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Homedale fights for probation office

Police chief: 70 percent of system participants live in and around town

The City of Homedale will fight to keep the Owyhee County Probation Office in town.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller went to bat for the idea of keeping at least a part-time presence in Homedale, where chief proba-

tion officer Doris Jewett has said the majority of her staff's cases originate.

"I would hate for us to lose the tremendous asset that the probation department is for the City

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Chamber lists LID proposal details

With grant, improvements would cost about \$60 per foot

Businessmen learned Thursday how much the next phase of downtown revitalization in Homedale could cost them.

At his organization's monthly luncheon, Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker outlined the cost to individual property owners if the

city adopts a Local Improvement District as the second phase of the revitalization plan.

A handful of business owners who haven't attended a luncheon at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant recently were in attendance last week to hear the low-down.

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Where does this go?

With 300 major parts, and many hundreds more small fasteners, bolts and flanges, city crews were methodically assembling the new playground equipment in Homedale's city park on Friday. The new playground set replaces the old steel teeter-totters and slide that were removed this past winter.

Initiative back in Senate

After House road block, work on bill resumes

Although the legislation failed to get past the U.S. House of Representatives, backers of the Owyhee Initiative have not lost sight of the finish line nor hope of reaching it.

In fact, work to push an amended Omnibus Lands Management Act through the U.S. Senate and back to the House began Monday when a "test" vote was taken on unrelated legislation that featured elements of the lands bill.

Lindsay Nothern, spokesman for Initiative sponsor Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) said the 73-21 test vote was taken to re-assert the popularity of the lands bill in the Senate, where Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) again has vowed to fight it.

The revised lands bill contains compromise language born in the House that protects gun rights as well as hunting, trapping and fishing access in wilderness areas, according to a CQ Today Online article published a day after the bill missed the needed two-thirds majority in the House in a Wednesday vote. The super majority was necessary to bypass the committee process in that Congressional chamber.

The House vote was 282-144, two votes shy of two-thirds.

Back in the Senate, Nothern

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Marsing water bids sink well below estimates



Finishing touches

Workers smooth concrete on one side of the pump house for Marsing's new water system on 8th Avenue West.

\$329,000 project surplus seen

Shawn Kohtz, project engineer for SPF Water Engineering out of Boise, had great news for the Marsing City Council on Wednesday night.

"The (water) project could not be working out better," he opened with. "Costs are low ... bids are competitive ... we're really

thrilled."

With bids from Titan Technologies on piping for the distribution system and Irminger Construction for the storage tank, wells and pump-houses in place, the final project cost is estimated at \$3,253,427 — \$329,000 under expectations.

That savings will leave a contingency fund for unexpected issues during the project, and leak-fixes that may have to be

done when the new system is pressurized to Department of Environmental Quality-required levels. The DEQ requires city water systems to have a minimum pressure of 40 pounds per square inch (psi), and Marsing's current system operates at just 25 psi in the highest areas of the city. The new system, when pressurized, will boost those homes to 40 psi,

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Council adds \$1.5M for infrastructure projects

The Homedale City Council voted Wednesday to expand the fiscal year 2009 budget by \$1.5 million.

The unanimous vote came after a public hearing on the additional appropriation of \$600,000 for a water infrastructure project and \$900,000 for sewer projects, which will start with the rehabilitation of the force main that carries wastewater to the treatment lagoons northwest of town.

The water budget now sits at \$910,500 for FY 2009, while the sewer budget has more than \$1.1 million. Public works supervisor Larry Bauer said before Wednesday’s meeting that the city could solicit bids for the sewer project by the first of the month.

Bauer also pointed out at Wednesday’s City Council meeting that home foreclosures are hampering the city’s ability to collect on outstanding irrigation bills.

Bauer said the city has 15 outstanding irrigation bills with an average charge of \$85 and that “several” bills are \$800 or \$900 in arrears.

The city can’t collect through property tax liens because there is no irrigation taxing district. The South Board of Control taxes the City of Homedale for the water, and the city passes the cost on to the customer as a user fee. But because there is no direct tax involved, Homedale is barred from using a tax lien as a recourse.

City Attorney Michael Duggan told Bauer that the prospects of forming a taxing district for municipal irrigation water isn’t a promising concept.

Bauer said that with no lien option, once a house goes through foreclosure, the overdue amount

is wiped off the books and can’t be collected. He said the city faces the same problem with overdue water and sewer bills.

P&Z head reappointed

At Mayor Harold Wilson’s request, the city council unanimously approved the reappointment of Sylvia Bahem as Homedale’s planning and zoning administrator.

Bahem’s hours will be set at a maximum of 50 per month. While it was said that she usually works about 19 hours a month, there have been times that she working 90 hours in a week, according to discussions in the meeting.

Bahem is the only person requiring reappointment who has been formally voted back into her position this year.

City supports hazard mitigation

The councilmen passed a resolution supporting and adopting the Owyhee County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was required for the county to be eligible for any future disaster funds from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

The Board of County Commissioners has yet to adopt the final version of the plan.

Building permits issued

City building inspector Rodney Roberts told the council that he has issued building permits to a pair of Homedale businesses.

- Moxie Java owner Lori Badiola has obtained a building permit to construct a game room near the U.S. Highway 95 coffeehouse.
- A new car dealership, Snake River Motors, on West Idaho Avenue, has been issued a building permit after what Roberts called

a misunderstanding.

Snake River’s owners had been issued a stop work order when it was discovered that no building permit had been obtained.

According to Roberts, neither the business owner, Steve Mitchell, nor the property owner, Mike Vance, were willing to get a building permit, leading to the order to stop.

Roberts said Mitchell filed for a building permit Wednesday morning.

Roberts also told the council that he was ready to bring forward a dormant addition to the town’s building ordinance.

The ordinance requiring all new residential structures to have a one-car garage was brought to the City Council by the P&Z two years ago, but no vote was taken, according to Roberts.

— JPB

Shaky economy smiling on Homedale well project

Council accepts rock-bottom bid for water well

The fates have conspired to put the City of Homedale in an advantageous position when it comes to fulfilling its infrastructure wish list.

The low bid for drilling Well No. 7 at Riverside Park, which was opened Wednesday and accepted a few hours later by the Homedale City Council, fell more than 40 percent below officials’ estimates. And city representatives feel confident that bids will be more than reasonable when the time comes to search for a contractor on the replacement of the town’s sewer force main.

“We’re just fortunate to be in a situation to be able to spend and nobody else is able to,” Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer said.

With an ailing economy cutting down on governmental revenues and also sapping the job market for contractors, Homedale is in

an enviable position of having money in place for work while hungry contractors circle looking for any opportunities to keep their employees on the payroll.

“This sewer bid should be a home run,” Bauer told Mayor Harold Wilson after Wednesday’s water well bid opening.

Stevens and Sons of Boise was declared unofficial low-bidder for the well project, and the council accepted the bid during its meeting Wednesday night.

The firm’s \$51,467.50 bid was nearly \$35,000 lower than what officials expected the job to cost (\$86,250).

“The bids came in very, very low,” Kimmel told the councilmen Wednesday night, adding that an Idaho Falls-based hydrologist had quoted the estimated cost.

Councilman Eino Hendrickson asked Kimmel for reassurance that the city wouldn’t run into any legal difficulties as it had with Lurre Construction and a previous infrastructure project that resulted in a lawsuit.

“Everything’s very straightforward on this,” Kimmel said. “Especially when there are only two bidders, it’s hard to find any

issues.”

Bauer said the cost estimate was based on actual projects that had been undertaken before the economic downturn.

The only other bid for the well work came from Parma’s Riverside, Inc., which filed papers saying it would cost \$61,320 to complete the task.

Both Riverside and Stevens & Sons have prior relationships with the city, with the Boise firm having drilled the pilot well where No. 7 will be located.

Wilson, Bauer, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram and Roger Sorenson and Andrew Kimmel from Project Engineering Consultants, Inc., were present for the bid opening. A representative from Riverside Inc., also was on hand in the magistrate courtroom.

Bauer said that well work could begin as early as a week after the City Council approves the Stevens & Sons bid.

He added that bids for the next phase of the sewer project could be solicited as early as the first of next month.

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Gem prosecutor: No charges for Homedale mayor

After completing an investigation into the actions of Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson, the Gem County prosecuting attorney said last week that no criminal charges will be filed.

Richard Linville was asked to investigate the possibility of wrongdoing in connection with Wilson’s dealings with US Bank regarding an easement near City Hall as well as his role in putting on a Christmas dinner for

Homedale Police personnel and their families.

Linville told The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday that he would send a letter to Homedale city attorney Michael Duggan about his review of the information Duggan had supplied.

At press time Monday, Duggan had yet to respond to a public records request seeking a copy of the letter from the Gem County prosecutor.

County commissioners adopt new resources plan

Even as questions swirled about some of the document’s elements, the Board of County Commissioners approved a revised Natural Resources Plan during Monday’s meeting.

County Natural Resources Committee director Jim Desmond presented the revised plan to the commissioners for adoption, and answered skepticism from District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund by pointing out that further changes could be made by resolution.

Freund was concerned about wording in the plan that he thought could misrepresent the scope of authority Bureau of Land Management rangers have in the county. He also expressed concern that Sheriff Daryl Crandall hasn’t had a chance to review the plan to make sure it doesn’t conflict with any of his new policies.

“We, as commissioners, want to give the sheriff’s office as many tools as we can when dealing with people on federal land whether it’s grazing or recreation or trespassing,” Freund said.

The Natural Resources Plan revision process began during the administration of Sheriff Gary Aman.

The 140-page plan states that BLM rangers are in place to enforce state and local laws as well as federal laws. As Freund pointed out, only one BLM ranger, Steve Kilpatrick, had ever been deputized by the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, and therefore was legally allowed to enforce state and local laws. Kilpatrick no longer patrols BLM land in Owyhee County.

The adoption of the Natural Resources Plan will be memorialized by resolution at Monday’s meeting after Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery can draft the appropriate document. Next week’s meeting is the final BOCC regular meeting of the month. The commissioners will begin meeting on Tuesdays three times a month on April 7. The meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday as required by Idaho Code.

In other business:

- A letter was approved to officially appoint rancher Tony Richards to the Recreation Task Force.
- The commissioners agreed to review Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff’s request to lower the cost of many permit fees. The fee schedule was adopted about 18 months ago, and the BOCC will vote on the proposed changes Monday.
- Huff said it has become apparent that it’s cheaper than expected for the Planning and Zoning Commission to vet many of the permits that the fees cover and, therefore, the fees should be lowered.
- The BOCC also approved a refund to the attorney who handled the Falcon Butte Farms conditional use permit appeal. Falcon Butte was seeking a CUP to spread dairy waste from a Nampa cheese processing plant on its farmland outside Murphy.
- The company sent the county a check for \$3,000 when it asked the P&Z commission to reconsider the CUP application. But, as Huff pointed out, the appeal fee was only \$1,500. The commissioners approved the \$1,500 refund after assurances that Falcon Butte had filed a written withdrawal of its appeal.
- The commissioners approved two letters that will be sent to the Idaho Legislature in support of Senate bills 1124 and 1125, which pertain to the management of bighorn sheep among domestic sheep and hunting tags for big horn, respectively.
- Treasurer Brenda Richards reported that the federal government still is having a difficult time finding a volunteer to serve as Complete Count Committee chair in Owyhee County for the 2010 Census.
- “It’s a huge requirement for a volunteer position, but I’m sure the right fit is out there,” Richards said.
- Two of the three commissioners voted to adopt a proclamation for the 2010 Census, which was sent to the county by the federal government. Freund voted against the proclamation, saying he’d rather see it on Owyhee County letterhead rather than the Census letterhead.

— JPB

Marsing Fire begins charging for false alarm calls

The Marsing Rural Fire District will begin charging for false alarms.

The district’s board of commissioners passed a resolution to set a fee for responding to false alarms during its meeting last week.

Residents and businesses within the volunteer fire district will be allowed one false alarm every 12 months, commissioner Bob Malmberg said. Each additional false alarm will cost the customer at least \$177 per hour per engine.

Malmberg said the resolution was triggered by a spat of four recent false alarms involving residential and commercial properties. Malmberg declined to identify any of the offending parties, but did say that the causes for the alarms being tripped varied.

Malmberg said the resolution, which was ratified during the board’s Wednesday meeting at the fire hall, has been in the works for about two or three months, but the idea originally came up about three years ago.

The concept of a false alarm fee, which is set according to the most current Idaho Department of Lands Fire Service Organization Rate Book, is no different than what full-time departments in larger areas charge, Malmberg said.

According to its resolution, the commission wants curb false alarms as a way to keep volunteer morale — and, in turn, participation — up. The resolution also states that recurring false alarms affect response time.

Maintaining volunteer morale can ensure response to pages as well as maintain a viable firefighting force. Malmberg said that there are only about a half-dozen volunteers available for fire calls during daylight hours these days in Marsing.

Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said that his department doesn’t have a false-alarm billing policy in place — yet. Salutregui said that fire commissioners have discussed the issue and a policy could be enacted soon.

— JPB

Disaster Auction, other non-profits need licenses

Idaho Lottery letter reveals little-known raffle rule

A state agency has ordered the Marsing Disaster Auction to discontinue its long-standing raffle.

In a letter dated Feb. 18, Lynette Craven, Charitable Gaming Coordinator for the Idaho State Lottery Enforcement Division (ISLED), gave “formal notice that your organization must cease and desist from all future raffle activity” to Betty Ackerman, Marsing Disaster Auction organizer. The order to cease “until you have received a Charitable Gaming License” arose when Craven, reading a pre-auction article in The Owyhee Avalanche, decided that the prizes for the raffle “appeared” to exceed the \$1,000 aggregate mark that requires non-profits to hold a license.

The Disaster Auction has been around since the 1960s and has never run into this problem.

Ackerman was surprised to get the letter, and said the Disaster Auction leadership will get together, study the appropriate statutes and then formulate questions for a formal meeting with Craven and ISLED.

The license itself is not terribly expensive, with a yearly fee of \$100. Craven’s office issues about 400 such licenses yearly. To gain the license, organization used, a benchmark that is difficult with certain handmade items like quilts, Craven said. Licenses allow an organization to have up to 12 raffle events in a year, and some organizations will operate under other non-profit license-holder umbrellas, Craven said.

While Craven is used to helping sort out confusion with non-profits on licensing, she recently issued provisional licenses to groups in Kuna and Middleton, which had only learned of the law shortly before their own auctions.

She said she is surprised by violations of raffle law seen with some for-profit businesses.

Craven, who attended the recent Sportsman’s Show in Boise, saw several dealers selling raffle tickets for items — something for which no permit exists.

“A business can only run a raffle as a promotion,” she explained. They cannot charge for tickets, nor demand a purchase for a ticket.

“It’s like McDonald’s, if you ask them for a ticket or game-piece they have to give you one.”

Several dealers at the show will be getting notes from Craven. The Marsing Disaster Auction will likely not be facing any difficulties of that nature.

“We try to work with organizations that try to work with us,” she said.

— MML

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✓ Initiative: Grant believes lands bill has legs to pass on its own merits

said that Coburn has agreed to drop his filibuster effort if he is allowed to bring as many as six amendments to the bill. That process may take all week, Nothern said.

“In the end, it’s likely it will pass. Then it’s back to the House for a single up-or-down vote,” Nothern said. “If it works in the Senate this time, it will probably pass the House.”

Nothern warned that the bill isn’t out of the woods yet, again because of issues not specifically related to the Initiative, which would create 517,000 acres of wilderness and more than 300 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers in Owyhee County.

“There’s going to be a spirited opposition to the bill by some who are upset about the oil and gas leases that wilderness (designation) will impede the exploration of,” Nothern said.

Both Idaho congressmen — Republican Mike Simpson and Democrat Walt Minnick — voted in favor of suspending the rules in the House last week.

“Despite falling just two votes short in the House, we will continue to press ahead with efforts to pass the Owyhee Initiative legislation,” Crapo said in a press release. “The process of collaboration is succeeding in solving long-standing issues in Idaho, and that process is too important to be cut short by one vote in the U.S. Congress.

“I am disappointed at the result of the House vote, but confident about the future of the Owyhee Initiative. This legislation passed overwhelmingly in the U.S. Senate on a 73-21 vote in January with the support of Sen. (Jim) Risch (R-Idaho). The way the House voted on the Omnibus Lands package was based on other issues and was not directed at the Owyhee Initiative specifically.”

Initiative Work Group chair Fred Grant remained upbeat in the face of the setback.

“The failure to gain a two-thirds margin on a package of bills which includes some that almost no one likes was not a surprise to me,” Grant said. “What was a surprise is that the effort came within two votes of passing. This shows that, on the merits, the bill which includes the Initiative won support in the Senate by a margin of 3½ to 1. Now, on the merits it will get near two-thirds of the House. That’s a good sign that sooner rather than later we’re going to get passage — and probably in time for the 2010 appropriations cycle.”

Last week’s vote demoralized some high-level supporters in the county.

“At this point, I wish there was a way we could get (the Initiative) as a stand-alone bill, but the Senate leadership won’t let it happen,” Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said. “We know there are a lot of (other bills) that won’t go anywhere without piggy-backing.

“It’s unfair that we have to take the brunt of the criticism, too, because a lot of the land groups support our bill.”

Minnick voted for the bill, and later echoed what Initiative supporters have said about the eight-year road.

“As I just relayed to Sen. Crapo, it has been a long process to get to this point and the process is not yet over,” Minnick said Wednesday. “Although I am disappointed, today’s action shows that there are more than enough votes for this bill to pass the House under normal rules. I urge House leadership to put this bill back on the floor as quickly as possible, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting, reflecting and representing the collaborative work represented in this bill.”

— JPB

Initiative group bids farewell to some members

The Owyhee Initiative Work Group has gone through some changes since its last full meeting.

Chairman Fred Grant said last week that ranchers Brenda Richards and Inez Jaca have resigned from the panel because of other commitments.

Grant said Dennis Stanford will replace Richards as the Borderlands Trust representative on the Work Group.

“Dennis will be a fine replacement for Brenda,” Grant said. “He has stayed up with us, as her alternate, and will be ready to move right along with us as we begin to implement the Initiative.”

Frank Bachman will replace Jaca on the Work Group as a representative for Owyhee County.

“Frank Bachman has had a major role in developing the wild and scenic plan, and in identifying those places which may be shown as roads but are not,” Grant said. “He has done much work for us as an alternate, and it will now be nice having him in the voter’s chair.”

Grant said Jaca has brought a unique perspective to the Work Group as a private property owner.

“Inez is already missed. I could always count on her for advice on a sticky issue, and for editing of our theories from the standpoint of private property rights,” Grant said. “She was largely responsible for keeping us all on the private property rights, and the passion she brought to the table in behalf of the county commissioners was refreshing.”

Likewise, Grant said, Richards has been a strong component for the Work Group, reaching across traditionally antagonistic lines to unite ranchers and environmentalists.

“As chairman of the Work Group, I thank Brenda for her hard work and wish she were remaining with us,” Grant said. “Brenda has always been there for me, to help and offer suggestions in every tough spot.

“She was greatly responsible for beginning the breakdown of walls between our members who come from organizations that didn’t even speak with livestock operators and land owners nine years ago. Her high level of intelligence, her wit and ready smile, and her willingness to speak up on any issue, no matter how sticky it was, served her organization and her county very well.”

— JPB

Corrections

- Lynn Bowman was identified as the Marsing station commander for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office in the March 4 issue of The Avalanche. Kenny Hoagland has that position.
- In the March 4 issue, a picture of a Marsing High School wrestler was misidentified. The correct mug shot of Austin Glenn is at right.
- The date for horse judging given on page 9 of the March 11 issue is incorrect. Horse judging will be held on April 18 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.



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✓ Probation: Homedale looking to play hardball on office relocation

of Homedale,” Eidemiller told the City Council at Wednesday’s meeting. “And it’s not even a revenue issue. It’s the kids; the 70 percent of the people that are using the system and giving them pretty regular access to it.”

The chief said the transfer of the entire probation office to Marsing would “be the catalyst for more problems.”

He focused his remarks on the difficulties and consequences of juvenile probationers trying to make their appointments in Marsing, but also touched on adult misdemeanor probationers who may have lost their driver’s license because of a DUI conviction and now walk to their appointments.

“(If) they move it to Marsing, then we’re forcing these people to make a decision to say, ‘OK, do I stand more chance of getting in trouble for missing my probation meeting than I do driving?’”

Eidemiller mentioned the situation has become increasingly difficult for juveniles in the court system in the wake of the county’s decision to limit operational hours for the Homedale magistrate court and move youth offender cases to the main courthouse in Murphy.

“They don’t think the kids could go to Marsing to check

in,” District 2 Commissioner and probation supervisor George Hyer said. “It’s 10 miles away. Good grief.

“If you have to check in, you’ll find a way of doing it. And why should the majority of the citizens of the county pay for the few? And that was (the commissioners’) opinion.”

The police chief voiced his concern one day after he and Mayor Harold Wilson spoke with two county commissioners about the situation.

“I won’t name the commissioner I talked to, but he basically told me it’s going to happen — whether it’s now or when the lease expires,” Eidemiller said.

BOCC continues to explore options

The Board of County Commissioners decided March 9 to look into moving the probation office to the new Marsing annex permanently. The commissioners are investigating whether an immediate move can be made or if they have to wait until the



Harold Wilson

current lease on the Homedale building ends at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

“We’ve asked (building owner) Peggy Jackson to consider lowering the rent,” District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund said. “If she won’t do that, we’ll find a place after the first of October for rent that is considerably less, for people who don’t have transportation.”

Jewett and the commissioners discussed renting a small office elsewhere in Homedale for a satellite location for those people who don’t have transportation options.

Once the lease ends, the move would save the county more than \$10,000 a year in rent as well as the cost of heating the current office building at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 1st Street West.

Eidemiller said Jewett told him the total annual price tag for the building including lease and utilities is between \$16,000 and \$18,000.

The police chief received permission to draft a letter that would be signed jointly by Wilson and the councilmen in an attempt to lobby for probation office hours in Homedale.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer struck on an idea that

seemed widely accepted by the chief and council: Probation officers could use the magistrate courtroom for probation visits on the days that court isn’t in session — which would open up several days each week.

“It comes down to a revenue issue because we get a lot of help,” Bauer said. “It’s pain-in-the-rear help, but it’s help with cleanup, grunt-type work. Whatever you want to call it, these kids do get involved.”

The commissioners discussed with Jewett during a March 9 meeting the possibility of keeping hours in one of the small offices inside the Homedale magistrate courtroom. However, Bauer’s suggestion would be to let the probation officers use the courtroom, not just the adjacent office space.

“I’d rather see everything stay here, but if we can’t do that, we should do this,” Councilman Tim Downing said.

Councilman Eino Hendrickson urged the mayor to play “hard



George Hyer

ball” with the county, and Wilson said, “We already have.”

Wilson also said that he would be willing to go to a commissioners meeting and discuss the city’s concerns as well as “ask them to pay for the roof.”

The City Hall roof has a massive leak in it that has damaged the wall of the court clerk’s office and sends water running down the clerk’s window whenever it rains.

County sees issue as one of county funds

Homedale representatives were scheduled to visit Murphy on March 9 to discuss the courthouse problems, but failed to show up or cancel the agenda item. District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund had to call Homedale City Hall during the BOCC meeting to confirm whether any reps would be present.

“In all honesty, it has nothing to do with the mayor or the chief of police,” Hyer said of the probation office issue. “It’s county business, and if they can find us a room in Homedale to let the probation office use, that’s wonderful.

“But I’m not going to turn around and pay the kind of money we’ve been paying.”

— JPB

✓ LID: Chamber president urges property owners to talk to city fathers

The City of Homedale has enlisted the Chamber to help gauge the popularity of the LID plan, which would assessed each property owner in a district an annual payment related to the improvements to their storefront footage.

“We’re at a point where the city needs input from the property owners,” Parker said. “We want to gauge support for an LID. The city wants to see a high degree of support.”

Parker outlined how much the LID would cost if the city were turned down for the \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant for which officials will pitch on April 16 in Twin Falls and also if the grant was awarded.

He also mapped out cost estimates of total improvements. The numbers, city public works supervisor Larry Bauer said, were intentionally high.

The cost of eight-foot-wide sidewalks would be \$54 per lineal foot. The street lighting project — running electricity and putting up poles — would cost \$7 per foot. Curbs and gutters are priced at \$23 per lineal foot, and asphalt to patch into the existing road surface would cost about \$4.50 per foot.

The total cost of the project, including the area that would be covered by the block grant, is more than \$1.2 million. The grant would provide about \$400,000 in construction capital (with the

balance going to engineering and grant administration), meaning that the LID participants would be responsible for about \$839,000 and a per-foot cost of about \$60.

The cost of the LID assessment would be spread over 10 years. The average cost for a property owner would be \$31.82 per month for each 50 feet in improved frontage. The cost would be assessed on an individual basis according to the specific improvements each piece of property underwent.

Without the grant, the project would cost \$88.50 per foot, Parker said.

Parker said that the LID would provide an opportunity for property owners to pay their full assessment at once rather than

monthly. Early pay-off could be an option, too.

Property owners wouldn’t be locked into a set idea of improvements either.

“We hope to have it laid out where each individual owner can design the improvements to their needs,” Bauer said in response to a question from Tolmie’s Ace Hardware co-owner Robyn Tolmie about improvements farther north on Main Street than the improvement district as it is now outlined.

