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Hoppin' for health



Homedale students Jump Rope for Heart Third-grader Kendall Nash times her jump as second-grader Stephanie Flores twirls the rope during the Feb. 10 Jump Rope for Heart activity inside the Homedale Elementary School gymnasium. For more, see story, Page 13

Survey starts land use review

Fight over guns in national parks stalls Initiative

House GOP wants committee debates; omnibus on hold for now

on the legislation containing the Owyhee Initiative implementation act, which was scheduled for debate Wednesday before the House Rules Committee.

According to an Environment and Energy (E&E) article published Thursday, the House won't take up the Omnibus Public

Land Management Act until after the Presidents' Day recess, which ends Monday.

A Congressional source contacted Wednesday told The Owyhee Avalanche that the package of more than 150 bills was taken off the action calendar before a scheduled 10 a.m. MST vote because of the threat of an amendment focusing on carrying guns in national parks.

E&E quoted Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), ranking member on the National Parks Subcommittee,

— See Initiative, page 5A

Jordan Valley finally seats city council

Slowed by voting ties, and the wait for a subsequent coin-flip by Malheur County, the City of Jordan Valley can, at last, seat a city council and get back to business.

In addition to the wait caused by the ties on two seats, the unpopular ethics reform that requires exhaustive financial and background checks of unpaid city council positions reduced applicants this year, and had the members of city government worried that a quorum might not be possible. Now, the city will be able to move ahead and perform necessary business.

Until the quorum was finally achieved, the only city business being conducted was paying bills.

Seats were filled by:

• Jerry White, position No. 1, who won by write-in vote;

• Mary Aguila, position No. 2, assumed the seat Feb. 10 to fill a vacated position from a previous member — reported to have quit because of the previously mentioned ethics reform issues. Aguila will serve two years;

Public has until March 31 to respond to county questions

Officials are asking residents to complete a survey as the first step in revising the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan.

The plan represents the community's vision for future growth in the county.

Owyhee County Planning and

Zoning administrator Mary Huff announced last week that the survey will be posted on the county Web site, www.owyheecounty. net, and that responses to the short questionnaire must be received by 5 p.m. on March 31.

A link to the county Web site

also is available at www.owyhee avalanche.com

Hard copies also are available from the county offices. Each person can take the survey only once.

"This first survey is to help — See Survey, page 5

• Marie Kershner, a write-in candidate who won position

— See Council, page 5

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Qwest grants fund science class projects



Owyhee teachers overjoyed with grants

Above: Marsing Middle School's Jim Eisentrager whoops it up after being surprised with one of a handful of Qwest Foundation for Education grants. **Right:** Homedale Middle School teacher Jennifer Martin couldn't contain her enthusiasm when Qwest Idaho president Jim Schmidt handed her a check during an assembly.

Science Gone Digital

Jim Eisentrager, Marsing Middle School

Marsing instructor Jim Eisentrager will be using his grant to bring his seventhgrade science class an understanding of, and exposure to, technology and how it works. His students will use real scientific tools in the class in "microscopic digital, digitizing environmental studies and digitized physiologic measurements," his abstract states.

In small words, the program will provide a digital microscope allowing students to explore the world of the very small, and will allow for high-quality modeling of objects studied. The environmental studies will gather digital data, using Vernier probeware, on water quality in the Snake River and Claytonia Ponds and the effects of possible pollution on microscopic life in both. The physiological portion of the project will give the students probeware that will let them study and evaluate the chemical and physical reactions that occur in the human body, as well as in plants and micro-organisms. Heart-rate and blood-pressure monitors, oxygen and carbon dioxide (CO2) sensors will be used to study exercise, human, plant and yeast physiology.

the aid of a Promethean interactive whiteboard (IWB) and Activexpressions student response system that lets an instructor assess student knowledge in real-time and interactively. That theme of embedding technology in the classroom is something he sees as a positive.

As another example of tech-in-the-class, students use the LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot system to construct robots in critical thinking and problem solving. When faced with a situation in which a robot must mimic the function of a human in some activity, students must define and solve the problem, build the robot, and then present the finished robot to the class. Local teachers Jennifer Martin and Jim Eisentrager — of Homedale and Marsing Middle Schools, respectively — were presented with \$9,980 checks as winners of Qwest Foundation for Education grants on Wednesday for their proposed science class projects.

Eisentrager and Martin, who were both unaware that they had won the grant before the surprise presentation, thanked Qwest for its support and said will be putting their plans into action in the coming year.

The grants, part of a \$75,000 pool of funding from Qwest this year, are part of a program that is in its fifth year, Qwest Idaho president Jim Schmidt said. "It recognizes teachers who are doing creative things," he said. "With a little money they can do even more ... we give them the boost to purchase the technology."

Tying technology to the real world is a plus, and both the winning Owyhee County grants do so, but thinking beyond the box is the common ground that earned the awards for the instructors, Schmidt said.

Teachers who stand out are the ones who get the nod. "Innovation is the key," Schmidt said, "or programs that extend across multiple curriculums."

"You want your kid to have these teachers," he said.

- MML



Weed Mapping and GIS Project

Jennifer Martin, Homedale Middle School

The Owyhee Weed Mapping and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Project (WMGP) will focus on noxious weed identification, mapping and monitoring in the Succor Creek watershed near Homedale Middle School, Martin's abstract on the project stated.

The project is intended to involve eighth-grade students in a hands-on way in a cooperative effort to address a concern of the community, and does so in a way that gives them chances to learn skills like collection of data using a GIS system.

The data will be analyzed, and used to produce maps and control strategies, and being in GIS format will allow it to be presented to county authorities and natural resource organizations. Having the data in a professional format will allow local professionals to fold the information directly into regional weed databases. Martin, along with help from HMS science teacher Debby Turner, HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness, technology coordinator Phyllis Beck, weed specialist Eric Morrison and natural resource educator Michaelann Seiders, will work together on the project. Students will learn about GPS and GIS technologies and how to use them, will learn about noxious weeds, their impacts and watershed issues, and will take that knowledge and learn by applying it in the field. The project, Martin wrote, is "a meaningful way of learning about the science that surrounds them ... to find solutions to real-world problems." Encouraging children to be contributing citizens as well as being involved in a class setting is another positive effect of the plan.

The WMGP is another example of the sort of project exemplified by Martin's second-place team in the recent Future City Competition in Boise, where student interests and input helped her determine some aspects of the curriculum.

The project has the flexibility to be spun ahead to other subjects in the future as well, Martin wrote. Water quality, juniper invasion, sage-grouse leks, irrigation use, red band trout and more could be data-tracked and mapped using the system.

In addition to learning to use the GIS/GPS equipment and database, students will have a chance to put together photographic identification cards for the noxious weeds, learn to generate topographical maps in Arc View software, and experience being part of a project impacting others. The budget for the project is expected to break down at roughly \$130 for GIS curriculum development, \$3,550 for the handheld units and digital camera that will be used, and \$6,300 for management, analysis and mapping of weed data. The mapping and analysis will involve the Arc View GIS software, a Smart Board, ceiling projector and other hardware and software to handle the data.

All this is in aid of increasing the student's involvement in science, Eisentrager wrote.

"I believe that giving my students the opportunity to use real scientific instruments will help them to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills," he said. Doing so, he hopes, will increase Marsing students' science scores, and general interest.

This latest digital revolution is in line with Eisentrager's class history. He instructs with

A wireless laptop lab allows Eisentrager's students to "take part in labs that would be too messy, dangerous, expensive or time-consuming" if done traditionally, he said.

This newest set of interconnected projects will launch in the spring, after purchases of equipment made this winter. Spring semester should see the probeware studies that will address physiological measurements, and, as the weather warms, the environmental study with the river and ponds will be launched. Fall semester will open with the new digital microscope as centerpiece for the study of cells.

Budgeting for the project includes hardware purchases for a new \$1,000 digital projector, a Motic digital microscope at \$400, and the rest of the grant funds for the Vernier probeware and software, which includes 15 specific sensors to measure everything from water flow rate to blood pressure.

The initial steps of the program, presentation of the GPS and GIS technology, are planned to begin this month.



Semi trailer fire threatens chemicals

A potentially dangerous hazardous materials situation was averted Thursday when a brake fire was quickly extinguished.

Brake fire stopped promptly

Firefighters from Marsing and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to a call of a Prime Inc. semi trailer on fire between the ION truck stop and Marsing on U.S. Highway 95 on Thursday at approximately 11:35 a.m.

The fire, which began in the

left duals of the trailer, did not penetrate the box itself, which may have been lucky, given that the trailer was carrying several pallets of corrosive and flammable chemicals in drums.

While radio reports mentioned nitric acid as part of the load, at least one drum appeared to be labeled acetone. In any case, a potentially toxic fire just a halfmile from Marsing was avoided.

The incident halted traffic for about 15 minutes and resulted in a slow drive for an additional 10 minutes or so.

Judge throws out lawsuit against City of Homedale

Lurre has five weeks to appeal

Third District Judge Gregory Culet ruled in favor of the City of Homedale in its court battle against Lurre Construction of Caldwell.

During a telephonic hearing held Feb. 10, Culet granted the city's motion for summary judgment after ruling that Lurre had no basis for its claims of breach of contract or absence of due process.

Culet's decision averted a trial scheduled to begin next Wednesday. Steve Kraft, an attorney representing Homedale, told the City Council after last week's ruling that Lurre has until Tuesday to file a motion to reconsider with Culet and until March 23 to file an appeal of the judge's ruling.

Lurre filed a lawsuit after Homedale awarded Eastern Oregon Construction of Ontario, Ore., the contract to build the sewer lift station near U.S. Highway 95 in May 2007, during Mayor Paul Fink's administration.

Lurre, which is owned by Homedale native John Badiola, argued the summary judgment should be denied based on breach of contract and lack of due process. Culet ruled against Lurre in both instances.

The breach of contract claim asserted that the EOC low bid of \$857,380 was tainted because of incorrect unit prices on two diameters of pipeline. Lurre representatives argued that the bid documents sent to contractors by the city stated that errors in multiplication would be resolved in favor of the unit price.

EOC said a clerical error on its bid resulted in putting the total price of eight-inch pipe (\$40,000) and 15-inch pipe (\$43,000) in the unit price columns. Using the total price as the unit price would have put EOC's bid at nearly \$7 million, several times more than the highest bid for the job. For that reason, Culet sided with EOC owner Weston Wettstein's assertion that the facts showed no error in multiplication.

Culet also ruled that due process was fulfilled because Lurre had a city council hearing on its grievance after its bid protest was lodged.

— JPB

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Homedale City Council Rec president: Fundraiser will cover shortfall

Police chief honors Guardsmen for fall cleanup efforts

Homedale Youth Sports Inc.'s reportedly successful Casino Night fundraiser earlier this year could come in handy because the youth athletics organization projected a \$5,165 shortfall for 2009 before accounting for the January fundraiser.

HYS president Shane Brown said last week that the profit-loss statement for baseball and softball that he and Brad Dines presented to the Homedale City Council didn't reflect the money raised during the Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament at the Txoko Ona Basque Club.

Brown said the fundraiser brought in about \$6,000.

"That's pretty amazing for a first-year run," Brown said. "We want to thank the community."

The organization's president said other fundraisers are in the works.

Brown and Dines told the council at its Wednesday meeting that HYS plans some "huge investments in equipment" during the 2009 rec season, including \$4,000 to bring some equipment up to standards required by leagues in which HYS teams play as well as \$8,000 for uniforms and \$2,000 each for Diamond Dust for the infields and a four-wheeler. The organization is hoping a fourwheeler will be donated because use of the city-owned fourwheeler was unreliable last season because of other commitments for that equipment. Brown said the 20 yards of Diamond Dust has been bid out at about \$1,700, but the league can save about half that cost by finding its own transportation.

Brown and Dines also presented a spreadsheet showing council members how player registration fees fail to cover league dues, insurance and umpire compensation. About \$6,400 has to be made up through HYS funds. Current signup fees are falling anywhere from \$9.23 (T-ball) to \$76.14 (13- to 15-year-old Babe Ruth) per child short of covering costs, according to an HYS cost breakdown.

