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## Low-income housing in Marsing, GV to get fed-funded facelifts

Following the award of more than \$1 million in federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds, low-income apartments in both Marsing and Grand View are scheduled to get a facelift.

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) announced the award of funds Dec. 1.

In total, \$34.2 million was issued through IHFA. Of that, \$1,054,000 will be used by recipient Syringa Property Management of Boise to acquire and refurbish both River Bend Court III Apartments at 1120 Main St. in Marsing, and Riverbend Court IV Apartments at 1150 Riverside Ave. in Grand View.

Diane Hunt, president of Syringa Property, said the company

had been pursuing the project for several years.

"In order to be successful, we have had to rely on both the funds available through Idaho Housing and Finance Association and the USDA Rural Development agency. It is anticipated that we will also receive funds from USDA, as well as debt restructuring," she said.

The goal of the project, Hunt said, "is to preserve an existing affordable housing development, to upgrade and update the existing property and to provide accessible units for persons with disabilities."

Current residents at the sites will remain in the developments, Hunt said, though they may be

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## Bust nets paraphernalia, guns



HPD Chief Jeff Eidemiller questions a resident of a home on Silver Sage Place about a sawn-off shotgun discovered there.

About a dozen members of the Homedale Police Department and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office performed two raids on Dec. 28, one near Marsing, and one in Homedale. While the Marsing operation came up empty, two men were detained, weapons seized and drug paraphernalia confiscated at a home on Silver Sage Place in Homedale at about 5 p.m.

Eric Padilla, 21, was arrested and charged with grand theft, and is accused of being in possession of a stolen 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun. He is being held on a \$100,000 bond. Officials confirmed that more charges may be forthcoming.

Among the items seized were three electronic scales, at least two glass pipes, three handguns, several hunting rifles and shotguns and a sawn-off .20-gauge pump shotgun. The

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### President, First Lady acknowledge milestone

They're not quite sure how news reached the White House, but Homedale residents Gene and Audrey Plumb received presidential congratulations on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

## President congratulates Homedale couple on 60 years of marriage

### Anniversary card was signed by Obama and the First Lady

For a moment, Gene and Audrey Plumb thought the fancy envelope was a joke.

It was from the White House — the one in Washington D.C., not the one in Marsing — but Gene couldn't fathom why he and his bride of 60 years would be receiving correspondence from anyone at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

The former federal contractor nearly chucked the envelope — unopened — in the trash.

But curiosity got the better of Gene, who used to help re-train

people who had entered the federal witness protection program.

What Gene and Audrey found inside the envelope, which was addressed to them in neat handwriting, was nothing short of shocking.

It seems that the White House had gotten wind of the fact that the Plumbs marked their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2009. The card arrived in Homedale last week.

The card inside offered congratulations on the milestone. President Barack Obama and First

Lady Michelle Obama had signed it. The typewritten message under an embossed presidential seal read:

"Congratulations on your 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Your support for each other through the joys and challenges of your years together is an example for us all. We are inspired by your remarkable partnership. An enduring love like yours is something to always treasure.

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The Plumbs, who live in the Snake River RV Resort outside

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# LID public hearing scheduled next week

## Property inclusion, assessment formulas can be protested

Property owners within the proposed Local Improvement District will get a chance to speak out about it next week in a public hearing.

A hearing on the “propriety and advisability of creating” the LID will be held during the Homedale City Council’s first meeting of the new year. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. on Jan. 13 and will be held at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

While testimony will be taken during the hearing, 5 p.m. Monday is the deadline to submit written protests to City Hall.

According to a legal notice published in The Owyhee Avalanche, property owners will foot \$380,000 of the estimated \$780,000 price tag. Their assessments can stretch out as far as 10 years.

The LID will bring 76 streetlights and improved gutters, curbs and sidewalks to Idaho Avenue and a four-block area bordered by Owyhee Avenue, Wyoming Avenue and both First Streets.

Paul Dietzler of Boise-based Higher Power Energy LLC told the Avalanche that he had spoken to Mayor Harold Wilson about applying for a \$100,000 state grant to assist in purchase of energy-efficient streetlights. The city took no action on the grant before the Dec. 18 application deadline.

Property owners protesting the creation of the LID — or the way assessments were figured or of property included in the district — can submit written protests to City Hall until 5 p.m. Monday.

— JPB

## Court briefs

Shannon Kay Stewart, 40, of Nyssa, Ore., was found guilty of two counts of misdemeanor battery and misdemeanor DUI in Third District Court. The battery charges were issued Nov. 10, and the DUI on Aug. 9. For battery, Judge Dan C. Grober ordered Stewart to serve a year’s probation and pay \$300 in fees and fines. The DUI resulted in 24 months of probation, a one-year license suspension and \$650 in fees and fines.

Kevin Douglas Sams of Greenleaf was found guilty of misdemeanor DUI stemming from a Nov. 22 citation. Judge Grober heard the case. Sams, 28, faces fees and fines of \$400, a year’s probation and must serve two days in jail. His license was suspended for six months.

Anthony Vierra Carlos, 27, of Homedale, was found guilty of violating probation following his conviction for domestic battery with traumatic injury in August. On Dec. 22, Judge Thomas J. Ryan reinstated Carlos’s two- to five-year sentence that originally had been suspended.

Ruben Garcia-Orozco, 44, of Marsing was found guilty of misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance before Grober, after a Sept. 2 arrest. Garcia-Orozco faces fees and fines of \$350.

Garcia-Orozco was also convicted of misdemeanor DUI, arising from the same arrest. That conviction resulted in \$600 of fees and fines, 18 months of probation and a six-month suspension of his license.



**Softer, more efficient lighting installed**  
*Fabian Luna of Bender Electric snaps in a new fluorescent bulb in a Homedale Elementary School hallway light fixture Thursday. The newer lighting is white; the older bulbs (foreground) give off yellow light.*

# Energy efficiency upgrades begin in Homedale schools

## New lighting could save district \$20K each year

While its students were unwrapping Christmas gifts, the Homedale School District was getting a present of its own during the holiday break. And it could be the gift that keeps on giving.

Employees of Nampa-based Bender Electric began installing updated fluorescent bulbs in Homedale high school and elementary school during the Christmas vacation as part of Idaho Power Co.’s Custom Efficiency program in which large commercial and industrial clients can receive rebates or up to 70 percent of the cost of a energy-saving project.

Homedale School District will pay only \$30,000 for the

labor of installing more energy-efficient lighting throughout both schools, including classrooms and hallways as well as the high school main gymnasium and the elementary cafeteria.

The materials were supplied by Dakota Energy and Light Tech Inc., from Boise, according to district transportation and maintenance chief Tom Muir. Dakota and Bender see the rebates from the utility company.

While the district is responsible for only \$30,000, Rosandick’s summary of last month’s school board meeting shows that Muir reported to trustees that the total price tag is \$100,000 when materials are included.

Muir, who has served 23 years as the district’s transportation and facilities director, said the project is one of the best he has seen in Homedale.

“It’s up there pretty good,”

Muir said. “I’m excited. It’s something that’s going to show a big savings.”

Rosandick has said that the energy cost savings over the next 18 months will pay for the district’s investment. Muir elaborated last week, saying that estimated savings beyond the first 18 months could equal \$20,000 annually.

The new lighting, which gives off white illumination, is softer than the harsh yellow light of the bulbs that Bender Electric crews are replacing.

Originally slated for completion by the time students returned to class Monday, the project will last until the end of January, Muir said. The delay is due to the fact that material for the high school gymnasium upgrade hasn’t arrived yet, he said.

— JPB

# School drug testing expands

The Homedale School District Board of Trustees has modified two policies aimed at keeping students safe and crime low on the town’s three campuses.

The drug testing policy for students participating in extra-curricular activities was expanded. A 10-panel test will be utilized, doubling the number of substances for which the district will screen.

Testing is done on a random basis.

“I think there was a interest in the board in making sure we were not missing some possible drug abuse and use by kids by limiting the testing to the degree that we had had it limited,” Homedale superintendent Tim Rosandick said.

The previous testing looked for marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and methamphetamine, Rosandick said.

The panel approved at the trustees’ Dec. 14 meeting will screen for the original five, but also adds

PCP, barbiturates, antidepressants and benzodiazepine.

Rosandick recognized that some drugs that may turn up on the screening could be taken legally with a prescription.

“It doesn’t mean that ... any kid that comes out positive on this has violated the policy,” Rosandick said. “There has to be a reasonable explanation (for the drug use). If a kid comes out positive on an antidepressant and it’s made known (that the use is prescribed), that’s not a violation.”

The school board also approved a revision of the policy governing how students found to be using drugs and alcohol are to be disciplined. Rosandick said the revision was an attempt at further clarity as well as establishing a case-by-case basis for discipline.

He said it separates the severity of a student violating the policy by possessing illegal drugs from the punishment of a child who may bring tobacco to school.

“A kid having a cigarette on them and a kid having a joint on them are completely different animals, and this policy makes it more clear that the administration and the board reserves the right to deal with violations of the policy on a case-by-case basis based on the totality of the event,” Rosandick said.

Finally, the district’s gang policy was expanded to prohibit gang-related tattoos. Other prohibitions under the policy include flashing gang signs or wearing gang-related clothing or otherwise displaying anything that can be related to gang identity or promotion.

Rosandick said the policy expansion was in response to a situation in which a student has a tattoo. He wouldn’t go into any further specifics.

The next board meeting is set for 7 p.m. on Monday at the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

— JPB

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# Avalanche nameplate returned 25 years ago

Today's number of The Owyhee Avalanche marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of the nameplate of one of Idaho's oldest publications.

Publisher Joe Aman revived the Avalanche in January 1985 after he purchased the Owyhee Nugget and merged it with his Owyhee Chronicle.

This year also marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aman publishing a Homedale newspaper.

Although the Avalanche name stretches to Aug. 19, 1865, Ruby City and Wasson brothers — Joe and John — the modern publication is the third incarnation of the newspaper.

As it enters its 25<sup>th</sup> year, today's Avalanche holds the distinction as having the second-longest stint for the name.

The original newspaper was published as the Avalanche (either with Owyhee or Idaho preceding the name) for more than 40 years, although the actual date the paper ceased is sketchy. Here's what's known: Publisher W.J. Hill changed the name to the Idaho Avalanche when he made it the first daily in the Idaho Territory in 1874. It was published in Silver City at that time.

The paper reverted to a weekly publication only about 18 months after Hill's conversion, but continued as the Idaho Avalanche. J.S. Hay bought the newspaper on April 18, 1876.

