade, Monday’s absenteeism figure represents nearly 14 percent of the schoolchildren at the elementary level.

According to Fritzley, a total of 188 students were absent last week due to illness.

At the junior and senior high school level, school officials reported a 15 percent absenteeism due to illness last week.

Chamber seeks city support for 6 community projects

Homedale’s Chamber of Commerce plans to seek City Council cooperation in accomplishing three of six goals that appear on the business organization’s recently formulated agenda for 1984.

Jim Clarke, chamber vice president, has been scheduled to make the chamber presentation Wednesday during the City Council’s regular 8pm monthly meeting at City Hall.

The presentation will seek Council support for all six chamber-formulated priorities on the Homedale agenda, but place particular emphasis on city involvement with three goals.

According to Clarke, the chamber is seeking active City Council participation in developing a plan to clean up the community, in attracting new business and industry to Homedale and in coordinating communication among chamber members, city officials and members of other civic organizations.

Several members of the chamber’s board of directors plan to attend Wednesday night’s meeting in a good-faith gesture that Mike Blankenship, chamber president, said should not only signal “our serious commitment,” but also show the organization’s willingness to work closely with City Hall for community betterment.

Clarke plans to outline at least three other chamber goals – the establishment of a community-wide business products and services inventory, increased emphasis on farmer-businessman relationships and the development of a positive promotional campaign for the business organization.

According to Clarke, the chamber is sharing the other three goals to keep the Council informed of chamber goals and projects.

Trojans dump Parma, but stumble at McCall

Homedale’s Trojans, undaunted by a stumble at McCall, continued to charge through the Western Idaho Conference with a 73-43 pummeling of Parma on the home court last Friday night.

McCall hit Homedale with a 75-61 defeat as the Vandals held the foul line for 29 of 33 shots, or a red-hot 87 percent from the stripe.

Two senior matmen win trip to state tournament

Two Homedale Trojans are headed for the State Wrestling Tournament mats in Pocatello today.

Seniors Todd Hill and Terry Uda wrestled their way through the District Tournament in Parma last week for a shot at state titles for Homedale, according to Coach Larry Goto.

Uda heads for the state tournament with a 17-3 personal record at the 148-lb. weight class, while Hill is on the way to Pocatello with a 17-5 personal record in the 135-lb. class.

Both wrestlers survived the district wrestle-off in Parma Friday as Hill and Uda placed first in their respective weight classes, according to Goto.

50 years ago

February 5, 1959

Ground broken for new addition to Friends church

A ground-breaking ceremony to officially begin construction work on the new addition to the Friends Community church was held Sunday, following the regular morning service, when the Rev. Willard Kennon used as his sermon topic, “Building with Eternity in View.”

Ronnie Stansell gave the scripture reading, Lawrence Lee the dedicatory prayer, and the choir sang “The Church’s One Foundation.” Elmer Mitchell, who will be the carpenter in charge of construction, turned over the first shovel full of dirt, followed by Reverend Kennon, Dallas Dillon, clerk of the monthly meeting; Glen Beebe, chairman of the building committee, Ed Stansell, finance chairman, and David Beebe, chairman of the insured loan fund who lent the money for construction. Rev. Kennon gave the benediction.

Proceeds reported from donation sale

Mrs. Charles Rudolph, secretary of the Dorcas society of the Seventh Day Adventist’s church, reports the proceeds from their donation sale, held Saturday evening, amounted to \$75.

Mrs. Wayne Spencer, missionary secretary, reports for the fourth quarter of 1958, 124 articles of clothing were collected, 22 food baskets were given to the needy, and 41 persons were helped by the church.

City installs 1200 feet of 8 in. water main; to lay more

Twelve hundred feet of 8-in cast iron pipe has been laid from the new city well south on 1st Street West to Montana Avenue.

An additional 600 feet of pipe will be laid from Montana Avenue south on 1st Street West to Owyhee Avenue and east on Owyhee to Main Street.

The pipe will hook onto a six-inch water main on Main Street and onto 4-in pipe extending south on 1st Street West to Idaho Avenue and west on Owyhee Avenue.

A total of \$5,278 has been spent and \$3,000 more worth of pipe has been ordered by Water-master Warren Stimmel. The well cost approximately \$11,000, and the pump, wiring and pumphouse will cost about \$10,000, making a total investment of about \$30,000 in new city water improvements in materials alone.

The city council hopes to buy a new pump about May and have it installed and ready for the peak water season this summer.