HYS and the city also clarified some points in the Sundance



Guardsmen vow more community service

As colleague Jack MacLeod, right, looks on, National Guard Capt. Charlie Garrison accepts congratulations from Homedale City Councilman Tim Downing after receiving a plaque Wednesday.

Park lease for 2009. The youth organization will continue to use the city's permit to operate the concession stand, and a city crew will install the new playground equipment at the park. Volunteer background checks will be performed by the Homedale Police Department when HYS submits an application.

Dines said that HYS will "do what we can to continue to improve (Sundance)", including the playground and covering the dugouts.

"You're doing a great job," councilman Tim Downing said to the agreement of his fellow council members.

In other council happenings:

• The City Council voted unanimously to open the fiscal year 2009 budget to bring in \$900,000 in dedicated sewer rehabilitation funds that weren't originally placed in the budget but were in the bank.

• Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller presented Idaho National Guard Capt. Charlie Garrison and Spec. Jack Macleod a plaque in appreciation of the local unit's cleanup efforts performed last fall around town.

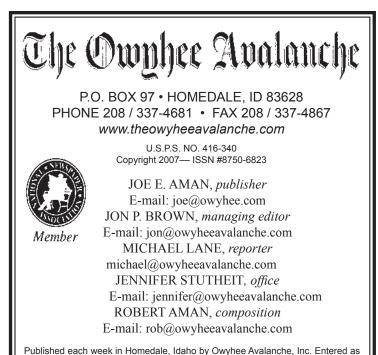
"They gave so much for the 18 months that they were gone and still felt it was necessary that when they came home they felt like they still owed the community something," Eidemiller said. "I could almost not find words for it because the National Guard plays such a large role in this community anyways, and these guys, the Family Readiness Group and all the people who showed up that day exemplified what the National Guard is all about.

"They're citizens first and soldiers second."

Garrison said that the local National Guard unit, which is based in Wilder, wants to continue its relationship with Homedale, Wilder and Parma.

• Eidemiller also said that oral interviews will be conducted Monday to fill the police department vacancy created by the departure of Cpl. Perry Grant. — JPB

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County ATV road closures to be corrected

Inaccurate legal descriptions don't follow spirit of ordinance

ordinance governing where folks can ride their ATVs on county roads, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners are facing the fact that they have to revisit the issue.

Nearly two months after establishing an District 1 commissioner, recently told The Owyhee Avalanche that some of the legal descriptions associated with the ordinance passed on Dec. 22 didn't correspond with the stretches of paved roads that a Board chair Jerry Hoagland, the committee had recommended for closure

to ATV traffic.

The ordinance was passed in response to a new state law that opened all paved roads in the state to ATV traffic and then put the job of specifying which roads would be closed to local governments. Owyhee County closed all oiled roads and parts of three gravel roads to ATV use with its new ordinance, one of the few codes passed by local entities before the new state law took

effect on Jan. 1.

Hoagland said that some of the incorrect legal descriptions opened parts of Bachman Grade Road and Pleasant Valley Road that actually were supposed to be closed.

He said that the legal descriptions will be corrected and the commissioners will pass an amended ordinance in the coming weeks.

— JPB

Law enforcement briefs

Information on activity for the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Homedale Police Department from the weekend wasn't available Monday because a dispatcher said Sheriff Daryl Crandall must approve the information before it's released. Crandall was out of the office Monday.

— Ed.

Feb. 4, 2:45 a.m.: A driver was cited and released by Homedale Police for DUI on U.S. Highway 95.

was reported at Jacksons, 101 E. Idaho Ave.

Feb. 6, noon: Homedale Police Officer Atanacio Montes responded to a report of an assault at 601 W. Wyoming Ave.

Feb. 7, 5:21 a.m.: Homedale

Murphy licensing bureau closed for training sessions

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office driver's license and concealed weapons office in Murphy will be closed on Thursday and Friday for training, Sheriff Daryl Crandall announced.

Feb. 5, 2:39 p.m.: A petty theft Police Officer Jeff Jensen made an arrest on a DUI charge on South Main Street.

> Feb. 8, 1:17 a.m.: Battery of an officer was reported at the Last Chance Saloon, 120 E. Idaho Ave. Homedale Police, county deputies, Homedale Ambulance and a sheriff's posse member

were dispatched.

Feb. 8, 9:13 p.m.: A domestic battery call was reported at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale Police and Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies responded.

Feb. 9, 10:45 a.m.: Property damage accident reported at Snake River Market, 803 Main St., Marsing. Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Perry Grant and Deputy Lynn Bowman responded.

Neither the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office nor the Homedale Police Department had responded to requests for context on these calls by Monday's deadline. The Feb. 4-8 calls, which should have appeared in the Feb. 11 edition were received only after a public records request was honored by the sheriff's office.

P&Z holds hearing on vending licenses

Homedale will take another step toward governing temporary and transient merchants next month when the city's Planning and Zoning Commission holds a public hearing on amendments to Ordinance 65.

The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, March 16 at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The City Council and City Attorney Michael Duggan — with input from local businessmen such as East Idaho Avenue hot dog vendor Tom Murray have developed a comprehensive ordinance addressing licensing of mobile vendors and transient commercial vendors.

The ordinance will set a license fee, establish an effective and expiration date for the license and address other vending issues.

A copy of the ordinance is available for viewing at Homedale City Hall.

Quintana trial date set

Anthony Lazaro Quintana, 30, formerly of Homedale, will stand trial for two counts of Lewd Conduct with a child under 16.

Quintana will faces a 9:30 a.m. appearance on April 22 before Judge Thomas Ryan in Owyhee County District Court.

Quintana entered a not guilty plea on Jan. 23 in a case involving allegations of lewd conduct with two children, ages 8 and 10.

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Survey: Public forums set later this year

identify some broad planning direction and more importantly to identify individuals who would like to serve on a subcommittee during this revision process," an introduction to the survey states. "Statistically, it is very important for us to receive your survey response."

The survey will take five to seven minutes to complete.

According to the introductory paragraph to the survey:

"Owyhee County continues to experience growth and change. Your answers to this survey will help direct the path that Owyhee County takes regarding land use."

The comp plan will shape how the community wants the county to look over the next five to 10 years, Huff said. The vision covers population, roads, parks, environment, agricultural, residential and commercial development and the location of public services, among other things.

Public forums will be held during the planning process, Huff said, with the first meetings taking place before June. Times and locations will be posted on the county Web site and advertised in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Questions on the comp plan and the survey should be directed to the county P&Z office in Murphy at (208) 495-2095.

$\sqrt{$ Initiative: NRA fears put brakes on public lands bill

as saying that Republican House members may seek procedural amendments to block passage of the bill based on the fact that more than 70 bills in the package should have hearings because the House has not reviewed the Senate-only proposals.

The Initiative is one of those bills, although sponsor Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) has repeatedly pointed to the support the legislation has from the state's House delegation — Republican Mike Simpson and Democrat Walt Minnick — as well as a broad consensus from interest groups. The National Rifle Association is backing alterations to assure no further restrictions on carrying guns on public lands appears in the lands bill. Any amendments to the S. 22 would send it back to the U.S. Senate, where Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) already has tried to filibuster the legislation

this session.

In addressing the guns on national parks lands last year, Crapo had worked through administrative channels to get the Department of the Interior to implement a rule dealing with guns on national parks lands. But, the congressional source said, the rule has been put on hold by the Obama administration.

— JPB

$\sqrt{\text{Council: Next meeting set for March 10}}$

No. 3 by coin toss;

• Frank Beckwith, who won position No. 5 by write-in vote, was the final council member seated.

There was one holdover already serving on the council. Mel Wainman, position No. 4, has two years remaining on a fouryear term. He had considered resigning because his job required him to work nights, Jordan Valley

City Clerk Adele Payden reported. Wainman's hours have been switched to days at this point, Payden said, and can now serve for at least one more year.

The council and four-term Mayor Jake Roe can finally conduct business, but there will still be one empty seat at council meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is

set for March 10 at City Hall, 306 Blackaby Street. The City Hall phone number is (541) 586-2460, and the office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

"We still have No. 6, which is still vacant," Payden said. Even with the continued vacancy of the seat, the city can conduct business legally.

— MML



Avalanche: The best source for Owyhee news



HMS students spread signs of kindness

Four Homedale Middle School eighth-graders went around town Friday to distribute the latest words of kindness that businesses are asked to display in their windows. Holding the signs, from left, are Graviela Albor, Taylor Coons, Kenny Harper and Perla Albor.

Love

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Love is giving someone the ability to break your heart, but trusting them not to.

When you love someone, you are totally committed to them and they are totally committed to you. You share an extremely strong bond with each other. You think of them all the time. You are best friends and you always will be.

If you truly love someone, you would do anything for them.

Love is the best friendship there is.

— Trey Lane

Excellence

Excellence is great, and lots of people try to do excellent in everything they do. Being excellent is good but very hard to achieve. Being excellent means you did better than you're supposed to and that is great.

When people do not even try to do excellent in stuff that is important, it could hurt someone else's business or anything else they do. So it is important to try your best in everything you do in life.

— Matthew Hetrick

Faithfulness

Faithfulness is remaining loyal to one's commitment. It's very important to me because if we didn't have faithfulness in our lives today there would be a lot of conflicts and problems. We could have more wars than we already do. It would not be very good to not have faithfulness.

An example of faithfulness is keeping a friend's secret. Another big example is keeping a promise. Any kind of promise is important to keep, not just promises to friends or family.

Faithfulness is a very important part of my life. If we all didn't have, our world would be a whole different place. I'm so thankful that I have faithfulness in my life.

- Kaylee Rupp

Generosity

Generosity. What does generosity mean? In the dictionary, generosity is the willingness to share. To me generosity is seeing a need and filling a need. If you see someone with a problem and you can fix it, why not do it? In school, for example, if someone needs a pencil, and you have five why not give them two, one right now and one for later or to share with another? We are all human beings.

No one likes a greedy individual. They are not very fascinating. Who wants to hang out with someone who won't share? No one! If you have siblings you maybe remember when you got this awesome new toy and you fought over it and your parents told you to share. Your sibling or you probably was greedy and wouldn't share. What did you do? It's like that in life. If you see someone being greedy, what would you do?

— Emilee Hann

School



Homedale Elementary

Feb. 18: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.

Feb. 19: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Feb. 20: Cheese pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Feb. 23: Burrito or French dip sandwich, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Feb. 24: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, breadstick, milk.

Feb. 25: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Feb. 26: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Feb. 27: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, French fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Homedale Middle

Feb. 18: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

Feb. 19: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 20: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Feb. 23: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Feb. 24: Wiener wrap or sloppy Joe, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.

Feb. 25: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 26: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 27: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Feb. 18: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 19: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Feb. 20: Beef taco or toasted cheese sandwich, soup, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 23: Cheese pizza, mini corn dogs or chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Feb. 24: Chicken tenders or wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, fruit rollup, milk.

Feb. 25: Enchilada, burrito or pizza hot pocket, baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 26: Chicken patty & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Feb. 27: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

Feb. 18: Lasagna, salad, Italian bread, chicken nuggets, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 19: Pizza, salad, Chinese egg roll, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 20: Corn dog, veggie, jello & fruit, tostada, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Senior menus

Homedale center

Feb. 18: Chicken & noodles, broccoli, beet salad, bread, beverage.

Feb. 19: Baked fish, potato, carrots, roll, beverage.

Feb. 24: Pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, roll, beverage.

Feb. 25: Hearty beef stew, roll, beverage.

Feb. 26: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, roll, beverage.

Marsing center

Feb. 18: Hawaiian pork over brown rice, curried coconut vegetables, tropical fruit salad, wheat bread, coconut crème pie.

Feb. 19: Roast turkey, baked potato w/sour cream, spinach & lima beans, fruit cocktail, pumpkin bread, autumn salad.

Feb. 23: Breakfast to order.

Feb. 24: Lasagna, Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, peaches & pears, chocolate pudding.

Feb. 25: Hearty beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, salad, fruit salad, vanilla pudding.

Feb. 26: Grilled chicken breast, fiesta blend vegetables, spinach & walnut salad, brown rice, wheat bread, fresh fruit w/creamy sauce.