Lem York, one of several men to lease the Avalanche from Hay during the next decade, eventually gained control of the Avalanche, changing the name back to The Owyhee Avalanche on Aug. 20, 1897. He would leave the Avalanche five years later, moving to Boise to co-found Syms-York Co.

The history of the Avalanche falls into obscurity after York's departure: One account says it was shuttered, while another says local politicians bought the paper and published it until 1908 when the printing plant was destroyed by fire.

The Owyhee Nugget (originally the DeLamar Nugget), which had cropped up as a rival to the Avalanche, moved to Bruneau in 1912, leaving the county seat without a newspaper. Residents weren't happy. That same year money was raised to purchase

a printing plant from American Type Founders in Portland, and the Avalanche was in circulation again.

Frank Trotter was hired as editor, but was around only for a year before he left for Homedale to found the Homedale Empire Press on Feb. 12, 1914.

While Trotter published the Empire Press in the new community of Homedale, the Avalanche went through a couple editors — J.S. Flannigan and Charles Hackney during the years before World War I — and eventually faded as other newspapers crowded the Silver City scene.

The Empire Press ceased sometime after Trotter was killed in a duel during the dedication of the new Homedale bridge, and the door was open for the newspaper that would become today's Avalanche.

Charles O. Davis founded the Owyhee Chronicle on April 30, 1931, and ran it until 1932 when R.H. Colley bought the publication. In 1933, Colley bought the subscription list and publishing rights to The Owyhee Avalanche for \$1.

Colley continued to publish the Chronicle until 1938 when his wife, Grace, assumed control. In 1941, the Colleys' sons, Everett and Kenneth, became publishers.

Thirteen years later, Everett became sole publisher when Kenneth left the business.

The paper was leased once and sold briefly between 1954 and 1967. Everett re-purchased the paper from Tom Mills in 1967 and continued as publisher until March 1, 1975, when Aman bought the newspaper.

By 1939, the Nugget was published by Rodney and Leona Hawes, who moved the newspaper to Marsing in 1940 and printed it for 42 years. In 1982, Mick and Kyle Hodges purchased the paper.

The Chronicle and Nugget were in direct competition, with each publishing an edition for the other town (the Marsing Chronicle and the Homedale News).

The competition ended on Dec. 20, 1984, when Aman bought the Nugget from the Hodgeses, combined the two newspapers, and unveiled The Owyhee Avalanche on Jan. 2, 1985.

## Crash claims Caldwell man

Caldwell resident Jimmy S. Stedtnitz, 70, was killed in a one-car rollover on Idaho highway 51 near mile marker 58 on Dec. 28, County Coroner Harvey Grimme said.

The accident was logged by Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch just after noon.

The accident appeared to have been caused by overcorrection, Sheriff Daryl Crandall confirmed.

"About 80 percent of the accidents in the county are like that," Grimme said. "People catch the edge (of the road) ... wrench the wheel and roll."

Stedtnitz was driving a Ford F-150 pickup. A dog in the truck was injured but survived, and Grimme transported the animal to his home from the scene. Relatives of the deceased picked up the pet later that day, he said.

— MML

## Rollover sends one to hospital



### Snow, ice trigger several year-end accidents

Slick roads caused havoc on New Year's Eve in the county. Several accidents were called in, including a single-car rollover at mile marker 4 on state highway 78 just outside Marsing. Delores Birmingham, 71, of Melba was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell after her Toyota Corolla slid and rolled just before 4 p.m. Deputies at the scene said the vehicle's air bag did not deploy. An attempt Monday morning to get more information on other possible accidents through the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was unsuccessful.

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# Short-handed OCSO adapts to meet needs

## Marsing contract seen as positive, but coverage will be a challenge

While the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is short-handed at the moment, with Deputy Isaac Gordon’s spot unfilled for perhaps another month and Deputy David Green having just left for the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training patrol academy, a shift to a 171-hour schedule has kept the office functional, Sheriff Daryl Crandall said Thursday.

To offset Dep. Jim Mackenzie’s posting to the county jail, and the gaps left by Green and Gordon, deputies will be working 171 rather than 160 hours each month, Crandall said.

“I have to let the budget run a little bit,” Crandall said. “Going to 171 gives you a little budget

play.”

Going back to the 171 hours also returns deputies to the paychecks they formerly received, he said. Even when Gordon’s position is filled, and Green returns a POST graduate, Crandall expects to have the 171 hours weekly budgeted for the rest of the year, he said.

### OCSO/PA relationship “stronger, more efficient”

The bundled law enforcement and prosecution contract with Marsing, recently signed and finalized by both the city and the Board of County Commissioners, is a positive thing, Crandall said, though he said that the decision to bundle the two didn’t really impact him to a great degree.

“It didn’t really matter to me,” he said. “It was up to the prosecutor and the city of Marsing.”

Crandall said that OCSO’s relationship with prosecutor Douglas Emery was a strong positive, and a marked change from previous prosecution in the county.

Clearance rates for OCSO cases with previous prosecutor Matthew Faulks were, he said, about 16 percent — with Emery that number was at 39 percent through September. Cases that have gone to court have had a 94 percent conviction rate, he added.

“I see us as being stronger, more efficient,” Crandall said of the sheriff’s office/prosecutorial relationship.

**Marsing pact will be met**  
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Marsing enforcement contract, Crandall said.

“We can tell them for sure that we can fulfill the hours in the contract, and handle everything on the city level,” he said.

“Can we guarantee an officer in the schools for so many hours? I can’t. We can try to do our best.”

While prevention and a school presence is always preferred, Crandall said that there simply weren’t enough warm bodies to guarantee a deputy in an School Resources Officer role.

City ordinance violations will be pursued, and the office will be “trying to work a lot closer with Marsing on their cases.”

Deputy Jeff Wasson has been tabbed as the Marsing-dedicated officer, Crandall said.

— MML

# Wilson search slowed after reported sightings

The Nov. 24 search for Dale Wilson, who was found dead of hypothermia in a field about a half-mile from his Hill Road home six days later, slowed after at least two persons in Homedale reported having seen a man fitting his description on Nov. 25, Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall said Thursday.

Following the reports that Wilson was in Homedale, efforts relaxed, OCSO confirmed.

Last week, Crandall gave an overview of search efforts following the initial search Wednesday. During the initial sweep, handheld FLIR (forward-looking infrared) sensors were used to try to locate Wilson.

FLIR units detect heat, and more complex ones are often used by the military on night fighting equipment.

“The only thing I think we could have done more was to put up a plane,” he said. “That was in the stages when Bill called and said ‘You know, we’ve got a mistaken identity here, that guy was seen at the video store’. We thought, ‘Well, OK, we know he’s alive and well.’”

Wilson, as it turned out, had recently changed his appearance, but at the time that was not known by searchers, Crandall said.

“Talking to Lynn Bowman, the guy that showed up at the video store had a beard,” Crandall said. “And this guy reportedly did not have a beard ... Lynn Bowman told me that yes, when he went missing he had a beard, and apparently he had shaved it off that morning. When we found him out there he didn’t have a beard.”

Crandall wasn’t positive, but thought it likely that Chief Deputy Bill Detweiler had called off a tracker dog requested from Canyon County due to the reports that seemed to place Wilson in Homedale.

The area Wilson went missing in was searched later in the week by OCSO personnel, he said.

“Every deputy that was on was doing extra patrols out there. If they weren’t doing something else, they were out in that area,” Crandall said.

He said Wilson’s brother had attempted to contact him earlier that week, but had not found him at home.

— MML

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✓ President: Just how the White House learned of milestone is unknown

Homedale, were honored to receive the recognition.

But Gene was stumped on the protocol to thank the presidential couple for their regards — or even if it was appropriate. He plans to send a card of thanks back to the commander-in-chief.

The mystery of how the White House knew the Plumbs were wed 60 years earlier in Winnemucca, Nev., still puzzles Gene.

He suspects it may have something to do with his extensive work with the Secret Service and FBI during his days helping out the witness protection program. After all, maybe those background checks included when the couple got married.

The Plumbs plan to frame the presidential congratulations and display it with other mementos from their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on April 16, 2009, with a return to Winnemucca and a road trip

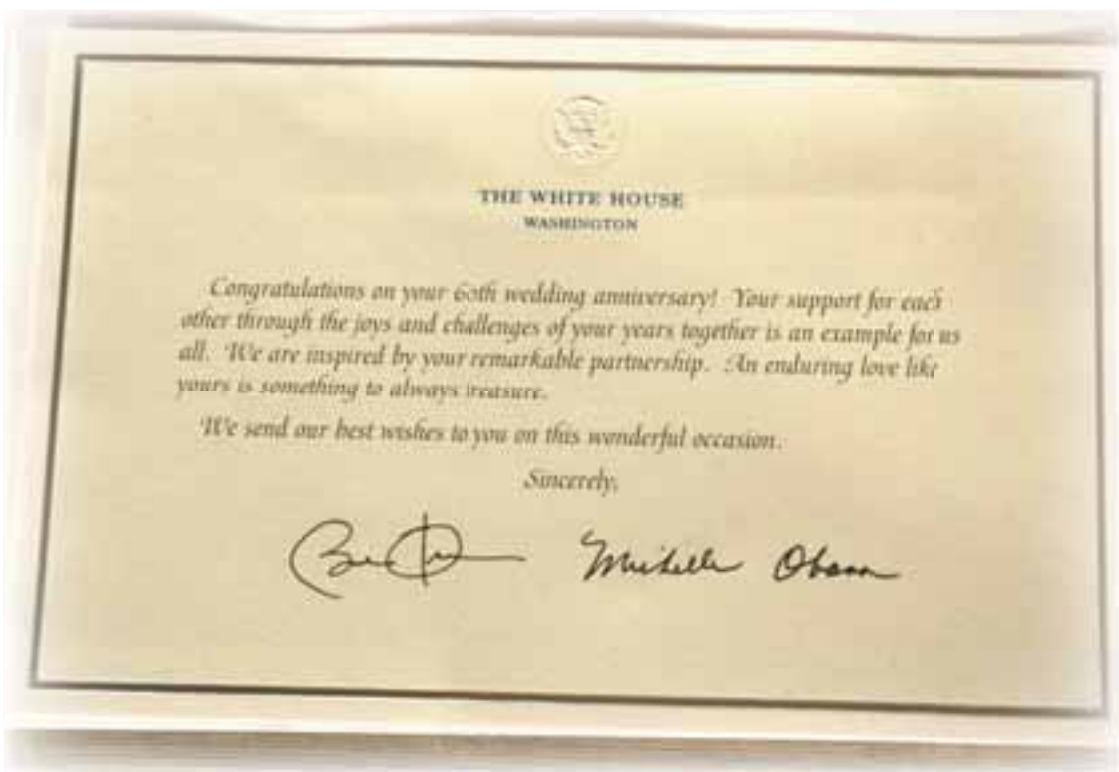
to Spokane, Wash., where they used to live.

