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Initiative one vote from president

Senate hurries to send House version of public lands bill back for vote

In a quick turnaround by Washington, D.C., standards, the Owyhee Initiative is one step from the president.

Eight days after the House of

Representatives shot down an attempt to move the public lands omnibus legislation forward, the U.S. Senate sent a new package,

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Crapo seeks aid for Lowry, Nettleton

A bill recently introduced into the U.S. Senate aims to help pay legal fees for two Owyhee County ranchers who won a prolonged battle with the federal government.

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced S. 578 in the wake of meeting with ranchers Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton last month to discuss their water rights case. The stand-alone legislation seeking to recover their legal costs in

the case.

“Water rights are tied to private property rights. Throughout my career in the legal and political area, I have maintained these rights are paramount to the rights of U.S. citizens and obviously those rights are a critical ingredient in determining public policy,” Crapo said.

“When I met with Mr. Lowry and Mr. Nettleton, I felt com-

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Going nowhere fast

Those headed across the U.S. Highway 95 Snake River bridge outside Homedale face waits of up to 10 minutes during construction, which is scheduled to wrap up in mid-May.

LID push may face resistance

Some property owners against funding city property fix

Officials are preparing to pitch what they call a pivotal part of Homedale’s attempt to gain downtown revitalization grant money.

But not all business property owners in the proposed revitalization district are sold on the idea.

“My way of thinking is it benefits everybody, so let everybody

pay for it,” Owyhee Repair owner Bob Ensley said.

Ensley, whose property stretches along three different streets in the proposed revitalization district, is among a handful of property owners who would be assessed for a large amount of lineal footage under the Local Improvement District that city

and Chamber of Commerce officials have said is necessary for Homedale to obtain a \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Commerce.

The grant and proceeds from the LID would be used to repair and build sidewalks, curbs and

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Boy Scouts hold long-standing bean feed

Dwayne Fisher, right, sprinkles cheese on a plate of beans for a patron Wednesday during a benefit bean feed for Boy Scouts Troops 409 and 509. Proceeds from the evening at the Homedale LDS church will help send scouts to camp later this year.



Irrigation start date proposed

Depending on factors like storage, stream flows and water conditions, the Owyhee Irrigation District has set a tentative date for turn-on of April 13 at a March 17 joint meeting with the South Board of Control. If water conditions allow, it’s possible the season for Gem, South, Ridgeview and Owyhee district irrigators will start earlier.

District manager Jay Chamberlin was unavailable for comment, but recently flew the drainage area. He reported to the district that while there was snow on the ground, he was concerned with how it might come

off as weather warmed. This was prior to last week’s snowstorms, however, and Chamberlin will be making another flight later this week or next.

Water was entering the Owyhee Reservoir at around 6,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) but has dropped to 4,871 cfs as of Monday, and the reservoir is currently at 44 percent of capacity.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board will meet April 1 at 7 p.m. The Gem Irrigation District will hold its meeting at 7:15 p.m., and the South Board of Control directors will meet at 7:30 p.m.

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State land lease policy faces another public meeting

OCA will formulate comments after Thursday’s video conference

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association is preparing comments to address proposed revisions to the state’s policy on endowment land leases.

A statewide video conference on the Idaho Endowment Land Lease Application/Conflict Auction Process will be held Thursday in four locations throughout Idaho. The public meeting scheduled by the Idaho Department of Lands on behalf of the IDL Commissioners Grazing Subcommittee will be held locally at the Nampa Civic Center at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The IDL is reviewing leases to update the process for any contested leases and to ensure that leased lands are bringing the best rate of return to the state endowment fund, which is mandated by Idaho Code. A small percentage of land leases are ever

contested.

In preparation for Thursday’s meeting, the OCA board of directors met with state representatives last week in Marsing.

OCA president Bodie Clapier said board members received insight and answers to their questions from John Chatburn from Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s office and Bob Brammer, director of the IDL’s Bureau of Land, Minerals and Range. The meeting took place Thursday at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

Clapier said the cattlemen will take the information from that meeting and information gathered at this week’s public forum to formulate a comment list on the lease policy proposals. Another board meeting is scheduled for April 7 to finalize the OCA’s

comments. Clapier said that some Owyhee County ranchers already have formulated independent comments.

After the public meeting, the IDL will have a two-week comment period. It ends on April 9.

This is the second public meeting on the land lease application/conflict auction process since August. The first meeting was well-attended by Owyhee ranchers, including OCA board member Brenda Richards. The revisions the subcommittee adopted after the August meeting are being vetted with the latest round of public comment.

Some of the provisions of the revised grazing lease application/conflict auction process include:

- The Land Board will determine two years in advance of a lease expiration whether the current use of a land lease is in the best interest of the endowment beneficiaries. If a use change
- is warranted, the lessee will be notified. If the current use is to continue, the IDL will send a lease application to the current lessee at least 30 days before the application deadline, and the current lease terms will continue unchanged.
- Expiring leases will be advertised on the IDL Web site one year before the application deadline, which currently is April 30 of the lease’s final year.
- The lease application fee will be \$250.
- If the department has concerns with the current lessee’s management of the land, but there have been no other applicants seeking leases, then a new lease will be issued with new provisions to address the state’s concerns. The lessee and department representatives will meet to review the concerns before a new lease is issued.
- In the case of conflicting applications, no auction will be

held for the lease if the department determines multiple uses of the land are compatible.

- The criteria used to grant a lease may include the compatibility of the proposed use with preserving the long-term leasing viability of the land for endowment purposes; the applicants’ access to and/or control of land or resources to facilitate the proposed use, such as grazing rights on adjacent property; the applicants’ previous management of land leases and other experience, including land management plans; and potential environmental and land management constraints, such as Endangered Species Act concerns, that could impact the viability of the proposed use.
- Applicants will have 20 days from receipt of notice to appeal any rejected lease applications.
- There also are improvement crediting provisions as well as conflict auction guidelines in the draft revisions.

Melba school patrons go to polls for April levy vote

School board candidate for Owyhee sought for May 19 ballot

Voters in parts of Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties will go to the polls next month to vote on a supplemental levy for Melba School District. The election is set for April 21.

District superintendent Robert Larson said in a press release

that taxes will not increase if the measure to generate \$410,000 for school year 2009-10 is passed. He said that the school board expects to drop the tax rate for the Melba School District taxpayers by as much as 34 cents per \$1,000 in taxable market value.

The Melba district has struggled to convince voters to pass levies in recent years.

“The Board of Trustees has agonized over this levy for the past three months,” Larson said in the release. “It is a difficult decision trying to balance the needs of

the students and realities of the current economic conditions.”

Larson added that trustees originally considered a levy amount of \$500,000 or more. But the plan changed once the board found out about a possible influx of federal dollars through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act “stimulus package” signed into law by President Obama last month.

But, Larson said, the supplemental levy still is necessary because public school funding from the State of Idaho doesn’t cover operational costs.

The supplemental levy would help pay for extra-curricular programs, lower class sizes, enrichment and elective classes, according to the school district’s release.

Larson pointed out that the State Department of Education has warned districts to expect as much as a six percent decrease in funding for next year.

“Without a supplemental levy the Board of Trustees could be faced with cutting several teachers, extra-curricular programs and elective courses,” Larson said. “Passage of the levy will alleviate many of the cost-cutting measures necessary to reach a balanced budget for next year.”

An Owyhee County seat on the Melba School District Board of Trustees (Zone 5) will have a new occupant after an election, which is scheduled for May 19. Current Zone 5 Trustee Viv Good has stated she does not intend to run for re-election, according to a

school district press release.

A second seat, Zone 1 comprising parts of Canyon and Ada counties and currently held by Shane Beus, also will be up for election. Beus has not stated whether he’ll run for another term.

Patrons wishing to serve are encouraged to call board clerk Beth Cole at (208) 495-2221 for more information.

“While school board service can take up considerable time, it is a rewarding service that will help shape the education of Melba’s pride and joy, its children,” Larson wrote in a press release. “There are numerous training opportunities for new board members to help them get acquainted with their new responsibilities.”

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Initiative: Simple majority in the House will send lands bill onward

including the Initiative implementation bill, to the House.

This week, a simple majority vote is scheduled in the House on H.R. 146, which contains the Initiative legislation sponsored by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho). Crapo spokesman Lindsay Northern said the vote was scheduled for either Tuesday or today.

If it passes there, the next step is President Obama’s signature to create law.

“I’m still optimistic that the things that we were looking for from the beginning will go through,” former Initiative Work Group member Brenda Richards said.

Richards said she was surprised at the quickness with which Crapo and his colleagues were able to

push the Initiative back to the House.

“I did think that it would probably take two or three weeks to get through because of all the economic (issues facing Congress),” she said.

In a speech on the Senate floor last week, where he managed the vote, Crapo again spoke to the unity that is showcased in many elements of the public lands omnibus.

“Many of the provisions in this legislation, such as the Owyhee Initiative, are the product of years of extensive collaboration at the federal, state and local levels,” Idaho’s senior senator said.

On Thursday morning with Crapo managing the vote on the Senate floor, H.R. 146 passed,

77-20. The first omnibus bill — S. 22 — passed the Senate on Jan. 15, 73-21.

Crapo noted the public lands bill was put together in a spirit of compromise and with the backing of appropriate committee chairmen and Senate leadership.

“The people who collaborated on the Owyhee Initiative came from many groups and institutions, interests that historically were battling head-to-head, and instead were willing to work through things in a way that sets a tremendous example for how we should approach land management decisions and conflicts in this nation,” Crapo said.

“That example is a reason why this important legislation should see final passage and be signed

by the President.”

The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 failed to garner the needed two-thirds majority to bypass House committee rules during a March 11 vote, setting up this week’s action in the Senate.

“I am pleased to once again support legislation that includes the Owyhee Initiative,” Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) said. “The collaborative process is very important in establishing workable lands solutions. I greatly appreciate the leadership of Senator Crapo and the involvement of so many groups and individuals on this important public lands issue.”

Crapo helped organize the Idaho work group that wrote the Owyhee Initiative at the request of

Owyhee County Commissioners seeking to end decades of land use conflict in Southwest Idaho. The collaborative effort provides certainty for agricultural operations, releases 199,000 acres of wilderness study areas to multiple uses, creates 517,000 acres of new wilderness and offers wild and scenic protection to 316 miles of Idaho rivers and streams in the Owyhees.

Initiative Work Group chair Fred Kelly Grant said recently that work already has begun on securing private funding for buying ranching allotments as part of the land exchange. He also said the appropriations request for the Initiative was submitted to Congress through Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho).

Aid: Ranchers’ crippling court fees from federal prosecution remain

pelled to introduce this legislation to protect their way of life and fight for repayment of staggering legal costs incurred because of over-reaching government action. It is a David vs. Goliath-type situation where these men are attempting to maintain their way of life and unfortunately are sued by the federal government. Even in winning they face massive costs for legal fees and the right thing to do is to take every step we can to see that they are repaid those costs.”

The bill introduced March 12

by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) seeks to award Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry court fees and attorney fees related to their successful battle against the Bureau of Land Management’s attempt to strip their cattle operations of stock water rights.

The federal government initiated the legal action, and a 10-year court battle ensued.

The Idaho Supreme Court ended the federal government’s attempt to nullify state water rights, but denied reimbursement of legal fees to the two ranchers.

With more than \$1 million in legal bills, both men have faced uncertainty about their ancestral ranching operations. The Idaho Farm Bureau has spearheaded an effort to raise money for their bills through a film documentary about their fight with the federal government.

The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.). Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) is the ranking Republican on the committee, which also includes Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah).

The Idaho Congressional Delegation in 2002 wrote a letter to then-Attorney General John Ashcroft decrying the federal government’s accelerated practice of pursuing water rights claims in the Snake River Basin Adjudication. The letter also objected to reports that the feds had threatened to remove permittees or require permittees to remove range improvements if they dared defend their private property rights.

The letter, similar versions of which also were sent to then-Secretary of the Interior Gale

Norton and then-Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, was signed by Crapo, Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho), and Reps. Mike Simpson and C.L. “Butch” Otter (R-Idaho).

A response letter from then-BLM director Kathleen Clarke was received in Crapo’s Washington, D.C., office on Nov. 18, 2004, and stated that the department had no record of the original letter and hadn’t forwarded a copy of the letter to the BLM until Sept. 18, 2004.

— JPB

Resistance: City begins door-to-door campaign for LID this week

gutters and install new streetlights along 14,000 feet of downtown frontage running the length of Idaho Avenue and including a four-block core of Main Street, First Streets East and West, and Wyoming Avenue and Owyhee Avenue on both sides of Main Street.

A delegation including Mayor Harold Wilson, Chamber president Gavin Parker and Western Alliance for Economic Development coordinator Mike Pollard is scheduled to begin a door-to-door campaign this week, pitching the plan and gauging support for an LID ahead of an April 16 hearing before the state’s Economic Advisory Council.

Parker said would like to see city councilmen get involved, too.

Parker gauges the preliminary support for an LID at “two out of three to three out of four” of property owners. No signature pages have been circulated, he said. State law requires a petition with signatures from 60 percent of the affected property owners before the city council can adopt an LID. He said a citywide levy isn’t feasible because the limited area targeted for improvements.

Parker has said that, depending on the improvements necessary for each parcel, property owners

can expect to spend as much as \$60 per foot in an LID with block grant backing. If the grant doesn’t come forth, the LID assessment for full curb, gutter, sidewalk and lighting improvements could be nearly \$90 per foot.

Parker said the LID originally was figured on a 10-year term, but it has been learned that it can be stretched out as long as 30 years with no additional cost. Rates are between 4.5 and 4.75 percent, he said, and a longer term would make “more favorable payments for the property owners.” Improvements would be financed by bond.

Both Ensley and Allied Signs/Owyhee Ice Cream Co., owner Mark Jolley would be assessed for streetlights under the plan to put a light at each corner and in the middle of each block.

“Hell no,” was Jolley’s reaction to an LID. “We pay all kinds of stuff. They’re always having the businesses put up money.”

Jolley’s not against the concept of improving the downtown corridor, though, he suggests capital from federal stimulus money.

“I’d like to see the city improve stuff,” he said. “I’d just as soon see them get some Obama dollars and do it on their ticket. But don’t come to us.”

In addition to door-to-door

visits, the city also is developing handouts that Pollard will deliver on his weekly visits to businesses, Parker said.