The regular city crew has made all the pipe installation and constructed the pumphouse. The city’s backhoe was used to dig the trench and backfill.

The city grader is back from the shop in Boise where it received repairs.

Trojans twice victorious; home games this weekend

Homedale won a pair of victories over the weekend, topping Marsing there 47-30 Friday night and spearing the Vikings at Middleton 56-49 Saturday night.

At Marsing the Trojans rallied in the second half to maintain its 3rd place position.

Again Saturday night at Middleton the Trojans grew stronger in the 2nd half and rubbed out a five-point deficit to win.

It was in the 3rd quarter that the Trojans waxed hot, coming from behind 20-15 to take the lead 38-31.

Homedale locals

Pedro Detrolanda, Heppner, Ore, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Echevarria and family. Felisa Echevarria took Mr. Detrolanda to Wendell, Gooding and Shoshone. Mr. Detrolanda worked in this area 28 years ago. Since then he has been in Spain and for the past seven years has resided in Heppner.

Sunday evening callers at the Harvey Pegram home were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Pegram and sons, Rodney and David, Caldwell, and Mrs. Pegram’s mother, Mrs. Dora Coutts, Caldwell.

140 years ago

January 30, 1869

NAMES OF THE STATES.

Maine – So called from the province of Maine, in France, in compliment to Queen Henrietta of England, who, it has been said, owned that province.

New Hampshire – Named by John Mason, in 1639 (who with another obtained the grant from the crown), from Hampshire County, in England. The former name of the domain was Laconia.

Vermont – From the French “verd mont,” or green mountain, indicative of the mountainous nature of the State. This name was first officially recognized Jan. 16, 1777.

Massachusetts – Indian name, signifying “the country about the great hills,” i.e., the “Blue Hills.”

Rhode Island – this name was adopted in 1644, from the island of Rhodes, in the Mediterranean, because of its fancied resemblance to that island.

Connecticut – This is the English orthography of the Indian word Quoneb-ta-cut, which signifies “the long river.”

New York – Named by the Duke of York, under color of title given him by the English crown in 1664.

New Jersey – In honor of Sir George Carteret, who was governor of the island of Jersey, in the British Channel.

Pennsylvania – From William Penn, the founder of the colony, meaning “Penn’s woods.”

Delaware – In honor of Thomas West, Lord de-la-Ware, who visited the bay and died there in 1610.

Maryland – After Henrietta Marin, queen of Charles I of England.

Virginia – So called in honor of Queen Elizabeth the “virgin queen,” in whose reign Sir Walter Raleigh made the first attempt to colonize that region.

North and South Carolina were originally in one tract, called “Carolana” after Charles IX of France 1504 – Subsequently, in 1665, the name was altered to Carolina.

Georgia – So called in honor of George H. of England, who established a colony in that region in 1732.

Florida – Pounce de Leon, who discovered this in 1512, named it Florida in commemoration of the day he landed there, which was the Pasquas de Flores of the Spaniards, or “Feast of Flowers,” otherwise known as Easter Sunday.

Alabama – Formerly a portion of Mississippi Territory, admitted into the Union as a State in 1819. The name is of Indian origin, signifying “here we rest.”

Mississippi – Formerly a portion of the province of Louisiana. So named in 1800 from the great river on its western line. The term is of Indian origin, meaning “long river.”

Louisiana – From Louis XIV of France, who for some time prior to 1763 owned the territory.

Arkansas – From “Kansas,” the Indian word for “smoky water,” with the French prefix “are,” bow.

Tennessee – Indian for “river of the big bend,” – i.e., the Mississippi, which is its western boundary.

Kentucky – Indian for “at the head of the river.”

Ohio – From the Indian “beautiful.” Previously applied to the river, which traverses a great part of its borders.

Michigan – Previously applied to the lake, the Indian name for fish weir. So called from the fancied resemblance of the lake to a fish-trap.

Indiana – So called in 1802 from the American Indians.

Illinois – From the Indian “illini,” men, and the French suffix “ios,” together signifying “tribe of men.”

Wisconsin – Indian term of a “wild-rushing channel.”

Missouri – Named in 1821 from the great branch of the Mississippi which flows through it. Indian meaning “muddy.”

Iowa – From the Indian, signifying “the drowsy ones.”

Minnesota – Indian for “cloudy water.”

California – The name given by Cortes, the discoverer of the region. He probably obtained it from an old Spanish romance, in which an imaginary island of that name is described as abounding in gold.