The couple also has a write-up in the Humboldt Sun that they can put in the collection. Winnemucca’s newspaper featured the couple when they returned to the Nevada town to celebrate their anniversary.

The Sun’s account traced the Plumbs’ journey from Marsing to Winnemucca on an overnight drive in a 1937 Plymouth with a faulty fuel line. After they were wed at the Humboldt County Courthouse, the Plumbs drove to Jordan Valley to honeymoon.

They lived in Spokane for 32 years where Audrey retired from Avista Corp., and Gene ran a truck driving school and sold insurance, according to the Sun’s account.

The Plumbs raised three daughters and enjoy five grandchildren, according to the Sun.



“We are inspired by your remarkable partnership”  
The card from the White House arrived at the Plumbs’ Homedale address late last month.

— JPB

✓ Housing: Property management firm will use \$1 million to refurbish two complexes

asked to move to different apartments within the properties while work is being done.

“It is our policy to utilize local trades to accomplish the work,” Hunt said. “Once the construction work is completed there will be ongoing personnel needs which we will look to the local communities to fill.”

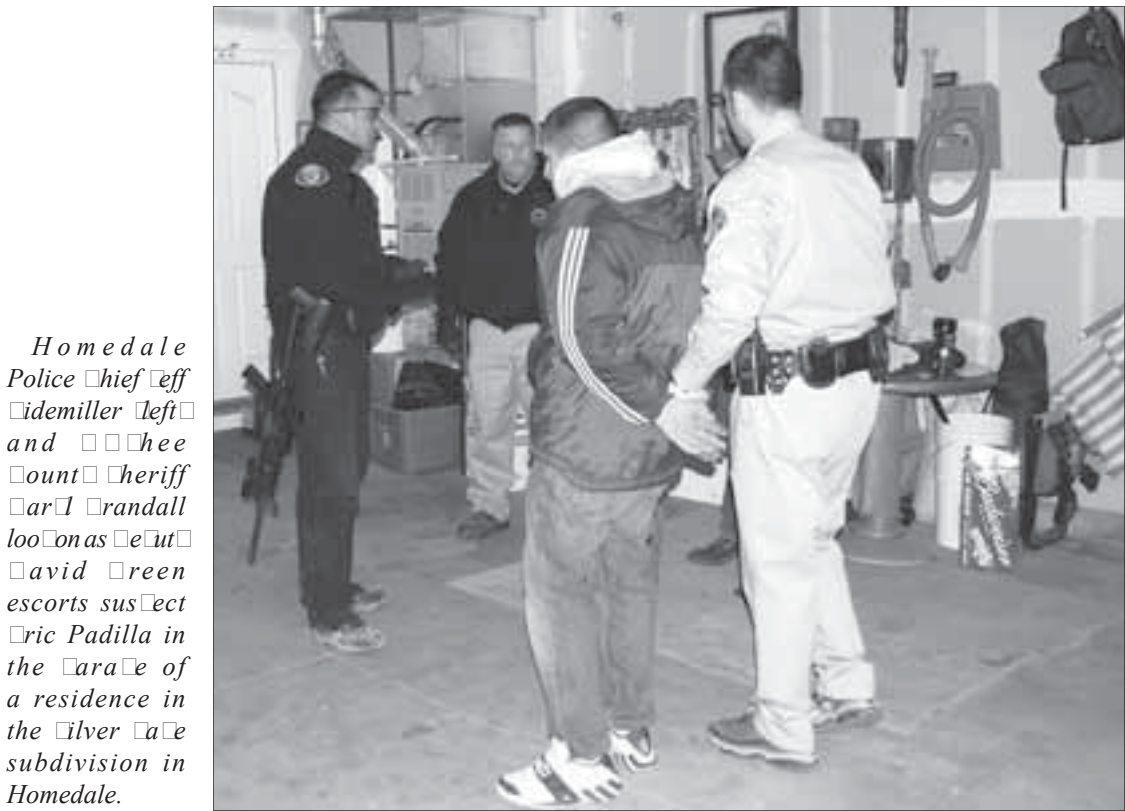
Syringa Properties, LLC and Machacek Real Estate Holdings, LLC are the general partners in the development.

“Gary Machacek and I, the principals in the respective LLCs, have both been involved in providing affordable housing to the low income residents of Idaho for over thirty years,” Hunt said in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche.

Machacek is an architect and developer as well as a property owner. He is also a commissioner on the Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority.

Syringa Property managed low income housing communities in Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Arizona.

— MML



Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller (left) and Sheriff Countess (right) are seen with other officers during a raid on a residence in the Silver Lake subdivision in Homedale.

✓ Bust: Sheriff, HPD raid two residences

last, with a barrel length less than 18 inches, could engender federal firearms charges. One container may be tested for drug residue.

The provenance of several other items discovered in the garage of the home was to be investigated, according to officials on-scene.

Officials at the incidents wouldn’t confirm how law enforcement learned of the operations.

HPD Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Crandall were present at both scenes.

Attempts Monday morning to get updates on the case were unsuccessful.

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# New fences to be looked at for sage-grouse safety

A recent directive from the Wyoming regional office of the Bureau of Land Management to mark fences and guy-wires that might injure sage-grouse won't result in widespread marking of fences in Owyhee County, BLM Boise District biologist Steve Jerriek said.

"I think — my gut feeling on it — basically we're not going to be flagging all these fences," Jerriek said. In high-density sage-grouse areas where new fences were added, or in locations reported as a problem, the BLM will consider attaching reflective metal tags to the wire, he said.

Any such work would be done over a period of time, Jerriek said, adding that the fence-marking is a bit of a catch-22. "In the past we've always had these regulations to make the fences blend in with the landscape," he said. The work to make barriers low-visibility to preserve the

natural view runs counter to what is needed to make the fences visible to birds. "Sage-grouse are susceptible because they fly low and are bigger birds," he said. "But personally ... I haven't seen a lot (of evidence of collisions in the county)." — MML

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# Owyhee removed from Gateway West’s proposed path

If the maps posted Monday by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are any indication, the proposed Gateway West transmission line will have a minimal footprint in Owyhee County.

On Monday, the BLM announced proposed and alternate routes that will be analyzed in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. The draft EIS will be released this summer.

Preliminary plans had the route for the 500-kilovolt transmission line crossing large portions of Owyhee County on its way to the Hemingway Substation now under construction off Idaho highway 78.

Owyhee County participated in the scoping process as a coordinating agency, according to Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland. The District 1 commissioner from Wilson said Monday that he was unaware that the BLM had announced the proposed and alternate routes.

The BLM identified the routes using information from the scoping period in the summer 2008, comments received, cooperating agency input, and by applying evaluation criteria that examined opportunities and constraints of various routes. Cooperating agencies participated in an additional alternative formulation period in July and August.

The next opportunity for formal public comment will be the 90-day public comment period after the release of the draft EIS this summer. The BLM will hold public meetings across Idaho during the draft EIS comment period.

The BLM Wyoming is preparing the draft EIS. The BLM is the lead federal agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for this project, and is working with cooperating agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); State

of Wyoming; State of Idaho; and Cassia, Twin Falls and Power counties; the City of Kuna. In addition, tribal consultation is ongoing.

“The BLM listened to public comments and cooperating agencies to ensure that communities and groups shared their ideas to help us make better decisions,” said Don Simpson, Wyoming State Director and the BLM’s decision-maker for the project. “This effort is consistent with BLM’s responsibility under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act to coordinate with state and local governments.”

Simpson has replaced Lucas Lucero as BLM’s project manager for the Gateway West line.

Tom Dyer, BLM state director in Idaho, praised state and local elected officials for raising constituent issues associated with siting the transmission line route.

“We appreciate the efforts of Idaho’s elected officials to work with us to develop alternatives for the environmental impact statement.

The draft EIS will allow all interested citizens to compare proposed routes and provide constructive input to the BLM and other authorizing authorities, enabling us to make informed decisions. We encourage participation by all groups interested in the NEPA process.”

Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power have applied to the BLM and USFS for right-of-way grants to construct, operate and maintain transmission lines from the proposed Windstar substation near Glenrock, Wyo., to Hemingway.

An interactive map detailing these routes is available on the BLM’s Web site: [www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfdocs/gateway\\_west](http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfdocs/gateway_west).

Detailed route information is also available on the Web site in the updated Siting Study and Scoping Report.



One of two cougar cubs to visit Jordan Valley last week strolls along the fence line of the St. Bernard’s Catholic Church property. Photo by Patti Davis

## Cougars visit Jordan Valley

Jordan Valley had a pair of furry visitors on Dec. 20 at about 10:20 a.m. — two young mountain lions.

The pair of yearling cats wound up in the yard of St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, where Patti Davis photographed them.

The pair may have been cubs belonging to a female cougar taken by hunters five or six miles from Jordan Valley, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife state trapper Greg Jones said.

“They were two young cats; juveniles about 10 months to a year old. They still had some spots,” he said. Jones contacted his houndsman, who loaded up at 2 a.m. in Maupin and drove to Jordan Valley.

Yearling cubs can weigh 60 to 80 pounds, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service.

The area was swept for the cats without luck.

“We saddled up the mules, circled around the east side of Jordan Valley, the

north side, checked the meadows,” he said. In the end, searchers decided the cats had likely returned to the Idaho side of the line, where Oregon Fish and Wildlife could not operate, most likely to the area where they had last been with their mother or fed at a carcass.

Jones is the solo trapper working all of Malheur County, at present. He responds to 12 or 13 confirmed cat calls yearly, he said, and expects that number to rise to 15 or 18 now that Jordan Valley is part of his response area. Previously, Jordan Valley had its own trapper, but budget cuts closed that position down, Jones said.

If residents see a mountain lion in a settled area, they should call their sheriff’s office, Jones said.

In instances of cougar attack, most sources recommend fighting back and yelling as more effective than flight or passive defense.

— MML

## Law enforcement briefs

Homedale Police’s Mike McFetridge is now Sgt. McFetridge, following a promotion in the last week of December.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse has a shortage of members in the Homedale area, Sheriff Daryl Crandall said. Anyone considering joining the group that helps in emergency situations of all sorts, can call him, or Chief Deputy Bill Detweiler at 495-1154, or any posse member, to apply.