He said getting the word out on the LID and its importance to obtaining the block grant is the biggest challenge, even after two public presentations in the past few weeks. “I think the plan is sound,” Parker said. “I think the biggest obstacle is getting the word out there to everyone.”

Virginia Landa, co-owner of the Subway sandwich shop on East Idaho, pointed out that new sidewalks and sewer works were put in when the building was built. The location probably would require a street light under the revitalization plan.

“We had to put in our own lighting and our own sidewalk. The city didn’t help us with that one bit,” Landa said.

While she’s for revitalization (“I’m excited and would love to see it”) because she’s seen what it has done for Jordan Valley, Landa is unimpressed with the idea of an assessment for lighting.

“I probably wouldn’t be very excited,” she said. “I wouldn’t be very happy about it, but if it’s going to make our town a little more welcoming, if it wasn’t too much, I wouldn’t be opposed.”

Del Motz, who owns Idaho

Avenue frontage in two different blocks on the west side of town, thinks the \$60-per-foot number is a reasonable price to attract more businesses and more customers.

“We need some improvements in town, and I think if they can

keep the cost down we should go for it,” he said.

“The town is falling down. I’ve done my part of fixing my building up. I wouldn’t mind paying something on an LID.”

— JPB

American Legion Post 128 Marsing extends a most sincere thank you to all the local businesses who provided items for our Stew Feed which was instrumental in successful night. We also thank the Legion and Auxiliary members and spouses for providing home baked items, baskets, and handcrafted items for the raffle and auction. Thank you

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Obituaries

Burt Search

Burt Search, 90, of Nampa, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at a local hospital, of natural causes. A viewing was held from 9-10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N Midland Blvd in Nampa, followed by a graveside service at 11:00 a.m. at the Wilder Cemetery, 20431 Batt Corner Road in Wilder. A Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Montana Avenue Baptist Church, 3120 S. Montana Ave in Caldwell.

Burt was born in Killa, Montana on Sept. 10, 1918. He was the fourth of 13 children born to William and Kathryn Serles Search. The family moved to Burley, Idaho when Burt was quite young and then later, to Wilder.

Burt started buckarooing for Ralph Stark at 18, in the Owyhee Mountains. While working there, he met the girl who was to become his wife, Ruby Maxine Dines. She was working for her Aunt Nora Stark. They were married on June 20, 1942 in Emmett, Idaho and for the first three years they lived in a cow camp at Alkali Springs. They would remain there all spring and summer until early fall.

In 1944, Burt decided to start farming and bought a farm in Ridgeview, Oregon. This is where the four sons joined the family. He later sold that farm and in 1955 bought another farm in the Homedale area. In 1969, Burt sold that farm and moved to Boise, before going to work for the Forest Service and BLM fire lookouts. Finally in 1972 he bought another farm outside of Nampa, where he lived until retiring in 1978. They built a new home in Nampa and traveled in their motorhome. They soon moved to their home in Silver Crest Estates, where Burt had a stroke in 2001, but with therapy and Maxine's loving care he came



back, then began to fail again. He was a man who liked working with his hands. He could do most anything if he put his mind to it. He was heard saying "My wife and my boys think I can do anything." He was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

He was a member of the Montana Avenue Baptist Church in Caldwell.

Burt is survived by his wife of 62 years, Maxine, and four sons: LeRoy, Larry (Sheri), Leon (Vickie) and Allen (Mary) Search, 12 grandchildren and many great grandchildren, one brother, Melvin and six sisters: Katheran Hockhalter, Jane Abbot, Nell Crawford, Mytle Baldwin, Rila Rotheamich and Thelma Jones, one sister-in-law, Arlene Search and many nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Ray, William and Vernon, three sisters: Sheila, Wilma, an infant sister and an infant granddaughter.

The family requests no flowers. Instead, a donation could be made to the Nampa Lighthouse Rescue Mission, or a charity of your choice.

"Don't shed any tears for me, I am in a much better place. We loved and took care of each other

And some day we will be together again."

Margaret Alice King



Our beloved mother and grandmother, Margaret Alice King, concluded her journey here on earth and began her eternal life in heaven on Monday, March 16th. Margaret was born in Earlimart, California on December 27, 1934 to Arthur and Olive Porter. She moved to Homedale, Idaho with her family in the winter of 1944 where she was raised and graduated from Homedale High School in 1952. Margaret married Ira "Bud" King in July following her graduation. They lived in Washington for a short time while he was in the service and they lived in Middleton for a small period, but the remaining time Margaret called Homedale her home.

They started their family in 1957 and Margaret spent the rest of her life caring for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a very loving, compassionate and cheerful person that could brighten the dimmest of rooms with her smile and she lived her life to its fullest. Margaret was an extremely hard worker, working on the farm and dairy as a child and later as an adult. However, the profession that she loved and

became known for was bus driver for the Homedale School District and was even referred to as the "Grandma of Precious Cargo". She took great pride in her job and loved "her kids" on the bus and was a loyal fan of the athletic teams that she transported.

Margaret had a vast love of the outdoors. She spent countless hours in her park-like yard caring for her beautiful flowers, bushes and berries. She also loved spending as much time as possible camping and fishing in

the mountains, especially with family and friends.

Margaret was greeted in heaven by her husband Ira "Bud" King, parents Arthur and Olive Porter, brother Gurdon "Sonny" Porter and grandson Gary Eastman. Margaret will watch over her remaining family: brother Leonard Porter and wife Deb, son Kenny King and wife Debbie, daughter Sharon Eastman and husband Hank, daughter Diana King and Matt Horsley, daughter Janice Biggins and husband Tom. Grandchildren, Brett and Bryan Eastman, Tyler, Rolida, Corey and Kylee King, Melissa and Matt McBride, Lora and Matt Ingram, Steven and Stacie Foote, Michaela and Elizabeth Biggins and Skyler Holtry, six special great grand children and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Mountain View Nazarene Church, Wilder, at 11:00am on Monday, March 23rd, facilitated by Flahiff Funeral Chapel of Homedale. If you wish to make contributions in Margaret's name, you can do so to the St. Alphonsus Cancer Center or the Homedale School District.

Ben Uda



Ben Uda of Homedale, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2009 at the age of 85. Ben was born in Loomis, California and raised in nearby Perkins. After Ben graduated from high school, he and his family were part of the mass relocation of Japanese Americans during the 2nd world war. Ben eventually ended up in a relocation camp in Jerome, Arkansas with two of his sisters, his uncle and his father. During his internment, he volunteered for the U.S. Army where he was assigned to the MIS (Military Intelligence Service).

After training in Minnesota he was stationed in Japan where he received numerous commendations.

After his tour of duty, Ben stayed in Cincinnati for a short duration before ending up in Boise. His first jobs were at the Hotel Boise and the Owyhee Hotel. It was during that time that he met the love of his life, Bette Arima. They were soon wed and lived in south Boise by the old Triangle Dairy. A couple of years

later, they moved to Homedale so Ben could learn the ins and out of farming from his brother-in-law, Tom Arima.

Ben soon became a successful farmer on his own and was one of the first farmers in the area to raise popcorn seed, strawberry corn and beans. After receiving his pilots license, he and a group of fellow farmers formed the "Homedale Flying Club" which was responsible for clearing the land and constructing the first Homedale airstrip. He helped collect and truck the red cinder rock that was used for Homedale's first running track and was active with the Cub and Boy Scouts as a volunteer. Ben was a dedicated booster of the Homedale High School sports program even before there was an actual stadium. Up until just a few years ago, he tried to make every football game. He especially enjoyed rooting for his sons and his nephews as they played during Homedale football's glory years. Ben was also a long-standing

member of the JACL (Japanese American Citizen League). Ben was very proud of his children and thoroughly enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow up. He was an accomplished carpenter and mechanic, had numerous hobbies, was an avid reader and was well known for his sense of humor.

Ben is predeceased by his sister, Fusye Fuji (Uda). Ben is survived by his wife of 59 years, Bette. His children: Joni and his wife, Kathy of Boise, Tami (Uda) Takeshita and her husband, Kent of Eagle and Terry and his wife, Charito, of Eagle. His grandchildren: Camille, Adam, Tamiko, Jonathon, Keiko, Cassandra and Koji.

On Saturday, March 21st a viewing was held at 1 p.m. at the Homedale Middle School followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. The family would like to express their gratitude for the love and support they have been shown throughout the years. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel Homedale.

Death notices

CAROL F. KELLEY, 44, of Homedale died on Monday, March 16, 2009 at her home. Viewing was held on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. A graveside service was held on Friday, March 20, 2009 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery

BOYD LaREN PETERSEN, 86, former Marsing resident, died Saturday, March 14, 2009, in Nampa. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Marsing LDS Chapel, and family greeted friends and family beforehand. Burial was at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell under the direction of Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa.



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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

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

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

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

Tuesday

Circuit Breaker property tax help
10:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 495-2817

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

Circuit Breaker property tax help
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 495-2817

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

Mental health support groups
6 p.m., Marsing Nazarene Church, 112 W. 2nd Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-5630

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

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

Wednesday

County P&Z Commission hearings
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095

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

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

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

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

Marsing PTA meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Middle School, Room 1. (208) 896-4602

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
7 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

South Board of Control board meeting
7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

Thursday, April 2

Circuit Breaker property tax help
10 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 Rod and Gun Club meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383

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

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

Friday, April 3

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.

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Bet You Didn’t Know Easter Sunday planning made easy

Something to think about ... Easter Sunday is calculated to fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21st. Has something to do with the vernal equinox.

Found some stuff about Presidents that I thought was of interest:

None of our Presidents have been an only child ... all had siblings.

Julia Grant, the wife of U.S. Grant was cross-eyed. She wanted to have an operation and get this corrected. He refused since he liked the way she looked.

So, I’ll bet you didn’t know that the Old Chisholm trail (named for Jesse Chisholm) had its busiest year in 1871. More than 700,000 head of cattle were driven from

San Antonio, Texas to Abilene, Kansas. Took 5,000 cowboys to get this accomplished.

Makes me wonder how long that many cattle would last in today’s fast food market.

Along those same lines, the latest count on chickens is at 3.5 billion.

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If you think you can outsmart your opponent in a game of chess you might want to consider this fact ... there are 318,979,564,000 possible ways that the first four moves can be made. You’d better study hard.

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

Culture, college to be talk of HMS community night

Community culture and school culture will be on display next month with at LINKed Up Community Night at Homedale Middle School.

HMS students and families are invited to the event, which will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Monday, April 6, and will feature free food catered by Homedale Mexican restaurant Del Rio.

Several local colleges will send representatives to discuss

opportunities, and muralist Bobby Gaytan will create a mural that night with school and community input.

A mural at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho in Nampa is a Gaytan work.

There also will be door prizes and the cultural exchange through dance and storytelling.

For more information, call HMS literacy coach Faith Beyer Hansen at 337-5780.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

March 25-27: No school
March 30: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit & veggie bar, chocolate pudding, milk.
March 31: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, fruit & veggie bar, goldfish crackers, milk.
April 1: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Homedale Middle

March 25-27: No school
March 30: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
March 31: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.
April 1: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Homedale High

March 25-27: No school
March 30: Pizza or chicken bacon melt, fruit & veggie bar, strawberry shortcake, milk.
March 31: Beef nuggets or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
April 1: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

March 25-27: No school.
March 30: Nachos, chicken nuggets, roll, salad & fruit bar, milk.
March 31: Cook’s choice, pizza, salad & fruit bar, milk.
April 1: Waffles/syrup, scrambled eggs, ham, strawberries, sandwiches, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

March 25-27: No school.
March 30: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, fruit, milk.
March 31: Nachos & salsa, salad/croutons, corn, fruit, bread stick, milk.
April 1: Lasagna, salad/croutons, fruit, bread sticks, milk.

Marsing PTA rallies for town’s schools

Reorganized group plans carnival, seeks more members

Even though the Marsing PTA has just two meetings left this year, the non-profit group is busy planning for next school year. Treasurer Becky Barkell said that the parent-teacher association recently changed its meeting date and location. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1 inside Room 1 at Marsing Middle School. The final meeting of the year is on May 6, and subsequent meetings in the 2009-10 school year will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Members currently are recruiting help for the year-end carnival, which will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 8, near Marsing Elementary School on 8th Avenue West. The PTA has a slew of new officers, including president Sharell Meade, Barkell said. The group

is always looking for new members. There is annual membership dues of \$6. For more information on joining, call Barkell at 896-4602. The PTA works to raise money for school supplies and school equipment such as computers and playground apparatus. The group also was instrumental in bringing the Missoula Children’s Theatre production of “The Little Mermaid” to Marsing as a fundraiser last year. Barkell said the plan is to bring the MCT back in September. The annual Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration in the Marsing High School gymnasium parking lot is another fund-raiser sponsored by the PTA. Barkell said participation fell off last October compared to the inaugural event in 2007, but that plans are in the works to bring vibrancy back to the Trunk or Treat.

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Senior menus

Marsing center

March 25: Mushroom steak, stewed tomatoes, Waldorf salad, wheat bread, oven browned potatoes, lime jello w/pineapple.
March 26: BBQ pork spareribs, potatoes, green beans, salad, French bread, peach cobbler.
March 30: Breakfast to order.
March 31: Baked ham, California blend vegetables, fruit cocktail, scalloped potatoes, garlic bread, peach yogurt dessert.

Homedale center

March 25: BBQ beef on bun, California blend veggies, potato, beverage.
March 26: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, roll, beverage.
March 31: Pork chow mein, fried rice, oriental vegetables, beverage.

Seniors plan Rocky Mtn. Oyster, finger steak feed

A Rocky Mountain Oyster feed and finger steak dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, with proceeds benefiting the center and Meals on Wheels. Tickets for the feed are \$10 each, and only 75 will be sold. Senior centers around the state are coping with a 57 percent reduction in government funding for transportation, such as Meals on Wheels. The senior center is located 224 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale, and can be reached at 337-3020.

Jordan Valley student makes Franciscan U. Dean’s List

The Academic Affairs Office at Franciscan University has announced that Andrea Cunningham has qualified for the Dean’s List. Franciscan is located in Steubenville, Ohio. The daughter of Ron and Nancy Cunningham of Jordan Valley, Cunningham is a sophomore business major.