Oregon – According to some from the Indian Oregon “river of the west.” Others consider it derived from the Spanish “oregano,” wild marjoram, which grows abundantly on the Pacific coast.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2009
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner’s Hoagland, Freund, and Hyer, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Sheriff Crandall, John Nagle, Jim Desmond, Sue Davenport, Jon Brown and Betty Stappler.

Amendments to the agenda included Boat Grant from Dept of Parks and Recreation, and letter to BLM.

Sheriff Crandall requested pay authorization’s for newly hired deputies Bill Detweiler, Chief Deputy at \$21.61 on the pay scale. Perry Grant, Sergeant at \$18.15, and reassignment of Russell Turner to Sergeant at \$18.15 on the pay scale. Commissioner Freund, and Hoagland approved, Commissioner Hyer cast nay vote.

The BOCC adjourned and reconvened as BOE. There was no business for Board of Equalization. The BOE adjourned and reconvened as BOCC.

The Board approved the Bureau of Homeland Security Grant application in the amount of \$49,765.67.

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

Current Expense \$41,686
Road & Bridge \$22,582, District Court \$5,523, Probation \$213, Museum \$835, Indigent & Charity \$9,774, Revaluation \$783, Solid Waste \$15,054, Weed \$45, 911 \$3,047.

The following action was taken on pending Indigent & Charity cases: 09-02 lien filed, 09-03 lien filed, 09-01 applicant approved.

Approved a catering permit for Owyhee Cattlemen’s midwinter meeting.

An executive session was called pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 on personnel issues. No action was taken.

A letter was approved to be sent to the Owyhee Field office of the BLM addressing the inadequacy of the GIS maps pertaining to the Murphy Travel Plan.

The Board tabled the MOA and the Joint Powers Agreement for the Transportation Plan until next week to enable the Prosecuting Attorney to review them.

Idaho Power representatives Michael Ybarguen, Douglas Dockter, and Mike Berry presented maps and answered question on the proposed location of the Gateway West, and Hemingway-Bowmont Transmission line corridor.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk’s office.
s/s Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
Attest: s/s Charlotte Sherburn
2/4/09

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On February 24th, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Marsing Legion Hall, Marsing, Idaho and again on February 26th, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Rimrock Auditorium, Grand View, Idaho the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public meetings regarding the proposed Idaho Power projects consisting of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project, the proposed Boardman–Hemingway Transmission Line Project, and the proposed Hemmingway to Bowmont transmission line

project. This meeting is open to all Owyhee County property owners and citizens. Idaho Power representatives will present details of the projects including, but not limited to, timeline, scope of work, route designation, and the NEPA process. BLM lead project personnel will be invited to attend and participate as to federal land involved and the NEPA process.

Mark your calendars. Meetings will be held:

February 24th at the Marsing Legion Hall from 6:30 Pm to 9:30 PM

February 26th at the Rimrock Auditorium in Grand View Idaho from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

For additional information on the above matter, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.

2/4,11,18/09

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR BID

Owyhee County on behalf of The Owyhee Sage Grouse Local Working Group is seeking bids for juniper mastication to be conducted, during the period March 2009 through April 2010, on private lands near Juniper Mountain and Flint Creek in Owyhee County. This is a demonstration project to determine cost effectiveness of removing early stage juniper from sage grouse habitat in Owyhee County. Bidder will describe his equipment and its capability to remove eight to fifteen foot tall (8-15 foot) size juniper. Bidder will state the slope limits for the equipment proposed for use and under which the operator is willing to perform juniper mastication. Bidder is to provide a cost per operator hour of said equipment and to provide a mobilization cost in the bid.

Work performance will be evaluated on both the number and size of juniper removed per hour, number and size of juniper removed per acre as compared to cost. Juniper mastication can begin in March 2009 and continue to April 30, 2010 excluding the months of June, July and August due to fire hazards. Contract will have a “not to exceed cost” of \$60,000 per the allocated sage grouse funding in 2009. The debris from the masticated juniper will be left on site in some locations for study purposes and may be removed from other sites as directed by project managers. Where debris is removed it may be used by the contractor at no cost. Contractor to provide “proof of insurance” and appropriate DOT equipment transportation license and permits. Contract will provide for quarterly progress payments.

Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2009.

Bids must be turned into the Clerk’s office at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy Idaho, or mailed to Owyhee County Clerk, P.O. Box 128 Murphy, Idaho 83650

The bid opening will take place at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 2nd, 2009 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy Idaho at 1:00 p.m.

Anyone having questions can call Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn at 208-495-2421.