In light of several possible scams in the county, Crandall warned consumers that they should call OCSO if they suspect an offer might be a scam or a fraud, “or if something is too good to be true.”

**HPD**

Homedale police logged 33 calls between Dec. 17 and the morning of Dec. 28.

HPD also responded to a report of a car stolen at Paul’s Market on Christmas Eve. The car, a red Oldsmobile Alero, was later found in the SSI parking lot in Wilder, next to another stolen car, HPD Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. A child seat and some personal objects were missing from the car.

Wanted subject Aldo Calderon, 19, was arrested in Homedale and transported to county jail in Murphy on Dec. 26 on warrants issued by Canyon County and Nampa after Calderon violated the conditions of his parole on misdemeanor drug possession and traffic convictions.

Just after midnight on Dec. 17, police and OCSO Deputy Slade Heeb arrested Kathleen Young of Homedale for domestic battery at the corner of First Street West and West Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

**OCSO**

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office

logged 94 incidents in the same Dec. 17-28 period. In addition to a fatal accident in Grand View (*see story, Page 3*), there were numerous slideoffs and property damage accidents.

On Dec. 18, a grand theft case was logged at 7251 Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing. No details were available at press time.

Jon P. Webb of Idaho Falls was arrested following a vehicular accident logged at 6:29 p.m. on Dec. 18. The charge was not provided.

A property damage accident on Dec. 19 on Idaho highway 78 near Bruneau was listed as an active case.

Melainah M. Maucotel, 35, of Oreana, was arrested for disturbing the peace at JC Landing in Grand View on Dec. 22 at 11:33 p.m.

A battery case was logged at 1:16 p.m. at 56829 State Highway 51, Bruneau. The case is under investigation, and no details have been released.

An aggravated battery at 525 Riverside Ave. in Grand View was noted on Dec. 23 at 9:04 p.m. Crandall said one person was wounded, though not seriously, with a knife in the altercation that started as a bar fight. The case remains under investigation.

A report of a stolen vehicle was logged at 11:29 a.m. on Christmas Day at the Marsing Labor Camp, where a wanted subject, Guillermo Noe Sapon-Sic, was arrested on an outstanding Owyhee warrant at 11:30 a.m.

The car had been reported missing by Sapon-Sic, who turned out to be wanted for failing to appear after being charged with disturbing the peace and public nuisance in September.

## Sheriff’s Christmas basket delivery highlighted on TV

Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall and the gift baskets he distributes made an appearance on Good Morning America.

The ABC morning show visited Owyhee County and filmed the disbursal of baskets put together by Crandall with the help of his wife Jennifer and others.

“My wife and I have been do-

ing the gift baskets for five years now,” Crandall said in response to an e-mail. “We started out with about 40 baskets and this year we delivered 85 baskets, serving between 240-300 people.

“The gifts were broken down by sex and age, and we tried to make sure that every child received two or three,” Crandall said. “The gifts

and baskets went from Indian Cove to Jordan Valley.”

The effort was separate from others in the county, he said.

Crandall thanked those who donated time and materials.

“We broke down the work into several groups and Jennifer did the food and presents and coats, and Deputy (Jim) Mackenzie helped

with coats,” he said, adding US Ecology donated hams, and Marsing Elementary collected food.

Bruneau’s Y Bar Cafe raised \$1,800 for a Marsing family.

Donators included Snake River Mart, Idaho Dairy Council, Rimrock Senior Center, Melissa Loucks, Wilson Butte Sage Hens, Dans Ferry Service, Belle and

Rex Evans, Doc and Laura Fredrickson, TRIAD, World Wide Missionary Church, Lizard Butte Baptist Church, Cliff and Ruth Knox, Marsing Hardware, Quey and Merleen Johns, Clover Dairy, Rhodes Bake N Serve Rolls, Kings Department Stores, Wal-Mart and food drives in Bruneau and Grand View.

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# Husky hosts finish second, third at Holiday Classic

Despite the threat of snow, a good crowd attended the annual Marsing Holiday Classic to watch back-to-back basketball on Dec. 29-30. When the dust settled, the Marsing High School girls took silver and the boys bronze.

The girls opened against Jordan Valley on Dec. 29, handing the visiting Mustangs a 45-12 drubbing before moving ahead to meet the tournament favorite, Vale, in the championship. Vale lived up to its reputation, putting together a convincing 50-28 win for the top spot.

Jordan Valley and Nampa Christian met in the consolation match for third, and the Trojans shut the Mustangs down 60-22.

In the boys' bracket, Jordan Valley edged host Marsing 54-48 in first-round play and advanced to face Nampa Christian on Wednesday. The Trojans topped the Mustangs by better than 2-to-1, taking first place with a 69-33 win.

Marsing faced the Liberty Charter Patriots in the losers bracket, and took third with a 41-34 win.

The Marsing JV girls lost by three in the junior varsity championship game against Nampa Christian, a team that beat the Huskies by a double-digit margin earlier in the season.

Boys JV results were not reported.

# Husky girls maul Mustangs, fall to Vale in final round



The Mustang's Mattie Wroten tries to find a way out of Ashley Hull's coverage during the Dec. 29 Holiday Classic first-round matchup.

With a second-place finish behind a tough Vale squad, the Marsing High School varsity girls basketballers (9-2 overall, 4-0 2A Western Idaho Conference) showed how well they could play, as well as how tough the 3A Vikings would be through its season.

In their 45-12 win over Jordan Valley on Dec. 29, the Huskies dominated on both offense and defense, and scoring was spread across the squad.

Marsing's Ashley Hull led with 14 points, six of them from outside the arc. Sister Kacie Hull and Rebecca Cossel each had six points. Andi Merritt had five points and six boards; Candy Leon had four points and Jessie Cossel, three. Mayra Rodriguez had three points and five steals. Senior Kim Garza had an all-around night with two points, four steals, three boards and three assists. Kate Blackstock had a solo bucket.

The Huskies struggled to find a scoring rhythm against a tough Vale team on Wednesday, and the 3A Vikings posted a 50-28 win to lock down the championship.

Rebecca Cossel led the Huskies with six points, while Leon totaled five, Ashley Hull four, and Jessie Cossel, Garza, Rodriguez and Kacie Hull had just two each. Alma Marcial had a lone point.

It wasn't a cohesive offensive night for the blue and gold.

"We shot the ball poorly (24 percent) and couldn't get things going offensively against Vale's physical man-to-man defense," Huskies coach Tim Little said. "We could never get it within 10 points after half time."

"Vale is a good team that will do well in Oregon 3A basketball. They have split games with New Plymouth and will play a second game with Parma this week — the first time they lost a close one."

Little denied that there was any one trick to unifying a team that finished at the bottom of the rankings last year.

"(There's) no real recipe to success," he said. "The girls are just eager to learn, willing to do what is asked and working very hard. Our captains — Kim Garza and Mayra Rodriguez — are great leaders by example and set the standard high with effort and desire both in practice and in games."

He praised his team for playing unselfishly and understanding that teamwork comes before individual stats. Each win, or loss, is a chance to learn, he said.

"We have much to work on if we plan to do well in league, but right now we are finding ways to win," Little said.

Looking ahead, Little expects New Plymouth to be a challenge.

"New Plymouth is very tough and will be somewhere at the top of our league with Parma," he said. "Their losses are all to larger schools, and they have played a very tough schedule so far this season. They will play a similar style to us, but have some size and athletic players that will really challenge us defensively. The girls are excited for the challenge, and the game will be a great test for us to see how we match up with one of the better 2A teams in the state."

The girls host New Plymouth on Thursday, with varsity tipping off at 6:45 p.m. The Huskies will visit Parma on Saturday in what will likely be another tough match, and will host Melba on Tuesday.

— MML

# Mustangs trampled in Classic title game

Nampa Christian High School stifled the Jordan Valley boys' basketball team's offense Wednesday to win the Marsing Holiday Classic.

Four Trojans reached double figures in a 69-33 title-game victory, including Nate Forseth's 16 points to lead the balanced attack.

"We just ran into a buzz saw," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "Nampa Christian is a very good, big and physical team. We were intimidated from the start."

Bryce Kershner had four of Jordan Valley's 10 rebounds as the Trojans dominated the glass.

Nampa Christian owned a 37-15 lead at the intermission, outscoring Jordan Valley, 22-9, in the second quarter.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't even compete with them," Workman said.

Bryce Kershner and Elias Cline led Jordan Valley with six points apiece. They were a combined 5-for-7 from the foul line as the Mustangs visited the charity stripe only 10 times, hitting six shots.

Nampa Christian was 13-for-25 from the line.

Jordan Valley fell to 8-2 overall. The Mustangs played a non-league road game against McDermitt, Nev., on Saturday. Results were not reported.

The Mustangs return to 1A High Desert League action Friday, playing host to archrival Adrian. Jordan Valley has won all four of its league games this season.



Right: Jordan Valley's Elias Cline fights past Marsing's Ty Shippy during the Mustangs' 54-48 win over their host.

# New coach, same focus for Antelopes on wrestling mat



There's been a change at the top, but Adrian High School wrestlers are ready to maintain their program through numbers and performance.

After four years as an assistant, Eddie Kinkade has taken the reins of a program revived by Rick Olsen for the 2005-06 season.

Kinkade has a strong stable of talent following him into the campaign, including 2009 state medalist Daniel Lode, who will wrestle at 171 pounds as a senior.

The Antelopes already have a pair of meets under their belts this season and opened the new year Tuesday with a home tri-meet against Marsing and Homedale on Jan. 5. Results weren't available at press time from the Antelopes' first home contest since the program was reinstated.

A dozen wrestlers are out for the team, a 140 percent expansion from the 2008-09 roster.

All five wrestlers from last year — seniors Lode, Jake Wilde (130), James Precht (189) and Jake Mathews (171) and sophomore Mark Ishida (140) — are back.

"I expect all five of these wrestlers to step up and be leaders out on the mat for our younger guys," Kinkade said. "They all have the potential to be at the state tournament. It just depends on how hard they work this year."

Lode reached the state tournament after a second-place showing at the district meet last year. Precht was third at district, one spot from a State berth, while Mathews finished fifth at district. Ishida and Wilde both captured sixth-place district showings.

Three of the new wrestlers are exchange students, Kinkade said: Caio Artori (130-pound senior) and sophomores Aidar Beisenaly (135) and Andras Koczian (189).