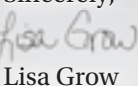
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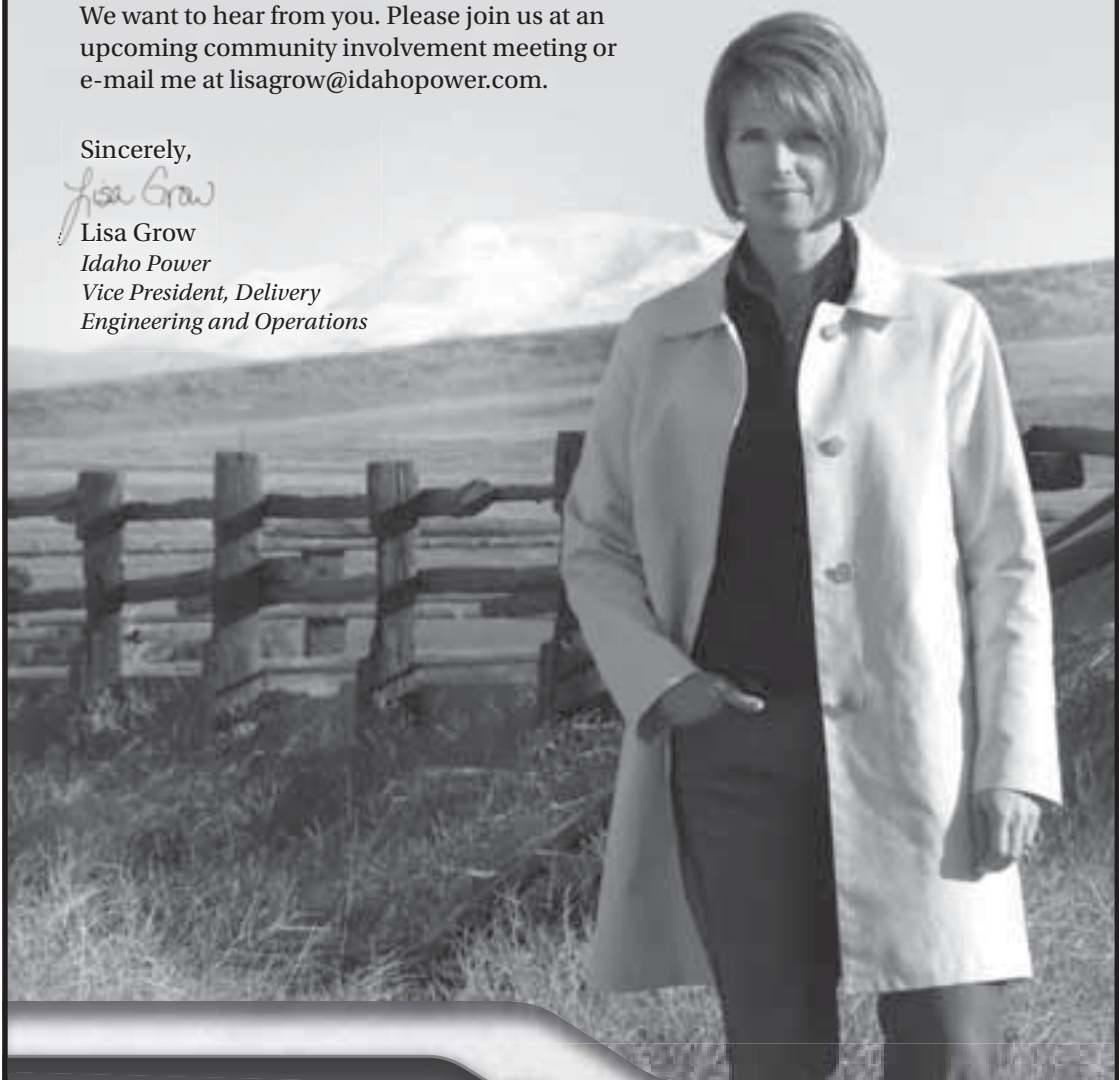
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Small schools face harsh financial future, choices

Marsing School District superintendent Harold Shockley is braced for the unknown, as legislators wrangle, the state board of education discusses ever-deepening cuts, and he tries to chart a course for Marsing schools in an atmosphere of murky funding predictions.

Changes will have to be made, as he explained in an address to the school board. What the nature of those changes will be, and how drastic, is something that is not clearly known, as legislators and the Idaho Department of Education offer differing and variable numbers as to what the cuts will be.

"Everything is as clear as mud," he said. In his address to the board, though, he said he wanted to express "What it is, as I know it to be. Things haven't looked good, and they're looking less positive."

While the outlook is shrouded in gloom, Shockley pointed out that that wasn't the same as doom.

"Will we make it? Yes we will. We don't have an option. What will it look like? I can't tell you right now," he said.

At present, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's position is that there will be a 5.3 percent, \$75 million reduction in kindergarten through 12th grade funding. State superintendent of education Tom Luna warned of cuts from \$50 to \$80 million, and has submitted a revised budget delineating \$79 million in cuts.

"Basically, he proposed cutting \$62 million, but asked for \$17 million out of the stabilization funds, something the governor has said he won't do," Shockley explained.

The situation now in education budgeting is grim. Shockley

pointed to numbers released in January that show a \$37 million loss in the system, which he has seen predicted to reach perhaps \$100 million by June.

"I'm a layman (in economics), but to me that would indicate it's not only dropping fast, it's not backing off," he said.

If the state wanted to try to hold K-12 harmless this year — keeping programs funded and running as they have been — Shockley speculated that there might not be any Public Education Stabilization Fund by June.

Supers' plans rebuffed

When lobbyists for the superintendents approached the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) with ideas for cuts — stopping extra programs like

the \$350-per-teacher classroom supplies stipend, supplemental texts and remediation, as well as recommending holds on introducing new programs like the Math Initiative — they were rebuffed.

"They were very gracious and polite," Shockley said, "but they said 'We are not interested in removing any extra cuts out of superintendent Luna's budget ... we feel that we're going to have to go well beyond where he's at.'"

"The figure that keeps bouncing up is that we're going to be closer to \$130 million, rather than the \$75 million raised by the governor," he said. That \$130 million is, at present, Shockley's best guess as to the real level of the shortfall.

He cautioned that the "Obama bailout" isn't going to be a fix. Given the speed of legislation, and the necessity of determining what avenue by which the money will be funneled to schools as well as who gets what, he does not expect to see any funds any time soon.

"In my judgment, we will not see funding here in our district ... for quite a period of time. My speculation is that, if anything comes by this time next year, we'll be lucky. What we are going to do is to be prepared," he said. "Until the dust settles, it's really hard to sit down and say this is what were going to do."

Some cuts have cost districts. When the State Department of Education decided to reduce the support and match for supplemental texts (cutting a \$10 million program by 40 percent), match money already spent by districts, \$3.3 million, seems likely to not be refunded, despite the cut.

Deputy chief of staff for the Department of Education, Jason Hancock, when asked if that was true, looked blank and replied, "How do you expect us to come up with the money we have to cut," Shockley said.

Cuts may hit staff

Other cuts being discussed include reduction or elimination of all field trips, and driver training.

Administration cuts to get in line with a projected new staffing formula are problematic. The staffing formula is multiplied by a student enrollment factor to establish maximum staff sizes. The department looked at changing the formula on administrators (.075 now, .0715 proposed), Shockley said.

"In our district, we are over-staffed on that formula to begin with — most small districts are. I would probably be required to run the district with myself and maybe two principals — and maybe not two full-time principals. And that's just not realistic," he said.

"I don't know how we would reduce," he admits. The state may, he agreed, be failing to take into account that there really is a minimum staff size. Shockley has no assistant administrator. He has six people: himself, district clerk Debbie Holzhey, three principals, and one of the two Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency (COSSA)

heads.

Teacher contracts in many districts are falling afoul of master contracts, Shockley said.

The three-year master contract locks schools into high salaries and escalation yearly with planned cost-of-living increases. This means the big districts may be paying more, unless there are major overhauls in the legislation, Shockley warned. With that system in place, he can see the potential for local impact when salary negotiations and requests for cuts come around.

"I think if everybody across state takes a three-day furlough, will our staff be happy? No — but they'll do it," he said. "But if we have other districts that don't take the three days, and (their staff is) getting paid more, and getting raises, our folks are going to say 'We want to do that, too.' Which, in negotiations, will be very difficult for us, because we just plain don't have any money. I don't have anything to put back into supplement (salaries) — there's no piggy bank."

District measures cuts

Breaking down the numbers, the Marsing School District needs \$192,451 set aside for maintenance. This year, lottery funds of \$55,054 offset part of that cost, the state put \$7,300 into maintenance, and \$141,364 had to be dug out of district funds. The now-possibly-missing textbook matching funds came to \$10,211. Field trips and transportation will total approximately \$22,000.

If the district reduces the factor for administrators and stays with the same classroom units, the schools would save about \$91,000, Shockley said. If three-day furloughs were implemented, that's another \$22,000 in round figures.

"Putting all those together, if we chose to operate in '09-'10 the same way as '08-'09, we'd have to find \$250,000 to do what we're doing now," he said. "And we had to use \$417,000 in residual funds out of the previous year's money just to fund this year's budget, so the final bill is close to three-quarters of a million. In a budget of \$4.8 million, that's pretty tough to come by."

"To paint the picture a little more clearly. It doesn't look very pretty, folks. There's no way we can look at business as usual. What will it all shake out at? I don't know."

Shockley, like all small-school administrators, is watching and waiting to see how the Legislature leans, what statutory changes are made, what the governor decides.

"There will have to be some pretty significant changes for us," he said. "There will be some challenges."

"Will we make it? Yes," he said. "Will people like the way we make it? Probably not. Will I like it? Probably not. But we'll do the very best we can and try to do it in a way that minimizes as much damage as possible."

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Gene Clapier celebrates 80th birthday Saturday

According a family member, “the old fool’s going to be 80”, and family and friends will get together to celebrate Marsing resident Gene Clapier’s 80th birthday Saturday. He was born on April Fool’s Day.

The celebration will be held at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. Old Bruneau Hwy. Doors open at 4 p.m. and a beef dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The family would appreciate attendees to bring a covered dish to share.

The family requests no gifts.

For more information, call Bodie at 899-0206.

Pennies for Lincoln brings in almost a quarter-ton of cash

With a final total of 28 half-gallon jugs, Marsing Elementary students gathered close to 500 pounds of pennies in an effort to restore and move the Lincoln monument in front of the Idaho state capitol building in Boise.

Estimated at \$675, the haul was the result of an effort that exceeded the expectations of organizers, volunteer Cyndi Breshears said.

“Loretta Rost, Elaine Theiss and Leslie Dudman — the fourth-grade teachers — went all out getting their classes excited about this ‘penny project’,” Breshears said in an e-mal to The Owyhee Avalanche. “We are all very proud of them all.” She also praised counselor Eric Graves,

who played a big part in the fundraiser’s success.

Each class filled as many of the half-gallon milk jugs as they could. Results by class were as follows: fifth grade, three jugs; fourth grade, 11 jugs; third grade, four jugs; second grade, three jugs; first grade 3.5 jugs; kindergarten, 2.5 jugs.

The fourth grade students, as the top team in the fundraiser, were rewarded with a sundae bar with all the fixings.

All students were rewarded for their civic-minded work with an ice cream party sponsored by Meadow Gold Dairies.

Dave Breshears noted that anyone wishing to donate, or interested in seeking information

on the Lincoln monument, may contact the Idaho Lincoln Bicentennial commission at www.lincolnbicentennial.idaho.gov.

He extended a big thank you to Marsing Elementary Principal Lil Stewart and her staff for helping in the project.



The trove of pennies, above, and the reward, left, of the Pennies for Lincoln drive.
(Submitted photos)

Children’s Drama Workshop to take the stage April in Homedale

The Children’s Drama Workshop, conducted by the Homedale High School Drama Club, will be held Saturday, April 18, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event is open to children from first to eighth grade.

The workshop fee is \$10.

Attending students will have drama instruction, a snack, play drama games and learn the short

plays for performance that evening. Special needs children are welcome with a parent or aide. Workshop attendees are asked to bring a water bottle with their name on it and wear comfortable clothes.

After the workshop there will be a show of the skits students have learned. Parents will be able to take their children right after

the show. The show is free for anyone wishing to stop by and see the fruits of the actors’ labors.

Sign up sheets for the workshop will be in the April 3 student “Friday Folders”. Middle School students can pick up forms at school. Registration must be turned in by April 10 to avoid late fees.

For information, call DeAnn Thatcher at 337-3822.

Marsing kids sought for coloring contest

Friends of Lizard Butte library will sponsor a coloring contest at Marsing Elementary for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Contestants will receive pictures at school on Monday, and the entries must be returned to the library by April 3. Pictures will be judged and prizes will be awarded at the school.



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HAZEL FRETWELL-JOHNSON
Jordan Valley author, historian

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Longtime resident lives, paints, records history



Hazel Danner Fretwell-Johnson's family has been around just about as long as anyone in the Jordan Valley area. In addition to being a resident, she's a historian and author, and kindly shared some of her own history with The Owyhee Avalanche. Her life, like her books, brings together the threads of the town's long tale.

Fretwell-Johnson was born in Jordan Valley in 1920, on March 17.

"Spoiled the big Irish St. Patrick's celebration for a lot of

people," she wrote.

She was born in the house that belonged to her grandparents, John and Sovia Danner. John, she related, was the postmaster at the time. The locally famous Dr. W.W. Jones attended her birth — the man for whom the Arock Elementary School was later named.

Jones is an excellent example of the people and stories Fretwell-Johnson collects and relates. The physician — who once swam the ice-chunks floated past in order to attend a South Mountain boy — served in France in World War I and studied at the Mayo Clinic, but is best known in Jordan Valley for delivering three generations of babies — and for never losing a mother in childbirth, she said.

Sovia was a registered nurse, Fretwell-Johnson reports, taught by Jones.

Fretwell-Johnson's own parents were Robert and Ruth Robinson Danner. Ruth's father, she remembers, was the village blacksmith.

Johnson's father ran a grocery store that served the farmers and ranchers of the newly settled Jordan Valley Irrigation District.

Her brother Donald was born in Jordan Valley, brother Harold was born during the years at Danner.

She spent nine years of school at the Arock schoolhouse, and then finished her secondary education at Ontario High School. She went on to attend Gooding College, Oregon State College at Corvallis and the College of Southern Idaho at Twin Falls.

She married Orville Fretwell in 1942, and took up ranching in Arock. She had three children with Orville: Glenn, Rebecca and Robert. Fretwell died in 1970. Hazel remarried in 1980, to Irvan Johnson, who she had known from her college days, and settled with him in Twin Falls for more than 26 years. He passed away in 2006.