Tolmie also questioned whether the city could pass the LID even if the desired consent from 65 percent of property owners wasn’t reached.

“The council can pass it on their

own, if they have the gumption to do it,” Bauer said. “That’s a tough call to make, and they probably wouldn’t (pass it).”

Furthermore, Bauer said, the city could use some of the money from its economic development fund to help with improvements on non-city-owned property.

“Please talk to the councilmen and Mayor (Harold) Wilson,” Parker said. “Let them know your comments, your concerns, your support and hopefully we can move forward with this so that we can, first of all, get that grant money and make downtown Homedale a prettier place, which of course is going to benefit all of us economically.”

— JPB

✓ Water: City will get twice the pipe in the ground it had hoped for

and will take low-lying portions of the system from 60 to 75 psi.

Kohtz said that every project is different, and it is impossible to predict how many, if any, pipes may be damaged when the water pressure increases.

The low construction costs in the economic slump, and the hunger of contractors for work, means that Marsing will be able to install primary, secondary and tertiary pipe in the project — giving the town nearly twice

as much new pipe in the ground as was originally estimated. The plans had been to replace the most decrepit pipe as phase A, then move to phases B and C as money allowed. As it stands now, all three phases can be completed with funds left over.

Kohtz provided the funding breakdown for the project. Of the \$3,582,200, two USDA Rural Development grants account for \$1.7 million and \$751,500; city monies borrowed and cash on hand

accounted for \$286,700; an Idaho Community Development Block Grant provided \$432,000, and \$412,000 from an Environmental Protection Agency’s State and Tribal Assistance Grant.

Other business

The City Council adopted an expanded and more specific vicious dog ordinance, examined but did not yet approve a business license ordinance and reviewed but did not make any new motions

on the ongoing sewer project.

Head of Public Works Danny Martin reported that the box-skimmer at Island Park was worn out and would require replacement, and received approval to pursue repairs/replacement on a wooden walkway at the park that could be a liability issue for the city. Martin also will be purchasing 1,500 feet of plastic irrigation pipe at \$3,500 for the upcoming irrigation season.

The council considered a

hardship appeal for citizens who fell behind on their water bill and claimed they could not afford the \$50 shutoff/reconnect fee. After discussion, it was decided to leave such appeals as a prerogative of the mayor, with the generally accepted solution being the repayment of such charges over a four- or five-month period, though with the caveat that repeat offenders would not be offered the option.

— MML

Homedale, Marsing Syringa Girls’ State nominees selected

The Homedale and Marsing American Legion Auxiliaries have selected candidates for this year’s Idaho Syringa Girls’ State event.

Homedale High School students Kortney Stansell and Carmen Zatica and Marsing’s Natalie Evans and Brisa Stahle have been nominated by their respective towns’ Auxiliaries. Homedale also will sponsor a third girl, Wilder High School student Brittany Search. Her trip will be paid for by the Wilder School District.

Evans and Stahle were selected after completing interviews at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center on March 10. Evans is the daughter of Mark and Elizabeth, while Stahle’s parents are Van and Connie.

Girls’ State is held a week after Idaho Gem Boys’ State at Nampa’s Northwest Nazarene University. The American Legion posts in Owyhee County are in the process of selecting high school juniors for the June 7-13 event.

The Homedale auxiliary selected Stansell and Zatica to attend the 63rd annual event that teaches citizenship and civics. The event will be held June 14-20 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Stansell is the daughter of Lori and Brandon Demond. Zatica’s parents are Steven and Theresa Zatica.

Auxiliary spokesperson Carolyn Grooms said her group has raised \$205 in donations to help with the girls’ expenses.

School menus

Homedale Elementary
March 18: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.
March 19-27: No school

Homedale Middle
March 18: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.
March 19: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
March 20-27: No school

Homedale High
March 18: Spaghetti, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
March 19: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
March 20-27: No school

Marsing
March 18: Burrito, dessert, hot dog/chorizo, salad & fruit bar, milk.
March 19: Pizza, salad, dessert, baked potato, salad & fruit bar, milk.
March 20-27: No school.

Bruneau
March 18: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, roll/butter, fruit crisp, milk.
March 19: Corn dog, tots, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.
March 20-27: No school.

Senior menus

Marsing center
March 18: Baked fish, rice pilaf, sweet & sour coleslaw, whole wheat bread, citrus sections, brownie.
March 19: Chicken paprika, garlic mashed potatoes, winter squash, vegetable beef soup, rye bread, fruit cocktail.
March 23: Breakfast to order.
March 24: Spaghetti w/meatballs, Italian green beans, grape juice, garlic bread, rum sauced bananas w/raisins.
March 25: Mushroom steak, stewed tomatoes, Waldorf salad, wheat bread, oven browned potatoes, lime jello w/pineapple.

Homedale center
March 18: Salisbury steak w/onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, roll, beverage.
March 19: Ham & beans, mixed veggies, corn bread, beverage.
March 24: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, roll, beverage.
March 25: BBQ beef on bun, California blend veggies, potato, beverage.
March 26: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, roll, beverage.

Nash steps down from irrigation board

Start date for irrigation to be announced soon

Steve Nash has decided to step down from the South Board of Control.

The decision arose after his brother, Ryan, was hired by the South Board in a maintenance capacity, Steve Nash said.

Both Nash and Kiester discussed the decision, and decided there might be an appearance of conflict of interest. Nash stepped down from the board position, which he had held since 2001, in order to avoid any such concerns. Greg Purdom of Homedale has been chosen to fill the remainder of Nash’s term, which ends in December.

Like Nash, Purdom will serve both on the SBOC as well as the Gem Irrigation District board of directors.

The date for the beginning of irrigation was set after press time in a Tuesday join meeting of the SBOC and Owyhee Irrigation District. Details can be found online at www.owyheeavalanche.com.

Irrigation Board members, 2009

South Board of Control, Owyhee Project
Chairman Dennis Turner, Vice-chair Kelly Lootens, Director Dave Shenk, Director Tim Leavitt, Director Greg Purdom, Director Garold Johnston, Manager Ron Kiester.

Ridgeview Irrigation District
Chairman Garold Johnston, Vice-chair Bret Nielson, Director John Lax, Manager Ron Kiester.

Gem Irrigation District
Chairman Dennis Turner, Vice-chair Kelly Lootens, Director Dave Shenk, Director Tim Leavitt, Director Greg Purdom, Manager Ron Kiester.

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Mar 13	50	16	.00
Mar 14	57	25	.00
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Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon
Noon, free, RSVP required by Monday, Bruneau Valley Library, 37023 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Line dancing lessons
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale American Legion Bean Feed
5 p.m. happy hour, 6 p.m., free dinner, door prizes, raffle tickets 50 cents each, three for \$1, Homedale American Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3686

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

HHS Winter Sports Awards Banquet
7 p.m., Homedale Trojans Athletic Association presents, Homedale High School cafeteria, Homedale. (208) 337-4613

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

Thursday

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.

Narcotics Anonymous book study
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Friday

Children’s story time
10:15 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

Monday

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

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hw 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

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

Senior citizens card games
1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Every Child Ready to Read
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

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

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

78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2253

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

Wednesday

Circuit Breaker property tax help
10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817

Line dancing lessons
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Marsing Ambulance annual meeting
8 p.m., Marsing Rural Fire Station, Main St., Marsing.

Thursday, March 26

Circuit Breaker property tax help
9:30 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 495-2817

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous book study
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Friday, March 27th, 2009

Children’s story time
10:15 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

Senior center fundraiser
6:30 p.m., Rocky Mountain Oyster feed, \$10 each, limit 75 tickets, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Monday, March 30th, 2009

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

TRIAD meeting
1 p.m., all-county meeting, Murphy

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hw 95 S., Homedale

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click of the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

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.



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The word Sequoia and facetious both are among a handful of words in our language that use all five vowels. What other ones can you think of?

Since we’re on facts about places ... what continent has no mold or mildew? Well, the continent of Antarctica, of course.

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

Free meals planned this summer

Two school districts in Owyhee County will serve meals through a federal program this year. The program serves those age 1-18.

Free breakfast and lunch will be served weekdays at the Marsing School District cafeteria. Service will be from May 26 to June 26. Breakfast will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 896-4111, ext. 146.

Breakfast (7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.) and lunch (11 a.m. to noon) will be served at Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., weekdays from June 3 to July 1. The only requirements are the age limit and that the child eats the meal at the cafeteria.

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Prescribed burns set this week near Grand View

Crews from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise District plan to conduct a prescribed burn at the Ted Trueblood Wildlife Management Area (WMA) near Grand View this week, weather permitting.

The project area consists of four covering cover approximately 40 acres about two miles north of Grand View.

The Ted Trueblood WMA is co-managed by Boise District BLM and Idaho Department of Fish and Game for the benefit of waterfowl, upland game birds, wading birds, and songbirds. The WMA provides an outstanding nesting and brood-rearing resource for resident birds, and a rest and foraging area for a large variety of wading birds, shorebirds, and other migratory bird species. The purpose of the project is to restore and improve wildlife habitat characteristics by suppressing noxious weeds.

“The project is a great example of interagency cooperation between the Boise BLM and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game that will improve habitat for many species,” BLM Boise District fuels program coordinator Lance Okeson said.

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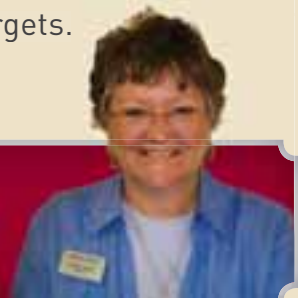
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Homedale man hits the road to call college hoops

What started as a way to earn some spending cash after college has taken Homedale's Darren Krzesnik to some of the biggest college campuses in the West.

The 1983 Homedale High School grad just finished his 14th season officiating Div. I college basketball games. He has worked both men's and women's games in the NCAA and the NAIA.

Krzesnik actually had dabbled in officiating YBA games while still in high school. But it became a career later.

"Out of college, I was in a bowling league and spending money and not making any, and a friend of mine talked me into refereeing," Krzesnik said.

Twenty-three years later, Krzesnik has officiated in every big game imaginable. He recently returned from the West Coast Conference women's tournament in Las Vegas on March 7-8.

He also has served as the officiating coordinator for high school games in Oregon and Idaho for the past two years.

But the father of two says there is more to being an official than stepping on the floor for the biggest games.

"You always want to get the big assignments, but as I tell my high school officials, 'Every game is important to the ones who are there,'" Krzesnik said.

Still, he has coached in six high school state tourneys as well as college tournaments such as



Darren Krzesnik

the National Invitational Tournament (five times) and the 1999 NAIA Div. II women's title game in Sioux City, Iowa.

He has officiated at least four rivalry games between Northwest Nazarene University and The College of Idaho, both men and women.

"The first College of Idaho-NUU game I officiated went into double-overtime, and I had (then-Coyotes' coach) Marty Holly yelling at me," he said.

But the toughest assignment he has had didn't involve a striped shirt and a whistle.

It was sitting in the stands watching his son or daughter play basketball for Homedale schools.

His eldest son, 2007 HHS grad Trevor, followed in dad's footsteps and played guard for the Trojans. His daughter, Cortnee, was a part of a Homedale Middle School basketball championship team as an eighth-grader and is now in her senior year. Hayden is an eighth-grader at HMS playing football and basketball.

"Those were the hardest to ever be a part of because not only were you questioning what an official was calling and why they were calling it, but you also have friends and fans looking to you and asking about how they were calling it," Krzesnik said.

"You can't please everybody. It was a whole new experience sitting in the stands and just seeing an official call those games."

There's no shortage of opportunities to be on the other end of the scrutiny, though. Sometimes, that even comes from the guy who made the call — Krzesnik himself.

One such flubbed call came at Stanford, where Krzesnik has officiated the women's basketball equivalent of the Big Game against Stanford and California.

"They have a boo meter to show you the biggest boo you've got," he said. "I can remember making what I thought was a foul. And, of course, in my opinion it was a foul until I saw it on the big screen."

And how does an official handle a blown call?

"You admit to the coach you're wrong," he said. "They won't argue if you admit you missed one."

Maintaining the high caliber of officiating that fans, players and coaches expect requires homework. Krzesnik and other officials get DVDs of each of their games, and sometimes they review the game film in their hotel rooms after the contests.

Krzesnik became a Div. I referee after going to tryouts for different West Coast basketball conferences, such as the Pacific

10 and the WCC.

He got his start in the old Big West when Boise State was a member, and he also officiates NAIA games in the Cascade Collegiate Conference (where The College of Idaho plays) and NCAA Div. II games in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, which features Northwest Nazarene University.

"I get a sense of confidence knowing that there's only a few selected people that get to do those games, so I feel privileged," Krzesnik said. "It's very neat to see campuses throughout the West Coast and Midwest that I never would have got see if not for officiating."