Other newcomers are Hugh Ellsworth, Kory Hartman, Zach Hundersmarck and Chance Marquez.

— JPB



# Sports

## Adrian girls ready for return to HDL

Adrian High School girls' basketball coach Gene Mills says his team will push the ball up the floor this season, and fans can expect the Antelopes to push Crane for the league championship.

Coming off a four-game losing streak in tournament games, the Antelopes (7-4) try to get back on the winning path Friday with a road game against archrival Jordan Valley in a return to 1A High Desert League action.

Adrian has won its first three league contests this season.

Even with two players from the team that finished second at the 2009 district tournament now playing collegiate athletics at Corban College, Adrian appears loaded with talent for another run at a 1A Oregon state playoffs

birth.

McKenzie Purnell, who contributed at Corban in volleyball as a freshman, and Terra Rust, who is playing her freshman year of basketball at the Salem, Ore., college, guided the Antelopes to a 25-7 record and a sixth-place showing in the state tournament.

Back from last year's squad are Andrea Shenk, Madison Shira, Ranae Orosco and Maddie Pennergrass.

The Antelopes won the first seven games of the season before losing the title game of the Joseph JEF Tournament on Dec. 19, 53-33, to Griswold. Swiss exchange student Letizia Bardoli scored nearly half of Adrian's points with 16.

Last week, Adrian dropped a

57-51 decision to Nyssa, Ore., in the first round of the Nyssa Christmas Tournament on Dec. 28 and stumbled, 35-30, against Tri-Valley on Dec. 29. The tournament ended Wednesday with a loss to Grangeville. No details from the games were provided.

Adrian's 3-0 start in league play includes a 72-22 blowout of Huntington at home on Dec. 14.

Shenk scored eight points on Dec. 12 as Adrian beat Monument/Dayville, 39-26, to cap the first week of league play.

Bardoli scored 17 points on Dec. 11 as Adrian opened the league campaign by beating host Prairie City, 42-31. Orosco added nine points and Shenk had eight.

Mills said the experience and leadership of the solid returning core will make for a "fast and furious" type of game.

Depth could be a factor, too, as Adrian boasts 20 players in its program this year, the sixth as Antelopes coach for Mills. Mills has coached prep basketball for 38 years, so he knows something about evaluating his talent.

Other newcomers for Adrian this year include Jessica Morton and Heather Thompson.

## Jordan Valley girls drop three, set sights on Adrian

After a rough week during which the Jordan Valley varsity girls basketball team was handed three losses, players are now looking ahead to their Friday match against Adrian.

The Mustangs dropped two games against larger schools in last week's Marsing Holiday Classic, losing 45-12 to host Marsing and 60-22 to Nampa Christian.

Jordan Valley then faced off in a non-league match against McDermitt, losing, but by a tighter margin, 46-31. Ann-Marie Eiguren led points for Jordan Valley with 13, but McDermitt, behind the 6-foot-5 specter of Becky Kershner, owned the boards for the game, making Mustang second chances rare.

The Mustangs will host Adrian in 1A High Desert League play Friday, and will be on the road in Crane on Saturday.



Ann-Marie Eiguren stretches for a layup against Marsing at the Holiday Classic. Eiguren led the Mustangs on points against McDermitt later in the week.

### MARSING HUSKIES BASKETBALL

#### Girls' Basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity A  
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Parma, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.  
Junior varsity B  
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Parma, 4:45 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Compass Charter, Garden City, 5 p.m.

#### Boy's Basketball

Varsity

Saturday, Jan. 9 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity A  
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Payette, 6 p.m.  
Junior varsity B  
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.  
Freshman  
Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Compass Charter, Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Friday, Jan. 8 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12, Glens Ferry/Declo tri-meet at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8-9 at Mountain View Tournament, Meridian

## Trojan Winter Sports



### BASKETBALL



#### Boys basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 11, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity A  
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8 at Melba, 6 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 11, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Payette, 6 p.m.  
Junior varsity B  
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8 at Melba, 4:45 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 11, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Payette, 4:45 p.m.

#### Girls basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 8, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 14 at Payette, 6 p.m.

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# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

### January 9, 1985

#### Water is reason for Reynolds, IP fight

The Reynolds Irrigation District feels its back against the wall in a dispute over electrical co-generation with Idaho Power at Walter’s Ferry.

The Reynolds District, encompassing 1,500 acres and 30 water users, would like to pump water for irrigation from the south side of the Snake River at Walter’s Ferry and pay for that expense by generating electricity from an artesian spring on the north bank. They currently receive their water from a dilapidated pipe that travels across the river, connected to the old metal bridge, closed to motor traffic.

The Federal Government has allowed small producers to sell electricity to public utilities. But, Idaho Power asserts that the Reynolds District would sell the approximately 277 kilowatts a day produced by running the artesian water through a turbine in a 100-foot drop for 7.1 cents per hour, and then purchase it back as the current 2.7 cents to run the irrigation pumps on the other side. Idaho Power estimates that the District would gain \$128,856 a year by this method. Cost of the project is \$600,000.

The Idaho Power Utilities Commission heard both sides of the issue on Dec. 17. Idaho Power is expected to file a brief on them after Jan. 12, and the IPUC then has 60 days to make a decision concerning the project, according to Sam Pitman, Reynolds District president.

The pump and turbine approach is the only viable alternative, although Idaho Power would prefer to repair the existing bridge and pipe. George Earll, Wilson area rancher and Reynolds District member, said Idaho Power never ventured to commit to paying for the bridge repair, until the district had gotten this far on their turbine project.

Monthly water costs to the area members was \$3-\$5 per acre before the dispute, but have risen to \$56 an acre because of legal and engineering fees in battling the utility.

The Reynolds users fear a complete breakdown of the old pipe and the supporting bridge, said Jerry Hoagland, who spends much of his time welding the rusted pipe or patching sections that are made of redwood and barrel hoops.

Hoagland said the entire system must be shut off each time a major leak occurs along the pipe.

#### George Murray scholarship fund formed

The Homedale Kiwanis have “started the ball rolling” by donating \$250 to a memorial scholarship fund for Homedale High School students, in memory of George Murray, former Homedale mayor and councilman, who was killed in a car accident at Thanksgiving.

The Kiwanis hope that money received by the fund could provide enough interest to continue as a self-perpetuating account for scholastic achievement by Homedale scholars. Kiwanis president Bob Jewett encouraged other area clubs or individuals to consider donating money to the fund. Murray served as mayor for years, was city councilman, chosen this year Homedale’s Honored Civic Leader of the Year, and participated in several state and regional boards.

#### Teresa Gilbert, Steve Zatica united in nuptial mass

Vows and rings were exchanged by Teresa Gilbert and Steve Zatica in a 3 p.m. nuptial mass Nov. 24. The ceremony was celebrated in St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Boise by Father Raymond Peplinski.

The newlyweds are making their first home in Ontario, Oregon, following a honeymoon trip to McCall.

The bride, is a 1982 graduate of Emmett High School, attended the University of Idaho, Moscow, and is employed at The Merc in Ontario.

The bridegroom, is a 1982 graduate of Homedale High School, also attended the University of Idaho and is employed by Paul’s’ Market at their Ontario location.

## 50 years ago

### January 7, 1960

#### Trojans beat American Falls Tuesday 45-44

The Homedale basketball team cut their Christmas vacation short last week and traveled to American Falls Tuesday to win a close game 45-44.

The boys returned to Glenns Ferry Wednesday and ran-up a whopping score of 64 to Glenns Ferry’s 49.

The Trojans will play Notus here Friday, January 8, and Middleton there, Saturday, January 9 to return to conference games.

#### Reorganization plans discussed at Arock Monday

A hearing on the proposed school reorganization plan for Jordan Valley, McDermitt, Rockville and Cowcreek school districts was held at Arock Monday night.

Residents from the school district, members of the Malheur county school reorganization committee, K. I. Peterson of Adrian, Robert Skinner of Danner, Phil Jaca of Jordan Valley, Jake Borge of Adrian and Jack Grafton of Arock, and County School Superintendent Emery J. Skinner discussed the proposed plan. School patrons expressed their views on transportation, location of schools and finance under the proposed plan.

#### Tami Uda gets Russian doll

Tami Uda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Uda, received an extraordinary gift for Christmas from her uncle Charles Vetter, Jr., who works for the information bureau in Washington, D.C. Mr. Vetter who was in Moscow, Russia, during the trade fair, sent Tami a Russian doll.

The doll’s hands and face are made of pale glass, the features of the face are painted on and the clothes are plain, but well made, with embroidery trim on the dress and blouse. The skirt has insulation on the inside and can be used as a teapot comforter. A single braid of hair down the doll’s back is covered with a flowered bandana.

#### Friends met at Zatica home before dance

A group of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zatica New Year’s eve for refreshments before going to the Jaycee dance at the “Y”.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coriell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McPherson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas.

All gathered at the Tom Coriell home after the dance for an early breakfast with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. McPherson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lineberger also joined them.

#### Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Perryman and children, Quincy, Wash., spent New Year’s day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pegram. Mrs. Perryman is the former Mary Pegram. The Perryman family is visiting friends and relatives in Wilder, Caldwell and Kuna before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. John Echevarria and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Jones joined the Pegrams and Perrymans later New Year’s day.

Mrs. Marjorie Vance was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Iola Potter. Mrs. Roy Vance and daughter and Mrs. Rachael Marks, Meridian, jointed Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Vance to spend the evening.

Mrs. Pearl Percy recently received a letter from her sister, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, who moved last month to San Diego, Calif, with her son, Elvin Benjamin and his family. Mrs. Pierce said they had found a house and were nearly settled in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yost and family spent from December 26 to January 4 visiting relatives in California. They visited Mrs. Yost’s sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, in Irvington, Calif., her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Thompson, and her cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jaroscak and sons, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jontar, Homedale, spent Sunday afternoon visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sevy.

## 140 years ago

### January 6, 1866

CUTTING AFFRAY ON SINKER CREEK. Sinker Creek, Dec. 31, 1865.