Death notices

LINDA BARTLETT, 60, of Homedale, passed away on Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at home of natural causes. Pending arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

CALVIN A. BLOOD, 84, of Caldwell, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at his home of natural causes. A viewing was held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 at the Caldwell United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family using their online guestbook at www. dakanfuneralchapel.com

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Feb. 23: Hamburger, potato wedges, French dip sandwich, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 24: Ham & cheese sandwich, veggie, chicken fried steak, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 25: Taco & rice, dessert, pizza, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 26: Cook's choice. Beef nuggets, roll, salad & fruit bar, milk. Feb. 27: Enchilada casserole & rice, salad, chicken fajita, salad & fruit bar, milk.

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CAROL L. COOK, 67, of Grand View, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at a local care center. A celebration of her life was held Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at JC Landing in Grand View. Cremation arrangements by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series

Noon, BLM Ranger Barbara Forderhase, free, RSVP by Monday, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Marsing City Council meeting

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

DivorceCare recovery support group

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

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

Thursday

Women's exercise course

9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th 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. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

AA meeting

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

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

OCHS field trip planning meeting

Noon, Sandbar Restaurant, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 495-2537

Bruneau Booster Club fund-raiser

5:30 p.m., free potato bar and salad dinner; 6:30 p.m., silent auction, donations welcome, Bruneau American Legion Hall. (208) 845-2282, (208) 845-2842 or (208) 845-2552

Monday

Owyhee County Board of Commissioners meeting

Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-5630 Senior citizens dinner

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

County P&Z power line meeting

6:30 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 495-2095

Grand View-Bruneau school board meeting 7 p.m., Rimrock High School, 39678 Hwy 78,

Bruneau. (208) 834-2253

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Saturday, Feb. 28

Emergency response training

10 a.m., Community Emergency Response Teams training, pre-registration required, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-



Gallium — metal that melts in your hands

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Beethoven's last words were ... "I shall hear in heaven." As you know he was deaf.

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Owyhee country folks win honors in California

Owyhee country was well represented last month at the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale in California.

Jordan Valley High School senior Cole Scown was one of eight people to earn college scholarships during the Red Bluff (Calif.) Bull Sale on Jan. 31.

Scown received a \$2,000 Andy Peek Memorial Scholarship. It was the largest of the eight awards

handed out.

The scholarship fund is named for a Cottonwood, Calif., ranching family member who passed away in January 2008.

In the horse competition, Bruneau's Tom and Carmen Buckingham returned home with two champion horses after Del was tabbed champion cutting horse and Alec was named top snaffle bit horse.

New mental health support group adds teen session

After conducting its first parent support group in Marsing last week, the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health has announced it also will have children's and teen group meetings to coincide with the original support group.

Both groups will meet on the last Tuesday of each month, with the children's and teen group meeting at 6 p.m. and the parents and caregivers group getting

The Child/Teen groups will focus on practicing social skills and anger management techniques in what organizers in a press release called "an accepting and fun environment".

In the parent support group, organizers say, adults will have the opportunity to mutually share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. They will also be provided with resources and ideas on learning how to advocate for their child

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Exercise class

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3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Children's story time

4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 W. 3rd St. S., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Mental health support groups

6 p.m., Marsing Nazarene Church, 112 W. 2nd

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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Keep up. Check the calendar each week.

together at 7 p.m. The next meetings take place Tuesday.

The meetings take place at the Marsing Nazarene Church on 2^{nd} Avenue.

and information related to their child's disabilities or behavioral challenges.

For more information, call (208) 896-5630.



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Bahem named to Casper fall semester honor roll

graduate of Homedale High School, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Casper College in Wyoming. She's the daughter of Sylvia and Kenny Bahem of Homedale.

Bahem earned a spot on the

Kortney Bahem, a 2008 fall semester list by compiling a 4.0 grade-point average while carrying 24 credits, according to her mother.

> Kortney also continued her livestock judging while attending her first semester at Casper on a livestock judging scholarship.

Txoko Ona plans annual dance

The public is invited to attend the ninth annual Homedale Basque Dance at the Txoko Ona Basque Center on March 14.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$6 per person.

The Txoko Ona center is located at 333 S. Main St.

The Oinkari Dancers of Boise and local Herribatza dancers will perform. Both silent and live auctions will be held after the dance.

The group "Amuma Says No!" will provide music for dancing.

Chorizos, chili, pop, wine and beer will be available.

A 52-inch high-definition television will be raffled, as well.

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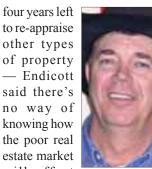
Assessor: Too early to tell if property valuations will slip

The Owyhee County Assessor's Office has entered the second year of its five-year reappraisal cycle, and Assessor Brett Endicott says it's too early to tell how the sagging economy will affect property values.

The countywide reappraisal began last year with re-evaluation of agricultural ground, rural residential, rural commercial, rural subdivisions, rural mobile homes, rural mobile home parks and improvements by lessees.

Last year's net market value for the county was set at \$563.5 million.

Even with the first wave of reappraisals completed — and



will affect property

values and, in turn, assessed values.

"We don't know yet," he said. "When we are done with our reappraisals, we will look at all of our sales to see if we can index our values down. They could stay the same."

With 20 percent of the properties completed in the first year, the county appraisers still must look at the following categories: town residential, town mobile homes, town subdivisions and rural industrial.

Endicott said that his office is required to re-visit any property that has a change in status through improvements, a lot split or a change in use.

"We are also required to index any and all categories each year if the sales that we have indicate a change in value," he said.

— JPB

Buy Idaho chief offers idea to bolster state's coffers

Shopping with local merchants keeps money here

Dale Peterson has all the confidence in the world that Idaho will pull out of the current economic funk.

And he also has a tip to get the state back on track — Buy Idaho.

Of course, that's not just a slogan for Peterson, it's also his "pretty good hobby." He's the executive director of the organization that promotes Idaho merchants as well as products made in the Gem State.

"When I looked up today, the sky had not fallen and I didn't see any rainbows," Peterson said. "But the rainbows will be here soon enough for those who are strong enough to weather the storm."

Peterson was the keynote speaker at Thursday's Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant.



Bullish on Idaho

Dale Peterson, the executive director of Buy Idaho, urged Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon attendees to stay positive about the sagging economy.

Frontier Communications served as the meeting sponsor and representatives from that company also gave information on the future of telecommunications in the area as well as new promotions.

Chamber president Gavin Parker also reminded the city's business leaders that early-bird 2009 membership dues prices will expire at the end of the month. Peterson said that the Buy Idaho organization has 1,200 members throughout the state. In fact, membership is up 5½ percent, he said, adding that the worst thing a merchant can do in a down economic cycle is to cut corners in promoting his business.

Peterson drove home the importance of spending dollars in Idaho: He said that if everyone in the state — which has a population of 1.5 million — spent \$100 more in Idaho, that would mean \$150 million in additional business. Considering the six percent sales tax, that would generate \$9 million in much-needed revenue for the state government, Peterson said.

But Peterson said the benefit of shopping with Idaho merchants and buying Idaho goods doesn't stop there. Every dollar spent on Idaho goods circulates in the state's economy seven times, he said. Money spent at big-box stores such as Wal-Mart probably will wind up in corporate coffers out of state and is less likely to stay in local circulation.

— JPB

P&Z, Idaho Power, federal officials to take B2H questions

County sets up landowner forums on line route issue

Owyhee County Planning and Zoning will hold two meetings to inform and interact with the public concerning the Boardmanto-Hemingway, Bowmont and Gateway West transmission lines and their proposed routes through Owyhee County. Idaho Power, the Bureau of Land Management and Shoshone-Paiute tribal representatives have been invited as well.

"The purpose (of the meeting) is to allow people to gather the facts, rather than having to rely on rumors, and to allow people to present their views to the Planning and Zoning Commission," county consultant Fred Grant said in his letter of Feb. 4, in which he invited Idaho Power and project manager Doug Dockter.

Grant will act as hearing officer at the meetings, and lined out the processes that will be used in the meetings — rules Grant said were less rigid than those used at a public hearing, but which were "probably required ... because of the warmth with which the issues involving these corridors are met." Those with questions will ask them from the podium — up to two questions per person — and presenters will answer. Following the question(s) the questioner will be given a two-minute period for a statement.

"We need people to show up at this meeting," Mary Huff, Owyhee County Planning and Zoning administrator said. Planning and Zoning is hoping for good attendance, she explained, as involvement of landowners is vital.

The first meeting will be held in Marsing on Tuesday, at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion 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 High School auditorium in Bruneau 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 (National Environmental Policy Act) process," according to a P&Z release.

For more information, call P&Z at 495-2095.

-MML



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Bruneau Boosters continue good deeds

Saturday's dinner and auction is only fundraiser for community service club



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This weekend's 21st annual

Bruneau Booster Club Auction and Fundraiser offers good food, good deals and a chance to give to a good cause, according to organizers.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a free dinner. The auction will start at 6:30 p.m. Everything takes place at the Bruneau American Legion hall.

Donations for the auction still are being accepted and can be dropped off at the Legion hall from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday or on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the auction begins.

The dinner menu includes a potato bar, tossed salad punch and coffee. Homemade pie by the slice is available for \$1 each, and bottled water and pop will be sold throughout the evening.

Kyle Colyer and Dick Strickland will conduct a live auction, and a silent auction will run at the same time

The auction features a long list of donated items, including:

• Two framed Stoecklein prints - "Time to Rodeo", featuring horses, and "Winter Save", a winter scene with a cowboy and calf.

• Passes to golf course at Carmela's Winery

• Arts and crafts such as metal sculptures and quilts and western items

• Gift baskets and gift certificates for goods and services

• Agricultural and automotive goods and services such as fertilizer application, oil products, oil changes, tires, tools and batteries

• Children's items such as a learning computer and a Hannah Montana guitar

• Food items such as fresh produce and handmade candies. cakes and pies

• Various other goods and services such as gravel, road grader time, small appliances, sporting goods, dog food, aqua massages, an eye exam and newspaper subscriptions as well as the popular white elephant items

Publicity officer Ginny Roeder said the Bruneau Booster Club civic organization was started in 1988 and holds the auction as its sole fundraiser with the help of the people of the Bruneau community and the surrounding area.

The auction has raised more than \$46,000 in the past five years.

"It has been and continues to be the group's purpose to give back to Bruneau in ways that will benefit the community at large," Roeder wrote.

Several projects have been financed through the booster club, including covering half of the town's streetlight expenses each year as well as providing the community Christmas tree and street decorations.

The group hosts the annual Community Christmas Dinner, which features a visit from Santa Claus, and also a Memorial Day potluck dinner.

The boosters provide paper products and table service for local funerals.

The club has awarded nine \$500 scholarships in the past five years to local high school graduates. Other ways the boosters have helped the area youth includes funding to allow students to participate in extracurricular activities such as workshops, the People to People Ambassador Program and the Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY) summer camp.

A large focus is the maintenance and development of Bruneau's park. In 2004, the club helped build a picnic shelter, and a year later electrical work was completed. The work continued in 2007, when a well was drilled for an irrigation pump in the park to keep costs down in the wake of increased utility rates because of Bruneau's new municipal water system.

Preserving history is another angle the club takes, restoring all the Bruneau High School graduation photos, which are displayed on the walls of the Legion hall.

Facility improvements for Bruneau American Legion Post 83 also have been financed with club funds.

More money has been used to buy equipment for the Bruneau Valley Library.



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Marsing Chamber seeks book input

Monthly meeting set for tonight

Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Cathy Streibel is looking for a few good researchers to help with a projected book collecting recipes and local history on the Marsing area.

That potential publication, along with next year's events, will be discussed at tonight's

festivities and the Marsing Third of July celebration.

The meeting takes place at 7 tonight at Essence of Life, 111 Main St. in Marsing.

The proposed book would include the stories and photos of longtime residents, documenting the history of Marsing, as well as compile the recipes of Marsing residents, old or new. If plans proceed in a timely fashion, Streibel hopes to have the book's

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Old coin surfaces in Oreana couple's driveway

Couple searches for answers to mysterious 'silver round'

While it's not pirate loot, or an ancient Spanish Doubloon, the mysteri-

ous silver coin that surfaced in Mike and Peggy Dempsey's driveway near Oreana is a piece of Owyhee Country history.