Krzesnik has a scrapbook of the games and places he has seen. He also has memories of sharing the floor with coaches like Tara VanDerveer from Stanford, June Daugherty from BSU, the University of Washington and Washington State, Gordy Presnell at BSU and Seattle Pacific, and Charli Turner Thorne from Arizona State and he also remembers the privilege of officiating games in which Stanford and Pac-10 all-time leading scorer Candice Wiggins of Stanford played.

Krzesnik has no dreams of going any farther up the ladder. He's content with his schedule now — 50 games a year and quick road trips to places like UCLA's Pauley Pavilion, UW's Bank of America Arena and memories of his first game on Lute and Bobbi Olson Court on the University of Arizona campus and last year's Oregon-Georgia Tech women's game at the Rose Garden in Portland, which gave Krzesnik an up-close look at the spacious NBA locker room of the Portland Trailblazers.

"I'm content in the conferences that I'm in," he said, adding that taking on more assignments would be more time from home, his wife Sherri and his two youngest children's games.

"I don't have to explain the nights I want off with the supervisors in the conferences I have now."

He's on the road about two or three nights a week. Sometimes it's just a quick fly-in to do a Saturday game and then a red-eye home. Other times he has been away as many as five days. He drives when he has to officiate in Pullman, Wash., or Moscow.

"There's a lot of camaraderie and friendship that come about with officiating whether it's high school or college officials," he said.

"Because it's really only two or three people on the court at a time that have your back, so really there's a lot of friendships that come from officiating."

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County cuts ribbon on annex with room to grow

Interested citizens got a first-hand tour of the new Owyhee County annex in Marsing last week.

Assessor Brett Endicott, who has supervised the remodel of the office building at 19 Reich St., served as tour guide and master of ceremonies during the ribbon cutting on March 10.

Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland cut the ribbon in front of the Division of Motor Vehicles entrance before Endicott kicked off a brief tour.

"This is a win-win situation for the entire county," Hoagland said before dedicating the building for the "citizens of Owyhee County."

"I think it's one of the best things that we've done since I've been a commissioner."

Endicott took time to compliment Jean Shurtleff, the

Murphy contractor responsible for the remodel, on his work.

"You can't help but admire the work," Endicott said. "As far as I'm concerned, he did a very, very good job."

The coroner has his own office now. Grimme used to work out of his home.

And Endicott pointed out that the entire county probation department will move into the building as well.

The new office comes nearly a quarter century after then-Marsing Mayor Roy Herman and then-Sheriff Tim Nettleton hammered out a deal to move some county satellite offices into Marsing City Hall.

Now that the annex building is complete, county personnel have vacated City Hall, giving Green and city staff room to breathe.

"I would also like to thank the

City of Marsing because they have been very generous and hospitable over all these years," Endicott said.

Crandall took visitors through the sheriff's substation, pointing out a meeting room in the back of the building as well as the office of Deputy Kenny Hoagland, whom he called the chief of police for Marsing.

Crandall also pointed out that Sgt. Perry Grant, the North County supervisor, would have an office in the Marsing building.

The sheriff also showed off a window where citizens could come into the office and get assistance.

"It turned out real well," Crandall said. "We're real happy and pleased to bring more customer service to the City of Marsing."

— JPB



From left: Commissioners George Hyer and Jerry Hoagland, county assessor Brett Endicott and commissioner Dick Freund.

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El-Ada partnership to distribute funds for food programs

The El-Ada Community Action Partnership will act as a distributing agency for more than \$4,500 in federal money to emergency food and shelter programs in Owyhee County.

Public or private organizations can apply for the funds by contacting El-Ada's Owyhee County coordinator, Jan Clapier, at (208) 337-4812.

The county office is locat-

ed at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

The deadline to apply for consideration is March 25.

A board of local representatives will decide how \$4,722 in funding will be distributed.

To be considered for funding, a program must be a private voluntary non-profit or unit of the government that has an accounting system, practices non-discrimi-

nation and has demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs.

Private voluntary organizations also must have a voluntary board of directors.

The money was designated for the county by a national board empowered by Congress to distributed funds and help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in areas of the country

with the highest need.

The board includes representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, The Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. United Way of America provides administrative staff for the program and acts as a fiscal agent.



Fast break at

Nate Feaster-Eythison of the Marsing FFA at the March 10 FFA fundraiser donkey basketball game.

Homedale beat Marsing in FFA donkey basketball

FFA chapter members from Marsing and Homedale were among the teams that tilted during the March 10 donkey basketball fundraiser in Marsing.

Homedale FFA beat their Marsing counterparts, 10-8, in the first game, the "Old Guys" of the Marsing Volunteer Fire Department used experience (and trickery) to top the Marsing High School Freshmen, 10-6, in the second. In the final, the two FFA teams met once more – the Firemen cried off as too tired – and Homedale repeated its win, 5-2.

Marsing FFA advisor Mike Martin was pleased with the event.

Library tells tale with a watery twist

Story Time at Homedale Public Library will feature "Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark" by Will Grace at 10:15 a.m. on Friday. The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The familiar tale of "The Three Little Pigs" gets an underwater makeover as three little fish build their homes. It isn't long before the big bad shark shows up at each residence, calling "Little fish, little fish, let me come in!" Listeners will join the refrain, "Not by the skin of my finny fin fin!"

Along with the story there will also be singing, refreshments and a take-home craft. For more information, phone 337-4228 afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

OCHS meet features Avalanche columnist

Wayne Cornell, whose weekly column "Not Important, But Possibly of Interest" appears in The Owyhee Avalanche, is featured speaker Friday at the Owyhee County Historical Society's general membership meeting.

The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

An editor for Caxton Press in Caldwell, Cornell will present "Authors, Editors and the Effect of the American Badger on Global Warming."

In its March 6 newsletter, the OCHS announced that its first field trip of the season will come April 25. Members and interested parties will tour Reynolds Creek, Pioneer Cemetery and Brunzell Station under the guidance of Mary O'Malley.

Participants will meet at Dan's

Ferry Service, with the tour beginning at 9 a.m. at Cleo's Nature Walk.

Other trips on the itinerary for 2009 include:

- A May 23 outing to Jordan Craters and Birch Creek Ranch. Nick and Dolores Ihli will lead the trip, which begins at the ION Truck Stop west of Marsing at 9 a.m.
- A June 27 tour of Leslie Gulch led by Bill Bawtenheimer. The trip takes off from the ION station at 10 a.m.

All trips have potluck lunches, and participants are asked to bring a dish, table service and a table and chairs.

Details for trips on July 18, Aug. 22 and Sept. 19 are still being worked out.

Call (208) 495-2537 for more information on the field trips.

Also in the OCHS newsletter, museum director Thom Couch

reported that The Wright Brothers, The Building Company, has been awarded the bid for museum improvements. The company's bid was the lowest of 11 revealed at last month's public opening. Couch said a \$63,662 bid will allow the museum to pave parking lots in the front and rear of the complex as well as upgrade the electrical system and place old-fashioned streetlamps around the lower lawn. The bid also calls for handicapped-accessible doors and outside electrical outlets for special events.

Raffle tickets are available for the Murphy Outpost Days quilt created by Charlene Nettleton. Couch said that ticket sales have generated \$1,000 in proceeds thus far.

The museum is open year-round from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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“The Donkey Basketball was a huge success,” he said afterward. “The Homedale and Marsing FFA members who played had a great time with lots of pictures and lots of good memories being generated. The Marsing FFA would like to give a big thank you to the Marsing Volunteer Fire Department for being such good sports. A tip of the hat goes to the Homedale FFA for winning the championship game.

“As always, I’m so pleased with the way the Marsing community supports the schools,” he said. “ Due to the good turnout, the FFA chapter was able to make a handsome profit.

Court report

The Third District Court of Owyhee County saw its usual busy week. In addition to traffic and ordinance infractions, criminal cases included:

After his Dec. 16 arrest, Jason Wayne Sheets of Adrian, Ore., was found guilty of misdemeanor DUI before Judge Dan Grober on March 5. Sheets faces fees and fines of \$1,000, will lose his license for six months, will be on probation for a year, and will serve 10 days in jail.

Steven Leo Valero, 20, arrested in Ontario, Ore., on an Owyhee County felony burglary warrant

in August, was tried and found guilty of the charge before Judge Thomas Ryan on Feb. 27. Valero, who made news when he jumped from a second-floor window in an attempt to elude officers, was sentenced to two years determinate and three indeterminate. A second charge, of grand theft, was dropped. Valero was tried and found guilty of drug possession in June of 2008 in Caldwell, as well as felony theft, burglary, battery and an array of misdemeanors in Fruitland dating back to 2000.

Antonio Rosales-Armenta, 31, was found guilty of petty theft and providing false information to

officers in a Feb. 20 incident tried before Judge Grober. Armenta will serve 20 days in jail, will be on probation for a year and faces court costs and fines of \$800.

Erron E. Marks, 15, of Homedale did not contest charges of driving a vehicle without the owner’s consent and felony grand theft, dating to a December incident. Marks was sentenced by Judge Grober, will be on probation for three years, and will have to spend 68 days in jail — of which he has already served 38.

Melba resident Ivan Eugene Carson, 68, was found guilty in Judge Grober’s court of DUI after

a Dec. 6 traffic stop. Carson will pay fees and fines of \$890.50, has had his license suspended for six months, will be on probation for two years, may have to serve 38 days in jail and will enter a treatment program as part of his sentence.

Carson also has a DUI conviction from 2006 in Canyon County, as well as a DUI in Twin Falls County from 1991.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office declined to comment or give background on any of the cases before deadline, referring inquiries to prosecuting attorney Douglas Emery.



Spuds finance seniors’ party

Gary Garrett, uncle of one of the seniors competing in last week’s Homedale High School senior-vs.-faculty basketball game, buys a loaded baked potato prior to the action. Money was raised for the senior trip and drug-free graduation party through the baked potato sale and gift basket auction.

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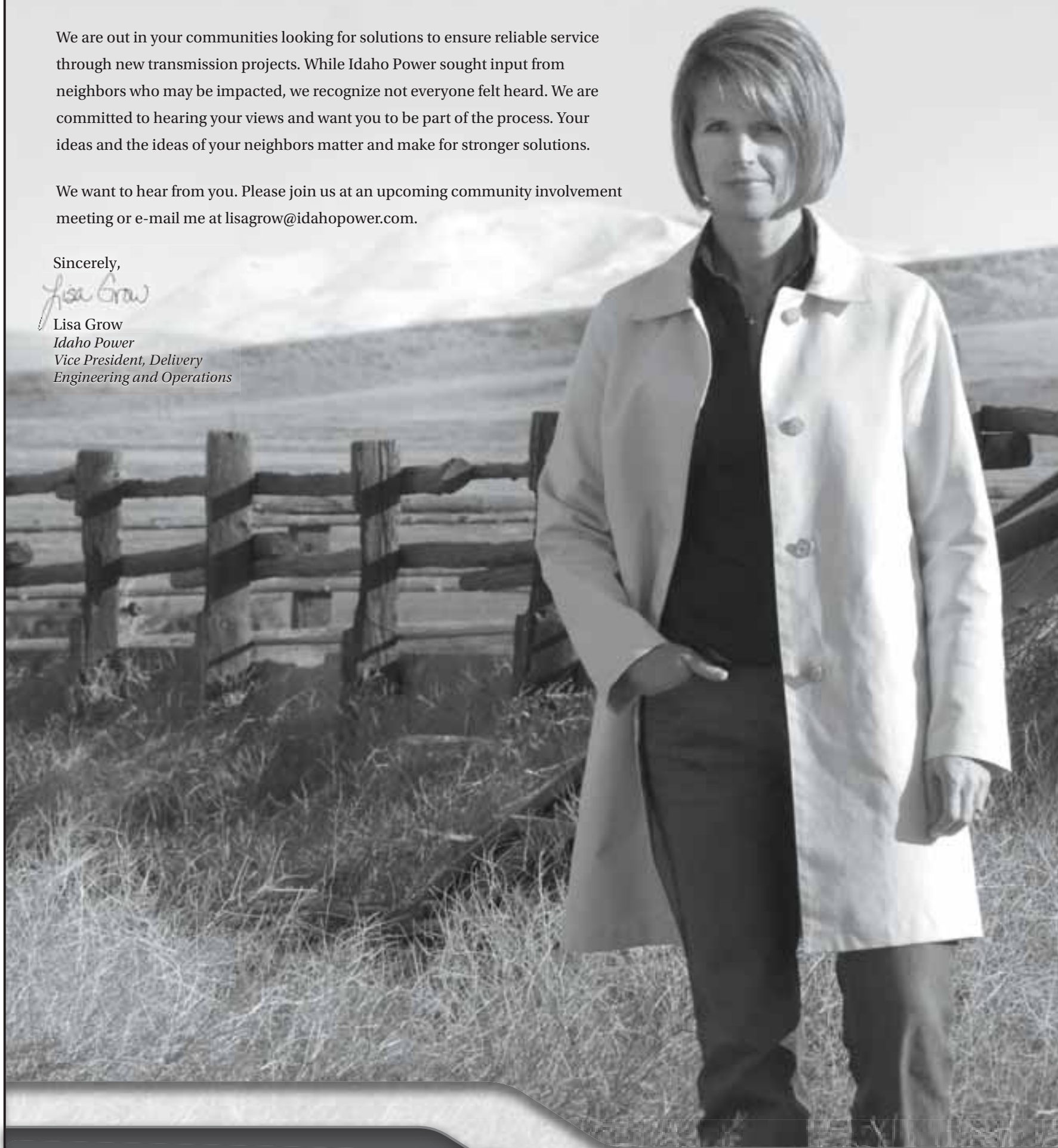
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Trojans, Huskies post wins at HHS Invite