Two years ago, she found herself back in Jordan Valley, where her two sons live — and her nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

On writing

Fretwell-Johnson has written four books, on, or connected with, Jordan Valley and the lives of those who settled there.

"I feel it is very important that we preserve our heritage," she said. "When I was younger, I talked with many older people about the past area happenings." As the years pass, and many of the older generation pass with them, her collections are sometimes the only record remaining.

Those oral histories, and research in the Twin Falls Library security history room for documented events, were the resources for her books, the most recent of which, *The Best of Jordan Valley*, is just being released by Caxton Printers.

Her first book, *Behind the Hills*, was, she reports, "mostly fiction". It was published in 1949. It's long out of print, and the only copies at Amazon.com are listed as high as \$70. It was published by the Christopher Publishing House of Boston, and is the story of Fretwell's early married life in Arock. While fictional, the book is, she said, heavily sprinkled with facts.

Fretwell-Johnson went on a 41-year hiatus following the publication of her first book, and it wasn't until 1990 that her next, *In Times Past*, a fully documented history, was published. The book offers a look at the stories and lives of the Lower Jordan Creek communities: Arock, Danner and Rome.

As to why the four-decade vacation from writing?

"I was busy," Fretwell-Johnson said. "I reared my children and everybody else's, and did a lot of painting." Plus, of course, dealing with all the myriad things that need doing on a ranch or in a home.

They came to Jordan was published in 1995, and details the settlement of the region as well as collecting more tales.

Caxton Press is publishing her newest project, *The Best of Jordan Valley*. The book, all 385 pages of it in a 9 by 6 format, starts off with the earliest settlement itself — with the tribes and the first European to look into the valley. It will cover the communities and settlements along the Jordan Creek drainage: Silver City, Jordan Valley, on down to Rome. Fretwell has included the history of the Basque settlers as well, and the things they brought to the region, whether sheepherding, the many miners that came to Silver City, dry goods or stonemasonry. Early Basque settlers' handiwork can still be seen in Jordan Valley's Catholic Church and the Jordan Valley ION Museum building — formerly the Elorriaga boarding house.

Fretwell-Johnson is a painter as well, preferring oils and currently



enjoying floral painting. Flowers offer her an easier subject, as she suffers from macular degeneration, tough she doesn't seem too worried about that.

"They say people paint best a little blurry," she said.

Keeping busy

"I am a steady worker at the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum and member of the board," she reports. She's also kept busy by traveling and has seen a fair portion of the world. Her wanderings have taken her to all of Japan and Okinawa, Australia, Indonesia, Hawaii, England, Scotland and Wales. She has been to Alaska three times, and to most of Western Canada and to Mexico several times.

After the Second World War, she helped extend a hand across the Pacific.

"I brought five Japanese young men over to teach them to raise cattle, under a 4-H program to mend family-to-family relationship with Japan after the war. Each stayed two years. They were 'My Boys'."

She keeps her hand in locally, as well.

"I have been a member of the Arock Grange for 76 years, and the only member to receive the national Degree of Ceres. I was Master at one time," she reported.

"I write a weekly column to the Malheur County newspaper, The Enterprise, for the news in this end of the county."

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Advisory councils to help site B2H line

Exact makeup of boards to be determined

In a process that may slow the timeline for the Boardman-to-Hemingway (B2H) transmission project, Idaho Power has decided that regional advisory committees will be formed, as was reported last week in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Details on the exact makeup of the boards are lacking, so far, as the new policy is in its infancy. The goals, though, are clear: to involve interested and impacted groups more closely in the project, and to have a far quicker turnaround on input and information.

David Angell, Idaho Power's delivery planning manager, said that the speed — or lack of it — may have been a contributing factor to the now-scrapped original planning protocol.

"The whole idea is to use those who are very knowledgeable about the area, and to have quick feedback," he said. The process that had been used, following the slower steps of the National Environmental Protection Act and Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council protocols led to frustration, and a feeling in property-owners and cities that their voices were being ignored.

Idaho Power would have a public meeting, he said, then go back and confer, perhaps draw up new maps and collate information — and it might be three weeks to a month before the project planners got back to the people with new information.

"For the public, that's forever," Angell said.

The new system will hopefully keep planners and public

on the same page, and communicating in real time.

Finding members

Angell said that Idaho Power will be looking for representation from city, county, state and federal agencies to start, and will be making inquiries with county commissioners and city mayors from the three regions that will host the line. The project planners hope to use those local contacts to find representatives from the ranks of landowners, developers and business owners to bring into the committees. That initial questioning will occur this month, with a start-date in April for the first committee meetings. Public meetings would begin immediately afterward, keeping landowners and concerned citizens informed.

"We'll look at particular individuals in the communities that can represent property owners really well — get a good cross-section of folks that understand and are willing to engage the public so we can understand what the concerns are and get them to the committee ... to come up with the criteria for routing, to look at the proposed routes, and to rank them against the criteria," he said.

The three "regions" of the B2H project are the Southeast (Owyhee, Malheur, Canyon, Payette and possibly Washington and Grant counties); a team built of representatives from Union and Baker counties, and a third group formed in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Within each committee, Angell said, there will be involved members representing agriculture, land-use, development and commercial interests. The largest planned committee would include about 30 members, he said.

A fourth committee tasked with overseeing the entire project will be formed by members from each regional team, he said.

When asked if any Stop Idaho Power activists would be involved in the committees, Angell was positive, though he refrained from reserving a seat at the table before planners had begun to research potential committee members.

"I think that would be likely, but I don't want to say 'They're the first ones on the committee'," he said. "It seems logical," but planners want to take the process step-by-step.

Still, "They're a grassroots organization that already has a network in place," and he added that it would make sense to look at them.

Project timeline, specifics may change

When asked if the new siting methodology will delay the project, Angell cautioned that could be the case.

"We're hoping to minimize the impact, but to absolutely think it won't ... is probably not realistic," he said. "No dates have been changed yet." Idaho Power hopes to finish the routing process in 2009, to be ready for next spring's Environmental Impact Statement application deadline.

What effect this will have on the original 2013 proposed in-operation date for the project is not known.

The Sand Hollow substation has always been a lynchpin of friction for the project, and while it's no longer on the map as such, nor set in stone, it's not gone — at least as a concept.

"The main purpose (of the project) is to connect Boardman to Hemingway by 2013," Angell said. The initial intent

to build through the proposed Sand Hollow substation was to provide a future hardpoint for service to a growing Treasure Valley in the coming years.

Someday, depending on growth rates, another line will have to make its way east, circling the north portion of the valley. The original plan was to make use of the B2H line, through what Angell dryly called "The Substation Formerly Known As Sand Hollow" to get two benefits out of the project.

Was Sand Hollow the pill that couldn't be swallowed for the B2H project?

"I think that's a fair statement," he said. The substation itself wasn't the issue, so much as the lines joining it to the rest of the project and their crossing of extensive amounts of agricultural land, city impact areas and the like.

While some version of Sand Hollow may exist in the future, it's no longer an integral part of the current plan. Idaho Power won't make the substation a criterion for B2H "but if we can make use of Boardman-to-Hemingway for the 500kV loop ... let's have a dialog," he said. Whether the future holds another substation, and a potential tap line into B2H, will remain to be seen.

"What we don't want to do is build this 500kV line and, in 15 or 20 or 25 years, build another in the same area," Angell said. "We want to optimize the facilities and minimize the number of lines."

In the future, he warned, Idaho Power and Treasure Valley are still going to need transmission in that area.

"We'll just have to figure out how to get into it from somewhere," he said.

— MML

County passes resolution on transmission line routing

Simultaneously with Idaho Power's move to more landowner, community and county involvement, the Board of County Commissioners has passed a resolution delineating Owyhee County's stance on power lines — they need to stay on public land wherever possible.

The resolution, No. 09-07, was adopted during the March 9 meeting and seeks to minimize impacts on landholders or the use of lands, by adopting the guidelines that "when reasonably feasible — utilities and/or public utilities are to be constructed, installed or placed upon existing public lands or properties held by federal, state, county or municipal government and not through the acquisition or condemnation of private property."

The resolution followed input from District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), who informed commissioners that the Idaho Legislature would back the county's plans to keep the Boardman-to-Hemingway and Gateway West lines on as much public land as possible, adding that having the protocol in place as a resolution would make the process that much more robust.

During their March 16 meeting, the commissioners reiterated their desire to proceed in the B2H and Gateway West siting process as a coordinating agency as required under federal law for governmental agencies that have land-use plans in place.

District 2 Commissioner George Hyer and District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund agreed that the commissioners should meet face-to-face and one-on-one in Murphy with Idaho Power representatives rather than go through the group meeting process that has been held thus far.

The commissioners also want to invite the South Board of Control and Gem Irrigation District boards to any meeting they have with the power line developers.

— District 23 legislators commend Owyhee County residents on their effort to get power line moved, Page 20

Shoo-Fly 4-H news

by Nicole Luna

The members of the Shoo-Fly 4-H club had their first meeting on Jan. 9, where they elected the new club officers of 2009. The officers are: Nicole Luna, reporter; Esteban Lejardi, secretary; Miranda Miklancic, treasurer; Shelbie Criffield, historian; Whitney Uria, vice-president; Megan Harper, president; and Kenny Harper, sergeant-at-arms.

As part of community service, members helped clean up after the 48th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord on Feb. 14. After the event at Homedale Elementary School, members helped disassemble the food booths, clean up tables, and pack up artwork displayed by students from all three Homedale schools.

Homedale FFA advisor Lori Harrison came to the February meeting and taught members how to judge a dairy cow and then gave the members booklets of cows to judge for the Hoard's Dairy Judging contest.



Shoo-fly 4-H elects new officers

The Shoo-fly 4-H Club's 2009 officers are, from left: Nicole Luna, reporter; Esteban Lejardi, secretary; Miranda Miklancic, treasurer; Shelbie Criffield, historian; Whitney Uria, vice-president; Megan Harper, president; and Kenny Harper, sergeant-at-arms. Submitted photo

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New Rimrock BPA chapter has strong launch

All but two members attend state conference

The Bruneau-Grand View-area high school sent 14 of its 16 charter members to the state leadership conference. The students' regional competition took place at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

None of the 14 finished high enough in the state competition to qualify for the national event.

"None of the students qualified for Nationals, but I am very proud of each of them. It was their first year, so they didn't know exactly what to expect," new Rimrock Business/Technology teacher Jennifer Bollinger said. "Next year I know they will understand how SLC works and do better."

Bollinger started the chapter when she arrived in the fall from her previous job at Murtaugh High School.

"I was lucky enough to get a job with Rimrock," she said. "It is a great school. My background is in Business and I love Business Professionals of America (BPA), so I started a chapter at Rimrock."

Bollinger said the members also have a special place for the late Adam Lingle, a classmate who was killed in an automobile accident at the beginning of the school year.

"Adam was very excited to be a part of BPA, and we miss him," she said.

Chapter leadership includes president Brian Simper, vice-president Telby Black, treasurer Megan McIning, secretary Sarah

Chandler and parliamentarian Joe Morrison.

Chapter members include:

Courtney Bennett, ninth grade—Keyboarding Production and as part of the Administrative Support Team. She also competed in prepared speech at the regional, but didn't advance.

Nathan Black, ninth grade — Administrative Support Team member. Also competed in Banking and Finance and Desktop Publishing at regional.

Telby Black, 12th grade — Qualified for State as part of the Economic Research Project team and in the Entrepreneurship category. He also took part in the Banking and Finance regional.

Anna Cantrell, 11th grade — She didn't qualify for any State competitions after competing at the regionals in Interview skills, Medical Office Procedures and Small Business Management. But Cantrell did attend the state conference in Boise to participate in leadership activities.

Sarah Chandler, 11th grade — Unable to attend the regional because of an injury, the chapter secretary did attend the SLC for leadership activities.

Mya Draper, 11th grade — Competed in Banking and Finance, Desktop Publishing, and Keyboarding Production at regional, but didn't qualify for State. She attended leadership activities at the SLC.

Luis Elizarraras, 11th grade

— Competed at regional in Keyboarding Production, Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications and Basic Office Procedures, but did not qualify or attend State.

Hernan Hernandez, ninth grade — Keyboarding Production, Desktop Publishing and Banking and Finance at regional. He didn't qualify for State, but attended the SLC leadership activities.

Sydnee James, ninth grade — Competed at State as part of the Administrative Support team and competed at regional in Desktop Publishing and Extemporaneous Speech.

Austin Lente, ninth grade — Member of Administrative Support team at SLC, also competed in Desktop Publishing, and Banking and Finance at regionals.

Megan McIning, 12th grade — Competed at state in Medical Office Procedures and as part of the school's Economic Research Project Team. Also took part in Keyboarding Production competition at regional.

Annabel Meza, ninth grade — Competed at regionals in Human Resource Management, Medical Office Procedures, Keyboarding Production

Joe Morrison, 12th grade — Competed regionally in Banking and Finance, Java Programming and Fundamentals of XHTML. While in didn't qualify for any State competitions, he attended SLC leadership activities.



New Rimrock BPA chapter enjoys Boise
A large majority of Rimrock Business Professionals of America members attended last week's State Leadership Conference. Submitted photo

Kody Schiermeier, 11th grade — Competed at State in Legal Office Procedures; competed at regional in Interview Skills and Small Business Management Team

Brian Simper, 11th grade — Although he competed at the regional in Extemporaneous Speech, Prepared Speech and as part of the Small Business Management Team, he did not qualify for SLC. He was on hand for leadership activities.

Jackie Thurman, 11th grade — Qualified for state competition in Keyboarding Production, and competed at regionals in Interview Skills and as part of the Small Business Management Team.

The Rimrock BPA chapter worked the concession stand at basketball games to raise money for the regional and state competitions.

The next fundraiser for the chapter is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 11. Tickets will be sold for children to get a photo taken with the Easter bunny and decorate an Easter egg.

The event will precede the Grand View Lions Club's annual Easter egg hunt at Grand View City Park.

— JPB

Homedale BPA members qualify for nationals

Marsing students also compete at state conference

Two Homedale High School freshmen are heading to the Business Professionals of America national conference in Dallas after placing high in state competition earlier this month.

Katie Price won the state championship in Keyboarding Production, while fellow ninth-grader Deena Emry was runner-up in Fundamental Word Processing Skills and fourth in Basic Systems and Procedures.