EDS AVALANCHE: On the 29<sup>th</sup> inst., there occurred at Anderson’s ranch, on this creek, one of those outrageous cutting scrapes which so often disgrace our community. The facts, as nearly as I can learn, not being present at the time, are as follows: Charles Anderson and Mr. Lewis had some difficulty about the title to some hay – Lewis having possession of the same, and Anderson claiming one half of it. On the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Anderson went up to see about his hay, and found that Lewis had sold nearly all of it to John Catlin. The hay was already baled, and John Wilson Pratt was there with Catlin’s team, ready to draw the hay away. Pratt says Anderson asked him how much hay he had baled, and he told him, which was about all the conversation that took place between them. Anderson then left to hunt up some stock. Shortly after, Pratt went to the haystack and found all the bales of hay cut open. Supposing that Anderson had cut them, he took a large axe helve and started for Anderson’s ranch, about one mile down the creek. Arriving there, he found Anderson and his Indian, David, engaged in yoking up his team, and a man by the name of Casey standing near by. Pratt came up to Anderson with the axe helve in his hand, and asked him if he cut the hay open. Anderson replied, No. Pratt says, You did, G-d d—n you, and instantly raised his axe helve and struck him on the head – Casey says one blow, the Indian says two blows – with both hands hold of the axe helve. Anderson then drew his knife to defend himself. Pratt got hold of Anderson’s wrist and held his hand. When Anderson cut him on the under lip, also wounding him with a large cut under the right breast. About this time, Pratt says: “Anderson, you have killed me,” when Anderson seemed to stop, amazed. Pratt then drew his knife and plunged it into Anderson’s heart, killing him instantly, and then walked away. In examining the body we found a bruise on the left check bone. The affray took place between the hours of 10 and 11 o’clock a.m., on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, in front of Anderson’s house. The above is a correct version of the affray, as nearly as I can ascertain from the account given by Casey and the Indian, David. We collected all the men together that could be found, and held an examination over the remains of Anderson, and reported the particulars to Judge Lynam, of Silver City. Anderson was buried on Saturday, between 10 and 11 o’clock a.m., and all present rendered every assistance necessary on the occasion.

Respectfully yours, Milton H. Presby

JOHN WILSON PRATT, the man who killed Charles Anderson on Sinker Creek last week, had an examination before Justice Miller on Thursday and was discharged, there being no evidence to warrant a commitment. From what we can learn from those who heard the testimony, and other parties including our correspondent, it was a very plain case of murder – though there may be no positive proof. Mr. Casey does not testify to what Mr. Presby says he told him when the deed was committed, but he may have testified truly and informed Mr. P. otherwise.

DEPUTY Sheriff Springer has moved his headquarters up to Silver City for a season. It requires a firm, vigilant officer to manage the bacchanalian boys of that burgh, but Mr. Springer is equal to the job. On Thursday night he brought an hombre down and jugged him for disorderly conduct and flourishing weapons in a careless way.

FREIGHT. At Carson’s Ranch, on Reynolds Creek, there is over 40,000 pounds of freight for this camp. W. H. Wickersham has 25,000 pounds for himself and other parties; A. Goodman & Bro. have 15,000 pounds. Additional quantities were expected daily at that point. This freight may reasonably be expected here during the coming week. A pack trail has been broken over the mountain by the N. Y. & Co. mill, to intersect the naked ridge on the other side.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
A glimmer of hope for the wild horses

It's been a long time since I've felt anything but sadness for the wild horses.

I was a veterinarian in the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada sagebrush country the year that Wild Horse Annie managed to make wild horses a government dependent. Virtually all the dire predictions of the outcome have come true.

Lack of common sense and lack of good management have led to overpopulation, resulting in an excess of wild horses (30,000 head) now being held under fence and cared for like domestic livestock or zoo animals. Despite dogged efforts to sell, auction, or give away these apparently unwanted equines, they continue to propagate profusely.

I don't hold those well-intentioned/misguided instigators like Wild Horse Annie responsible. We let them do it! They were ignorant of the consequences and never intended to take responsibility for the chaos they created anyway! Nor do I place blame on the Bureau of Land Management. They have been forced to care for and maintain many thousands of unmanageable horses we dump in their lap. They are plant people, for cryin' out loud, not the Fish & Game!

The saddest result of this decades-long tragedy is that it has diminished and demeaned the majestic equine species. Today, the mustangs are now just another category of the whole Abandoned Horse problem that is the result of these same well-intentioned misguided, take-no-responsibility horse lovers who have temporarily shut down the horse slaughter plants in the U.S.

But my heart is lighter today. I recently watched a competition of the Extreme Mustang Makeover during the Heber City, Utah, Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Thirty trainers were each given a 4- to 5-year-old, unbroken, solid color, sound horse from the BLM's stockpile of wild horses. They were allowed 100 days to train their animal and then invited to compete against each other.

As each trainer rode into the arena and began the obstacle course, every horse person in the grandstands seemed to be riding with them. We watched, leaned, tensed and sighed as they were snorting at the box of roosters, balking at the water crossing, tiptoeing to the steers, dancing, shying, sniffing, testing and finally, in the end, trusting the rider on their back, who had been their constant companion, feeder, teacher and friend for the past 100 days.

The judges, well-known trainers themselves, were asked to choose the winners. It was more akin to judging Olympic ice skating than a horserace. Money was won. It made the trainers, the BLM, the Mustang Heritage Foundation and Heber City all look good. But the biggest winners were the horses. Not because they were mustangs, but because they were horses just like the ones you work your cows with, or rope off, or trail ride on, or race or show. And ... just like the good ones the cowboys used to catch and train when they really were wild horses and they really were free.

— *Can't get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features, merchandise and his latest book, "The Back Page".*

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee  
Perception vs. reality



The sentiment expressed by letter-writer J C Mitchell of Givens Hot Springs ("County officials must open lines of communication", The Owyhee Avalanche, Dec. 30) is one that should be embraced by everyone involved in or watching county business.

The election is over. Move on.

Based on the letter published today, Betty Stappler of Marsing won't let go of the fight.

Her candidate, Sheriff Daryl Crandall, won. He'll mark his one-year anniversary in office in six days.

Yet, Stappler clings to the perception that this newspaper is not giving the sheriff his due.

Furthermore, she thinks that the Avalanche hasn't covered all the news from the sheriff's office.

This is where an old adage comes into play: Perception is nine-tenths of reality: What a person thinks she sees, she will believe.

Stappler is too close to the situation.

Her son works for Crandall.

She has helped develop an allegedly non-partisan smoke screen, Owyhee County Citizens for Accountability in Government (OCCAG), that purports to be an organization looking out for the best interests of county residents. Newsletters published by the group are heavily seasoned with information from the sheriff's office. Information the Avalanche has had an extremely difficult time prying from the inner sanctum.

Given the cooperation of the sheriff's office last week, though, hopefully that is changing (even though we didn't find out about the organization's Christmas food and coat distribution until after it had happened and another media outlet had been told about it).

Stappler doesn't get it.

Her letter in today's newspaper (one that she suggested the Avalanche wouldn't print) further proves that point. This has never been an Avalanche versus Crandall thing; it's a newspaper trying to inform its readers and getting very little cooperation in the pursuit.

Her perception is that the Avalanche has been unfair to the sheriff's office by not reporting on the hardships imposed by budget constraints.

The reality is that we have tried — as documented numerous times — to reach Crandall to discuss the sheriff's office staffing, budgets and myriad other issues, both on the beat and in the administrative halls. We have done this on the sheriff's own requested time schedule, but contact is few and far between and access is limited.

Stappler has the perception that the county commissioners have deprived Crandall of jail revenue earned by housing out-of-county inmates.

In reality, the jail gets every dime it brings in and then some, according to county records.

Stappler's argument about Owyhee being the "only county that jail monies do not revert back to the sheriff's (sic) budget" is incorrect.

Idaho Code 20-607 (6) states that "reimbursements ... shall be credited to the justice fund or current expense fund of the county to be available for jail maintenance and operation purposes." Owyhee County doesn't have a justice fund (exploration of that option revealed that the tax levy would be more burdensome than the current expense route), so all revenue from housing inmates goes to the general fund (the county coffer) like every other dime brought in by county departments. The Board of County

— See *Reality*, page 15

Wayne Cornell

Not important ...  
*but possibly of interest*  
The journey here, continued



Moving to Idaho, January, 1910, Part 2, by Grandfather Bert Cornell:

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In some states provisions are made exacting the exhibiting of a bill of health which certifies to the good health of the animals. This inspection must be made by a regularly appointed inspector before the freight agent is allowed to bill the car out. This is a wise provision as most states require such certificates before allowing the cars to unload and if the certificate is not attached to the bill of lading the car is held up for inspection at some point before it is allowed to enter the state in which its objective point is located.

After one has found out the conditions which the state laws and the railroads exact of him the next question that follows is relative to what is to his own best interests to load into the car from the standpoint of use and economy.

For example, all intermountain valleys are pre-eminently fruit and hay growing localities. It is obvious, therefore, that one going from the middle west where the lister is greatly in evidence would not want to take a lister with him to the western slope of the great Rocky Mountain water shed and yet such impractical freight is not so unusual as one might think. Corn planters, however, are coming into some use in this particular part of the west.

The altitude of one's intended location has a determining influence on the crop growing possibilities. In this latitude, when one's location is over 3000 feet he better forget corn.

By acquainting himself with the current values of

implements, grain, and live stock in his objective locality the emigrant can often save the price of his car in shipping that which will sell for the highest price, even if he had no use for it himself ...

It is safest to insist on as roomy a car as possible. In our case we were provided with three large furniture cars. We found it to our greatest advantage to pack the heavy machinery and vehicles closely in the bottom of the car at one end and then we poured loose corn over them until they were well nested and covered, then the heaviest of the boxed up stuff on top of this with the lightest of all nearest the top of the car, all of which was securely partitioned off to insure it from being jarred loose and falling into the part reserved for the stock.

For the horses, we fastened a strong pole securely across the car high enough for the horses breasts to butt against it in case of a sudden jerk of the car. We headed our horses to the end rather than to the side of the car. While the matured horses did not seem to care to lie down, we had crated one colt up in such a manner as to not permit of its laying down with the result that it died before the trip was half made. Two or three other colts were allowed their liberty with the result that they spent much of their time laying down and they came through all right.

One end of one of the cars was devoted to eight head of jersey cows and heifers, several of which were milked regularly. Neither the ones that were giving milk nor the ones that calved soon after arrival seemed to suffer from

— See *Journey*, page 15



# Commentary

## Even with late start, investing in strong market is wise



**Dear Dave,**  
I'm 10 years away from retirement and just now starting to invest. I know you recommend mutual funds and spreading your money evenly across growth, growth and income, aggressive growth, and international.  
Considering what's happened with the market recently, should I adopt a more conservative approach?  
— N

**Dear N,**  
I don't think so. I think you just need to enjoy this ride the market's on right now, because it's coming back up.  
Now, I'm not saying that the market is going to rise dramatically every day. Things just don't work that way. But overall, is the market coming back up? You bet it is! Don't you wish you'd invested \$1 million back on March 9? If

you had, you'd be sitting on about \$2 million right now!  
The truth is, I don't know where the bottom is, and neither does anyone else out there. That's why I keep investing with a steady, long-term mindset, and it's what I advise you to do, as well!  
— Dave  
— Visit [Davesays.org](http://Davesays.org) for more tips.