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HHS grad shines in pro football debut

All he wanted was a chance. Once former Eastern Oregon University and Homedale High School standout Michael Eby got his shot in professional football Sunday, he made the most of it. Playing his first pro game for the Billings Outlaws of the Indoor Football League, Eby picked off two passes and had a pass breakup. The Outlaws crushed the visiting Sioux City Bandits, 82-12, in their opener

for the inaugural IFL season. In addition to leading the team with two picks, Eby had 2.5 tackles from his free safety position. Eby's second interception of Sioux City quarterback Michael Spriggs — an arena football veteran — came in the second quarter. Eby returned the ball 22 yards to set up a first-and-goal situation that led to an Outlaws' touchdown and a 42-6 lead. The son of Vicki and Gary Eby

also picked off a pass on Sioux City's second play from scrimmage in the first quarter. After a 12-yard return, it took Billings only one play to get in the end zone for their second score of the game. The lopsided victory kicked off a 13-game schedule for Billings. The Outlaws play in the Pacific Division of the IFL's Intense Conference and will also tackle teams from Alaska (Anchorage and Fairbanks),

Omaha, Neb., Sioux Falls, S.D., and Colorado. Eby's mother alerted The Owyhee Avalanche about her son's move. The former EOU linebacker wasn't available for comment in the days leading up to the game. Vicki Eby said that her son hired an agent after taking part in the BSU Pro Day last year, and that his agent contact the Outlaws.



—JPB Michael Eby



Trojans shine in last hurrahs

Right: Homedale's Ryan Garrett dishes a pass around Parma's Travis Kiser during last week's District III 2A / 3A All-Star Basketball game in Fruitland. **Above:** Homedale Senior Kendall Rupp had a great showing at last week's girls' basketball all-star game, scoring in double figures. Photos by Gregg Garrett



Trojans come up big in all-star finales

Eight Homedale High School seniors participated in the 2A-3A District III senior all-start basketball games last week in Fruitland. Ryan Garrett, Grant Sweet, Austin Emry, Tyler Gibson and Rodrigo Villarreal represented the Homedale boys. According to an eye-witness report, Villarreal scored 20 points and Garrett popped four three-point goals on the way to 17 points as the 3A all-stars posted a 123-84 victory over the 2A squad, according to reports. All five Trojans got in the scorebook. Kendall Rupp had an outstanding game for the 3A girls' basketball all-stars. She was joined on the floor by fellow Homedale athletes Hannah Johnson and Ashley Thomson.



Rodrigo Villarreal

Huskies top Trojans in early baseball play

Trojans off to an 0-4 start

Marsing and Homedale high schools met in non-conference baseball on Thursday with the host Trojans falling in a slugfest, 13-10. It was one of four non-conference games against 2A opponents for Homedale (0-4). Third baseman Mike Moore

went 3-for-4 with two runs scored, two doubles and two RBI for the Huskies. Left fielder Ray Evans and pitcher Ethan Salove also had a pair of hits for Marsing, which scored four runs in the top of the sixth inning to withstand Homedale's five-run rally in the bottom of the frame. Homedale statistics reported by Marsing did not include player names and were unreportable. Homedale's — See **Baseball**, page 16



Marsing starting pitcher reaches base four times

The Huskies' Ethan Salove connects on one of his two singles Thursday in a non-conference win over Homedale. Salove also reached base on a first-inning walk and a fifth-inning infield error.

Sports

Homedale track meet partial results

For full results on the Thursday meet, visit www.owyheeavalanche.com.

Schools Attending
Idaho - 1A: GL — Greenleaf Friends, IC — Idaho City, No — Notus, RR — Rimrock. Idaho - 2A: MA — Marsing, NP — New Plymouth. Idaho - 3A: HD — Homedale

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2 Kerby Anderson 11.80 Jr No
3 Jose Paramo 12.00 Sr MA

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1 Donnie Hazzard 52.00 Jr IC
2 Trent Acree 55.80 Jr HD
3 Connor White 56.50 Jr NP

800 Meters - Varsity - Finals
1 Jake Tolmie 2:15.60 Jr HD
2 Nate Pool 2:26.70 Fr GL
3 Ruben Rodriguez 2:27.30 So MA

110m Hurdles - 39" - Varsity - Finals
1 David Forester 18.40 Jr IC
2 Aaron Proferes 18.90 Jr HD
3 Brandon Walgamott 20.30 Jr MA

300m Hurdles - 36" - Varsity - Finals

1 Josh Austin 47.20 Sr NP
2 David Forester 48.00 Jr IC
3 Bodie Hyer 50.10 Fr HD
Shot Put - 121b - Varsity - Finals

1 Josh Ward 39-03.00 Sr IC
2 David Forester 38-08.50 Jr IC
3 Ty Shippy 37-10.50 Jr MA

High Jump - Varsity - Finals
1 Stuart McCusker 5-10.00 Sr IC
2 Dary Langfitt 5-06.00 Jr RR
3 Clay Cantrell 5-06.00 Fr RR

Long Jump - Varsity - Finals
1 Trent Acree 20-04.50 Jr HD
2 Jose Paramo 17-09.50 Sr MA
2 Caleb Hersom 17-09.50 So IC

Triple Jump - Varsity - Finals
1 Tyler Christensen 35-07.00 Sr No
2 Alex Meyers 34-00.00 Sr RR
3 Seth Bayes 33-07.00 Fr HD

Girls' Results
100 Meters - Varsity - Finals
1 Annie Colvin 13.80 Sr NP
2 Heather deLeon 14.10 Fr NP
2 Jessica Freeman 14.10 Jr MA

200 Meters - Varsity - Finals
1 Natalie Evans 28.80 Jr MA
2 Heather deLeon 30.40 Fr NP
3 Kayla Ogden 30.60 So NP

400 Meters - Varsity - Finals
1 Kaitilin Garcia 1:08.30 Fr HD
2 Katie Johnson 1:09.40 So RR
3 Kayla Ogden 1:13.30 So NP

800 Meters - Varsity - Finals
1 Natalie Evans 2:33.70 Jr MA
2 Andrea Rodriguez 3:06.60 Fr MA
3 Seleste Estrada 3:30.00 Fr MA

1600 Meters - Varsity - Finals
1 Natalie Evans 5:56.00 Jr MA
2 Brandi Parker 6:29.00 So GL
3 Angelica Garibay 7:06.00 Sr HD

100m Hurdles - 33" - Varsity - Finals
1 Jessica Freeman 18.50 Jr MA
2 Kaitilin Garcia 19.30 Fr HD
3 Amy Baxter 19.60 Jr NP

Shot Put - 4kg - Varsity - Finals
1 Nickole D'Alessio 36-05.50 Jr HD
2 Mallory Nelson 29-02.00 Fr IC
3 Veronica D'Alessio 26-06.50 Fr HD

Discus - 1kg - Varsity - Finals
1 Nickole D'Alessio 115-01 Jr HD
2 Chantelle Chase 80-00 Jr NP
3 Alina Urquhart 74-08 Sr NP

High Jump - Varsity - Finals
1 Nani Pearce 5-02.00 Sr NP
2 Rachelle Christofferson 4-08.00 Sr HD
3 No entrant

Long Jump - Varsity - Finals
1 Lindsay Christensen 14-10.00 Fr No
2 Genevie Larsen 14-00.00 Jr No
3 Jessica Freeman 13-07.00 Jr MA

Triple Jump - Varsity - Finals
1 Rachelle Christofferson 31-02.00 Sr HD
2 Lindsay Christensen 29-11.00 Fr No
3 Hailee Henggeler 27-11.50 Fr NP

HHS holds Winter Sports Award Dinner tonight

The Homedale Trojans Athletic Association (HTAA) has extended an invitation to attend the 2009 Winter Sports award night and potluck at 7 p.m. today at the high school cafeteria.

The HTAA asks families of the boys' and girls' basketball players to supply the main dish, wrestling families will bring dessert, cheerleaders will provide salads and the HTAA will provide beverages.

"Please come by and enjoy the

evening as we celebrate the accomplishments of the winter program," HHS athletic director David Hart wrote in the release trumpeting the event. "The athletes and coaches have put in hundreds of hours this season; please plan to enjoy the whole evening."

Dinner will be served first, followed by awards and appreciation for the cheerleaders, girls basketball, wrestling, and boys basketball.

Baseball: Trojans battle

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statistics weren't received by deadline.

Saturday: New Plymouth 8-9, Homedale 2-5 — Quick starts by the Pilgrims in both games sent the Trojans to defeat.

New Plymouth scored six times in the bottom of the first of the opener on its home field and cruised to victory. The Trojans struck first with two runs in the top of the first in Game 2, but the Pilgrims rallied with three runs in the bottom of the frame.

Homedale tied the second game on three different occasions.

Thursday: Parma 10, Homedale 0 (6) — Leadoff hitter Tyler Ford singled in the top of the fourth inning and got as far as

second base, but he accounted for the Trojans' only hit in a shortened season-opening loss on the road.

Designated hitter Lance Johnson was 2-for-3 with a run and three RBIs for the Panthers, who broke the game open with a four-run third inning.

Parma starter Keith Condie faced one batter over the minimum for six innings, striking out 10. The Panthers didn't commit a turnover, while Homedale was charged with six.

"The Parma pitcher did well tonight and shut us down," second-year Trojans coach Burke Deal said. "We will hit much better as the season progresses. Our pitchers did well and threw lots of strikes."

TROJAN

SPRING

SPORTS



Baseball

Varsity

Thursday, March 19, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 at Nampa Christian Tournament

Junior varsity

Monday, March 30 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Softball

Varsity

Thursday, March 19, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20 at Nampa, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, March 19, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 20 at Nampa, 5 p.m.

Golf

Wednesday, March 18 at Ontario (Ore.) Invitational, 11 a.m.

Friday, March 20, home for Canyon Classic, River Bend GC, 10 a.m.

Tennis

Friday, March 20, home vs. Emmett, 4 p.m.

Track & field

Friday, April 3 at Nyssa, Ore., Invitational

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SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball

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Softball

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Saturday, March 21 vs. Nyssa, Ore.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

March 21, 1984

Irrigation system aired at city council meeting

A number of homeowners from the Ponderosa, Big Sky and Owyhee subdivisions voiced opinions and raised questions regarding the responsibility of the City for management of their irrigation systems and the city’s involvement through annexation, during the last Wednesday’s Homedale City Council meeting. The existence of a continuous maintenance contract with the city was questioned by residents from the Ponderosa subdivision. City Clerk Edna Grimes said she did not have access to such a document and City Superintendent Paul Pearson said that he had no knowledge of one either.

Mayor Paul Fink recommended that the homeowners organize small associations to manage the irrigation pumps and handle books and billing fees themselves. He contended that the city could not accept the financial burden of an additional person on the payroll to perform those duties.

The question and concern for liability at the pump sites was also expressed and areas in which irrigation waters pose potential danger were pointed out.

Pearson expressed his view that it was the city’s responsibility to deliver the water, but questioned any further involvement.

Gary Morgan, City Attorney, said the developers of the subdivisions should be accountable for problems arising with irrigation, drains, gutters, roads and domestic water, and that the City should be held responsible.

Councilman Herb Fritzley suggested that a meeting between subdivision developers, homeowners and the council would be the best means of determining the facts and working out the problems. It was also agreed by the other Council members.

Gary Morgan advised the Council that should the city accept involvement, a written agreement should be produced determining to what extent.

For the time being it was decided that the irrigation management in the subdivisions would be handled in the same manner it had been in previous years.

Hay growers elect board of directors

New directors and officers were elected at the recent fifth annual Idaho Hay Growers Association meeting in Pocatello. Andy Dobson, Mud Lake, was elected president. Lynn Standlee, Bruneau, is the newly elected vice president.

Board of Directors elected or re-elected are: Joe Didier, Moore; Chet Tindall, Mountain Home; Dennis Strom, Hill City; LaMar Whyte, Springfield; Clay Atkins, Bruneau; Don Johnson, Malta; and Steven Aikele, Moore.