The national competition takes place from May 6 to May 10. The Homedale BPA chapter advisor is Dennis Ankeny. During its March 9 meeting, the Homedale School District Board of Trustees approved financial support of \$300 per student for the nationals.

Seven students represented Homedale at State — freshman Ashley Leslie; sophomores Amber Brinkerhoff, Ali McRae, Sydney Cornwall and Caitlyn Johnson;

junior Megan Romans and senior Kara McRae.

Kara McRae and Cornwall finished in the top 10 at State in Advanced Word Processing Skills. Cornwall also was in the top 10 for Basic Office Systems and Procedures.

Marsing

Low funds and a scheduling conflict reduced Marsing High School's presence at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference to one person.

After placing third in the

Desktop Publishing regional competition at Nampa High School, Jessica Torres finished out of the top 10 at the state meet, which was held March 12-14 at Boise State University.

Torres was the only Marsing BPA member who qualified for the state competition to actually make the trip. Advisor Brandy Smith said Andre Heidt and the chapter's Parliamentary Procedures Team also qualified for the state competition but couldn't go because of financial considerations or prior engagements.

Heidt, who was out of the country

during the state competition, won a regional championship as did the Parliamentary Procedures Team. Other members who were eligible to attend the state meet included Bethany Sevy, Ryan Rebischke, Samantha Jensen, Shad Jensen and Angela Herrera.

The conference takes place Thursday through Saturday at Boise State University.

In the regional competition at Nampa, Marsing's Andre Heidt and the Parliamentary Procedures Team won championships. Jessica Torres placed third in Desktop Publishing.

FFA Meats the Need
Homedale FFA members load up some of the 1,000 pounds of pork provided to 18 families, plus 100 pounds each to the El-Ada food bank and several churches. The chapter pays for raising the hogs, and cutting and wrapping of the meat, spending about \$1,200. Members then help divide up, load and deliver the food to those who need it.



Train time for Story Time

Story Time at Homedale Public Library will feature "The Little Engine That Could" by Watty Piper at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

In this classic, a little train carrying toys to boys and girls comes to a towering, seemingly impassable mountain. The toys cannot convince the Shiny New Engine or the Big Strong Engine — far too impressed with themselves — to say anything but "I cannot. I cannot." It's left up to the Little Blue Engine to overcome insurmountable odds and try to pull the train over the mountain.

The little engine's rallying cry, "I think I can; I think I can" will resonate for a lifetime in the mind of every child who hears it.

There will be singing, refreshments and a take-home craft.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information, phone 337-4228 afternoons between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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Owyhee weed management area looks for partners

E. Owyhee group also seeks chemicals bids

In late 2008 the Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) applied for an Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) grant to combat noxious weeds in its jurisdiction within Owyhee County. The ISDA has been diligently working on education and eradication of the most invasive weed species in the state. Last year the state set aside a number of dollars for this goal.

The Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area (NOCWMA) grant application was approved by ISDA earlier this year. The working noxious weed committee is now going forward with planning its strategies.

Property owners and interested groups are welcome to become a working member of the weed management area.

The NOCWMA meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing. Call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102, to reach Gina Millard if you have any questions.

During meetings, the district will set forth goals and objectives for the month.

The OCD weed management program has set two priorities for this year, Millard said in a press release Monday. First priority is to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to areas infested with puncture vine; the second is to spray perennial pepper weed during bud to bloom stages.

Millard advised that, the more people

who are involved in spray days, mapping and education, the more apt the district is to be effective in addressing noxious weed issues. She said that all are welcome to be involved, and invited those interested to call with questions or suggestions.

In other weed management news, The Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area received permission from the Board of County Commissioners on Monday to post a notice of bid for chemicals for the upcoming season on the county Web site, owyheecounty.net.

Eastern Owyhee CWMA representative Rayola Jacobsen told commissioners that an \$89,000 grant from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture required the group to obtain three bids. Once requirements are posted on the Web

site, prospective bidders can send their proposals to Dwayne Lafayette at the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District.

Jacobsen said the Eastern Owyhee CWMA volunteers will get to work soon on spraying white top and napweed. The strategy was to be mapped out in a meeting later Monday.

Jacobsen also mentioned that a GPS mapping project funded by a grant and carried out by Rimrock High School students will help locate weeds and water sources in preparation for spraying. The commissioners suggested that the GPS project also could help map sage-grouse leks and keep track of other endangered and threatened species in the region, such as the Bruneau Hotspring snail.

Bruneau hears stories from native

An overflow crowd attended the latest Bruneau and Beyond speaking engagement Wednesday as local native David Lahtinen appeared for the free luncheon sponsored by the Bruneau Valley Library.

With 40 attendees, the program was moved to the Bruneau Community Church.

A major theme of Lahtinen's talk was how good the local people were and that it was such a good place in which to grow up. He particularly remembered



David Lahtinen

what a booming town it once was with stores, saloons, a hotel and lots of fun at horse races and big dances.

He recalled how people made it through good times and bad and how they burned practically anything for fuel in the bitter winter of 1988.

That was the blizzard that pretty much ended the era of big cattle in the county. At the time, there were approximately 100,000 head of mostly Texas longhorns in the Bruneau-Grand View area, but after the disas-

trous winter there were practically none left. There was a big eddy at the conflux of the Bruneau and Snake rivers then. Try as they might, the cowboys could not keep the cattle from going out onto the ice to get to water, and the cattle fell through to their deaths. Others simply died of starvation in that brutal winter.

Dave recalled his start in the cattle business. As a youngster he trapped muskrats and sold the pelts to buy his first cows.

Once, the family home caught fire, but Dave went into the burning building and rescued his precious store of muskrat pelts.



Marsing schoolgirl's hair cut for a cause

Marsing Elementary School kindergartener Delaney Percifield shows off her certificate and a keepsake lock of hair after having her hair cut off for donation to Locks of Love. Locks of Love take donated hair and makes wigs for cancer patients. Delaney received her haircut at Homedale's Hair Depot, with Rebecca Wasson doing the cutting. Submitted photo

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Trojans bring home track and field titles

Avalanche Sports

Signs that spring is finally here

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

One game down, a bright future ahead

Eby's coach sees tremendous potential in the one-time Trojan

A pretty good authority on football talent thinks Michael Eby's award-winning professional debut was no fluke.

That would be the man who signed the 2002 Homedale High School last summer — Billings Outlaws coach Heron O'Neal.

"Hopefully we can keep him for the whole season, if he doesn't move up right away," O'Neal said of Eby in the days after the

rookie free safety picked off two passes in Billings' 82-12 thrashing of the Sioux City Bandits.

"He has that ability. If he continues to progress, he would definitely have an opportunity I would see — if they're looking at the film I'm looking at."

O'Neal knows a thing or two

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— Heron O'Neal
Billings Outlaws coach

about judging talent. He played in high school with future NFL Pro Bowlers Donovan McNabb and Simeon Rice, served two seasons in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Chicago Bears and had a three-year career in indoor football before turning his attention to a successful coaching career.

The Outlaws are on the road Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo., to play Intense Conference Pacific Division rival the Colorado Ice in Game 2. The game kicks off at 7 p.m., and live statistics and play-by-play charts will be streamed on www.billingsoutlaws.com.

Even though Eby has played

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Eby's career off and running

Homedale High School graduate Michael Eby looks for running room while returning an interception March 15 during his professional football debut with the Billings Outlaws. Eby won the Indoor Football League's Defensive Player of the Week Award after his two-interception performance. Photo courtesy of Billings Gazette

Homedale shows off scoring ability

Baseball team pounds Melba, McCall for first wins, loses two at NC tourney

Homedale High School's baseball team's early-season indoor hitting practice paid off last week with the first two victories of the season.

The Trojans pounded 25 hits and scored 34 runs in two consecutive games to rout Melba, 18-4, on March 17 and blast McCall-Donnelly, 16-5, in Homedale's 3A Snake River Valley conference opener Thursday.

However, Homedale ended the busy week with two losses in the Nampa Christian Tournament played Friday and Saturday.

Friday: Malad 8, Homedale 1 — Limited to three hits, the Trojans struggled to score against the Dragons.

Malad owned a 5-0 lead before the Trojans broke through in the fifth inning. Rodrigo Villarreal led off with a single, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch before scoring on an error. Alex Mereness was tossed out at the plate later in the inning.

Saturday: Nampa Christian 10, Homedale 5 — Homedale surged ahead early but watched as host Nampa Christian score eight

of the game's final 10 runs for a victory on its home field.

Homedale showed sparks of good play against Nampa Christian as Villarreal, a left-handed starter, tried to maintain control on the mound.

The Trojans owned a 3-0 lead after a half-inning when Tyler Ford stole home and Trey Corta drove in Zac Lowder with a base hit.

But Nampa Christian tied the game, 3-3, when Devin Asselin scored on a two-out, two-strike wild pitch. Two more unearned runs crossed the plate when Dustin Kamper's single was bobbled by left fielder Jose Gonzales.

Homedale came back to tie the game in the third inning. Lowder and Corta had consecutive singles, and Stacey knocked in Gonzales with the tying run with a ringing two-out single. Stacey tried to take an extra base on the throw to home plate and was thrown out trying to scramble back to first base.

Nampa Christian scored what turned out to be the winning run in the fourth inning when Asselin led



Infield defense shines

Homedale High School first baseman Zac Lowder awaits a pickoff throw from left-hander Rodrigo Villarreal during Saturday's game against Nampa Christian. Villarreal eventually caught the NCHS runner leaning and he was retired after a rundown.

off with a walk and later scored on Tim Ryan's sacrifice fly.

Thursday: Homedale 16, McCall-Donnelly 5 — Trey Corta fired a five-inning five-hitter for the victory, and the Trojans broke the game open with a seven-run second inning at home.

Trailing 2-1, Homedale

collected six hits in the bottom of the second inning to take control. The first eight batters reached base, including a run-scoring single from Alfredo Machuca and an RBI double by Zac Lowder. Jose Gonzalez capped the inning with a two-run single.

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Rimrock's Snyder to play for UMW

Former Rimrock High School quarterback TJ Snyder has signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Montana Western.

Snyder, a 5-foot-11, 170-pound senior from Grand View, is the son of Scott and Lee Snyder.

"TJ is the most versatile athlete on our board this recruiting class," UMW coach Rich Ferris said.

"He could come in and compete for about five positions. Good things happen when TJ is on the field."

UMW is a member of the NAIA's Frontier Conference.

In his senior season, Snyder passed for 847 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed 378 yards and seven TDs. As a defender, he recorded 85 tackles and two interceptions.

Snyder received all-conference honors his sophomore through senior years. He broke the school record for tackles in a season in 2008.

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Trojans thrower takes title

Homedale junior Nickole D'Alessio already has the school's shot put record. Based on early-season results, it appears she's focusing on the discus this year. She won the Ontario Icebreaker title last week.

Acree aces three tests in Ontario

Three Trojans girls win titles; Adrian junior grabs girls' 3,000 meters

Homedale High School junior Trent Acree was a three-time winner last week at the Ontario Icebreaker track and field meet. The Trojans' triple jump record-holder, Acree won that event with an effort of 42 feet, 5½ inches on March 17. He also won the long jump (20-9½) and ran to a title with a 23.3 time in the 200. Acree was the only boys' team member to grab victories for coach Thomas Thomas' squad. Three Homedale girls won events, including juniors Kindra Galloway (13.34 in the 100) and Nickole D'Alessio (105-3 in the discus). Senior Annamaria Salas captured the long jump (15-0). Galloway also finished third in

the 200 (29.38) and fourth in the long jump (14-3), and freshman Kaitlin Garcia was runner-up in the 300 hurdles (54.76). Rachelle Christoffersen, a senior, was runner-up in the triple jump (32-0) and fifth in the high jump (4-6¼). D'Alessio was third in the shot put at 31-11. Senior Angelica Garibay was fifth in the 800 in 2:55.84. Other boys who fared well included freshmen Bodie Hyer, who was fifth in the 300 intermediate hurdles, and Seth Bayes, who was fifth in the high jump.

Adrian

Adrian junior Sammy Bowns won the girls' 3,000 meters in 11 minutes, 39.81 seconds.

Homedale athletes honored

Outstanding Homedale High School winter athletes were recognized Wednesday:

Wrestlers honored: Cassidy Cook, Most Outstanding Wrestler; Kevin Abels, Most Inspirational; Most Takedowns, Danny Zenor (64); Most Pins, Justin Ensley (22); Fastest Pin, Jesus Gonzalez (17 seconds); and Nelson Machuca, Most Improved.

In a special moment, Kenny Cockrum received the "Mr. Guts" award — something that hasn't been given out in 36 years, since

1973, when Nolan Taggart had another especially tough wrestler.

All 3A Snake River Valley conference basketball awards were also announced:

Girls — Hannah Johnson, first team; Kendall Rupp and Ashley Thomson, second team; Mikal Mackenzie and Rachelle Christoffersen, honorable mention.

Boys — Austin Emry, Tyler Gibson and Rodrigo Villarreal, first team; Ryan Garrett and Grant Sweet, second team; Ryan Ryska, honorable mention.

Huskies off to good start

Team's PRs bolster new coach's optimism

Natalie Evans rewarded her coach's confidence last week in Marsing High School's second track and field meet. The junior won two events and finished second in another at a March 17 meet in Nampa. New Huskies coach Jim Eisentrager predicts Evans will vie for 2A state titles in the 1,600 and 3,200, and the 1A-2A District III cross country champ (and State runner-up) didn't damage Eisentrager's second career as a seer. She didn't run in the 3,200 at Nampa Christian, but Evans did win the 800 meters in 2 minutes, 29.28 seconds (11 seconds ahead of runner-up Natalie Ball from 3A McCall-Donnelly), and followed that with the 1,600 title (5:54.84, three seconds in front of Ball). For good measure — and

perhaps to show her versatility — Evans also finished second in the 200 (27.74 seconds) and ran the second leg of Marsing's 4x100 relay, which also featured Shannon Malmberg, Amalee Ponce and Kim Garza. Malmberg was fourth in the 100 hurdles in 18.12. The girls' squad finished fifth, and the boys' team sixth. "I am incredibly proud of Marsing's athletes at the Nampa Christian Meet this last Tuesday, not only did they show great character by working hard and as a team, but we had some incredible surprises and standouts as well," Eisentrager said. The top finisher for the Marsing boys was sophomore Joel Moreno, who finished third in the 400 (55.88) and ran a leg of the fourth-place 4x100 relay squad. Moreno and teammates Jose Paramo, Nathan Danner and Agustin Paramo clocked a 47.96 in a race that was won by Nampa Christian featuring Homedale-

area resident James Nederened. Jose Paramo was a state qualifier in the long jump and relays a year ago. He added triple jump this year, and Paramo finished sixth in the long jump (17 feet, 9 inches) and the triple (35-7½) last week. Making his debut in the triple jump, senior Mitch Green was third with an effort of 36-8 and tied for sixth in the high jump. Nederend was the triple jump champion at 42 feet. Green also grabbed fourth in the 300 intermediate hurdles in 48.15 and tied for fifth in the 110 high hurdles, immediately behind teammate Brandon Walgamott, who was fourth in 20.22. Senior Ty Shippy was fifth in the shot after a heave of 36-6½. "I am excited to see what this season holds as each athlete made a personal record in all their events at the second meet," Eisentrager said. "If we keep improving at such strides, we can become a team to be reckoned with by District time."