For a long time, it was an unidentified one, too. The coin, which is

either silver or lead, bears a much worn Indianprincess head on one side, and a buffalo under seven stars on the reverse. It's about the size of a silver dollar, and that's one of the reasons it was difficult to identify, as no coins of that size seemed to have

those particular markings.

As it turns out, it's probably not a coin at all. A bit of Internet searching suggests that it's a "silver round" — a sort of collectible struck with the likeness of a pair of old rare coins, the 1877-ish buffalo and Indi-

an-head pennies. Rounds are made to this day, but the wear and weathering of this one make it seem likely it was lost many years ago, perhaps fallen from the pocket

of someone who had bought it at the Oreana Saloon. As The Owyhee Avalanche doesn't pretend to be a font of expert knowledge on old coins, the Dempseys would love to hear from anyone knowing more about the item.

— MML



Driveway find sparks curiosity Oreana residents Mike and Peggy Dempsey show off what might be an old "silver round" they found in their driveway.

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Clockwise from above: Delwyn Trefz uses an engraving tool that vibrates a variety of cutting bits at different speeds depending on the effect he needs. An attention for fine detail is obviously a must — a skill that Trefz brings from his previous hobbies of fly-tying and leatherworking to his creation of bits, spurs and jewelry.

Trefz in his workshop.

Trefz starts a bit from a mild steel blank cut by a watersaw. The blank and the silver that will decorate it doesn't cost much, he said, the cost is in the many hours of filing, soldering, grinding, buffing and engraving that follows. A "standard" bit, a design that Trefz may revisit many times in a year, takes around 40 hours to complete, he said.

This crescent cheek spade bit with silver conchos is an example of the finished art that Trefz provides his customers. A bit like this can cost \$700 or \$800, but as Trefz pointed out, it's not the materials, it's the time, and the perceived value of owning a Trefz hand-made original. He takes pride in turning out beautiful bits that are also sweet-mouthed and functional — he hopes that his gear gets bought and used by the buckaroos he builds it for.



Owyhee native comes home to western craft

Homedale's Delwyn Trefz hadn't meant to be a silversmith, though he was perhaps meant to be one.

Trefz, who lives on Market Road, had done a little leatherwork in the past.

"I thought a saddle would be the ultimate project for leatherwork," he said. He began to look for the tools he'd need for his project from Jeremiah Watt, another buckaroo leatherworker and silversmith who lives in Coalinga, Calif. While pondering the tools, Trefz saw a set of videos on silversmithing and decided he'd like to see what was involved.

That was all it took. "I was watching those videos until 2 a.m. ... I watched them over and over,"

Trefz said. "I thought, 'I can do that'."

As it turns out — he can, and very well. Trefz, who has an Internet presence at www.futurewebs.net/dtrefz2 where one can view his art — dove into silversmithing with a gusto.

"I'm obsessive compulsive," he said

on wasted fertilizer. He loves the job and the people he works with.

"I'd never been around conservation programs before ... I stumbled into it, and I love it," he said. "All I'd known about before was the radical (environmentalists) you hear about."

He was pleasantly surprised to find that the NRCS was more in-

terested in working with people and improving things, rather than trying to shut agriculture down.

"It gets me out with the farmers and ranchers," Trefz said, a d d i n g that that is something he always enjoys. Trefz grew up in Owyhee County, break-

ing colts and leading a pretty cowboy life, and he's always wanted to come back to it. He spent the years since 1986 working elsewhere, after graduating college with an agricultural degree, and wound up in Moses Lake, Wash., for 16 years. Even during those years, when driving from a southwestern gear show where he'd sold his pieces, he'd have a sinking feeling as he passed through and out of Owyhee country on his way home. Trefz and his wife, Colleen, had decided to stay put until their children graduated school. His daughter graduated in July 2007. By September, he'd closed the deal on his house between Marsing and Homedale. Through it all, his silversmithing gives him a creative outlet and an entrée to the buckaroo life he's always been fondest of. His craft lets him visit with the people he enjoys most, "which you couldn't really do if you raised carrot seed or something," he observed. His fascination with the buckaroo style, and its progenitor vaguero influences, are visible in a lot of his work, with classic Spanish bit designs and conchos, and his own takes on engraving styles that trace



roots back to the Spain of the conquistadors.

What he does is art, but he has a grounded view of his work that is refreshing.

"There's not a damn thing that I make that anybody needs," he said. "Whether it's jewelry or a \$500 bit. You have to be conscious of, appreciative of, those who support you." He enjoys making things that working cowboys can afford. His handmade, custom bits can be as much as \$700, but in a field where a big-name bit can cost thousands, that means there are Trefz bits out there in spots beyond show arenas, and that makes him happy.

with a laugh. "If it wasn't this, I'd have to do something else."

He began creating bits and conchos in 1995, and studied Watt's engraving techniques about two years ago. For $4\frac{1}{2}$ years he worked as a full-time silversmith, traveling throughout the West to shows where his tack and jewelry sales paid his bills, and he learned and polished his craft.

In 2007, the first signs of a slowing economy made him realize he needed a regular paycheck while working on his craft, and he applied to and was hired by the Marsing office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service to coordinate the Northwest Owyhee County Water Quality Improvement Project (NOW-319). The big title boils down to Trefz helping farmers keep overfertilization from raising nitrate levels in field runoff — something both good for water quality and saving money







Big crowd chows down at Smorgasbord About 2,100 people enjoyed flavors from around the world Saturday during the 48th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord at Homedale Elementary School. Chair Heidi Nash said the silent auction brought in around \$1,800. Left: Diners load up on Basque food. Right: There was a wide variety of bread to sample, too.

Students skip rope for healthy hearts

Heart event attracted 160 students to the Homedale Elementary School gymnasium Feb. 10.

"The heart healthy program is tied into the theme of doing good for others, and oneself," HES physical education teacher Dan Moore said. "Students, families, and community members are encouraged to come and jump rope for fun and exercise."

The event, which also is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association, is held each year during the week of Valentine's Day.

Moore said at least 50 parents participated and assisted with the event. The walls were lined with more adults who came to cheer on the children.

Moore added that each year, HES students raised between

The annual Jump Rope for \$2,500 and \$3,500 to help the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease and stroke. The students raise funds by getting pledges from family, friends and businesses, but Moore said the fund-raising isn't a big of a focus as getting the kids to participate.

> All participants received four prizes, and there are special prizes available for those who raise money for the heart association, he added. Businesses that helped with the event included Paul's Market, Tolmie's Ace Hardware, Frosty Palace, Matteson's and Family Dollar.

"We appreciate many Homedale businesses who have been very generous and have sponsored door prizes for all of the participants," Moore said.

— JPB



Delaney Hyer, middle, gets some air to clear the rope as fellow first-graders Lisbet Albor, left, and Mia Navarro provide the challenge.

Boy deals with nightmare in next Story Time

This week's Story Time at Homedale Public Library features the book "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" by Mercer Mayer.

The next Story Time takes place 10 a.m. on Friday at the library, himself of his nightmare once and for all.

When it finally appears, the little boy shoots it with his pop gun. Looking more sheepish than terrifying, the nightmare starts to

takes the nightmare by the hand and tucks it into bed.

Along with the story there will also be singing, a take-home craft and refreshments.

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The story tells of a young boy who was scared of the "nightmare" in his closet when he went to bed. Each night the boy would close the closet door and then hide under his sheets. That all changes the night the boy pops on his general's helmet and outfits himself with a toy canon, toy soldiers, and a pop gun to rid

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blubber, and the little boy realizes 337-4228 afternoons from 1 p.m. the nightmare isn't scary at all. He to 5 p.m.



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Sherry Parrill

Sherry Parrill was born and raised in Homedale and graduated from Homedale High School. After graduation Sherry attended Beauty School. Sherry has taken accounting classes at Boise State University. She worked for Jim Duncan CPA for four years and has worked the last 20 years for Mikeal Parker and Bowen Parker Day CPA's.

Sherry's areas of business are bookkeeping, payroll, tax returns and notary services.

As part of community service, Sherry volunteers on the Homedale Ambulance and the Homedale Rodeo activities. She has also been active in Sorority and Homedale Fan Club.

Sherry's hobbies are reading, camping and fishing. She and her husband Dan of 27 years have 3 children, Melissa, Monte and Travis as well as seven wonderful grandchildren.



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HHS girls' basketball finishes 3rd at district

Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

That championship season

Homedale Trojans Win State A-3 Basketball Crown Inflicts Convincing Defeat **Owyhee Chronicle** To West Jefferson, 59-41



State champions: Then and now

Left, 1969 — From left, Steve Breshears, manager, Dale Dickson, Gary Vance, Vernon Henson, Stan Zatica, Mike Pearson, Gary Garrett, Paul Pearson, Steve Ross, Ruben Garcia, Jeff Haylett, Danny Uranga and Daryl Kellum, coach. Right, 2009 — From left, Kellum, Zatica, Garrett, Garcia, Haylett, Uranga, Mike Pearson, Dickson and Paul Pearson.

Legendary Trojans title team honored

Whether they liked it or not, members of the 1968-69 Homedale High School boys' basketball team took center stage Friday during the 40th anniversary celebration of the school's only boys' basketball state championship.

"They do not like the individual spotlight," master of ceremonies Gregg Garrett said. "They'd rather stay in the stands and wave their hands.'

But on this night, at halftime of the Senior Night clash between the current Trojans and archrival Fruitland, coach Daryl Kellum and his players — Stan Zatica, Gary Garrett, Ruben Garcia, Greg Haylett, Danny Uranga, Mike Pearson, Dale Dickson and Paul Pearson — had to stand there and take it like champions.

3A district hopefuls visit Homedale

Not every player from the legendary 24-3 team was there. While Gary Vance, Vernon Henson, Steve Ross and team manager Steve Breshears weren't on the floor, Kellum made the trip from Arizona where he'd been playing golf with his brother, former HHS football coach Ken Kellum.

"It's good to be home," Daryl Kellum said before looking at his former players with the analytical eye only a coach could have and suggesting that the squad could use a workout.

The old coach alluded to the formula that allowed the Trojans to routinely put three players in double figures each night of a championship season capped by a 59-41 A-3 (Class B) title game victory over West Jefferson on March 8, 1969. Yes, that night

there were three in doubles, too — Mike Pearson with 18, Garrett with 12 and Garcia with 10

"It's amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit," Kellum said.

Even though the squad only lost three games 40 years ago, the Trojans had to share the conference championship with New Plymouth. The Pilgrims swept the season series and beat Homedale for the district crown.

But the Trojans roared back to win four consecutive games and the state title. A refurbished championship trophy was returned to the school's awards case Friday night.

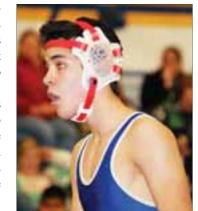
— JPB

Trojans, Huskies wrestlers aim high 2A tourney stacked with top talent

and Fruitland in the past two Trojans one of its two forfeits in

After dual meets against Weiser Ensley on Thursday, giving the

A glance at the IdahoWrestling-News.com state rankings gives



Rimrock girls set for State

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Adrian wrestler keeps

winning titles

What a difference a year makes.

A season after seeing its string of Real Dairy Shootout state tournament appearances end at the hands of Tri-Valley High School, the Rimrock girls' basketball team exacted some revenge and then some.

Only four players scored Thursday night at Boise High School, but 12 points from Jackie Thurman and 14 rebounds from Anna Cantrell were enough to push the Raiders to a 31-26 victory and the 1A, Div. I District III championship.

The victory solidified Rimrock's 3 p.m. Thursday date with Clearwater Valley in the first round of the 1A, Div. I state tournament at Columbia High School in Nampa.

The Titans, who like the Raiders had already qualified for the state tournament before last week's title clash, meets Challis at 8 p.m. Thursday in Nampa.