Gottsch presented diamond clover

The 4-H Award of the Diamond clover was presented to Vivian Gottsch in recognition of twenty years of service to 4-H as a volunteer leader by the Cooperative Extension Service, US Department of Agriculture and the University of Idaho February 28, 1984. She was also given a plaque in recognition for Meritorious Service to 4-H.

Vivian started leading 4-H in Elmore County where she was a livestock leader. When she moved to Grand View, Owyhee County, she continued to lead adding Home Ec projects and eventually just about every other project that is offered through the Idaho 4-H program, which are numerous. She helped develop the state 4-H knitting project and helped pilot many others before they were adopted as state projects.

After 20 years of leading, she is retiring as a leader, but will continue to help with the 4-H program. She still has two teenagers in 4-H but feels she would now like to pursue other projects.

Andrea Jackson named on college honors list

Andrea Jackson, daughter of Dale and Gypsy Jackson of Homedale, has been selected by the Academic Status Committee of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, to be named on the College Honors list. The distinction is awarded to students who carry a GPA of 3.75 or above.

50 years ago

March 19, 1959

Wegman gets permit to remodel theatre

Bill Wegman received a remodeling permit from John Upton, Homedale building inspector, Wednesday morning for \$10,000.

Mr. Wegman is remodeling the Rosalind Theater into a supermarket to be occupied by Paul’s Groceteria. Work of tearing out the front and partitions began this week.

Mr. Wegman will also buy the parking lot adjoining the building on the north and anticipated the total cost of the lot and remodeling at \$20,000.

Vic Uria gets news of P.O.

Vic Uria, Homedale postmaster, has received official word that the post office will be moved to the Iola Potter building on Main street. News of the move was released in Washington, D.C., last week by Congressman Hamer Budge of Idaho’s 2nd congressional district.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield confirmed the report later and the May 1 occupancy date.

The new post office quarters will be remodeled by Mrs. Potter to government specifications and will provide more than twice the space now occupied by the present office. The building contains 2,828 square feet of floor space and 80 square feet of basement space.

A parking and maneuvering area comprising 2,012 square feet will also be provided.

Lodge members repair cemetery

Metal posts are being cleaned and repainted for use at the Silver City cemetery, by local members of the Masonic and Oddfellow lodges.

Ten members attended the all-day work day. They plan to have another work day April 12 to complete the job, and as soon as weather permits the posts will be put around the cemetery.

Mrs. Carl Rowen prepared and served a dinner for the members at noon.

‘Twirp Week’ is over at junior high school

The Homedale Junior high school concluded “Twirp Week” with a dance and party Friday evening, March 6.

Steve Carson, student body president, proclaimed the week of March 2-6 as “Twirp Week.” During the week the students dressed in different type of clothing each day. Monday was western clothing; Tuesday was backwards and opposites; Wednesday was night clothing; Thursday was clash; and Friday was dress-up day.

Steve stated, “the main purpose for ‘Twirp Week’ is to have organized fun and activities in which to make school more enjoyable. The activities do not interfere with regular school work — as a matter of fact, I think teachers work us harder, but we have more fun in doing it.”

The following students were given prizes Friday evening for being “Twirps of the Day”: Ricky Shanley and Julie Egurrola, Monday; Karen Bergeson and Mike Middleton, Tuesday; Dennis Martin, Wednesday; Ilene Mayer, Terry Levanger and Joan Eismann, Thursday; and Joyce Anderson, Friday.

Cathy Howell and Steve Carson were given prizes and proclaimed the “Grand Twirps” of the week.

High school students take math tests

The Homedale high school participated in a mathematics contest sponsored by the Mathematics Association of America and the Society of Actuaries, March 5.

The highest three scores from Homedale and other participating schools in Idaho will be forwarded to the University of Idaho for student rating and screened there before high tests are sent to New York City for national rating.

Students from Mr. Wilkersen’s and Mrs. Butler’s classes who took the test are Teddy Chadez, Billie Trostle, Everett Conner, Russell Hibbs, Johnie Uranga, Ted Davenport, Jim Levanger, Herbert Lemerick, Gary Waite, Cliff Beagley, Tim Leavitt, Pat Parker and Dennis Brandon.

140 years ago

March 13, 1869

ST. PATRICK’S DAY. On next Wednesday, the 17th day of March, at Theater Hall, Silver City, Hon. Frank Ganahl will deliver a lecture — subject the “Life of St. Patrick” — the proceeds of which will be appropriated to paying off the debts of St. Andrew’s Church. Mr. Ganahl’s well known ability and eloquence will no doubt attract a large audience there on that occasion. In this connection it may not be deemed amiss if we refer briefly to the birth and history of Ireland’s patron saint. The 17th of March is accredited and honored as the day of his birth, and for more than thirteen centuries the children of Ireland have kept his memory fresh and green by celebrating in some manner its anniversary. Although it was on the Pagan shores of Ireland he first reared the emblem of Christianity, the Cross of Calvary, and it was in Ireland he performed those remarkable feats of Christianity which have made his memory famous, he was not to “the manor born.” The precise spot of his nativity has been a subject of much controversy. Scotland and France both claim the honor of producing this remarkable individual. The preponderance of opinion formerly decided in favor of Scotland, at a place called Alcluaid, now Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton. Later, and doubtless more reliable authority, locate the place of his birth at, or near, Boulogne-surmer, in France. The exact date of his birth had also elicited much discussion. Some have contended that the year 372 was the one in which he was born; others place the event at an earlier date. It is now the general opinion, however, established from good evidences, that he was born in the year 387 and died in 493, which would make the Saint 106 years of age at his death. He was made a captive by the followers of King Niall of Ireland, who invaded France, in his sixteenth year, and carried to that country, where he served as a slave to one Milcho, attending his flocks. After six years of captivity he escaped from his master, and made his way to Kinsale harbor, where he was fortunate enough to find a vessel which conveyed him to the coast of France, and for twenty-eight days he journeyed through a wilderness, foot-sore and alone, almost destitute of both food and raiment, to reach his home. He was soon after made captive again and carried back to Ireland, where he spent the remainder of his life, during which he braved serious trials and dangers — praying, preaching and converting to Christianity the Pagan idolaters.

GRANT’S INAUGURAL ADDRESS. CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES: Your suffrage having elevated me to the office of President of the United States, I have, in conformity with the Constitution, taken the oath of office. I have taken this oath without mental reservation, with the determination to do, to the best of my ability, all that it require of me. The responsibilities of the position I feel, but accept them without fear. The office has come to me unsought. I commence its duties untrammelled. I bring to it a desire and determination to fill it to the best of my ability, and to the satisfaction of the people. On all leading questions agitating the public mind I will express my views to Congress and urge them according to my judgment; and when I think it advisable I will always exercise my constitutional privilege of interposing a veto to defeat measure which I oppose; but all laws shall be faithfully executed whether they meet my approval or not. I shall on all subjects have a policy to recommend — none to enforce against the will of the people. Laws are to govern all alike — those opposed to as well as those who favor them. I know no method to the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution. The country having just emerged from a great rebellion, many questions will come before it for settlement, in the next four years, which preceding Administration never had to deal with. In meeting these questions, it is desirable that they should be approached calmly, without prejudice, or State or sectional pride, remembering that the greatest good of the greatest number is the objective. This requires security of person and property, freedom of religious and political opinion in every part of our common country, without regard to locality or prejudice. Laws to secure these will receive my best efforts for their enforcement.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense One-man job

There’s a tenet in the cowboy mentality that takes pride in doin’ what needs to be done, even if you have to do it yourself.

The common cowboy answer to “How did you ... 1) get that lump? 2) lose your eyebrow? 3) get that scar? or, 4) tear off your pantleg?” usually begins with “I was by myself when ...”

Fence stretchers, 4x8 sheets of plywood, twitches, a handyman jack, or squeeze chute are often accomplices in the injury. In ol’ Bud’s case, it was an aging Isuzu pickup. A relic of the occupation of Japan, some might guess. It was your typical Nevada ranch truck; a diesel with dents in the fenders, a crack in the windshield, and a deer guard on the grill. The bed carried a saddle, rope, plastic bucket full of shoein’ tools, a pile of wadded-up baler and twine, as well as oats sprouting in the corner.

Bud had some cows on a little place at the north end of the Washoe Valley. Almost every day he drove out to check them. The starter on his truck was acting up, but he knew that the morning he headed out. “No sweat,” he thought, “I’ll just leave it running all the time I’m checkin’ the cows and doin’ the chores.”

Shurnuf, as soon as he pulled up to the corrals, he shut off the key ... “Dagnabbit!” he said in this G-rated column. It was just habit, I’m sure. “No problem,” he kept repeating to himself after cranking the ignition. He went over and retrieved the backhoe from the shed. He drove behind the stalled Isuzu and nudged up to its bumper with the loader bucket. Then he dismounted, put the Isuzu in neutral, and turned the key to the ON position. You can see his plan, of course; a brilliant way to single-handedly save the day!

Back in the tractor seat, he started pushing the pickup. But not so fast that he couldn’t set the throttle, jump out, catch the pickup, and pop the clutch. Which he did. Nothing happened except he bent the tailgate.

“Not fast enough,” he concluded, jumped out, ran back to the tractor, advanced the throttle, picked up speed, jumped out of the tractor, raced back to the pickup, put it in second gear, dumped the clutch and it started!

Pleased with himself, he parked the truck off the side, out of the way and debouched to catch the backhoe, which had hit a dirt mound and was now bearing down on the Isuzu! It all seemed to proceed in a slow motion as Bud watched the impending collision thinking, “I wonder which one I should ... ?” But by then it was too late!

He walked up to the neighbor’s house sweating and breathing hard. The brim of his hat was hanging down around his neck and an odd scrape ran across the side of his face.

“How did you ... ?” asked the neighbor.

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Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Wait by the mailbox, 2009-style

About 1958 my parents ordered a football helmet for me from the Monkey Ward Catalog. It took the helmet several weeks to arrive. In those days, there was no way to check on the order status. All I could do was wait every day by the mailbox and hope.

We have a membership at a local warehouse store — one of those places where they make you think you are getting good deals on a lot of things you don’t really need. The company also has an online division that offers merchandise you can’t get at the local store. Recently, I ordered an item from the Web store.

The listing for the item included an advisory that it would take seven to 10 “business days” for it to arrive. That seemed like a long time. Online merchants like Amazon.com pride themselves on getting merchandise to their customers as quickly as possible — usually less than a week to any point in the country.

I placed the order early on Wednesday, March 4. Some businesses ship the same day. So that afternoon I checked the order status on the store Web site. I was informed it was “out for fulfillment.” No big deal, I thought to myself. Some companies ship the day after the order is received.

Periodically, on Thursday, March 5, I checked the order status. It continued to be “out for fulfillment.” Nothing to worry about, I thought. It probably won’t get picked up by the delivery company until late in the day, so it might even be the morning of the following day before it shows up on the delivery company’s tracking site.

On Friday morning, March 6, the order still was “out for fulfillment.” I called the store’s customer service department. I told the woman who answered that while I was aware they estimate seven to 10 business days to get the package to me, it seemed a little strange that after three days the order hadn’t even left the warehouse. The woman replied that the company had seven to 10 business days to deliver the order. (Was I hearing an echo?). Then she

basically said that was all I needed to know.

Monday morning, March 9, the order was still listed as “out for fulfillment.” So I sent an e-mail to customer service, noting that it was getting to the point where it was going to be tough for the order to reach me in 10 days when it was still in the warehouse after five days. The woman who responded reminded me that they had 10 “business days,” and that seemed the only thing that concerned her.

I told the customer service representative I was pretty much amazed by her attitude and that of the woman I had talked to on the telephone the previous Friday. I observed that with the economy in bad shape, at a time when it’s getting harder every day to get consumers to spend money, it seemed they would be trying to get orders to customers as quickly as possible — not telling them to mind their own business.

Late Monday afternoon, the status of the shipment changed from “out for fulfillment” to “shipped.” But by midmorning Tuesday, March 10, UPS tracking showed it still didn’t have the package. BUT at the same time, the merchant’s site listed a delivery date of March 11. Then, on the morning of Wednesday, March 11, the tracking information said the shipment had been delayed and wouldn’t be delivered until Thursday, March 12.

If my package does arrive on March 12 (this is being written March 11), it will have reached me in seven “business days,” which isn’t bad. But I had to work pretty hard to find out when it might get here because the store’s customer service didn’t seem to think it was any of my business.

Maybe it was better when all you could do is stand by the mailbox and hope.

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

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Be outside: Promote healthy children and environment



“Eventually, most of us figure out that it’s people, not nature, who create morality, values, ethics — and even the idea that nature itself is something worth preserving. We choose to be shepherds and stewards, or we don’t. ... We will live wisely — preserving water and air and everything else intrinsic to the equation we’re only beginning to understand — or we won’t, in which case Nature will fill the vacuum when we leave.”