Baseball

Varsity
Monday, March 30, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Monday, March 30 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31 at Parma, 5 p.m.

Softball

Varsity
Monday, March 30 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, April 3, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.

Golf

Monday, March 30, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, River Bend GC, 3 p.m.


Tennis

Tuesday, March 31, home vs. Payette, 4 p.m.

Track & field

Friday, April 3 at Nyssa, Ore., Invitational

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Sports

√ Future: Eby calls debut before family “dream come true”

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just one game in the Indoor Football League, one after which he won the league’s Defensive Player of the Week Award, O’Neal says the 6-foot-1, 210-pound free safety could find himself on the fast track to shots in the Canadian Football League, Arena Football League when it resumes operation, the new United Football League and even the NFL.

Both O’Neal and Eby concede that the caliber of defensive linemen playing for the Outlaws helped the rookie excel in his first game. The league credits Eby with two first-half interceptions, four tackles and two pass breakups.

But the coach, a former cornerback and safety, said Eby’s “football IQ” went a long way toward the monster game in front of mom and dad — Gary and Vicki Eby — and girlfriend Jessie Morris earlier this month in Billings.

“You always expect to play well, and I always expect a lot from myself,” Eby said. “But after that first interception I was pretty surprised, but it also calmed me down and relaxed me because I was pretty excited for my professional debut.

“When I got that first interception, it was like, ‘OK I can do this. I can play with all of these guys, and I just kind of got into the routine of the game after that.’ “

Eby said his debut performance

was a “dream come true”, but it also was the culmination of a methodical march from his first pro contract, signed last summer, to winning a starting job.

“When he got here, he was ready to go,” O’Neal said of Eby when he arrived for training camp in February. “He showed that he was even smarter than what he showed on the football field.

“As far as picking up things, he’s one of the smartest DBs that we’ve had in the four or five years of me being here.”

Those smarts paid off when Eby stumbled slightly during training camp. He was named to the first string within the first week, but slipped back to reserve status in Week 2.

“He came to me and asked me. ‘What do I need to work on so that doesn’t happen again?’ And it hasn’t happened again,” O’Neal said.

“That’s the thing I like about him. You tell him something one time, you don’t have to worry about that same thing re-occurring. That’s what I call that football IQ. You tell him how to get it done, he’s going to get it done for you.”

Outlaws owner and general manager Adam Steadman said the origins of that work ethic were driven home in a phone conversation with Michael’s father, Gary:

“Gary asked me, ‘How’s Mike

doing? Is he working hard for you? If he’s not working hard enough, you just let me know!’ “ Steadman said. “His parents are obviously proud of Michael and the rest of their kids.”

The family upbringing makes Eby a perfect fit in Montana.

“Michael Eby is exactly the kind of athlete we like to see on and off our field. Not only is he very dedicated to improving his already impressive football skills, he’s also polite, humble and a great public face for our organization.”

With that work ethic and attention to problem-solving, Eby was back on the first string by Week 3 of training camp and heading for a starting assignment in the team’s IFL inaugural.

Eby is a sponge when it comes to football technique. When O’Neal called to offer him a job last year, there were a few things the rookie needed to work on. So he did.

“He picked the scheme up real good,” O’Neal said. “He’s a great team player. He’s always positive.

“He has a memory that when he messes up he just lets it go and goes on to the next play and doesn’t harp on it. And that’s what you have to be when you’re playing football indoors in arena-style football.”

That makeup has created a

rarity — a rookie in the pivotal role of free safety in the Billings defense. Eby’s predecessor — Travonti Johnson — now plays with the New York Giants.

“The free safety does a lot of things for us,” O’Neal said. “You got to have a lot of combo threats, so to say. You have to know how to hit, have great instincts, have great anticipation and you have to flat-out just be smart because you’re the quarterback of the secondary back there.”

Eby, however, knows there’s more to his initial success. It doesn’t hurt to practice against the league MVP in quarterback Chris Dixon and the top receiver from a year ago in James Walton.

“Practicing every day against those guys, I was actually more comfortable in the game,” Eby said.

The presence of Arena Football League refugees on the defensive line put enough pressure of Sioux City quarterback Michael Spriggs to force early throws, which Eby broke on for his interceptions.

“I’ve been working since July,” Eby said. “My first goal was to make the team, then it was to dress and then it was to start and have my family and my friends come watch me and then to be able to have two interceptions and have the game like I did, it just felt like that all the hard work has finally paid off.”

— JPB

√ Trojans: 2-3 in week

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Lowder scored four times, while Phillip Moulton was 4-for-4 with a two-run double during Homedale’s five-run fourth inning.

March 17: Homedale 18, Melba 4 — Gonzalez went 3-for-4, homered and knocked in three runs as the Trojans collected their first victory of the season. Moulton was 4-for-5 with a double, three RBI and three runs scored.

After going scoreless for three innings, Homedale took a 2-1 lead with a fourth-inning rally. The Trojans scored 15 times in the sixth inning to set up the mercy rule. Moulton and Trey Corta scored three times each. Zac Lowder struck out seven in 4 2/3 innings to pick up the victory.

March 16: Emmett 13, Homedale 2 (5) — The Huskies scored five times in the bottom of the first inning then sealed the game with a seven-run fourth inning against the visiting Trojans.

Right fielder Jonathan Garibay and designated hitter Isaac Lopez were the only players to get hits for Homedale, which scored its runs in the second and third innings. Mitch Quintana walked and later scored on an error in the second inning, while Lopez led off the third with a base hit and moved around on three passed balls.

Trojan softball battles for win

After finishing third at State last year, Homedale High School’s softball team has started slow.

Lagging hard at with just one win in five games, the Trojans traveled to Nampa to face the Bulldogs on Saturday and fought back with an 8-5 win.

Homedale had carried an 8-3 lead into the bottom of the seventh, and held on.

Individual stats were not available as of deadline Monday.

Thursday: McCall-Donnelly 6, Homedale 4 — The Vandals owned a 4-0 lead at the end of the second inning of the 3A Snake River Valley Conference game.

Homedale starter Jessica Eubanks struggled some against

Vandal hitters and was replaced after four innings by Osborn, who closed out without allowing a run. Homedale’s late-game rally wasn’t enough.

Ashlynn Uria led Homedale, going 2-for-4 and spanking the only home run of the game, while Kortney Stansell snagged a triple.

Rimrock ramblers look good in meet

Full results hadn’t been released by Horseshoe Bend before deadline, but Rimrock High School track coach Kermit Tate — who spent the meet largely trapped at the shot put venue officiating — said some of his athletes had good days out at the March 17 event.

“Some of the kids that I know did well (included) Katie Johnson

(who ran the 400 and 100 meters). She should have placed a close second in the 400,” Tate reported.

“Freshman Sydnee James ran an impressive heat in the 200m. She was second in her heat, and was catching the leader right up to the finish line.”

“Veteran sprinter Antonio Ayala ran a strong 100m and 200m. ... Freshman Clay Cantrell cleared

5-6 in the high jump ... Brian Simper ran away from the field in his first 1600m of the year, finishing an easy first.”

Homedale’s Kendra Graber — a sophomore who runs for Greenleaf Friends Academy — topped the list in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter events at Horseshoe Bend, with a 5:49.7 in the 1,600 and a 12:26 in the 3,200.

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Sports

Spring sees the return of outdoor fun

With the return of warmth, Sundance gets a facelift, others head for the water



Left: Conner Carter and Bryce Hellman help excavate sprinkler line for new heads to surround the infield of the diamonds at Sundance Park on Saturday. The work, undertaken by Homedale Youth Sports, saw the nonprofit bring in 55 cubic yards of Diamond Dust and the sprinkler system, at a cost of over \$4,500. Greg Kelly of Kelly Landscaping donated his time and backhoe, and materials at cost.
Below: Sundance will be graced by another modern playset once crews assemble it.



Left: A wake-surfer braved cold Snake River waters on Friday afternoon at Marsing on one of the first warm weekends of the year.
Below: Island Park saw a dozen or more hopeful anglers trying their luck in the park's pond from the dock and bank. While bites were slow in the cold water, there were some nibbles.



Golfers win in Ontario

Homedale's Ryan Ryska tees off at the fifth hole at River Bend Golf Course on Friday during the Canyon County Classic. Ryska fired an 87 in the tournament, at which Ryan Garrett finished with a fifth-place medal after an 80. The Trojans opened the season last Wednesday with a victory in the 18-hole Ontario Invitational. Photo by Gregg Garrett

IDFG seeks support for fee hikes

The following opinion piece submitted by Idaho Fish and Game Southwest Region Commissioner Robert Barowsky addresses a proposed 15 percent hike in the state's license fees. The bill authorizing the increase was passed on to the full Senate and House by an 8-1 vote from the Senate's Resources and Environment Committee last week.

— Ed.

Idaho is blessed with an abundance of wildlife and wild lands. From cutthroat trout to Rocky Mountain elk, white sturgeon to sharp-tailed grouse, Idaho is home to a diverse array of fish and wildlife species, available for all Idahoans to enjoy.

However, this wild bounty is no accident. Were it not for the 20 percent of Idaho citizens who purchase hunting and fishing

licenses, there would be little money to pay for the management of Idaho's wildlife.

So if you enjoy watching wildlife, take a moment to thank a hunter or angler.

The management of Idaho's wildlife and fish species is funded solely through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, the sale of wildlife license plates, federal taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and donations on the state income tax checkoff. No money comes from the state general fund and Fish and Game — with a statewide budget of \$76 million — is Idaho's only self-sustaining state agency.

That \$76 million investment pays big dividends to the state's economy. Hunting, fishing and wildlife watching activities produce better than a ten-fold return to Idaho — more than \$800 mil-

lion each year.

But the costs of doing business continue to rise, and the Department of Fish and Game has not adjusted fees in four years. I feel strongly that now is the time to ensure that Idaho's fish and wildlife are properly managed and that the sportsmen and women of the state do not suffer from a reduction in the services they expect from their agency. So I am asking this dedicated group of hunters and anglers who fund wildlife management to support a 15 percent fee adjustment.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is working hard to maintain Idaho's fish and wildlife for future generations of Idahoans. But we need your help. Please take a moment to contact your local legislator and encourage them to support Fish and Game's revenue enhancement.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

The World Series — a missed chance

Since the collapse of the economy in October '08 I've become a sports fan in an effort to escape the barrage of bad news. I rediscovered the compelling yet inane lure of games, fans, players and broadcasters.

Oddly enough, escaping into sports is how I handled our last overwhelming national crisis, the bombing of the Twin Towers. During October 2001, the Arizona Diamondbacks played the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Concern about the terrorist attack was flooding the airwaves, our normal conversation and even our private thoughts. An overwhelming sympathy and compassion for NYC arose across the country. We non-New Yorkers emptied our hearts, our brawn and our pockets to help the ravaged city.

After the screaming, the confusion and the scalding grief, New Yorkers quickly regained their independence, pride and attitude. The World Series soon became the focus of the city's recovery. Players were encouraged to "win one for the city." America would rise from the ashes on the shoulders of the Yankees. The huge ticker-tape parade was going to be the equivalent of Veterans' Day.

The national media joined the chorus. The opposing Diamondbacks were not cast as the bad guys, as much as just the acknowledged foe in this New York-centered American drama. For the minority of us who lived in the American outback, those of us who were Diamondbacks fans might have felt a twinge of guilt. In my case, I respectfully acknowledged the importance of the Yankees victory to the battered confidence of their supporters. But, with friends, my loyalty to Randy "The Big Unit" Johnson and Curt Schilling never wavered.

It was one of the best, evenly matched, well-fought, exciting World Series ever played. Both teams deserved to win. Alas, the Diamondbacks won by a thread.

The story disappeared as quick as NYC and Yankees supporters could sweep it under the rug. The upstart, unknown Arizona team was quickly forgotten. We had spoiled their party.

I watched the 2009 Super Bowl. A tough Steelers team, in Pittsburgh since 1933, beat the Cardinals, home in Arizona for only 21 years. It was as close and exciting and fun to watch as the 2001 World Series. We lost. In this case, the spoils and praise go to the victor, as it should.

I have often thought that after the '01 World Series, Phoenix should have proposed that the two cities each hold a ticker-tape parade with both teams on display. It would have united the country in a way I don't think proud New Yorkers could have imagined. It would have been a visible demonstration of our feelings toward America's biggest and most vulnerable city, and New York City's hand reaching out beyond its own city limits where the rest of us live. It is a moment lost to history.

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Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest

Extreme Makeover, Bamboo Edition



Several years ago we decided to replace the carpet in our hallway with some bamboo flooring.

Bamboo is actually harder than oak. To nail it down, you either have to drill a pilot hole for each nail or use an air-powered nail gun. Otherwise the wood will split. It took me a while to get the hang of "blind nailing." When working with tongue-and-groove boards, the nails have to be driven in at a 45-degree angle at the base of the tongue — far enough so the groove on the next board will fit over the tongue — but not too far or it will split the tongue.

The hall flooring project went well enough that the following year we installed more bamboo — a 4-foot-by-12-foot section along one end of the otherwise carpeted living room. When I laid the second batch of bamboo, I had a feeling eventually my mate might want the entire living room floor made from that wood, so I left the tongue on the outside row of boards, next to the carpet, and covered it with a metal strip.

Recently, I made the mistake of saying it was a little boring around the house. The next thing I knew I was unloading enough additional bamboo to do the rest of the living room, AND the dining room.