2/4,11/09

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Owner: City of Marsing, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of:

Upgrades to existing Well 1 and Well 7 Pump Facility including replacement of intermediate booster pumps, new flow meters, equipment relocation and removal, well pumps replacement, well column pipe replacement and VFD controllers, pitless unit, electronics, PLC Programming, and all associated appurtenances as described in the Plans and Specifications.

Will be received by: The City of Marsing, Idaho at the office of Marsing City Hall, c/o Janice, Bicandi, City Clerk and Treasurer.

Date and time of bid opening to be February 24, 2009 at 3:00 PM, MST.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

SPF Water Engineering, LLC, 300 E. Mallard Dr., Suite 350, Boise, ID 83706

A pre-bid conference shall be held at Marsing City Hall on 2/10/09 at 3:00 PM, MST. The pre-bid conference is mandatory.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing Office located at:

SPF Water Engineering, LLC, 300 E. Mallard Dr., Suite 350, Boise, ID 83706 upon payment of \$40 for each set.

June 14, 2009
/s/Keith D. Green, Mayor
1/28;2/4/09

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the City of Marsing Distribution System Project will be received at the City of Marsing, City Hall, 425 Main St., PO Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639, until 2:00 pm MST on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 pm MST that same day. Bids received after the time specified above will not accepted or opened.

This project will consist of furnishing all labor, materials and supplies for installing water distribution mainlines and appurtenances for the City of Marsing, in accordance with the project plans and specifications. The project includes abandoning existing distribution lines, reconnecting existing services, and surface restoration.

The plans, specifications, and bidding documents for this project may be examined or obtained for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 from: SPF Water Engineering LLC, 300 E Mallard Street, Suite 350, Boise, ID 83706

The documents may also be examined at: Association of General Contractors, 1649 W. Shoreline Drive, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83702

All bids shall be submitted on the prescribed form and in the manner indicated in the Instructions to Bidders.

The City of Marsing reserves the right to accept the bids and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder; to postpone the acceptance of the bid and the award of the contract for a period not to exceed thirty five (35) days; or to reject any and all the bids received and further advertise the project for bids. The City of Marsing may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may reject, for good cause, any or all bids upon the finding of the City it is in the public interest to do so.

If you need more information,

contact Amy Woodruff, PE, Civil Dynamics, PC, (208) 453-2028.

Dated this 22 day of January, 2009.

2/4,11,18/09

NOTICE

On February 11, 2009, at 7:00 pm, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for an application to rezone the following parcel from Residential to Commercial Industrial:

The parcel is described as Lots 19-24, Block 20, Revised Townsite of Butte, (now the City of Marsing), Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the amended plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho. The property is also known as 20 1st Ave. W.

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LEIN SALE

16 ft. Zeaman utility trailer. Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. located at 89 South Bruneau (Old Hwy), Marsing ID 83639.

1/28;2/4/09

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 51-13055

IDAHO POWER CO, PO BOX 70, BOISE ID 83707
Point(s) of Diversion SESE S17 T06S R05E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: DOMESTIC 01/01
To 12/3 0.04 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.04 CFS
Date Filed: 09/11/2008
Place Of Use: DOMESTIC T06S R05E S17 SESE

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 02/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
2/4,11/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Loan No. 2002133540 T.S. No. ID-08-218716-TD On 5/6/2009, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse Located on the corner of highway 78 and Halley Street., known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, First American Title Insurance, as Trustee on behalf of CitiMortgage, Inc.. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 13 OF REICH’S FIRST ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced

real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 411 1ST ST N, 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 LORENA GONZALEZ, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY as Grantor/Trustor, in which CITICORP TRUST BANK, FSB, is named as Beneficiary and LAND AMERICA TRANSNATION as Trustee and recorded 7/2/2007 as Instrument No. 261573 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 6/18/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$641.78, due per month for the months of 8/22/2008 through 12/15/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$68,318.57 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 10.4969 per cent (%) per annum from 7/22/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 1/5/2009 By: First American Title Insurance as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Tara Donzellla, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelitytasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder’s rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2966766