Thurman hit a pair of technical free throws in the fourth quarter to ice the sweet victory over Tri-Valley last week. Shoni Gennette notched a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Ariel Southwick scored nine points for Tri-Valley.

Boys' district on tap

The boys' basketball District III brackets are set, and in 3A Homedale High School has its highest seeding in years.

The Trojans (14-6 overall) don't play until Saturday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., where they will face Payette in a 6:15 p.m. tipoff. The Pirates edged Homedale on a last-second shot two weeks ago. In the 2A ranks, Marsing took the No. 6 seed into Tuesday's matchup in Meridian aginst No. 3 Cole Valley Christian. Results weren't available at press time. A loss sends the Huskies into a must-win situation Saturday night at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. A win puts Marsing in a 7 p.m. district semifinal game tonight on the road at Nampa Christian.

weeks, Homedale High School's wrestling team isn't done running the gauntlet.

But at least the next challenge will come on the Trojans' home mat.

Homedale plays host to the 3A District III Tournament on Saturday inside the HHS gymnasium. On the line — tickets to the 3A state tournament Feb. 26-28 at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

When 2008 112-pound district champion Justin Ensley steps on the mat for the first time Saturday in the 119-pound division, it will mark the first time he has wrestled in more than two weeks.

Weiser pulled Dillon Decroo from a scheduled match with a 52-23 3A Snake River Valley conference loss to the visiting Wolverines.

Ensley pinned Decroo in a district quarterfinal match in last year's district tournament. This year's matchup would have pitted the 3A division's No. 3 state-ranked wrestler (Ensley) and the No. 6 grappler, according to IdahoWrestlingNews.com.

In other glimpses at Saturday's district tourney:

• Fruitland enters after finishing the dual-meet season as the fourthranked 3A team in the state. The Grizzlies, ranked sixth in state for tournament performances,

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one the impression that Saturday's 1A-2A District III Tournament will be one of the toughest to survive this year.

No fewer than 24 wrestlers from the 1A-2A ranks show up in the latest statewide poll for the division, including Marsing High School's Raymond Evans, who is the top-ranked wrestler in the state at 112 pounds.

Evans, who is No. 3 in IWN's all-classes power rankings, too, is one of the favorites when the district tournament takes place Saturday in New Plymouth. The Pilgrims captured the Western Idaho Conference dual meet title this year.

But Evans isn't the only state

Marsing's Raymond Evans is ranked No. 1 in the state among 103-pounders.

No. 1 in the district. Ramon Fry, who wrestles for 1A Garden Valley, is ranked No. 1 at 171 for

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Wrestler loads up on crowns

For the second time in as many weeks, Adrian High School's Daniel Lode has come home with a wrestling championship.

The 160-pounder went 3-0 on Saturday, winning the title with a 94-second pin of Enterprise's Patrick Baird at the Pine Eagle Invitational in Halfway, Ore.

Mark Ishida, a 119-pounder, was 3-1 and finished third.

James Prechtl finished third at 171 pounds, and Jake Mathews competed at 189.

Lode wins in Heppner

Lode pinned Riverside's Christian Llamas — the 12thranked 3A wrestler in Oregon — on Feb. 7 to grab the 160 title at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational.

Ishida pinned Heppner's Grant Smith, who is ranked eighth on the way to fourth at 119 pounds.

Alek Quintero's three-point shot with 0.6 seconds left provided a lucky Friday the 13th and the 1A High Desert League boys' basketball championship for Jordan Valley High School.

The trey sent the Mustangs to a 59-57 come-from-behind victory over HDL runner-up Crane.

"This was a tight, intense game throughout," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said.

Jordan Valley (22-1 overall, 16-0 league), No. 1 in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll, takes the top seed into its 1A District 8 Tournament opener Thursday in John Day vs. Harper (7-11, 6-10).

Koehl Trautman scored 21 points and snagged 17 rebounds to lead Jordan Valley in both categories. Quintero added 16 points.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 87, **Burnt River 42** — Four players in double figures and a 44-17 halftime edge closed out a perfect run through the league campaign.

Zac Fillmore and Trautman each notched double-doubles. Fillmore had game-highs with 19

had 12 points and 10 boards.

Quintero's drama delivers title for JV

Jordan, Adrian ready for 1A District 8 tourneys

Saturday: Adrian 75, Harper **35**—A devastating first-half run helped the Antelopes (16-8, 11-5) nail down the No. 4 seed and a first-round game Thursday against Prairie City (13-11, 10-6).

George Ellsworth notched 14 points. Blake Purnell had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Friday: Adrian 64, Burnt **River 49** — Ellsworth scored 19 points, while Purnell carded 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Thursday: Crane 67, Adrian 55 — Dallen Davies' 29 points and an early deficit were too much. Levi Jones' season-high 16 points led Adrian.

Girls

Losses to Crane are all that stood between Adrian and the title.

The Antelopes (20-4, 13-2) will take the No. 2 seed into today's district tourney in search for

points and 14 rebounds; Trautman revenge. First up is No. 7 seed Dayville-Monument (7-11, 5-9).

> Saturday: Adrian 53, Harper 34 - Terra Rust banged home a pair of three-pointers. McKenzie Purnell scored 10 points.

Friday: Adrian 39, Burnt River 23 — Purnell scored eight points, while Andrea Shenk and Jessica Morton had six each.

Thursday: Crane 61, Adrian 54 — September O'Crowley and Brooke Nyman scored 15 points for Crane. Purnell scored 16.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 49, Burnt River 26 — Seniors Kayla Cuvelier (12 points) and Nickie Naegle (11) led the Mustangs (14-7, 11-4), who have the No. 3 seed and play the Bulls (11-6, 8-7) again today.

Friday: Crane 55, Jordan Valley 34 — Anne Marie Eiguren poured in 14 points and grabbed five rebounds in a closer-than-itlooks loss to the regular-season champions.

Oreana 100 revs up Sunday

The desert between Murphy and Grand View will rumble to the sound of two-stroke engines Sunday as the 12th annual Oreana 100 gets the green flag.

Entry fees this year will be \$40 for a big bike, and \$25 for a sportsman or mini. The course will follow a 46-mile loop, which will be run twice by the big bikes. The course will be located off Idaho highway 78.

Sign-ups will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., with tech inspection from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The riders' meeting and signup will be held at 10:45 a.m.

For more information, riders can call Bret Bell at (208) 465-9094 or Jim Stewart Jr. at (208) 573-3296.

Marsing rec signups set

Boys basketball

Varsity Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 2A District III Tournament, site TBA (if won Tuesday) Thursday, Feb. 21 at 2A District III Tournament, Vallivue HS, Caldwell (if lost Tuesday)

Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 2A District III Tournament, Vallivue HS, Caldwell (if nec.)

Marsing Summer Recreation will hold registration for baseball and fast pitch softball Tuesday at Marsing Elementary School.

Registration will be taken from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 207 8th Ave. W.

T-ball (ages 5-7) and coach

pitch (ages 7-8) entry costs \$30. Registration for girls' fast pitch softball (8-14) and boys' Cal Ripken baseball (9-12) is \$50.

It will cost \$60 to sign up for Babe Ruth (ages 13-15).

For more information, contact Brandie Campbell at 896-6065.









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Wolverines halt HHS — again

For the third time in four years, the Homedale High School girls' basketball team has finished third in the 3A District III Tournament.

And for the third time in four years, it was Weiser that ended the Trojans' season.

The Wolverines missed just six free throws and scored more than half of its points from the foul line for a 48-32 victory Thursday.

"The game was a sloppy game for both teams, and neither team played especially well," Trojans coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "We were just not able to overcome poor shooting and fouls."

Weiser sealed the victory in Ontario, Ore., with a 15-for-18 showing on the free-throw line in the fourth quarter.

Nine seniors played their final game for Homedale (8-14), including Hannah Johnson (eight points), Rachelle Christoffersen (six) and Ashley Thomson (five). Kendall Rupp and Mikal Mackenzie had seven rebounds apiece.

The Trojans lost the final game of the district tournament to Weiser in 2006 and 2007.

Feb. 10 district title game: Fruitland 54, Homedale 28 — The top-seeded Grizzlies (18-4) ran away from the No. 3 seed Trojans to clinch the district championship at Treasure Valley Community College.

"They beat us in every aspect of the game - offensively, defensively and on the boards," Chamberlain said.



Homedale senior Kendall Rupp soars in for a layup against Fruitland's Hailey Felgenhauer.

Using pressure defense on ball-handlers, speed on the break and quickness on the glass, Fruitland stormed to a 14-5 advantage and led by as many as 29 points, 46-17.

Johnson and Mackenzie and junior Kortney Stansell hit consecutive shots late in the first quarter to get Homedale within five points at 14-9, but Fruitland's dominance surfaced again in the second quarter to spark a 17-3 burst to halftime. — JPB



Homedale wrestlers in spotlight at senior night

Top row, from left: Kevin Abels, Kenny Cockrum, Mario Gaeta, Jesus Gonzalez, Rowdy Lair, Nestor Machuca. Bottom row, from left: Trevor Meligan, Wes Taggart, Kevin Mercado, Brandon Valadez, Ulysses Vargas, Danny Zenor Also honored, but not pictured due to a camera malfunction, are senior wrestling rallies Ashli Kesler and Kelsey Martinat.

$\sqrt{3A}$: Weiser defeats Homedale

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also boast top-rated wrestlers in No. 1-rated Michael Villalpando at 135 (he's also the top-ranked 135-pounder overall in the state regardless of classification), No. 2 Kyle Blackwell at 189, Roy Martinez (No. 3 at 103), Torivio Gallegos (No. 5 at 130), Simon Esparza (No. 8 at 145), Daulton Blackwell (No. 9 at 152) and Josh Villalpando (No. 10 at 171).

• Payette brings a few state-ranked wrestlers Saturday, including Mario Flores (No. 2 at 140), Jarred Sallee (No. 4 at 215), Damian Reynolds (No. 5 at 160), Joe Barbion (No. 8 at 189) and Woody Thomas (No. 8 at 125).

• Weiser has the ninth-ranked wrestler at 130 - Mitchell Svedin.

In other action from Homedale's meet Thursday against Weiser:

Wes Taggart also picked up a forfeit victory at 215 pounds Thursday.

Heavyweight Brandon Valadez, ranked fourth in the state, was one of just three Trojans wrestlers to post wins on the mat on Senior Night last

week. Valadez beat state No. 6 Josh Spence, 15-12, in a slugfest in which the Weiser wrestler trailed, 14-6, at one point. Kevin Mercado grabbed a second-round pin against 160-pound opponent Kyle Leach.

In the match of the night, Cassidy Cook grinded out a thrilling 2-1 upset victory over Jordan Theurer at 189 pounds. Cook triumphed when Theurer was handed a penalty point for stalling. Theurer entered the match ranked seven in the state, while Cook was No. 10.

Weiser capitalized on a couple of third-round pins: Talon Bledsoe put Ismael Mendoza's shoulder to the mat at 145 pounds, and Wolverines 171-pounder Alton Funk, second in the state, picked up a come-frombehind victory when he pinned Kevin Abels while trailing on points.

Homedale also gave up points when 140-pounder Danny Zenor, No. 6 in the state, failed to make weight.

State-ranked Todd Bahem (No. 8 at 112) fell to unranked Cole DeYoung.

$\sqrt{2A}$: Slew of No. 1s converge

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1A/2A and also comes in at No. 7 overall in the weight class. But the division is a crowded one in District III. Lance Johnson of Parma is ranked third, while Marsing's Austin Glenn is sixth and Melba's Josh Prow is No. 8.

Other No. 1s from District III:

Melba's Kyle Johnshoy (125; No. 5 overall), Randy Riley of Parma (189; No. 6 overall), Ike Greenfield of Melba (215; No. 8 overall) and Sylas Gaskins of New Plymouth (285).

Marsing's Carlos Ceballos is ranked eighth in 1A/2A at 189. He qualified for the state tournament a year ago.

District: Trojans seeded No. 2 in 3A

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In the 1A, Div. I ranks, Rimrock faces a 7:30 p.m. Thursday game at Emmett High School against a Long Pin Conference opponent.