It took about two weeks of periodic work to tear out the carpet in the dining room and replace it with bamboo. When I finished, I realized I didn't have enough wood left to do the entire living room, too. So I went back to the store to get some more wood. The bad news was they didn't have

any in stock. The good news was, they were supposed to receive a shipment in about three weeks.

One day while we were waiting for more bamboo to arrive, Sara noted that she liked the floor in the dining room so much that, along with the living room, she would like to do the same thing in the master bedroom. I said if she wanted it in the master bedroom we would need to hire someone to do it.

One reason I was losing my enthusiasm was the method I had to use to "blind nail" the boards. There are nailers made especially for the task, but I did my nailing using a regular air-powered nailer. A nailer made for floors has a guide that positions the tool to fire a nail in exactly the right place on the board tongue. I had to eyeball where to put the nail — a much more tedious and time-consuming process.

One Saturday, Sara suggested we go on a pawnshop tour. Since pawnshops usually have a lot of tools, everywhere we went I asked if they had floor nailers. A Boise used tool store did have a nailer that seemed perfect for our project. It cost more than we really wanted to pay, but we figured we'll be able to sell it to someone when we are finished. Even if we didn't, it was a lot cheaper than paying someone to do the floor.

Of course since we now had a good nailer, I didn't have an excuse for not adding the master bedroom floor

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Boardman-to-Hemingway

Owyhee transmission project changes reflect good citizen input, vigilance

by Sen. Bert Brackett, Rep. Jim Patrick and Rep. Stephen Hartgen

It is sometimes said common folks can't get a fair hearing on the big issues of public debate, but in the case of the Idaho Power Co.'s proposed 500kV transmission line project, that's not been the case at all.

Indeed, in a series of community meetings this winter, folks from across Southern and Western Idaho have spoken up repeatedly on the location of the proposed line, and Idaho Power, to its credit, has taken the project's route back to the drawing board for more work. That, in our view, is exactly how community input ought to be.

When the route for the Boardman, Ore., to the Hemingway station and Gateway West portions of the line was first announced last fall, many citizens in Owyhee County and elsewhere noticed how the route went through some of the region's prime farm ground.

They brought these concerns to Owyhee County commissioners and the county planning and zoning commission. Informal hearings this past month pinpointed both problems and alternatives. Idaho Power representatives were there, listening, as citizen after citizen respectfully but firmly pointed out defects in the plan and showed how alternatives might work.

Your elected state representatives took part in these discussions. Sen. Bert Brackett, Rep. Stephen Hartgen and Rep. Jim Patrick all weighed in with the common view that the line route should be on public lands to the degree possible.

Your Owyhee County Commissioners offered a resolution to the same effect. And The Owyhee Avalanche



Bert Brackett



Jim Patrick



Stephen Hartgen

is to be commended for its comprehensive reporting on the topic, week by week, which gave citizens important information. That's in the best traditions of American public affairs reporting.

Behind the scenes, we all had private discussions with Idaho Power representatives, emphasizing the need for a rethinking of the route. We didn't specify an exact alternative, but we made it clear the initial proposed route needed to be re-examined. Everyone we know of recognizes the need for power transmission in Southern Idaho. The state has grown rapidly in the past 20 years, and even with the recession, power needs are projected to increase in the years ahead.

But Owyhee County citizens were right-on correct when they questioned the route. Why, they asked, should the line go across so much private land when vast potential routes across public lands were readily available? At the end, this

— See *Vigilance*, page 21

Commentary

Financial management Plan ahead for life's catastrophic emergencies

Dear Dave,

My husband has Hepatitis C, and at this point his only option is a liver transplant within the next two years. We make about \$70,000 a year, but we also have \$25,000 in debt. He's still able to work right now, and we have health insurance, but how should we begin preparing for the operation and medical bills?

— Nikki

Dear Nikki,

God bless you guys. This is going to be really tough. You're going to face a lengthy loss of income, and sky-high medical bills even if everything goes well. I'm really sorry you have to go through this.



Life can be hard enough without major health issues knocking you over.

The good news is that there's something you can do about all this, and it all starts with saving. First, set aside an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses as quickly as you can. In your case, I'd recommend leaning toward the six-month side, because you'll be facing a real emergency pretty soon. Second, you guys

need to have *no life* for the next year or two, and get very serious about paying off as much debt as possible after you get your emergency fund in place. I'm talking about following a very strict budget, and living on rice and beans. Bottom line? The less debt you have, the better off you'll be.

Wouldn't you love to be debt-free and have six months of expenses in the bank before they perform this operation?

You can do it, *if* it becomes important enough to make it priority one.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I just had our first child. Not long before that

we bought a house, and since then we've been getting calls and letters about buying mortgage protection insurance. They say it would pay off the mortgage if we die. Our mortgage is \$114,000, and we're both 26 years old. Is this a good idea?

— Robert

Dear Robert,

No, it's not a good idea. Mortgage insurance is a rip-off, and here's why. This stuff is nothing more than a life insurance policy with the word "mortgage" stuck on the front. They make it sound like a high-end, specialized product, *and* they jack the price way up! Sometimes you can get guaranteed issue if you become

very sick and can't get insurance anywhere else, but other than that it's just a racket.

At your age, if you're healthy, you could easily get \$250,000 on a 20-year level term life insurance policy for \$12 to \$15 a month. Then, if something happened to you, your wife could pay off the house with the insurance money, and still have some left over.

I always recommend a good, level term life insurance policy — not just to cover your mortgage — but for eight to 10 times your annual income. You've got a responsibility to take care of your family now, *and* in the event that something unexpected happens, and you're no longer around!

— Dave

✓ **Bamboo:** Updates reveal more honey-dos

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to my project list. So when the new shipment of bamboo arrived, we got enough to finish the living room, and for the master bedroom.

By the time I finish the bedroom, nearly half our floor will be bamboo. Whenever I mention the floor in public, some member of the global warming cult, invariably compliments me on what I'm doing for the environment. And I can't just say "Thank you" because I believe these folks have been drinking too much of Al "The Sky is Falling" Gore's Kool-Aid. So it sometimes gets awkward.

Sara said she doesn't want bamboo in the other bedrooms. But she did observe that every time we do the floor in a room, the ones with the 1970s carpet look even worse.

Stay tuned.

✓ **Vigilance:** Owyhee citizens did their job

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basic question turned out to be exactly the right one.

With the public concern raised, Idaho Power is to be commended for listening to its customers and announcing that it was taking the project route to back to the planning phase. Hopefully, a new route will now emerge which utilizes a lot more of the public land already available.

This process shows just how much can be accomplished by citizens raising well-thought-out and logical questions, even on seemingly insurmountable issues. By bringing them forward, Owyhee citizens acted in the best traditions of American government. And, despite the claims that "nothing ever changes," in this case, a new path forward is now emerging.

To be sure, the issue is not fully resolved. A permanent route for the 500kV line has not yet been set, nor has the amount of private land needed yet to be determined. Citizens will need to continue to participate to be sure the path meets the needs of the transmission project, while preserving use of our private lands, which farm and ranch families have worked in many cases for a century.

As Idaho legislators, we're sometimes able to "get things done" on various issues. But on this one, it was the community groundswell of concern that gave the issue its momentum. Congratulations, Owyhee citizens, on a job well done.

— Sen. Bert Brackett and Reps. Jim Patrick and Stephen Hartgen represent District 23, western Twin Falls and Owyhee counties, in the Idaho Legislature.

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.

Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

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Owyhee County's best source of local news!

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 28, 1984

Candidates file nominating petitions

Nominating petitions for the May Primary elections are already being filed, according to County Clerk Barbara Jayo.

Incumbent candidates who filed during the first week include James Purdom for District 2 county commissioner, and Clayton Andersen for prosecuting attorney. Purdom filed on the Democratic ticket, while Andersen filed as a Republican.

Running for sheriff on the GOP Primary ticket will be Lloyd Wutherich of Marsing.

Also, petitions for precinct committeemen have been filed on the Republican ticket for Maxine T. Emerson of Wilson, Keith Thomas of Bruneau, William A. Lowry of Pleasant Valley, Robert K. Caldwell of South Marsing, and Kenneth Tindall of Riddle.

“Twister” hits Homedale

On Tuesday morning of last week, and into the early hours of Wednesday morning, the valley was beset by quite a little wind storm. It brought with it an unusually warm as well as powerful wind, lightning flashes in the hills to the west, and some sprinkles of rain. A number of minor damages were sustained thought the area.

In downtown Homedale a big window at Two Boys Market was shattered, requiring some early morning work last Wednesday in clean-up and replacement.

On that Wednesday morning, this paper received a call from Mrs. Marie Dickey of Homedale and the wife of officer Jack Dickey, a long-time member of the Homedale City Police Department.

Mrs. Dickey was inquiring of damages from the storm which may have been reported to the newspaper office, and recounted her eye witnessing of a small “twister” passing through their yard that night, turning their 10x12 storage shed around 180 degrees and tipping it over.

Now even though this occurred in the pitch of darkness at about 2:30am, Mrs. Dickey assured us that the yard light revealed enough of the commotion — and hailing from the cyclone heartland of Oklahoma and Texas — she knew exactly what was going on.

“I just don’t sleep much through the nights,” Mrs. Dickey said, “and at that particular time, I was watching out the window. It was so dark that I couldn’t see the cloud of the tail — I know a twister cloud when I see one.”

According to Mrs. Dickey, the twister angled in from a westerly direction and came right across the top of their house causing the lights to blink once, but not jarring a thing. It touched down in the back yard violently twisting the trees, rosebushes and shrubs.

Eighteen inducted into Honor Society

Eighteen new members, including sixteen juniors and two seniors, were formally inducted into the National High School Honor Society, during a special evening ceremony. It was held Thursday in the new Homedale high school multipurpose room with parents and friends attending.

Conducting the ceremony was Holly Grow, Honor Society president. Membership certificates were presented to the following juniors: Kellee Patterson, Debbie Williams, Paula Gerking, Stephanie Carson, Tisha Wirth, Gary Kushlan, Josie Isaguirre, Christie Bautista, Briana Rogers, Christy Schlegal, Teri Westfall, Pam Kubosumi, Fred Bruneel, Shannon Nash, Toni Comstock, and Janice King. Seniors inducted were Rodney Kirstine and Kevin Coleman.

Speaking on the four symbols qualifying membership in the honorary organization were: Terry Uda on Scholarship; Tahmina Rahmen on Service; Mary Arvin on Leadership and Dan Breach on Character.

Others taking part were Ann Akichika giving the invocation and Arlene Burman, the benediction. Featured speaker was Frank Craig, advisory of the Honor Society.

Other members of the Society not mentioned are Juanita Chandler, secretary-treasurer and Suzette Seibold.

50 years ago

March 26, 1959

Job’s Daughters style show has French theme

Models and style that could have come straight from Paris highlighted the Job’s Daughters style show Friday night at the Washington school.

Fluffy spring dresses, attractive sports wear, “after 5” dresses, night wear and little girls’ dresses, as well as knitted suits, skirts and sweaters were included in the selections.

The little ladies and gentlemen stole the show in ruffled dresses and panties and very grown-up suits.

Mrs. Ellen Landa acted as narrator for the “Evening in Paris” show and announced the program. Rosemary Jesenko sang “The Last Time Saw Paris,” accompanied by Mrs. O. D. Lewis.

A multicolored dress made the can-can number by Mildretta Nash outstanding. Mildretta performed a ballet number later.

Mrs. Lydia Duncan and Ray Mansisor danced the La Jota, and little Ralph Matteson and Teresa Landa, dressed in the native Basque costumes, stood at attention.

Carolyn Schlegel sang, “Shonta, Shonta” and Mary and Nancy Levanger danced an Adagio number.

A large crowd enjoyed French pastries at the brightly covered tables, each centered with a color drip candle.

The stage was set with a dainty garden table and chair, and a bright red and white striped awning depicting a sidewalk café. A lamp post graced one side of the stage as well as a small push cart with flowers. A ramp helped show the style to advantage.

28 Diamond hopefuls report for baseball

Twenty-eight boys are working out in preparation for the baseball season at Homedale high school.

Coach Deward Bell is working on various combinations but no lineup has been picked as yet.

The squad this year includes returning lettermen Jay Brinkerhoff, Jr., Rodney Leslie, Soph., Cliff Beagley, Sr., Dennis Brandon, Jr., and Pat Parker, pitchers.

Bruce Bergeson, Jr., Jim Toston, Soph, catchers, Jack Aberasturi, Sr., outfield, and Johnie Uranga, Jr., outfield, infield. Allen Johnstone, Frosh., is also trying the catcher position. A host of freshmen and sophomores are working out to bolster the team.

Bill Davidson to combine music lessons and flying

Bill Davidson, who teaches music in Adrian schools but lives in Homedale, has announced plans to leave the public schools in favor of his own business.

Bill has taught in six situations in widely separated areas of Oregon and Idaho and feels that he would like to settle down. Since he started teaching in Homedale and has come back for the third time, he feels that this is his home.

Although his plans are not complete, Bill hopes to combine aviation with music. In aviation he has his commercial license and is working on his flight instructor rating. In music he can teach voice, piano, clarinet, trombone, baritone, and numerous other instruments including beginning guitar and accordion. In addition, he is working on his Master Degree in music education and is certified by both Idaho and Oregon.

Firemen fight wind and flames

Fires this week again have kept the local volunteer fire fighters busy. Friday netted three fires, the first at the Ed Schultz farm, southeast of Homedale in Central Cove community where a ditch bank blaze ignited a pile of tires used for smudging in a nearby orchard. A small pile of hay was also lost.

The second fire Friday was at the Buck Selders place where sawdust over an silage pit had started burning.

Monday morning bright and early at 6am the volunteers rolled out to the Reuben Call farm also southeast of Homedale, across Jump Creek where a hay chopper and rubber tire wagon being used the day before by Archabals had caught fire. The haystack and tractor were saved.

140 years ago

March 20, 1869

ELECTION LAW. The bill presented by Senator Williams of Oregon regulating elections in Idaho, has, we apprehend, become a law, as we have no knowledge of its being vetoed. It provides for the registration of voters, and for the times for holding elections. Under this act, the first election will be held on the first Monday in June, 1870 and subsequent elections every two years thereafter.

FLINT ITEMS. We are indebted to Harry Cooper for the following:

The Rising Star Mill started on Thursday. The prospects are good, and Flintites are looking cheerful.

Crowley & Bottomer have opened the hotel formerly occupied by Dusenbury & Young.

Mrs. Grenin has started a restaurant in Owyhee City, opposite Ramsdall’s saloon.