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: January 5, 2009 File No.: 7023.14172 Sale date and time (local time): May 07, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 2049 Patriot Lane Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Lloyd W. Anderson, a single person Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Recording date: January 29, 2004 Recorder’s instrument number: 246586 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of January 5, 2009: \$85,781.87 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Parcel I: A parcel of land being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of the said Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence along the Southerly boundary of the said Southwest Quarter of Section 31 North 90 degrees 00’ 00” East 1657.86 feet to an iron pin, said pin also being the Real Point of Beginning; thence leaving said Southerly boundary North 00 degrees 58’ 51” East 658.03 feet to an iron pin; thence North 89 degrees 26’ 42” East 175.07 feet to an iron pin; thence South 01 degree 50’ 04” West 52.65 feet to an iron pin; thence South 87 degrees 25’ 01” East 336.57 feet to an iron pin; thence North 72 degrees 30’ 43” East 204.11 feet to an iron pin; thence South 85 degrees 07’ 40” East 88.22 feet to an iron pin; thence South 00 degrees 19’ 24” West 645.70 feet to a point on the said Southerly boundary of Section 31, said point marking the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31; thence along said Southerly boundary South 90 degrees 00’ 00” West 799.81 feet to the Point of Beginning. EXCEPT the following Parcel, more particularly described as: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence along the Southerly boundary of said Southwest Quarter of Section 31 North 90 degrees 00’ 00” East 1657.86 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing along said Southerly boundary North 90 degrees 00’

00” East 799.81 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said Southerly boundary North 00 degrees 19’ 24” East 645.70 feet to an iron pin, also being the Real Point of Beginning; thence South 00 degrees 19’ 24” West 36.00 feet to a point; thence South 86 degrees 23’ 03” West 282.94 feet to an iron pin; thence North 72 degrees 30’ 43” East 204.11 feet to an iron pin; thence South 85 degrees 07’ 40” East 88.22 feet to the Real Point of Beginning. Parcel III: Together with a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter Southwest Quarter, Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South a distance of 50.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58’ 59” East a distance of 1617.00 feet; thence South 07 degrees 23’ 49” East a distance of 565.64 feet; thence South 00 degrees 58’ 04” West a distance of 56.84 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26’ 42” East a distance of 65.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 58’ 04” East 90.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26’ 42” West 37.00 feet; thence North 07 degrees 23’ 49” West a distance of 582.50 feet, more or less, to a point on the North line of the South One-half of the Southwest Quarter, Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence South 89 degrees 58’ 59” West a distance of 1645.50 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.14172) 1002.79097-FEI
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-FMB-65303 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 14, 2009, 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 situate in Government Lot 1, Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 1, the Quarter Section corner common to Section 35 and 36, T2N, R4W, B.M., marked by a found 5/8 in P.L. S. 269, (ROS Instrument No. 162134, records of Owyhee County); thence South 89°59’40” East, 465.00 feet, along the South line of said Government Lot1, to a point, marked by a set 5/8 in. I.P and cap, L.S. 874, the POINT OF TRUE BEGINNING; thence North 31°30’50” East, 118.26 feet, to a point, marked by a set 5/8 in. I.P and cap, L.S 874; thence North 08°38’47” East, 92.15 feet, to a point, marked by a set 5/8 in. I.P and cap L.S, 874; thence North

00°24’25” West, 66.97 feet. to a point, marked by a set 5/8 in. I.P. and cap, L.S 874; thence North 28°51’42” West 46.94 feet, to a point, marked by a set 5/8 in. I.P., and cap L.S 874; thence South 89°59’40” East, 521.23 feet, along a line parallel to, and 300 feet northerly of the South line of Government Lot1. to a point on the Westerly bank of Snake River, marked by a set 5/8 in I.P and cap, L.S . 874; thence along said Westerly bank South 56°01’31” East, 536.92 feet, to a point on the South line of Government Lot 1 marked by a set 5/8 in I.P, and cap, L.S 874; thence, along said South line of Government Lot 1, North 89°56’40” West, 1019.02 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 8682 HWY 78 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 ADAM JOSEPH MCKEE, A SINGLE MAN, as Grantor, to LANDAMERICA TRANSNATION TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/27/2006, recorded 10/3012006, under Instrument No. 258650, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB. 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 10/27/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 2/1/2008 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of Delinquent Payments from February 1 payments at \$2, 634.35 each 10 payments at \$2, 673.95 each (02-01-08 through 12-08-08) Late Charges: Beneficiary Advances: Suspense Credit: TOTAL: December 8, 2008 01, 2008 \$2, 634.35 \$26, 739.50 \$1, 162.50 \$44 00 \$0 00 \$30, 580.35 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustees fees, attorneys fees, costs and advances made the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$372,000.00, together with interest thereon at 7.500% per annum from 1/1/2008 to 3/1/2008, 7.500% 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: 12/8/2008.

PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By: Kara Lansberry, 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# 2949737
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
IDAHO CODE 45-1506
Loan No.: 216520 T.S.
No.: 10078.1417 TSG No.: 200810420**

On 4/30/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), **At the entrance to the Owyhee County courthouse located at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650.** In the County of **Owyhee**, State of Idaho, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC as Trustee on behalf of the beneficiary 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:

Parcel I: Lot 30 of Block 60 of the Amended Townsite Plat of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Parcel II: Lot 31 of Block 60 of the Amended Townsite Plat of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: **Property is a parcel of land, for more information please contact Amy bowles at 208-373-3626.**, 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: **Pick up the Pace of Homedale, LLC**, As grantors, To: **Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, By; Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC**, As its authorized agent, for the benefit and security of **Rolf Dornseif**, As Beneficiary, dated **8/3/2005**, recorded **6/1/2006**, as Instrument No. **254711**, records of **Owyhee County, Idaho**.

Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), ID 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 **8/3/2005. INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PLUS IMPOUNDS AND / OR ADVANCES WHICH BECAME DUE On 10/12/2008 PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, BALLOON PAYMENTS, PLUS IMPOUNDS AND/ OR ADVANCES AND LATE CHARGES THAT BECOME PAYABLE.** The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is **\$40,160.99**, plus accrued interest at the rate of **18%** per annum from **10/2/2008**. 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: **December 23, 2008**
By: **Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County**
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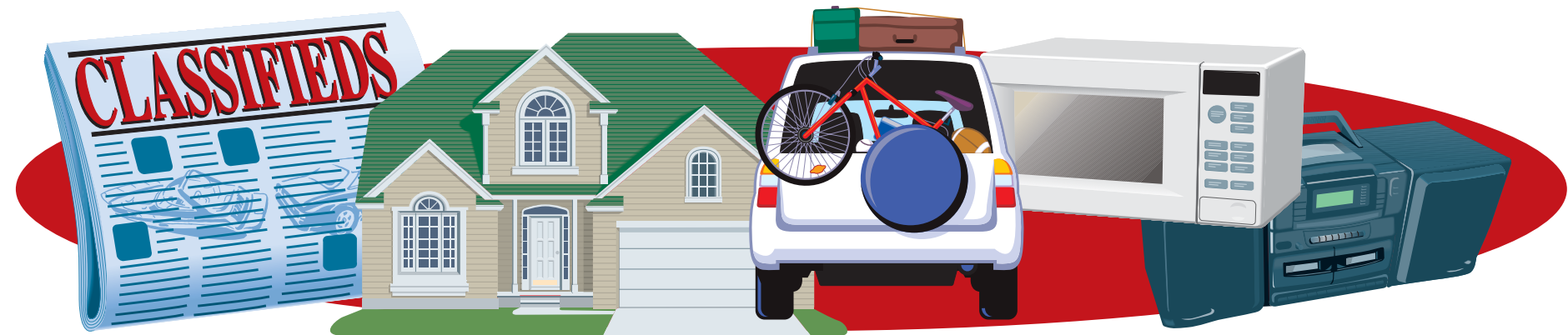
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Soup **99¢** ea.

Western Family

Soup



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18pk Cans 20pk Bottles

18pk Cans or 20pk Bottles

MGD Beer **\$13⁹⁹** ea.

Bear Creek

Soup **\$3⁶⁹** ea.
8-11 oz.

Ocean Spray

Cranberry Drink **\$3⁵⁹** ea.
64 oz.

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\$1¹⁹ ea.
10.75 oz.

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Pasta **\$1⁹⁹** ea.
24 oz.

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Western Family

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Marshmallows **\$1⁷⁹** ea.
16 oz.

Dasani Water

24pk .5 lt Bottles **\$5⁹⁹** ea.

Western Family

Frozen Orange Juice **\$1⁶⁹** ea.
12 oz.

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Milk, 2%-1%-Skim **\$2⁵⁹** ea.
Gallon

Maxwell House

& Yuban Coffee **\$9²⁹** ea.
33-39 oz.

Friskies Buffet

Canned Cat Food **2 \$1**
5.5 oz.

Purina

Dog Chow **\$14⁵⁹** ea.
20 lb.

Natural Light or Ice Beer

24pk Cans **\$10⁴⁹** ea.

Quarter Life


Cereal **\$3²⁹** ea.
21-21.7 oz.

Hefty Foam

Plates & Bowls **\$2⁷⁹** ea.
28-50 ct.

Lay's

Potato Chips **\$3⁴⁹** ea.
11.5 oz.

All Your Valentine Supplies!

Flowers *Balloons
Gifts *Candy *Cards

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