3A Friday: Fruitland 49, Homedale 38 -Hitting 57.1 percent of their shots in the final eight minutes, the Grizzlies took advantage of mental mistakes to pull away from the Trojans for a 3A Snake River Valley conference victory on Senior Night in Homedale.

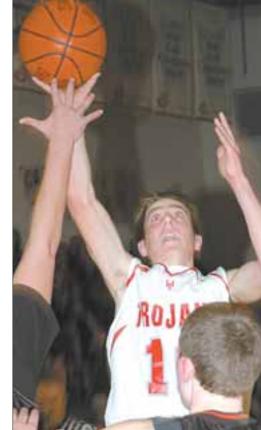
The Trojans (5-3 3A SRV) dropped its second straight conference game and lost by more than a point for the first time in the SRV season.

Homedale also played its third consecutive game without senior leading scorer Austin Emry, who twisted his left ankle against McCall-Donnelly on Jan. 31. He's expected back for Saturday.

Showing fresher legs than their depleted opponents, the Grizzlies (18-2, 8-0) turned up the heat defensively and took control of the game with a 15-2 spurt in the second half.

"That's when the press happened," Homedale coach Kenny Thomas said. "That's when they hit a couple big shots, a couple 3s."

The Trojans didn't see the pressure defense tactic in the teams' Jan. 29 meeting — a 67-66 overtime victory for Fruitland, the No. 1 3A team in Idaho and the defending state champions. The result Friday was sloppy ball-handling by the Trojans' mentally and physically weary guards.



"When you turn it over, that's going to happen. You're going to give a good team a run," Thomas said.

"We couldn't stop it, and when we did stop it, we couldn't answer it."

Senior Matt Stanger scored 18 of his gamehigh 20 points in the final three quarters to lift Fruitland to the top seed in next week's district tournament at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

In his final game before a home crowd, Rodrigo Villarreal played inspired, leading the Trojans with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Thomas said Villarreal, Tyler Gibson (10 points) and Ryan Garrett (five points) turned in admirable performances.

2A Friday: Nampa Christian 63, Marsing

Garrett gets up

Homedale senior Ryan Garrett extends over the defense of Fruitland's Matt Stanger, left, as Jacob Crim moves in to help.

46 — The Huskies closed the 2A Western Idaho Conference season with their ninth loss in 10 games. But Marsing brought some positive news out of the fray — coach JW Chadez's squad owned an 18-11 lead after eight minutes.

"We can now head into district with a little more confidence," Chadez said. "I really think that if someone else can step up and help Jose out in the scoring department we have a legitimate shot at upsetting someone."

Jose would be Jose Paramo, who scored 19 points against the Trojans. Mitch Green scored seven points and grabbed seven rebounds.

2A Wednesday: Melba 66, Marsing 34

Paramo had 13 points and a couple steals on Senior Night.



Marsing seniors recognized

From the top left, seniors recognized on the cheerleading squad were Devon Cook, Bianca Hogrefe, Sherry Zeng and Araceli Contreras. Basketball seniors, middle, from left, were Jose Paramo, Martin Galvez and Mitch Green. Wrestlers, bottom, from left, were Carlos Ceballos, Andre Heidt, Logan Glenn, Sean Finley, Mike Moore and Matt Merritt.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 22, 1984

High school gymnasium's roof ripped by windstorm

A Boise roofing contractor is expected to make permanent repairs to the roof of Homedale High school's gymnasium when warmer weather arrives.

Temporary repairs were made to the southeast section of the gymnasium roof last Thursday after a Wednesday night windstorm tore about 20 percent of the fiberglass insulation and tarpaper overlay from the deck.

No injuries were reported in the incident, which saw Wednesday night winds with gusts up to 60 miles per hour scatter chunks of rigid insulation and tarpaper across the school parking lot and grounds north of the gymnasium.

Wind ripped materials from the deck of a 60-foot by 70-foot section for the 11-year-old roof, according to superintendent Deward Bell, who said the overnight rain seeped through and onto the gymnasium floor.

Auto parts store appoints new manger in Homedale

A 32-year-old Nampa native has been appointed manager of Homedale Auto Parts, Main Street north, Homedale.

Larry Beitia, a 1970 graduate of Caldwell high school, joined the Homedale Auto Parts store as manger on

Saturday, Feb. 4. He replaced Chris Davis, who resigned to pursue restaurant business interests in Boise.

Beitia was manger at Middleton Auto Parts, a sister store to the Homedale operation, for over a year before his Feb. 4 promotion. Both stores are owned by Elizabeth Montgomery and Jeff Purcell.

Seniors salute Austrians with anniversary dinner

Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14, was a big day at the Homedale Senior Citizens Nutrition Dinner. There were 193 dinners and 22 Meals on Wheels delivered.

The occasion commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Austrian families arriving in Homedale to make their homes.

Many guests of Austrian descent attended. They were Florence Paxton, Matt Paxton, Fannie Mrak, Shirley Kushlan, Troy Fiddens, John Kushlan, Annie Ayala, Jennie Fisher, Jim Miklancic, Paul Feshi, Ferne Jesenko, Helen Chadez, Annie Davis, Maron Soron, Josephine Jontar, Anton Jontar, Mary Cegnar, John Krzesnik, Art Bahem and Larry Bahem.

John Kushlan talked of being the youngest of one of the original families. "My father, Frank Kushlan Sr., was a shoemaker," he said. Kushlan told of a runaway through Main Street of Homedale when he was a small boy. The horses were hitched to a wagon he was riding on. He had bought some candy bars to take home, but because of the train whistle and runaway, when it was all over, his candy bars were gone. Kushlan had attended the Australian Settlement and then the Homedale schools where Mrs. Arcella Roberts was the teacher. Art Bahem made a few romarks.

50 years ago

February 19, 1959

Break-in at junior high reported

Theft of \$58.50 in cash from the Homedale junior high school safe was reported Wednesday morning by Clare Walker, principal.

The burglary occurred sometime Tuesday night. Entrance was made at the front of the building by forcing open a basement window. The principal's office, itself, was entered after a brace and bit were used to make an opening in the door, letting the burglar reach the inside knob and open the door.

Only cash was taken. Two checks also in the safe were left. The money was earned by junior high students to curtain the gymnasium.

State Patrolman Reed Minor, Deputy Sheriff Walt Love, Chief of Police Jim Hill and Police Officer Lorraine Upton investigated and reported several leads.

Trojans bow to Adrian in final league game

Jim Thompson poured in 26 points and Phil Hatch 22 Saturday night as Adrian notched its 16th straight win by beating Homedale 80-59.

The Antelopes were hot as a \$2 pistol as they shot to a 51-25 halftime lead. It was the fifth defeat for the Trojans in league play. Homedale had already cinched third place in the conference.

Completion of Highway 51 urged at Marsing meet

Completion of Idaho's portion of what could become the only direct, all-weather route from Boise to Los Angeles, Calif, was urged at Marsing Monday night by the Nevada chairman of the Highway 51 association.

Arsen V. Alzola of Rowland, Nev., called for oiling of 48 miles of the highway in Owyhee county and asked support of the project by the Treasure Valley chambers of commerce meeting at Marsing at the new elementary school.

Alzola said the 48 miles on the Idaho side of the road, when completed, will form a much-needed link between Boise and Elko, Nev. Highway 51 runs from Elko, Nev., to Mountain Home, where it joins US 30 on the Boise link.

Elko merchants want the growing Boise wholesale complex to be able to compete with the former sales points.

Alzola, who was principal speaker at the Treasure Valley chamber dinner meeting, said his Highway 51 association was formed in 1956. Prior to that time there were 95 miles of unoiled surface on the Elko-Mtn. Home road. All that remains today, he said, is the 48 miles in Idaho. Some of the Idaho work has been accomplished by Owyhee and Elmore counties and more is contemplated this spring through the Indian reservation.

Allen Gowey, publicity chairman for the Marsing chamber of commerce, said that all heavy construction work on the Idaho portion of the road either has been completed or is under contract. Only oiling remains to be done. But both Gowey and Alzola said the state has neglected work on the road due to a lack of funds for secondary highway work. It is to get those funds allocated that Alzola asked the Treasure Valley group for support. At the meeting presided over by TV chamber president Harmon Ryan of Nampa, Maynard Standley, chairman of the Malheur county Oregon Centennial committee, told of the preparation being made in this area for the statewide celebration which opens soon. Host for the monthly gathering Monday night was the Marsing chamber of commerce headed by David Hakan, who welcomed the regional delegates.

140 years ago

February 13, 1869

THE WHITE HOUSE IN 1784. A Mr. Wansey, in his published notes of a tour in this country in 1784, gives the following description of a breakfast at the White House. Will the breakfast in these days bear a comparison to this?

"Mrs. Washington herself made the tea and coffee for us. On the table were two small plates of sliced tongue, dry toast, bread and butter, but no broiled fish, as it is the general custom. Miss Custis, her grand-daughter, a pleasing young lady of about sixteen, sat next to her brother, George Washington Custis, about two years older than herself. There was but little appearance of form no livery. A silver urn for hot water was the only expensive thing on the table. Mrs. Washington appears to be somewhat older than the President, although born the same year, in stature very robust, very plain in her dress."

LAWS PASSED AT THE FIFTH SESSION IDAHO LEGISLATURE.

An act fixing the salaries and fees of certain officers of Boise County.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act defining the time of commencing civil actions."

An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to create territorial prison commissioners."

An act to amend an act entitled "An act defining the duties and fixing the salary of territorial controller.

An act amendatory of and supplementary to "An act to provide for a board of fire commissioners of Idaho City."

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to create a territorial prison commissioner, and to provide for the care and safe keeping of territorial prisoners.

An act to create a board of county commissioners in this territory, and define their duties and powers.

An act to appropriate a certain amount of money for the benefit of Charles Ostner.

An act for the relief of Thos. Foye.

An act regulating the conduct, management and discipline of the territorial prison.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the county commissioners to Alturas county to collect a special tax."

An act in relation to a territorial law library.

An act to define the districts of the several district attorneys of the territory of Idaho.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of Boise County to levy a special tax.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the clerk of the supreme court and prescribing his duties."

An act to provide a fund for the redemption and prescribing the manner of redeeming the outstanding warrants drawn upon the treasurer of Alturas county, and to provide for the current expenses of said Alturas county. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the proceedings in civil cases." An act to provide a fund and prescribing the manner of redeeming the outstanding warrants drawn upon the treasurer of Boise county, etc. An act concerning religious, benevolent, social and learned association.

remarks.

Trojans in district play Thursday

Homedale's Trojans, the No. 1 seeded team entering A-3 District 3 tournament play, pulled a first round bye in basketball playoff action at Nampa Tuesday.

The Trojans, at 16-4, will face the winner of the McCall-Parma contest on Thursday.

Arch-rival Fruitland, a team beaten twice this season by the Trojans, shares the first-round bye with Homedale and is expected to face the winner of the New Plymouth-Nampa Christian contest on Thursday.

Tournament action continues through Friday and Saturday at Nampa.

Meanwhile, Homedale heads into the tournament after blowing Wilder's Wildcats through the roof of the homecourt high school gym Saturday night.

The Trojans ran to a 69-62 non-league victory over Wilder to end regular season play for the Homedale squad.

New drive-in almost built

The new drive-in café on the corner of Idaho avenue and 1st street east should be completed by March 1 according to Melvin Rigby, café manger.

The outside structure is completed but there is a lot of interior work to be completed.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the benefit of the district judges."

An act to provide increased compensation to the officers of this territory, and to repeal an act for the benefit of district judges.

An act to authorize the territorial treasurer to transfer money from the sinking or redemption fund to the general fund for the payment of members and attaches of the fifth session of the legislature.

An act for the relief of A. Haas and A. W. Flournov.

An act fixing a time for acts and joint resolutions to take effect.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common

sense A simple conversation

I came across a neighbor who was working in his shop.

His real name was Herbert, but we all just called him Pop.

He has gotten hard of hearing, which can happen growing old.

I guess the roar of table saws and planers took their toll.

One afternoon last winter, I was on an ambulation

As I strolled in through his shop door, I heard a conversation.

I could see no one was with him, just his coat hung on the shelf.

But, I knew, because I knew him, he was talking to himself.