— **Seth Norman, in Richard Louv’s “Last Child in the Woods” (2006)**

In “Last Child in the Woods,” author Richard Louv outlines negative consequences of a generation of children growing up more removed from the outdoors than their parents and grandparents. Not only does this threaten our heritage of respect for and understanding of our natural resources, but studies show that, in children, there a strong correlation between playing outdoors and healthy minds and bodies. In fact, studies have shown that more brain learning occurs when children are outside interacting with nature than when they watch television.

Over the past few years, a nationwide grassroots movement has arisen in response to Louv’s book, called the Children in Nature Network. Idaho has taken a lead in

promoting this, creating a multi-partner, multi-stakeholder coalition called the Idaho Children in Nature Network (ICNN). I am proud to join Governor and Mrs. Otter, the administrations and faculty of Boise State University and University of Idaho, agencies, businesses, schools and individuals across Idaho in promoting this important effort to get Idaho’s children outside. ICNN’s “Be Outside” campaign kicked off Jan. 30.

Growing up in southeastern Idaho, I learned about the outdoors while hunting and fishing with family and friends. As a father, I’ve spent time with my children, doing the same activities. Being outside is critical for children. More young people are obese and suffer from diabetes and depression than ever before. Symptoms of attention deficit disorders are widespread, affecting children at school and home. Studies are reinforcing what many of us, our parents and grandparents know: getting kids outside improves overall wellness, keeping children more physically fit and reducing symptoms of depression and attention disorders. The natural world has many lessons to teach children, from the cycle of life and death to a better understanding of our place in this world.

— *See Outside, page 19*

Commentary

Letters to the editor

Lobbyists are pulling the strings in Congress these days

There has been a devastating crime committed against the people of America. Covertly, lobbyists and their accomplices, the U.S. Congress, have managed to alter, delete or otherwise change banking regulations which were originally designed to prevent the mess we now find ourselves in. It is the identical situation as the Savings and Loan debacle of the recent past.

Unfortunately for us, Congress has become a house of courtesans awaiting the next lobbyist with money in his hand. Quizzing legislators, they have confirmed my suspicion. Ninety-nine percent of all bills passed into law are generated and monetarily supported by lobbyists, especially when it comes to the vote where money virtually flies.

Lou Dobbs of CNN News recently asked for the difference between lobbying and bribery. There is no difference.

The car manufacturers provided the greatest of examples. You recall, Congress sent them home from the first meeting, teling them to come up with a plan. Three days later, their lobbyists provided an estimated \$50 million to Congress. Three days later, the bailout passed.

Our country is being run by lobbyists. Neither Congress nor the president has the authority of the lobby industry. The incredible part of this crime is that victims (taxpayers) are forced to bail out the perpetrators of the crime and insure their future existence and profitability.

Through all this, I seriously doubt anyone will be held accountable. It's just the way our government works, unless we force changes.

Gordy Best
Oreana

Test for well water contaminants before demand increases

Nearly 95 percent of Idaho's population receives drinking water from private wells. Just as periodic checks of smoke detectors are recommended, well owners should also test well water annually to ensure quality water. Now is a good time to test before peak water use begins.

Water from private wells is not regulated by any public entity, so it is the private well owner's responsibility to protect against potentially dangerous contaminants.

Testing well water annually is best although it is recommended any time you experience a change in taste, odor, or appearance.

Remember to keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil far away from your well. Try to keep at least 50 feet between your well and kennels or livestock operations. Periodically check the well cap to ensure it is in good repair and securely attached.

In general, Givens Hot Springs and Bruneau are well known for high fluoride. Arsenic has been seen sporadically throughout the county, but especially high levels have been tested south of Homedale. Nitrate problems are centered in the Homedale-Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View areas. Some uranium was found south of Marsing, but sufficient data is not available to know how widespread it is.

These contaminants may cause different health issues and various symptoms. The vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, infants, children, pregnant women, and individuals with compromised immune systems are most likely to feel effects from contaminated water.

This is not meant to alarm, but to provide information on the risks involved if contaminants are present and to reinforce the importance of testing well water annually.

For help in deciding what to test, locating a certified lab, understanding water test results, or learning more about the symptoms of illnesses caused by well water contaminants, call Southwest District Health at (208) 455-5400.

David Loper REH/RS, CPM
Division Director, Environmental Health Services
Southwest District Health
Caldwell

Financial management

Dad-in-law's loan will cause problems

Dear Dave,

My father-in-law wants to help us with our mortgage. We currently owe \$50,000, and he wants to pay it off and let us pay him back over time. We've borrowed money from him in the past and paid it back with no problem.

— Bob

Dear Bob,

I wouldn't do that in a million years. Don't get me wrong, that's a very nice thing to do for someone. I'm sure it seems like a winning proposition for you both. But a spiritual issue has been left out of the equation. The borrower is always slave to the lender, and nowhere is that more true than in a family. You'd bring instant discomfort into your relationship. The money issue will hover over you like a shroud. Trust me, Thanksgiving dinner will taste kind of funny when you're sitting there with your lender instead of good old dad.

I understand that you have a solid track record with this kind of thing, but you're playing with fire. I simply would not do this! The downside is just too risky. I assume your father-in-law is doing pretty well, since he can afford to make this offer. If I were in his shoes, I might offer to pay off the mortgage as a gift to my daughter and son-in-law. There are no strings attached to a gift that comes from the heart.

If you come from a nice, stable



family — and it sounds to me like your in-laws are very nice folks — this debt will always be there in the back of your mind. If you come from a dysfunctional, screwed-up, control-freak kind of family, it's going to be right there in front of you constantly! Either way, it's not worth the risk.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm 63 years old, and work part-time. My wife, at 59, works full-time, and earns \$140,000 a year. We're both self-employed. At what point do we stop buying term life insurance? I have a \$250,000 policy, and we have \$500,000 in savings. We're completely out of debt, except for a couple of car loans that total \$30,000.

— Herschel

Dear Herschel,

First, let's clean up those car loans. With your income, and the money you guys have in savings, there's absolutely no reason to have car payments hanging around your necks.

Otherwise, you're in great shape!

When it comes to life insurance, ask yourself why you're buying it. Who are you trying to help, and how much will they need? It's really about taking care of the people you leave behind.

From where I'm sitting, you've already done a great job of taking care of your wife. If you passed away, she'd have the insurance money plus an income of \$140,000 a year, a half-million already in the bank, and a paid-for house. She wouldn't exactly have to struggle. If she passed away first, you'd still have \$500,000 in savings, plus a house that's paid for, and your part-time income. Way to go! You two have done a good job. At this point you're very close to being self-insured!

On the other hand, if you want spend a little money on a term policy for her over the next few years, and you can do so and still continue to build your nest egg, that's OK. The savings you guys have accumulated would allow you to live on about \$40,000 a year. The proceeds from a term policy could supplement that, assuming you can easily afford it.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. He also has a radio call-in show.

Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



What in the wilderness is Tundra? It's a new feature The Owyhee Avalanche is giving a spin. Chad Carpenter is an award-winning cartoonist who looks at life through his own unusual prism each week. Let us know what you think of this new addition to the Avalanche lineup. E-mail jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call 337-4681.

√ Outside: Spring provides exercise chances

From Page 18

While organized youth sports are vital to communities and provide valuable exercise and socialization opportunities for children, the focus of "Be Outside" is to get kids outdoors in unstructured play — interacting with nature: trees, water, rocks and, yes, even dirt! ICNN includes more than 100 diverse agencies, organizations and private citizens coming together to "connect children with nature in Idaho, from backyards to mountaintops." The coalition includes partners from education, health care, sportsmen and women, outdoor recreation, conservation, local, state and federal agencies, community leaders and businesses.

The coalition will work to improve integration of environmental education and create public-private partnerships to harness resources and foster cooperation,

while emphasizing Idaho's unique outdoor heritage. The end goal: to improve our children's well-being and encourage a lifelong appreciation and respect for our great outdoors. This is one of the best ways to ensure long-term environmental stewardship.

Getting kids outside can be a simple as having them play in the backyard, park or open space. Working together to provide opportunities beyond that only increases the positive outcomes. Many Idaho children are raised to appreciate the outdoors; the goal of "Be Outside" is to provide even more children with these opportunities.

This winter, and in the coming spring, summer and beyond, I hope you find time to "Be Outside" with the children in your life.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member in the U.S. Senate.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES MARCH 2, 2009
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO
Present were all elected officials.
I.C. 67-2345 (f) an executive session was called.
Amendments included: appointment to SWDH Board, letter to BLM.
Tax Cancellation on parcel MH05501E09060BA.
Payment of Bills: Current Expense \$31,108, Road & Bridge \$1,345, District Court \$2,682, Fair \$5,000, Fair Grounds \$2,000, Probation \$871, Museum \$746, Indigent \$682, Revaluation \$241, Solid Waste \$905, Tort \$2,324, 911 \$2,022.
Deep Rock Inc. No action taken.
Pay authorization for 3 new employees was authorized. A pay increase on one employee was authorized for the Sheriff's office.
Engineering proposals approved for Planning and Zoning.
Sent letter to Idaho Delegation regarding SB1083.
Approved refund for SAUSA project.
Indigent & Charity: 08-44 withdrawal, 08-16 withdrawal, 07-47 assignment, 07-43 assignment, 09-04 denied.
Letter sent regarding request for BHS funds.
Appointment of Alder to replace Galvin on SWDH Board.
Bid opening for Juniper Mastication project, taken under advisement.
Tabled Dickerson agreement until 3-9-09.
Approved letter to BLM on Travel Plan.
Recessed until March 4th.
Present were Commissioner's Hoagland and Hyer
Met with BLM regarding Murphy Travel Plan.
Amended the agenda to include Resolution 09-07.
Approved adoption of Resolution 09-07 Statement on Placement of Public Utilities.
Adjourned.
The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office or on line at owyheecounty.net.
/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
Attest:/s/Charlotte Sherburn
3/18/09

NOTICE

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners is seeking proposals for provision of engineering services for planning and zoning issues as a county engineer. The Board is seeking proposals from Idaho State licensed engineers to perform engineering services.
Any engineer or engineering company intending to submit a proposal for county engineering services for planning and zoning issues for the period of May 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 should submit to the Clerk of the Board an original, and five [5] copies of your proposal. The proposal must be submitted to the Clerk no later than March 31st, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Proposals should be addressed to PO Box 128. Murphy, Id. 83650 or hand delivered by the deadline or your proposal will not be considered.
Your proposal should include professional qualifications, description of licenses and certifications, and may include at your discretion, a list of referral clients.

In a separate sealed envelope please include the rate of remuneration which you will set for engineering services. If your rate differs for such services as review of preliminary plats, final plats, review of Federal and State regulations regarding landfill and other environmental categories, please specify differing rates that you will charge. You may submit your proposal in terms of hourly rate, monthly rate, or yearly rate.
Between April 1st, 2009 and April 13th 2009, if the Commissioners have questions regarding proposals submitted, those questions will be forwarded in writing or an interview may be scheduled. Selection of the proposal which best serves the fiscal and engineering services needs of Owyhee County will be made on April 28th, 2009 at 1:00 PM. This date may be extended at the discretion of the Board. The Board may, at their discretion, reject all proposals.
If you have any questions regarding this request for proposal, please contact Charlotte Sherburn Clerk of the Board at 208-495-2421.
3/11,18,25/09

PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION SEEKS YOUR OPINIONS ATTENTION OWYHEE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND LANDOWNERS:

We need your help and input as we start the process of developing an update to the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan. The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission is seeking your input on this process through a short survey which is available on the County website www.owyheecounty.net
If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy of the survey be mailed to you.
It is very important for us to receive your survey response and opinions. The survey will be available on the web site until March 31st, 2009 at 5:00 PM. Your survey must be completed by March 31st, 2009 at 5:00 PM, or be post marked by the same date to be accepted and included in the analysis. If you have questions about the survey, or the Comprehensive Plan revision process, please call 208-495-2095.
2/25;3/4,11,18,25/09

NOTICE

Marsing Ambulance Service Inc., annual meeting will be held March 25, 2009 at 8:00 pm at the Marsing Rural Fire Station.
3/11,18/09

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR FALSE FIRE ALARMS
Where as, The Marsing Rural Fire District is a volunteer fire department; and
Where as, Reoccurring false fire alarms from the same source cause volunteers to limit participation, increases response time and are detrimental to volunteer morale; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Marsing Rural Fire District shall impose fees for false fire alarms from the same source in excess of one per twelve month period that are within the control of the premise owner, manager or administrator.
Be It Further Resolved, that the fees shall be based on the

most current Idaho Department of Land Fire Service Organization Rate Book which is \$177 per hour per engine, 1-hour minimum per response vehicle per occurrence.
Submitted by:
Commissioners, Marsing Rural Fire District
Jerry Floyd, Chairman
March 11, 2009
3/18,25/09

LEGAL NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR THE SHARI HILL ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed drinking water improvement project for the Shari Hill Estates Property Owners Association, Marsing, Idaho, grant number DWG-82-2007-6, conforms to the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22), and pertinent criteria in Chapter 5, of the *Drinking Water Loan Account Handbook of Procedures* by which the project is eligible for Categorical Exclusion. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

The proposed drinking water project involves the installation of a point-of-use reverse osmosis device in each residence for arsenic and uranium MCL compliance. In addition, improvements to the pump house and the well lot will be conducted to address sanitary survey deficiencies. This project is expected to have minimal, if any, environmental impacts because all system construction and installation of the point-of-use devices is limited to indoors.
Copies of the full Categorical Exclusion and the engineering report upon which it is based are available for public review at:
Department of Environmental Quality, Grant/SRF Loan Program, 1410 North Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83706, Attention: Ester Ceja, Grant/Loan NEPA Contact
Boise Regional Office, Department of Environmental Quality, 1445 N. Orchard, Boise, Idaho 83706, Attention: Mike May, Regional Office Engineer 3/18/09

LEGAL NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS), a metropolitan planning organization, intends to seek Economic Stimulus funding from the Federal Transit Administration assistance for mobility management expenses through the Idaho Transportation Department's funding application. Project description and funding may be requested from the contact information below or viewed at www.mobilityidaho.org under Economic Stimulus Projects. This is an opportunity for the public to comment on the inclusion of these projects in their communities. Notice is hereby given that public comment regarding the accessibility, routes, and any other pertinent information is solicited from the general public, persons with disabilities, elderly individuals and their respective organizations, and private or competing transportation providers through April 15, 2009.