## Letters to the editor

### Letter-writer: Reporting manipulates opinions

We concur with Mr. Mitchell that the news should be well reported and decent respect between elected officials should exist. We also applaud the courageous stand the sheriff has taken with Avalanche employees and his repeated attempts at respectful communications with county commissioners.  
As we see it, the Avalanche has consistently twisted his words, misrepresented incidents and slanted articles in an obvious effort to manipulate the opinions of the people of this county. Police incident logs are easily accessed with a fax. Try it. The Avalanche has printed it occasionally this year.  
Clearly the problem of fair and accurate reporting has originated (and not new to this decade) within the Avalanche and the personal agenda of its publisher, Joe Aman, brother of the past sheriff. The "Aman brothers" seemed to have quite the power in the county for a long time, one a sheriff, the other controlling the media. It is said that power corrupts and absolute power "corrupts absolutely".  
The loss of some of that power naturally brings frustrated, angry individuals. Unfortunately, Commissioner Freund was chief deputy of the former sheriff and still carries "the torch". The disdain Mr. Freund has for and the obvious efforts he has made to control the sheriff as much as possible may only be known to those who have consistently attended BOCC meetings. Please attend and observe.  
Most of what the paper does is "legal", as well as the commissioner's actions. James E. Faust, speaking to a group of lawyers once said, "What conduct is actually legal is, in many instances, way below the standards of a civilized society...If you accept what is legal as your standard of personal or professional conduct, you will deny yourself of that which is truly noble in your personal dignity and worth".  
Quey and Merleen Johns  
Bruneau area

**Letters to the editor**

Letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and phone number.  
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in the these ways:

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- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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*Quey and Merleen:*  
*I resent and adamantly deny these accusations you and your so-called "citizens' group" are making, and have repeatedly made, against me personally and professionally.*  
*You are doing a disservice to the good people of the county to personally attack and slander those with which you disagree. Instead of discussing the issues, you choose to defame those who do not share your opinions.*  
*Your statement that Commissioner Freund is attempting to "control the sheriff as much as possible" is just that: your opinion. It is not shared by others who attend the meetings.*  
*If you knew Gary Aman as I do and as others do, you would know that "power" was never on his agenda. I happen to know my brother pretty well, and I know that Gary was a very dedicated public servant who had only the county's best interests and safety in mind. Gary is no longer sheriff. Get over it.*  
*You know, or should know, that I have not been active in the reporting or editing of the Owyhee Avalanche for over a year.*  
*As for checking the police incident logs, reporter Michael Lane said he has faxed at least 54 public records requests to the sheriff's office seeking information, and those requests usually have been answered within the three-day return limit as set by the Idaho State Attorney General's Office. Names of those arrested and charges*

*have been slower to come.*  
*Your judgment of people is yours, but that judgment does not make it a fact. You have a perfect right to express your opinions and slander people, but you must also be accountable for what you say and write.*  
— Joe Aman, publisher

### Writer says paper doesn't accurately, fully report news

I must applaud the letter last week from Deputy John Nagel questioning the efforts of the Owyhee Enquirer/Avalanche. I would like to bring out a point that the deputy may have missed.  
Whether it be an elected official or the owner/editor of the county newspaper, there are moral and ethical responsibilities to the citizens of this county. It is our right to accurate and full disclosure of the business of this county. Not partial information or your version but the plain truth.  
Michael Lane is correct on several points in is commentary, "people are sick" of not getting the straight news of the county from our county paper. We are tired of the lack of professionalism from those reporting. I could answer many of your questions on the Sheriff Department from sitting in the commissioner meetings; maybe you could check Jon Browns audio recorder and his printed notes.  
Unfortunately for us you have never reported the severity of the cuts to the sheriff's department and how that effects that department or the citizens of this county. How about the amount of money they bring in from the jail? How about the fact that this is the only county that the jail monies do not revert back to the sheriffs budget. Our goes directly into the county coffers.  
Deputy Nagle is a fine man and many in the county are proud to have him working for us. Maybe you should spend more time evaluating how well you are doing your job. You have a moral obligation to the people of this county to fully and accurately report.  
Betty Stappler  
Marsing

## ✓ Journey: Emigrants to Idaho packed rail cars to maximum efficiency

*From Page 14*  
any bad results.  
Stock transported in an emigrant car must be provided with ways and means for feeding and watering within the car as it cannot be unloaded for that purpose. We double decked the end that had the cows in and put our baled hay, it was alfalfa and wild hay, and our chicken crates on the

upper deck. We had a small tank in this car which proved to be a great convenience in making it possible to carry considerable supply of water.  
On some occasions the trainmen were prevailed upon to "spot" the car where the water could be pumped or piped right into this tank. It was located between the car doors which made it convenient to carry the water in buckets to

the stock in the other cars.  
**Next week:** Arriving in Idaho  
— Go to [www.theowyheeavalanche.com](http://www.theowyheeavalanche.com) to link to some of Wayne's previous columns on his Internet blog. You'll find the link in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page.

## ✓ Reality: Lack of state law knowledge kills letter-writer's credibility

*From Page 14*  
Commissioners then appropriates the funds in the form of the county's budget.  
In fiscal year 2009, which ended in September, the jail brought in a little less than \$300,000. The FY 2009 budget for the jail was \$761,121.  
Stappler is wrong on another point: The jail budget is the jail budget, not the sheriff's budget.  
Stappler says that you can check my audio recorder to get the news from the commissioners meetings.

Aside from the fact that there isn't a reporter on the planet who would give up his notes (even on a cutesy feature let alone a hard news story), Stappler can check the recorder used by fellow OCCAG member Merleen Johns on those days that Stappler hasn't attended meetings. Stappler herself previously used an audio recorder to keep track of the meetings and then regurgitate the proceedings on the OCCAG Web site with healthy doses of sometimes sarcastic editorial asides stirred in.  
Which brings us to the question of the Avalanche staff's

professional conduct.  
I stand firmly behind the professionalism of Mr. Lane — a graduate of the Edward R. Murrow School of Journalism at Washington State University — and I doubt one could last as long as I have in the business (more than 20 years) without having some idea of how to conduct himself while tracking down a story. That includes checking out whether or not a person is telling you the truth, is giving you the entire story or even knows what they're talking about.



# Public notices

## ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the following taxing districts will be conducting Candidate elections in Owyhee County during the calendar year 2010.

NAME & ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICTS	ELECTION DATE	CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINES
Eastern Owyhee Library 520 Boise Ave. P.O. Box 100 Grand View, ID 83624	May 25, 2010	March 19, 2010
Lizard Butte Library 111 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. S P.O. Box 60 Marsing, ID 83639	May 25, 2010	March 19, 2010
Bruneau Valley Library 32073 Ruth Street P.O. 253 Bruneau, ID 83604	May 25, 2010	March 19, 2010
Murphy/Wilson/Reynolds Fire District 12546 Nighthawk Ln. Melba, Idaho 83641	November 2, 2010	September 1, 2010
Homedale Highway District 102 E. Colorado P.O. Box 713 Homedale, Idaho 83628	August 3, 2010	June 25, 2010

Declarations of candidacy are available at the respective taxing district offices or at the County Clerk’s office.  
/s/Charlotte Sherburn, Owyhee County Clerk  
1/06/10

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON CREATION OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CITY OF HOMEDALE Owyhee County, Idaho Local Improvement District No. 2009-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 13th day of January, 2010, at the hour of 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, has been fixed, pursuant to Resolution No. 6126, adopted on December 9, 2009, as the time and place for public hearing at which owners of property to be assessed within proposed Local Improvement District No. 2009-1 (“L.I.D. No. 2009-1”) may appear before the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Homedale (the “City”) and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of creating L.I.D. No. 2009-1 and acquiring and financing the Project, as hereinafter described, and as the time and place when and where the Council will consider the creation of the proposed L.I.D. No. 2009-1 and the acquisition of the proposed Project, and hear all complaints, protests, and objections which may be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time, by any owner of any parcel of land to be assessed.

The boundaries of proposed L.I.D. No. 2009-1 are State Highway 19 (Idaho Street) between N. 3rd Street W and N. 3rd Street E and from N. 3rd Street E to N. 4th Street E. on the North side of Idaho Avenue and along Main Street between Idaho Street and E. Owyhee Avenue. All assessable lots and lands within the proposed L.I.D. No. 2009-1 benefited by the improvements shall be assessed for the costs of the improvements.

A general description of the project to be acquired (the “Project”) is as follows: the removal and replacement of approximately 3,250 linear feet of sidewalk, the installation of approximately 1,250 linear feet of curb and gutter, the removal and replacement of approximately 650 linear feet of concrete approaches, the removal and replacement of 33 pedestrian ramps, the installation of 76 street lights, the removal and replacement of approximately 3,300 square yards of asphalt, and all appurtenances thereto so that

they comply with City standards, together with costs of engineering, legal services, publication, bond issuance costs and reserves, and other related expenses.

The estimated cost of the Project is \$780,000. \$380,000 will be paid from a levy of assessments on the property benefited by the Project within L.I.D. No. 2009-1.

The cost of the Project to be paid from special assessments shall be assessed against the tracts, lots, and lands within L.I.D. No. 2009-1 according to the front foot method of assessment, all as provided by Section 50-1707, Idaho Code.