"Should I cut this off exactly at three-fourths of an inch?

Or nine-sixteenths for safety's sake, cause it's sure lead pipe cinch.

It'll be too short to fit right if I'm off a saw blade width,

but I know how long the space is 'cause I measured it, I didth!

Hey, it's better safe than sorry, measure twice, cut once I say.

If I have to saw it over, there's no sweat. I've got all day.

But why bother workin' extra if I know I'm right to start.

That's the point of carpentering, not about me lookin' smart.

It's a chicken house for gosh sakes, it's not the Taj Mahal.

But I pride myself on good work, be it Bunyanesque or small.

I'm gonna make the cut three-quarters. It's just a simple

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

The way I see it

The road to transparency

I've made every effort to attend Board of County Commissioners meetings each week, and my eyes have been opened.

Apparently, the only way to get true accountability for a lot of the things going on in Murphy is to sit in Courtroom 2 each Monday beginning at 9 a.m.

One certainly can't rely on the written meeting minutes released by the county clerk's office.

After reviewing those minutes and following up with officials, it's apparent that the bottom line in the recent brouhaha over the county fair's fiscal shortfall may be as much a lack of communication and information-sharing as it is a lack of funds.

The sequence of events that led to commissioners paying the fair board's outstanding bills after last year's fair is murky.

It should be crystal clear, especially when Owyhee County residents' property taxes are being spent.

The lack of a full and accurate accounting of the situation through meeting minutes limits the accountability — and diminishes the transparency — of government agencies.

There is no record of the specific discussion that led to the commissioners paying the bills. County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said that the commissioners helped the fair board get current on its accounts by paying the outstanding bills on Oct. 6, 2008, during the routine departmental bill authorization.

While the minutes kept by Sherburn reflect that fair board member Tiffany Hipwell addressed the commissioners

that day, there is no information on what was discussed. "Tiffany Hipwell was present to discuss the Fair budget. No action was taken," is all that is listed in the minutes. The commissioners did approve payment of \$2,975 for the fair's outstanding bills, but this action is listed in the minutes prior to Hipwell's appearance before the board and doesn't specifically address the shortfall.

In investigating the fair's shortfall, The Owyhee Avalanche learned that the principals involved in the discussion — both from the fair and from the BOCC — couldn't recall the exact chronology or content of conversations. That's to be expected to a degree because those involved were being asked to recall off the top of their heads something that had happened months earlier.

A more complete record of who said what — and when they said it — would have painted a better picture.

That could be said for many proceedings. When Sheriff Daryl Crandall recapped his first week in office, which the Avalanche reported extensively, the sheriff's address to the board wasn't even mentioned in the Jan. 20 meeting minutes.

Sherburn doesn't think the sheriff's report should be in the minutes, both because the subject never should have been discussed in open session, which is a valid point, but also because the Idaho Association of Counties says so, according to the clerk.

However, there is a higher authority than the IAC at work

— See Transparency, page 19

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest

Escaping from a 'Good Deal'

It's our last full day in China, and it is a busy one. During the morning, we tour the Bund — Shanghai's riverfront. The schedule, which has been tight throughout the trip, now gives us the afternoon to ourselves at the city market.

As Jack, our Chinese guide, prepares to turn us loose, he gives us some words of warning. He says there have been cases of visitors going off with "merchants" promising extra special deals on merchandise and ending up with a bump on the head and their money and other valuables gone. He says be careful.

Our first stop is at a booth where we can exchange dollars for Chinese currency. The moneychangers we have encountered on the trip have been irritating — often refusing to take American paper money if it shows any significant wear and tear. Today, the main problem is the Chinese beggars who hang around the booth and come after you with palms outstretched as soon as you get your Chinese money. There is one elderly woman who is particularly persistent — going as far as tugging on the cuff of her target's sleeve. She refuses to go away. There are some in our group who are susceptible to the pleas for money. They learn that the moment you give money to one, all the other beggars come after you. And sometimes even giving them money doesn't have the desired effect. One person in our group gives the little old lady some money, and she makes it very clear she thinks the donor is a cheapskate! With our money stowed out of sight, we start checking out the market area. Sara and I already have concluded we will need an additional bag to get all the stuff we've collected on the trip back to the States. Jack takes us to a luggage seller (I'm sure he gets a piece of the action for







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And it really doesn't matter, ain't nobody here but us!"

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Letters to the editor

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

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

- E-mailed to jbrowneditor@cableone.net
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628

• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

A traditional Chinese acting troupe was one of the attractions during the final day in Shanghai.

getting customers in the door). We look around and finally settle on a duffle bag with wheels. The shop owner has a \$65 (American) price on the bag but after some haggling settles for \$35, although he claims we are driving him out of business.

Towing our new bag behind us, we continue our explorations, accompanied by Sara's brother and his wife. In a small square near the middle of the market area, a crowd has gathered to watch a traditional Chinese acting

— See Escaping, page 19

Commentary

Financial management Government's bailout plan not bankrolled by Chinese

Dear Dave,

Where did the government get all of that bailout money? Did they print it, or did they borrow it from China?

Dear Carl,

It's none of the above. When the government runs a deficit, which means it spends more than it makes (that, of course, happens every moment of every day) it borrows money by selling U.S. government bonds, or treasury bonds, on the open market. China owns some of these bonds, but they certainly don't own them all.

Treasury bonds are sold to lots of investors. Corporations buy them, as do individual investors, because these bonds are theoretically some of the safest on the planet. So don't worry about the China angle, Carl. They didn't make us a direct loan of hundreds of billions of dollars to handle the bailout. That's just another bunch of conspiracy theory bull. Dave

Dear Dave,

— Carl

I'm 22-years old, in the military, and our yearly household income is about \$20,000. We're trying to get out of debt, but we owe \$13,000 on a car that we financed at 14.5 percent. We both got \$500 limit credit cards to help rebuild our credit rating, so we could refinance the car at a lower rate. Can you give us any other advice?

Dear Josiah,

I can definitely help you with the interest rate problem. Sell the car!

No, I'm not kidding. I'm not trying to beat you up, but you've got no business with a \$13,000 car when you're only making \$20,000 a year. Even if you'd paid cash for it, that's way too much money tied up in something that's going down

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in value. You don't own the car, dude, it owns you!

Right now your entire life revolves around finding a way to keep a car you can't afford. That's ridiculous! If I were you, I'd sell the car, go get a little beater to drive, and give my wife a big hug. This thing is putting unbelievable stress on your marriage, dictating your direction in life, and it's just a stupid car! Forget the idea of building your credit, too! That's one of the biggest myths around. Credit hasn't been much of a blessing to you so far, has it?

Here's the deal. If you can't pay cash for something, you can't afford it.

When you pay cash, you don't

have any payments. Then, you have control of your most powerful wealth-building tool - your income! Now that's a formula for success!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm interested in your opinion regarding buying a five-year maintenance agreement on a new treadmill. It covers repairs, and an annual visit to check and lubricate all moving parts. Is a maintenance agreement ever worth the money, especially if you're not the handyman type?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous.

You know why they sell those agreements? Because they're huge moneymakers!

No, I wouldn't do that. We have exercise equipment in our home, and we don't have any maintenance agreements. Lots of folks make resolutions to start working

out and get into shape, but very few see it through to the end. A high percentage of expensive workout equipment turns into very expensive coat hangers in a short amount of time.

I don't ever recommend maintenance agreements, or extended warranties. I self-insure by having money saved up, and buying quality items!

— Dave

- Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of The Total Money Makeover. He also is the host of The Dave Ramsey Show that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. He also has a radio callin show. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave \$ays, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Transparency: Detailed minutes could clear up county controversy

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here. Generating a comprehensive record of a meeting rests on Sherburn's shoulders. Idaho Statute mandates her to do so.

"I can't include every discussion in those minutes or I'd be working on them all week long," she said.

It seems Sherburn's interpretation of Idaho Code 31-708 and 31-709 is as narrow as possible.

One of the chief duties of the clerk is laid out in 31-708(1) — "Record all the proceedings of the board."

What should appear in the minutes is defined in 31-709(1) — " ... all orders and decisions made by [commissioners], and the daily proceedings had at all regular and special meetings."

But Sherburn said that there is no detailed entry of Hipwell's visit with the commissioners because "There was no action taken on it."

That's a case of semantics — the board did pay the outstanding bills in the same meeting, just not immediately after the discussion, according to the minutes. Besides, Idaho Code doesn't preclude an entry into the record just because no vote was taken.

Sherburn said the Oct. 6 discussion included the commissioners tinkering with the idea of moving money from one line item to the county fair budget line to pay the bills. But that discussion didn't appear in the minutes. It would have required a resolution, and no action was taken.

So the minutes needn't reflect a record of discussions involving taxpayer money?

"Not necessarily," she said.

When asked if such discussions should be in the minutes for the public to review, Sherburn answered:

"Everyone's coming to the meetings now. They would

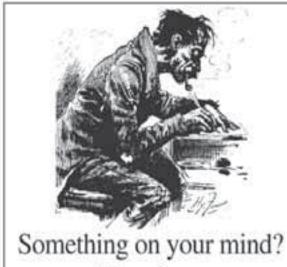
know that."

While it's possible that's an open invitation for all 10,000 county residents to show up at the courthouse on Mondays, Sherburn did say that audio recordings of the business meeting minutes (the administrative meetings before the business meetings haven't been recorded, although they should be part of the public record) are available by request and citizens can inspect the notebook she uses to keep track of proceedings because, "If I'm writing it down, it's public record."

Even then, though, there could be a chance that not everything that happened in the meeting will be in the notebook.

"If people want all the dirt, they have to be there," she said.

There is an easier road to transparency. Following the law is a good start.



 $\sqrt{\text{Escaping:}}$ Final day in China brings street entertainment, dodgy director of promotions

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rent isn't as high. Sara says she doesn't like what's happening, and I agree with her. We are discussing our concerns when our host tells us we need to follow him up a flight of stairs that will put us totally out of touch with the outside world. At this point, all the alarm bells start going off in my head. I say, "No thanks", and Sara and I turn around and head back for our group. The Chinese man says there is no reason for us to be concerned, but he doesn't come back to our group with us. It could be that the "Promotions Director" was just that and we are overreacting. On the other hand, we have a plane to catch tomorrow, and we are a long way from home

— Josiah

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troupe perform.

As we watch the open-air play, we are joined by a Chinese man, probably in his late 40s, who is nicely dressed and speaks very good English. He says he is the director of promotions for the marketplace. He says the places we have been shopping during our trip are set up by the tour people and there are better deals to be had when the tour isn't involved.

Our new Chinese friend says there are some real deals on gold jewelry at a nearby store, and he seems to be pointing at a shop just across the street. He says if we'll follow him he'll introduce us to the owner. Since the shop is on a busy street and within sight of the other people in our group, Sara and I follow the man.

Our guide passes the store where we thought he was going and keeps walking. He turns down a less-congested side street. He says the best prices are at shops where the

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Let your voice be heard in the Avalanche.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2009 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Hoagland, Freund and Hyer, Clerk Sherburn, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

Amendments to the agenda include: well at Homedale Tipping Station, amended MOA with Gem Highway District, cancellation of agenda items Reynolds Creek Bridge, Joint Powers Agreement, and fuel storage tanks.

A letter was sent to State Insurance regarding including the Workman's' Compensation for operation of the Fair to the CountyPolicy.

The Board approved payment of outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$93,430, Road & Bridge \$2,677, County Fair \$1,750, Probation \$5,228, Museum \$1,298, Indigent & Charity \$5,983, Revaluation \$1,877, Solid Waste \$2,875, Tort \$206, Weed \$3,336, 911 \$42.

The following Indigent and Charity cases were presented for determination.

09-04 and 09-05 liens were placed.

09-02 applicant was approved with reimbursement.

09-03 applicant was approved with reimbursement.

08-53 applicant was denied.

08-49 affirmed prior denial.

A certificate of residency was approved for a student attending CSI.

The Board adopted Resolution 09-02 asking the Department of Agriculture for a Siting Advisory Committee, for a CAFO Application made by Mr. Hooley. A letter was sent regarding this matter to Department of Agriculture.