For information or comments about the proposed grant application direct them to Liisa Itkonen, 208-855-2558, ext. 225 or litkonen@compassidaho.org.
3/18,25/09

LEGAL NOTICE
Pioneer Mini Storage, LLC will sell at a Silent Bid Auction on March 24, 2009, the stored household belongings of the delinquent account listed below. Bids will be accepted at 4155 Pioneer Road, Homedale, ID at 11:30 am. Minimum bid is \$374.00. Goods to be sold in accordance with Idaho Code.
Bob Holmes, 2355 Hwy 201, Nyssa, OR 97913 Unit #B-17
Goods to be sold may be cancelled without notice prior to auction.
3/11,18/09

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV09-0992 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Margie ByBee Jess
A petition by Margie ByBee Jess born on 12-6-52 in Twin Falls, Idaho now residing in Grand View, proposing a change in name to ByBee has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being George A. Jess and I have separated.
The petitioner's father has died and the names of the petitioner's near relatives are: Ray Colyer, Lola Blossom
Such petition will be heard at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on April 6, 2009, in courtroom number 1 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.
Witness my hand and seal of said District Court this 26th day of February, 2009.
Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of the District Court
By Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
3/11,18,25;4/1/09

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV09-0985 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 WALTER H. YARBROUGH, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate 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, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 26th day of February, 2009.
/s/Stephen A. Yarbrough, Box 337, Grand View, ID 83624, 208-834-2205
/s/Melville W. Fisher II, Fisher Pusch & Alderman, LLP, PO Box 1308, Boise, ID 83701. 208-331-1000 Fax 208-331-2400, Attorney for Personal Representative.
3/4,11,18/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 14, 2009 File No.: 7023.19431 Sale date and time (local time): June 18, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 10 East Montana Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Maricruz Calderon Cortez, a married woman as her sole and separate property and Efrain Calderon, an unmarried man Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Republic Mortgage Corporation Recording date: September 16, 1997 Recorder's instrument number: 222902 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 14, 2009: \$61,985.61 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: Lots 10 and 11 of Block 71 and the West one-half (1/2) of the North South Alley, 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. Together with that portion of vacated alley adjoining West side of Lot 11, which, upon vacation, attached to said lot by operation of law. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.19431) 1002.111546-FEI
2/25;3/4,11,18/09

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The Owyhee Avalanche

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
IDAHO CODE 45-1506
LOAN NO.: LTE 209640
T.S. NO.: 10078.1438

On **5/29/2009** 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:

See Legal description attached hereto and made part hereof

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: **8106 Sommer Camp Rd, Melba, ID 83641**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **Robert L. Miller and Elizzabeth M. Miller, husband and wife**, As grantors, To: **Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, an Idaho Corporation**, As Trustee, for the benefit and security of **James Brunel and Deborah Brunel**, As Beneficiary, dated **8/5/2004**, recorded **8/13/2004**, as Instrument No. **248815**, 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 **8/5/2004. INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PLUS IMPOUNDS AND / OR ADVANCES WHICH BECAME DUE On 6/1/2008 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 **\$119,610.40**, plus accrued interest at the rate of **7%** per annum from **01/07/2009**. 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: **January 26, 2009**
By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC
Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer

EXHIBIT A

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12,

Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the Opaline Ditch and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

South 89° 42’ 33” West 438.00 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, which is also the centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a PK nail, said PK nail also being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

South 89° 42’ 33” West 892.75 feet along said Southerly boundary and centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12; thence leaving said Southerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12

North 0° 02’ 48” West 1159.70 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, and centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a point; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, and centerline of Sommer Camp Road

North 89° 43’ 00” East 154.00 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 0° 02’ 48” West 169.00 feet to a point marking the Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12; thence

North 89° 43’ 00” East 230.60 feet along the said Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to a point marking the centerline of Opaline Ditch; thence leaving said Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, and along the centerline of said Opaline Ditch the following courses and distances; thence

South 34° 12’ 58” East 16.00 feet to a point; thence

South 76° 44’ 20” East 344.07 feet to a point of curve to the right, said curve having a central angle of 22° 52’ 23”, a radius of 385.57, tangents of 78.00 feet and a long chord of 152.90 feet bearing

South 65° 18’ 09” East to a point of ending of curve; thence

South 53° 51’ 57” East 25.52 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline of said Opaline Ditch

South 0° 17’ 18” East 1154.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM:

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

North 89° 42’ 33” East 494.44 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, which is also the centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a PK nail, said PK nail being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 89° 42’ 33” East 220.24 feet along said Southerly boundary and centerline to a PK nail; thence leaving said Southerly boundary

and centerline

North 0° 17’ 27” West 197.78 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 89° 42’ 33” West 220.24 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 0° 17’ 27” East 197.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

3/4,11,18,25/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No.: ID-09-242861-TD Loan No.: 0002915962 On 7/2/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of 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 Amtrust Bank will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: This parcel is a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a found brass cap monument; Thence South 0°13’20” East along the West boundary of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 492.64 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, a ½ x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; Thence North 88°14’17” East a distance of 485.07 feet to a point on the centerline of an existing concrete irrigation ditch witnessed by a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627 bearing South 88°14’17” West a distance of 3.00 feet; Thence South 19°32’40” East along said ditch a distance of 182.31 feet to a point witnessed by a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar bearing South 89°54’00” West a distance of 3.00 feet; Thence South 89°54’00” West a distance of 545.22 feet to a point on the West boundary of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar; Thence North 0°13’20” West along said West boundary a distance of 15784 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. FURTHER STATED: THERE SHALL BE NO MANUFACTURED HOME ON THS PROPERTY.. 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 South Half of Tax 61 in 34 3N #4W, 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 Dustin S. Mori and Angela L. Mori, husband and wife, as Grantor/Trustor, in which Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (“MERS”), as nominee for Construction Capital Source, LC, is named as Beneficiary and Alliance Title and Escrow Corp. as Trustee and recorded 3/21/2007, as Instrument No. 260293 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 3/20/2007. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$465.17, due per month for the months of 11/1/2008 through 2/20/2009, 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 \$60,473.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.3750 per cent (%) per annum from 10/1/2008. 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. Dated: 3/2/2009 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 By: Tara Donzella, Assistant Secretary ***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# 3016096 3/18,25;4/1,8/09

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, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Parcel II: Lot 31 of Block 60 of the Amended Townsite Plat of

HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: **Property is a parcel of land, for more information please contact Amy Bowles at 208-373-3626**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **Pick up the Pace of Homedale, LLC**, As grantors, To: **Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, By; Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC**, As its authorized agent, for the benefit and security of **Rolf Dornseif**, As Beneficiary, dated **8/3/2005**, recorded **6/1/2006**, as Instrument No. **254711**, records of **Owyhee** County, Idaho.

Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), ID Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein.

The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated **8/3/2005. INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PLUS IMPOUNDS AND / OR ADVANCES WHICH BECAME DUE On 10/12/2008 PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, BALLOON PAYMENTS, PLUS IMPOUNDS AND/ OR ADVANCES AND LATE CHARGES THAT BECOME PAYABLE.** The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is **\$40,160.99**, plus accrued interest at the rate of **18%** per annum from **10/2/2008**. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: **December 23, 2008**
By: **Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County**
By: **Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC**
Its authorized agent Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer
3/18,25;4/1/09

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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No. fe21052-21 On 06/17/2009, at 11:00AM of said day, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Located on the Corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, First American Title Insurance Company, 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 time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian; thence West along the South line of the Section 33 a distance of 327 feet; thence North 173 feet, at right angles to the said South line; thence East 327 feet, parallel to said South line, to a point in the East line of said East One-Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33; thence South 173 feet, at right angles to said South line, and along said East line to the Initial Point, all in Owyhee County, Idaho. Parcel No. R903N04W336599A 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 the address of 5998 Highway 55, Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Robert D. Root, as Grantors, to Pioneer Title, Trustee, and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lender, as the Beneficiary, on a Deed of Trust Recorded on August 31, 2006 as Document No. 257957 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest was assigned to the Bank of New York, as Trustee, on behalf of CIT Mortgage Loan Trust, 2007-1, by an Assignment of Mortgage or Deed of Trust dated December 5, 2008, and recorded on January 7, 2009 as Instrument No. 267133, in records of said County. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$736.44 for the months of 07/01/2008 and all subsequent monthly payments, late charges, and advances accruing after the date of this document. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$83,665.08 as principal, plus services charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, and any and all funds expended by said Beneficiary to protect its security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 10.350% from 06/01/2008 to the date of sale herein described. The Beneficiary

elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: February 9, 2009 First American Title Insurance Company, Trustee By: Foreclosurelink, Inc., Agent By: Sara Barens Title: Vice President First American Title Insurance Company c/o Foreclosurelink, Inc. 4401 Hazel Ave Suite 225 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 (916) 962-1334 (fax) ASAP# 2993406
2/25;3/4,11,18/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 2, 2009, at the hour of eleven o’clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, 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, to-wit:

Parcel I:
A portion of the Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter; thence North 89°16’11” West along the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 60.01 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89°16’11” West along said South boundary a distance of 602.12 feet; thence North 00°17’29” East a distance of 355.38 feet; thence South 59°03’30” East a distance of 536.77 feet; thence South 65°36’33” East a distance of 39.44 feet; thence South 76°26’47” East a distance of 53.04 feet; thence South 69°20’07” East a distance of 45.58 feet; thence South 69°20’00” East a distance of 10.60 feet; thence South 00°15’38” West parallel with the East boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 38.51 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Excepting therefrom any mobile home(s) located thereon.
Parcel II:
A 21.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement, more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter; thence North 89°16’11” West along the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 662.10 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89°16’11” West a distance of 21.00 feet; thence North 00°30’38” East a distance of 355.37 feet; thence South 89°16’11” East parallel with the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 21.00 feet; thence South 00°30’38” West a distance of 355.37 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
The Trustee 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 3500 PIONEER ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO, 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 ROBA D. VAUGHAN, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS MORTGAGE FUND, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company “as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series “A” Debenture Holders,” as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on July 24, 2007, as Instrument No. 261836, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.
The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated July 23, 2007, in the amount of \$1,304.68 per month for October 2008 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.
The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$136,144.55 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of eleven percent

(11%) per annum from September 20, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from February 13, 2009, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2009.
By: Mark D. Perison – of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, PO Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6576. (208) 331-1200
3/11,18,25;4/1/09
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: February 14, 2009 File No.: 7777.28441 Sale date and time (local time): June 18, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 9486 Hard Trigger Rd Marsing, ID 83641-3641 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: John D. Williams, an unmarried man Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Meritage Mortgage Company Recording date: September 1, 2006 Recorder’s instrument number: 257986 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 14, 2009: \$176,886.09 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: A parcel of land in the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; thence South along the West boundary of the said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, 500 feet to the True point of beginning; thence East 1,320 feet parallel to the North line of the said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter to the East boundary; thence South 190 feet along the East boundary; thence West 660 feet parallel to the South boundary; thence North 40 feet; thence West 660 feet parallel to the South boundary; thence North along the West boundary 150 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.28441) 1002.111576-FEI
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