Written protests and objections to the creation of L.I.D. No. 2009-1 or to the manner of assessment or inclusion of property therein may be filed with the City Clerk at City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave., Homedale, Idaho, at or before 5:00 o’clock P.M. on Monday, January 11, 2010, by an owner of any parcel of land to be assessed.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2009. CITY OF HOMEDALE Owyhee County, Idaho

Harold S. Wilson, Mayor  
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/  
Treasurer  
City of Homedale 208-337-4641  
12/30/09;1/6/10

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No.: ID-231052-C  
Loan No.: 7422633792 A.P.N.: RPA0010056001BA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 3/18/2010 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey St., known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, ID, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 56 OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE; THENCE NORTH 100 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST 150 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75 FEET;

THENCE WEST 150 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 75 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL BEING IN THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 514 WEST 2ND STREET HOMEDALE, Idaho 83628 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: LAURA M HARDEN & KEVIN J HARDEN, WIFE AND HUSBAND, as grantors, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 11/24/2004, recorded 12/1/2004, as Instrument No. 250126 and re-recorded , records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 11/24/2004. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of 1046.76, due per month from 8/1/2009 through 3/18/2010, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$99,800.58, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.5% per annum from 7/1/2009. 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. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 11/17/2009 PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC By Executive Trustee Services, As Attorney In Fact Dee Ortega, authorized signatory C/O Executive Trustee Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 ASAP# 3349031  
12/30/09;1/6,13,20/10

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On May 4, 2010, at the hour of 1:00 o’clock PM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

**Legal description attached as Exhibit “A”.**  
The Trustee has no knowledge

of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 7753 Hidden Valley Rd., Marsing, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Geoffrey J. Surbeck, married man, separate estate, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 28, 2006, as Instrument No. 257882, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Suntrust Mortgage, Inc., recorded December 23, 2009, as Instrument No. 269982, in the records of said County.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$801.71 for the months of July 2009 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$108,399.71 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 8.875% from June 1, 2009, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 28th day of December, 2009.

Sumerli Lynch, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-

9146

**For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at <http://www.justlawidaho.com> or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.**

**EXHIBIT A**  
**File No. 200911344**

This parcel is a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the West One-Quarter of said Section 23; thence

South 0° 20’ 13” East along the West boundary of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 23 a distance of 2300.38 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 89° 39’ 47” East a distance of 819.66 feet; thence

South 6° 56’ 08” East a distance of 340.32 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence

North 90° 00’ 00” West along said South boundary a distance of 858.78 feet to the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence

North 0° 20’ 13” West along the said West boundary a distance of 333.02 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with and reserving therefrom a 60.00 foot ingress and egress and utility easement described as; an easement that lies in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence

North 90° 00’ 0” East along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter a distance of 834.60 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 6° 45’ 02” West a distance of 1239.20 feet to the Southwest corner boundary of Launch Drive, shown as Lot 1, Block 2 of HIDDEN VALLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION on the official plat thereof; thence

North 83° 21’ 36” East along said boundary a distance of 60.00 feet; thence

South 6° 45’ 02” East a distance of 1246.19 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence

North 90° 00’ 00” West along said South boundary a distance of 60.42 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
1/6,13,20,27/10



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# Public notices

## PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT

Dale and Jackie Van Es of 8222 Desert Dr., Marsing, ID 83639 filed Application No. 74753 to transfer two water rights with 1963 and 1964 priority dates from the Snake River totaling 35.08 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to create a permissible place of use on the applicant's property limited to irrigation of 2,495 acres in a 2,720 acre area. Water will be used at the current place of use located approximately; two miles west of Swan Falls Dam, two miles north of Murphy Flat Rd, and five miles east of Murphy within the Snake River Birds of Prey area.

GARY SPACKMAN, Interim Director

Published in the Owyhee Avalanche on January 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 *AND* The Idaho Statesman, Post Register, Lewiston Tribune and Times News on January 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT.

Dale and Jackie Van Es of 8222 Desert Dr., Marsing, ID 83639 filed Application No. 74776 to transfer seven water rights with 1962, 1974 and 1994 priority dates from ground water totaling 1.09 cfs and the Snake River totaling 13.38 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to create a permissible place of use on the applicant's property limited to irrigation of 934 acres in a 1,256 acre area. Water will be used at the current place of use generally located between Highway 95 and Highway 78 approximately 3 miles south of Marsing.

## PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT.

Lyman & Lena Winchester of 1003 Succor Creek Road, Homedale ID 83628 filed Application No.75115 to transfer a water right with an 1889 priority date from Succor Creek totaling 4.00 cfs and 11 af of storage. The purpose of the transfer is to reduce the right to 2.00 cfs, eliminate the storage, and move the diversion point about 2 to 3 miles downstream. The diversion point is currently in Oregon about 2 miles upstream from the Idaho-Oregon border. The diversion will be changed to a point in Idaho about 0.25 mile downstream from the border. Water will be used to continue irrigating 77 acres in Idaho on the south side of the creek near the border.

For specific details regarding the applications, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov) with detail provided under "new water right applications." Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before January 25, 2010. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Interim Director  
1/6,13/10

## NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506A Today's date: December 14, 2009 File No.: 7307.22685 Sale date and time (local time): January 29, 2010 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County

Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: HC 79 Box 733 MELBA, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: David M. Lucas, a single person Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, a Corporation Recording date: August 30, 2002 Recorder's instrument number: 240768 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 14, 2009: \$121,021.60 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Parcel I: A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 21; thence South 0 degrees 00'14" West 1,327.13 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 21; thence continuing along said Westerly boundary of said Section 21, South 0 degrees 00'47" West 1,078.75 feet to a point on the centerline of the Opaline Ditch, said point being the Real Point of Beginning; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of said Section 21 and along the centerline of said Opaline Ditch the following courses and distances: thence South 35 degrees 19'26" East 304.55 feet to a point; thence South 24 degrees 33'43" East 196.79 feet to a point; thence South 36 degrees 35'28" East 212.90 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline of said Opaline Ditch North 89 degrees 57'01" East 939.94 feet to an iron pin marking the Easterly Boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence along the said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21, North 0 degrees 05'32" East 349.18 feet to an iron pin marking the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21; thence continuing along said Easterly boundary North 0 degrees 04'36" East 249.57 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said Easterly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21 South 89 degrees 57'01" West 1,325.64 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A 28 foot ingress-egress, public utilities, drainage and irrigation easement

lying 28 feet Northeasterly of and adjacent to the above described irrigation easement and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Northwest corner of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, thence South 0 degrees 00'14" West 719.88 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Section 21 to an iron pin; thence leaving said Westerly boundary South 52 degrees 19'53" West 300.74 feet to an iron pin; thence South 31 degrees 22'37" West 297.49 feet to an iron pin; thence South 68 degrees 14'05" West 150.64 feet to a point, said being the Real Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 68 degrees 14'05" west 28.00 feet to a point; thence South 21 degrees 08'38" East 110.28 feet along a line 25 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence South 22 degrees 01'07" East 324.12 feet to a point; thence South 34 degrees 26'13" East 301.98 feet to a point; thence South 23 degrees 29'44" East 470.35 feet to a point; thence South 35 degrees 19'26" East 120.39 feet to a point; thence leaving said parallel line North 89 degrees 57'01" East 34.30 feet to a point; thence North 35 degrees 19'26" West 137.30 feet on a line 53 feet Northeasterly and parallel to the centerline of the Opaline Ditch to a point; thence North 23 degrees 29'44" west 470.13 feet to a point; thence North 34 degrees 26'13" West 301.61 feet to a point; thence North 22 degrees 01' 07" West 320.86 feet to a point; thence North 21 degrees 08'38" West 110.37 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.22685) 1002.91462-FEI

12/23,30/09;1/6/10

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FMS-87352 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 15, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 STATE HWY 78, MURPHY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit: This parcel is a portion of the SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said SE1/4 SE1/4; thence North 0°33'48" East along the East boundary of said SE1/4 SE1/4 a distance of 159.52 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 89°17'26" West a distance of 273.00 feet; thence North 0°33'48" East parallel with said East boundary a distance of 159.61 feet; thence South 89°16'17" East a distance of 273.00 feet to a point on said East boundary; thence South 0°33'48"

West along said East boundary a distance of 159.52 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 5725 EDISON ROAD , MARSING, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by SHANNON A. MCKEY, A SINGLE WOMAN AND SIDNEY R. BLAKLEY, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to TITLEONE CORPORATION, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. A S NOMINEE FOR EQUIFIRST CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 12/26/2006, recorded 12/29/2006, under Instrument No. 259327, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association as grantor trustee of the Protium Master Grantor Trust. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4){A}, IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The

default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 12/26/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 7/1/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of December 9, 2009 (07-01-09 through 12-09-09) Delinquent Payments from July 01, 2009 6 payments at \$ 947.92 each \$5,687.52 Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$0.00 Suspense Credit: \$-258.21 TOTAL: \$5,429.31 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$134,679.93, together with interest thereon at 7.250% per annum from 6/1/2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 12/9/2009. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3381505 12/30/09;1/6,13/10

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# Owyhee County Church Directory

<b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W. Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion, Vier - Oracion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Pastor Carl Bennett Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church</b> 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248</b> Sunday Services 10am Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm Visitors Always Welcome!	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene</b> 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing</b> 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Espanol	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>Marsing Church of Christ Marsing</b> 932 Franklin, Marsing  Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lakey Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Payne	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	<b>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</b> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b> 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 2009 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am March 28 - April 25 May 9 - June 13 - July 11 - Aug. 15 Sept. 12 - Oct. 10 - Nov. 28 - Dec. 26 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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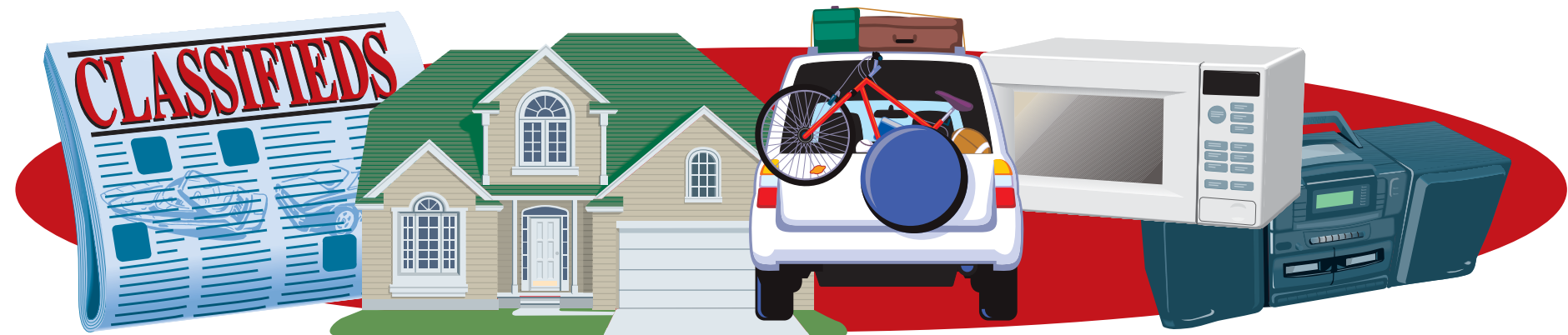
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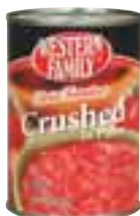
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Bar-S 16 oz.  
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