A discussion was held with Pam Roylance on gopher control within the county. No action was taken.

The Board rescinded the MOA that was approved and sent to Gem Highway District, after review by Fred Grant, concerning the Transportation Plan. A new MOA was approved and will be sent to Gem Highway District for review.

The Board tabled the signing of the Joint Powers Agreement for the Transportation Plan.

A letter to Bureau of Land Management was approved concerning the Boardman to Hemingway Energy Corridor.

A letter was sent to the Homedale Tipping Station attendant concerning the water from the domestic well recently drilled.

PM to 9:30 PM at the Rimrock High School Auditorium, 39678 State Hwy 78 Bruneau, 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 American Legion Community Hall, 126 2nd St. Marsing, Idaho from 6:30 Pm to 9:30 PM

February 26th at the Rimrock High School Auditorium, 39678 State Hwy 78 Bruneau, 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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is the proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOMEDALE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION CONCERNING TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USE LICENSES AND TRANSIENT MERCHANT LICENSES. AMENDING ORDINANCE 309 BY ADDING A PROVISION MAKING THIS ORDINANCE CONTROLLING WITH **REGARD TO TEMPORARY** COMMERCIAL USES AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 65 BY ADDING PROVISIONS **RELATING TO VENDORS AND** FOOD VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROVIDING DATE; FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING A N D ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, AND PARTS THEREOF IN

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.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Marsing City Hall on February 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. MST. Attendance at the conference is recommended, but not mandatory.

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.

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LIEN SALE

Possessory/Mechanic's Lien Sale 1971 Chevy Blazer VIN#KE181S610414. Time/ location: Friday, Feb. 27, 2009 at 12:00 noon, 6200 Pasco Rd., Marsing, ID 83639. 2/18,25/09

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**, Owvhee 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, Ås 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 Canvon County

By; Pioneer Lender Trustee

as instrument No. 239203, records of said County

THE TRÚSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 2669 Royal Vista Drive, Homedale, Idaho 83628 MAY SOMETIMES BE 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 executed by KENNETH SAMFORD, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY as Trustor to ALLIANCE TITLE as original Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRÓNIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC (MERS) the Beneficiary solely as nominee for FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP. AN OP. SUB. OF MLB&T CO., FSB and it's successors and assigns, on that certain Deed of Trust dated June 7th 2007 and recorded as Instrument Number 261685 Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The beneficial interest of which was assigned to First Franklin Financial Corporation.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), of the IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THATTHEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is he failure to pay, when due, under said Deed of Trust Note, monthly, principal, interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$2,088.60 for the month of October 2008 and each month thereafter together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust; and the principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$228,004.86 plus accruing interest and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust together with any advances made or to be made. 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: 2/10/2009

Paragon Engineers were present to lay out the procedure for development of the Transportation Plan for the County.

The Board recessed until 10:00 on February 6th for a meeting with BLM on the Murphy Travel Plan.

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

s/s Jerry Hoagland Attest: s/s Charlotte Sherburn 2/18/09

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On February 24th, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Marsing American Legion Community Hall, 126 2nd St. Marsing, Idaho and again on February 26th, 2009 from 6:30

CONFLICT HEREOF.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be reviewed at Homedale City Hall.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sylvia L. Bahem,

Administrator

Planning & Zoning

Commission City of Homedale 2/18,25/09

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

Services, LLC

Its authorized agent Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer

2/4,11,18,25/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 12th 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Bruce J. Blohowiak, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 23, Block 1, ROYAL VISTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the plat recorded April 4, 2002 By: /s/Bruce J. Blohowiak, Successor Trustee

Mail to: Bruce J. Blohowiak, ALGEO, CLARKE & ERICKSON, 102 E. Baldwin Ave., Spokane, WA 99207 2/18,25;3/4,11/09

Public notices

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO CV-09-0957 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Alora Rose Hipwell Date of Birth: 12-22-06

A Petition to change the name of Alora Rose Hipwell, born 12-22-06 in Boise, State of Idaho now residing at Grand View to Alora Rose Bramley-Hipwell.

The children's father is living. The children's mother is living.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o'clock am on March 13, 2009, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 2/9/09

Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of the District Court

By Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2009-0956 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

MAGISTRATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of: PAUL S. FISHER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 3 day of February, 2009.

/s/Donna L. Fisher, Personal Representative of the Estate of PAUL S. FISHER.

Coffel & Anthon Law Offices, P.C., 921 7th Street South, Nampa, ID 83651 2/18,25;3/4/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No.02-FMB-67674 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES. LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 29, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of as follows: COMMENCING at an aluminum cap marking the Southwest corner of said Section 19; thence along the South boundary of said Section 19 North 89° 21' 13" East 295.47 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING on the centerline of Hot Springs Road; thence along said centerline North 54° 26'24" West 142.97 feet to an iron pin on the southerly right of way line of State of Highway No. 51, F.A.P. No. S-97 (1) marking a point on a curve; thence along said Southerly right of way line along the are of curve to the left having a radius of 602.96 feet, a central angle of 03° 11'40", a length of 33.62 feet and a long chord bearing North 48° 21'13" West 196.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also excepting therefrom: Any portion thereof lying within the Bruneau-Hot Spring County Road. 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 45287 HIGHWAY 51, BRUNEAU, ID 83604. 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 CHRISTOPHER O. BACHMAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 3/22/2006, recorded 3/28/2006, under instrument No 255733, 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 45-1 506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY **RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS** OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 3/22/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH

Idaho, more particularly described

heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 1/23/2009. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officerc/oREGIONALTRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone (206) 340-2550 Sale Information http://.www.rtrustee. com ASAP# 2984574 _2/11,18,25;3/4/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No 0061368502 T- S No. 057-006588 On 6/9/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, ID TRANSNATION TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica OneStop, 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 22 IN BLOCK 1 OF ROYAL VISTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT **RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AS** INSTRUMENT NO. 239203, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 3027 ROYAL VISTA COURT, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by TERRY J. STEINMETZ, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS. INC., is named as Beneficiary and ALLIANCE TITLE as Trustee and recorded 7/9/2007 as Instrument No. 261635 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 7/3/2007 The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,470.41, due per month for the months of 5/1/2008 through 1/28/2009, 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 \$209,021.23 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.75000 per cent (%) per annum from 4/1/2008. 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 1/28/2009 TRANSNATION TITLE AND ESCROW, INC By: Lynn Darling, AVP THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2983502 2/11,18,25;3/4/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 928059 T.S. No. 1D-09-230716-TD On 6/8/2009, 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 Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, First American Title Insurance Company, 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: TRACT I: Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 13 of the REVISED TOWNSITE OF BUTTE, now the City of MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed March 9,1946 as Instrument No. 71472, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. TRACT II: Lot 1, Block 2, BOSMA'S SUBDIVISION NO. 2 in the W1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed November 13, 1941 as Instrument No. 63244, 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 924 FRANKLIN ROAD, 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 JOHN F RENZ AND DOLOREŠ C RENZ, HUSBAND

AND WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in which ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY, is named as Beneficiary and PIONEER TITLE COMPANY as Trustee and recorded 5/17/2000 as Instrument No. 232380 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 5/16/2000. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$629.48, due per month for the months of 10/5/2008 through 1/14/2009, 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 \$73,400.38 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.8100 per cent (%) per annum from 9/5/2008. 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: 2/3/2009 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego CA 92101, as Agent ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2990825

said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE ÓWYHEE 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. towit: All that portion of Lot 4 of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, lying South and East of the right of way of State Highway No. 51, as it existed July 8, 1962. Excepting therefrom the following: A parcel of land being a portion of the Southwest Ouarter of Section 19 and a portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,

AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of January 23, 2009 Delinquent Payments from October 01, 2008 4 payments at \$895.90 each \$3,583.60 (10-01-08 through 01-23-09) Late Charges: \$115.41 Beneficiary Advances: \$148.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$3,847.01 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's tees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$134,286.26, together with interest thereon at 6.875% per annum from 9/1/2008. 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

BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2008

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 5, 2009 File No.: 7301.24290 Sale date and time (local time): June 08, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 6322 Shari Hill Way fka Route 1 Box 455 Marsing, ID 83639 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: Janet E. Warner, an unmarried woman Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Capitol Commerce Mortgage Co. Recording date: December 29, 2000 Recorder's instrument number: 234709 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 5, 2009: \$78,060.63 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: Lot 3, Block 1 in Shari Hill Estates Phase 1 Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Plat recorded as Instrument No. 211614, records of said County Recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www. northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7301.24290) 1002.110349-ÈΕΙ

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Wednesday, February 25, 2009 • Auction Time: 11:00

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TRACTORS & LOADER: Case/IH 8940 MFD Tractor; 3105 hrs, 18 sp power shift trans, 4 hyd remotes, 1000 PTO, 3 pt, 420/85R28 fronts, 480/80R42 rears • John Deere 4440 Tractor; 6970 hrs, 8 sp power shift trans, 2 remotes, 540 & 1000 PTO, 3 pt, rear 18.4-38 • John Deere 158 Hyd Front End Loader; 6' bucket



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3020 Diesel Tractor; 5095 hrs, syncro trans, 2 remotes, 540 & 1000 PTO, 3 pt, 13.6-38 rear rubber • Terex 72 Wheel Loader; 6V Detroit diesel eng, 3 yd bucket

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sp manual trans, 11'x7' flatbed w/5th wheel ball • 1983 Chevy 10 4x4 Pickup; V8 350 eng, 4 sp trans • 1976 Chevy 30 One Ton Truck; V8 350 eng, auto trans, livestock bed, 10' • 1991 Chevy 2500 Single Cab 4x4 Pickup; 5.7L eng, auto trans, AC, 214,524 miles

TRAILERS & ATV: 2002 Wilson Gooseneck Aluminum Trailer; 22'x7', side door, 8 hole hubs • Gooseneck Flat Bed 16' Trailer; tandem 6 hole axle • Arctic Cat 500 ATV; 4x4, automatic



HAY EQUIPMENT: New Holland BB960RT 3x4 Baler; 33483 bales, crop cutter • Bear Cat 4200 Tub Grinder; PTO power • John Deere 3950 Chopper; 2 row corn head • John

Deere 894A 4 Bar Side Rake • Farmhand F45A Manure Spreader; tandem axle, PTO driven GRAIN EQUIPMENT: John Deere Grain Drill; 12', single disc, grass seeder • Ace Trailer Sprayer; 450 gal stainless steel tank, 32' booms • Allied Auger; 60'x8", PTO driven

GROUNDWORKING EQUIPMENT: John Deere 980 14' Field Renovator w/Rear Long Tine Harrows • Case IH 568 Field Conditioner; 12' • McClures Field Mulcher Packer; 12', hyd driven roller, (2) self rollers • Case IH 145 Plow; 3 bottom, 18", hyd reset, 3 pt • John Deere 900 V Ripper; 9 shank, 3 pt, dual gauge wheels Triple K Renovator; 12', 4 rows of s-tines
Eversman 100 Blade; 10'
Ace Plow Packer; 8'
Cultivator; 4 row • Corrugator; 6 row

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT: (2) Upright Fuel Tanks; 1000 gal • Upright Fuel Tank; 750 gal • Ace 3 Pt Sprayer; 36 row, 300 gal poly tank, hyd fold • Duals; 480/80R42, 18.4-38, 14.9-38, 16.9-38 tire & wheels, 12.4-42 tire & wheels • Lockwood 2 Row Potato Harvester; belted chain • Fruehauf Storage Van; 8'x40' • Piler 30'x12" • Vine Splitter; 4 row, 3 pt • Weed Burner; propane tank on trailer w/wand, 170 gal • Rear Mount ATV Spray Tanks • 100's of 3/4", 1" & 1 1/4" Siphon Tubes

LIVESTOCK FENCING: (6) H&W 12' Panels (new) • Approx. 25 Railroad Ties • Approx. 100 Joints of Guard Rail: 13' • Approx. 60 10', 12', 16' Metal Panels of Various Condition • Approx 40 3 1/2"x8' Pipe Posts • (35) 2"x8'x15' Wood Panels • Lots of other various panels of all conditions

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