Daniel Simmonds has taken the house lately occupied by Quackenbush & Usher, as a hotel.

Mrs. Black’s funeral was largely attended. She was held in high esteem by the citizens of Flint.

Black’s Mill will start up in a few days, on Astor rock.

The weather is good, and the snow has all disappeared.

Linn, Stewart & Co. have their livery stable in full blast.

MINING DIFFICULTY. The rich placers of Calaveras Flat appear at present to be a huge bone of contention. Work is suspended and the vicinity is in a state of siege. We have not visited the seat of war, but have been informed that fortifications are erected and strongly garrisoned; and it is extremely unhealthy to be “lying around there loose.” A difference of opinion as to who has the best title, was the origin of the difficulty. The Henry Brothers, who have worked the claims for two or three seasons, are in possession, which, as the old proverb goes, is “nine points.” Messrs. Curlew, Brown, Woodward and others contend that the Henrys have not complied with the mining laws, and have, therefore, forfeited their tenure. We know nothing of the merits of the matter, or which party has the better right, but we do know that there has been a great deal of powder consumed and very little execution done as yet. Several shots have been fired in the vicinity of the fortifications, and about 10 o’clock Monday night, Slaughter-house Gulch was made to reverberate with the bang and clatter of small arms, which we learn was altogether a one-sided affair, the shootists having been only experimenting with the evening breeze. Things continue to wear a belligerent aspect, and the Coroner’s service may yet be required.

ALMOST A FIRE. Our town has narrowly escaped a serious disaster. On last Monday morning, flames of fire were discovered issuing from the roof of the War Eagle Hotel, which were promptly and with difficulty extinguished by parties who were fortunately present at the time, and who observed the fire before it has made much progress. It originated from the stove pipe, which was imperfectly guarded, and this ought to serve as a warning to others whose houses are graced with imperfect flue and pipes. This town is perfectly at the mercy of the devouring element, and let a fire once get a fair start and every vestige of it will be laid in ashes in a few hours. As there is no other remedy in case of fire citizens ought at least guard well their stove pipes.

JORDAN VALLEY. Messrs. Forneman, Hill, Brainard and other settlers in Jordan Valley have commenced ploughing and preparing their lands for spring crops. A large amount of grain will be planted in this beautiful little valley the coming season.

IDA ELMORE. The teams have been engaged hauling quartz for several days. A large quantity is now piled at the mill. The mine is now producing more ore than ever, of a very rich quality. The mill will be started up on Monday.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO
Present were Commissioner’s Freund and Hyer in A.M. Commissioner Hoagland in the P.M. All other elected officials.
Amendments included: NRC Recommendation, Appointment to BAG, Intermountain Communications.
The Bid for Juniper Mastication was awarded to Environmental Forestry. The alternate selected was Branch Enterprises.
Approved tax cancellation or \$700.90 on parcel no. RP00840001008CA.
Approved pay authorization for dispatcher in Sheriff’s office at \$13.34.
Indigent & Charity 09-08 line, 09-05 denied, 07-44, 08-06, 08-09, 08-30 assignments approved. 07-50 Prosecutor will negotiate with the hospital.
Wayne Hoffman with Idaho Freedom Foundation spoke about the public website creation.
Doris Jewett presented an MOA for consideration. No action was taken.
Approved the Dickerson Land Agreement.
Meeting with Intermountain Communications regarding radio communications. No action was taken.
The monthly BLM Coordination meeting was held.
A conference call was held with the District 23 representatives on legislative matters.
Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(f) an executive session was called.
Approved Commissioner Freund to serve on the Basin Advisory Group.
Appointed Tony Richards to serve on the Recreation Task Force.
Approved language changes to the NRC Plan.
Recess until 10:00 on March 13th for a Technology, and Recreation Task Force meeting.
The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk’s office or online.
/s/ Jerry Hoagland
Attest: /s/ Charlotte Sherburn
3/25/09

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
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

FOR SALE BY BID
Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho, hereby call for bids for a 1994 ambulance. The District will be accepting sealed bids for the 1994 Medtec 1 Ambulance Ford F-350, 7.3 Turbo Diesel, approximately 51,000 miles, 2250 hours, power windows, AC, auto transmission, on board batter charger, 1UHF radio included, 1 VHF radio port only, gurney not included. To inspect this ambulance, please call 208-337-3271.
Bids must be received by no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 13, 2009. Bids may be mailed to the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District, PO Box 905, Homedale, ID 83628 or delivered to the office of Bowen Parker Day, CPAs, Chtd, 19 E. Wyoming, Homedale.
Mikeal D. Parker
Secretary/Treasurer
3/25;4/1/09

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

TO: CITY OF MARSING
RESIDENTS
FROM: CITY OF MARSING
RE: WATER QUALITY IN
THE CITY
APRIL 1, 2009
Dear City of Marsing Resident,
Effective January 26, 2006, the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. One well that had been supplying water to the City of Marsing, Well #3, has an arsenic concentration, which exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level set forth by the EPA. Well #3 is not currently being used by the system as a water source, however, the City of Marsing is required to provide quarterly public notice of this exceedence. You will continue to receive this notice every quarter until such time as the City is notified by IDEQ the notice is no longer required.
Arsenic is a naturally occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations. Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.
The City of Marsing is taking action to permanently remove the well as a source of water for the water system. As you may be aware, the City is in the process of upgrading the municipal water system, and a new well to serve the system, and replace Well #3, will be first item completed for water system upgrade project.
3/25/09

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

LIEN SALE
1983 Ford pickup vin# 1FTCF1039DPB06780 and 1986 Ford Mustang vin# 1FABP26A4GF184842. All vehicles may be previewed one hour before sale, April 15, 2009 at 2:00pm, 11 W. Idaho, Homedale, ID 83628
3/25;4/1/09

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 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:

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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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

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 IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 10, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 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:

Lots 9 and 10 in Block 94 of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

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 301 E. OWYHEE AVENUE, 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 DOROTHY POPE, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE & 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 23, 2007, as Instrument No. 261825, 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 \$742.72 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 \$74,636.94 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of eleven and one-half percent (11.5%) per annum from September 23, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from December 1, 2008, 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 10th day of March, 2009.

By: Mark D. Perison – of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, P.O. Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6575. (208) 331-1200

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Lots 1 and 2 in Block 31 of the Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho.

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 301 W. ARIZONA, 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 DOROTHY POPE, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE & 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 23, 2007, as Instrument No. 261828, 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 \$544.66 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 \$55,437.27 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of eleven and one-half percent (11.5%) per annum from September 23, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from December 1, 2008, 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 11th day of March, 2009.

By: Mark D. Perison – of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, P.O. Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6575. (208) 331-1200
3/25;4/1,8,15/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 10, 2009, at the hour of 11:15 a.m. 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:

See attached Exhibit “A”

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 216 W. ARIZONA AVENUE, HOMEDALE, IDAHO, may sometimes be associated with a portion of said real property. Information concerning the location of the remainder of the property may be obtained from Mark D. Perison, P.A., 314 S. 9th Street, Suite 300, Boise, Idaho, (208) 331-1200.

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 DOROTHY E. POPE, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS WESTERN FUND, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company “as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series “W” Debenture Holders,” as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on November 13, 2007, as Instrument No. 263054, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The terms of said Deed of Trust and a companion Promissory Note were modified by a Modification Agreement recorded November 17, 2008, as Instrument No. 266716, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and were further modified by a Modification Agreement recorded November 17, 2008, as Instrument No. 266720. 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 a breach of the obligation for which the transfer in trust is security has occurred, in that the Deed of Trust Note secured by the above-mentioned deed of trust has now fully matured and is due and payable. The amount due consists of principal in the amount of \$89,212.00, plus interest thereon at the rate of eleven and one-half percent (11.5%) from September 28, 2008 forward, plus default interest at the rate of five percent (5%) from December 8, 2008 forward, together with service charges, late charges, and any other costs, fees, or expenses incurred by the Beneficiary and/or Trustee associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or deed of trust note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2009.

By: Mark D. Perison – of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, P.O. Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6575. (208) 331-1200

EXHIBIT A
Parcel I:
Parcel Lot 13, Block 35,

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:

This parcel is a portion of the North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast 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 Northwest corner of said North One-half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence

South 00°21’13” East along the West boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 305.51 feet; thence

North 90°00’00” East parallel with the North boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 896.61 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 90°00’00” East parallel with said North boundary a distance of 243.00 feet; thence

South 00°00’00” East perpendicular to the North boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 98.53 feet; thence

South 88°49’03” West a distance of 65.46 feet; thence

South 00°00’00 East perpendicular to the North boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 74.62 feet; thence

South 90°00’00” West parallel with the North boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 177.55 feet; thence

North 00°00’00” East perpendicular to the North boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 174.50 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel III:

An easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over the South 20 feet of the following described parcel:

This parcel is a portion of the North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast 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 Northwest Corner of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence

South 00°21’13” East along the West boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 305.51 feet; thence

North 90°00’00” East parallel with the North boundary of said North One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 1139.61 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 90°00’00” East parallel with said North boundary a distance 127.17 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 95, said point being

South 53°50’36” East a distance of 0.73 feet from a two-inch aluminum monument: thence along said Westerly right-of-way along a curve to the right with an arc length of 16.52 feet, a radius of 268.60 feet, a central angle of 03°31’28”, and a long chord

which bears

South 01°59’50” East a distance of 16.52 feet; thence

South 00°14’06” East along said Westerly right-of-way a distance of 79.38 feet; thence

South 88°49’03” West a distance of 128.11 feet; thence

North 00°00’00” East perpendicular to the North boundary of said North One-half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 98.53 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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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
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Loan No. 0011339991 T.S. No. ID-09-232884-PJ On 7/8/2009, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Halley Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLCan Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee on behalf of M&T 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: A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Being further described as follows: Beginning at a point being on the centerline of Highway 19 from which the North Quarter corner of said Section bears North 00° 28’32” East a distance of 2659.80 feet; thence along said centerline, South 89° 45’15” West a distance of 742.86 feet; thence leaving said centerline, North 00° 00’19” West to a point on the centerline of the 5 7 Canal, a distance of 48.44 feet; thence along said Canal the following twenty four (24) courses: South 79° 29’10” West a distance of 22.34 feet; thence along a tangent circular curve to the right with a radius of 23.70 feet and a central angle of 99°31’16” an are length of 41.17 feet; North 00° 59’34” West a distance of 278.16 feet; along a tangent circular curve to the right with a radius of 93.37 feet and a central angle of 53° 26’16” an arc length of 87.08 feet; North 52°26’42” East a distance of 152.32 feet; along a tangent circular curve to the left with a radius of 177.32 feet and a central angle of 42° 14’29” an arc length of 130.73 feet; North 10° 12’13” East a distance of 140.19 feet; North 10° 12’13” East a distance of 44.57 feet; North 10° 12’00” East a distance of 230.74 feet; along a tangent circular curve to the left with a radius of 520.87 feet and a central angle of 14° 12’12” an arc length of 129.12 feet; North 04° 00’12” West a distance of 61.95 feet; North 07° 22’34” West a distance of 36.94 feet; along a tangent circular curve to the right with a radius of 102.93 feet and a central angle of 45° 20’52” an are length of 81.47 feet; North 37° 58’18” East a distance of 155.21 feet; along a tangent circular curve to the left with a radius of 119.72 feet and a central angle of 23°36’54” an arc length of 49.34 feet; North 14° 21’24” East a distance of 17.15 feet; North 14° 21’24” East a distance of 367.10 feet; along a tangent circular curve to the right with a radius of 143.95 feet and a central angle of 41° 49’15” an are length of 105.07 feet; North 56° 10’39” East a distance of 149.10 feet; North 35° 56’32” East a distance of 75.06 feet; North 15° 42’24” East a distance of 15.83 feet; North 15° 42’24” East a distance of 98.29 feet; North 08° 44’03” East a distance of 45.44 feet; along a tangent circular curve to the left with a radius of 45.53 feet and a central angle of 36° 28’21” an arc length of 28.98 feet; thence with a non-tangent line North 89° 04’07” East a distance of 27.72 feet; thence South 00°28’23” West a distance of 2281.98 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. 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 1130 HIGHWAY 19, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MARIA RODRIGUEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR M&T MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and PIONEER TITLE CANYON COUNTY as Trustee and recorded 2/17/2006 as Instrument No. 255248 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 2/15/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$2,037.11, due per month for the months of 10/1/2008 through 2/6/2009, 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 \$236,717.16 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.6250 per cent (%) per annum from 9/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 3/6/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLCan Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego CA, 92101 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***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# 3025711 3/25;4/1,8,15/09

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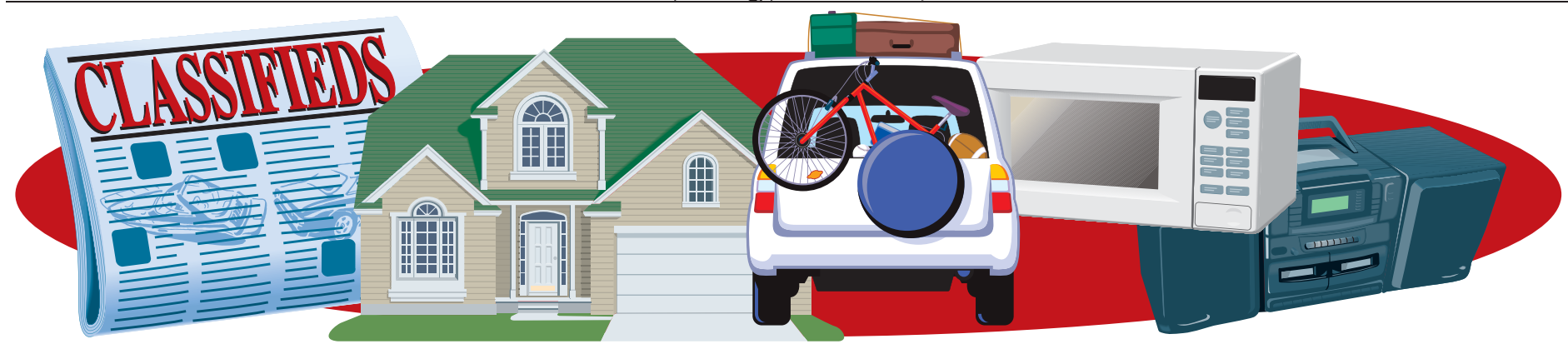
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