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A story for the little ones



Preschoolers listen to story time at Homedale library

Laryssa Takashige reads to a group of children Friday during the weekly story time at the Homedale Public Library. The next story time takes place at 10:15 a.m. Friday at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Disaster Auction raffle gets going

Some raffle items for the annual Marsing Disaster Auction — which will be held on Feb. 6 this year — are now on display at the Snake River Mart in Marsing. The Disaster Auction will start at the traditional 10:13 a.m.

Items include a new Samsung washer and dryer set donated by Roman Usabel, a Rhino gun safe donated by Rhino Metals, high-definition 42-inch big screen TV donated by Farm Bureau Insurance, Canyon County, a 16.9-inch laptop computer donated by the Marsing Disaster Auction committee, and a Savage .270 bolt-action with a 3X9 scope, donated by Farm Bureau

— See *Raffle*, page 5



Tickets on sale now

Snake River Mart manager Vicki Green, left, and Teri Smit, right, show off some of the raffle prizes on display at the store. Ticket purchasers choose which raffle item they'd like to try to win.

Council members ready for oath

LID hearing, new library top agenda

Transfer of general fund money proposed to build library

The first Homedale City Council meeting of the new year will be a busy one tonight.

Overshadowing the kickoff of new terms for councilmen Dave Downum and Tim Downing is a proposal to transfer funds from the general fund to the library fund, which is accompanied by a proposal to re-open the fiscal year 2010 budget to build a new library.

The Owyhee Avalanche learned

Marsing Q&A

Aron Streibel and James Ferdinand, the newest members of the Marsing City Council looked ahead to the challenges their city will face during their terms, and gave The Owyhee Avalanche their insight.

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of the proposal Monday afternoon although a library item had been on the agenda released by City Hall last week.

Downum and Downing, both of whom won re-election for

— See *Tonight*, page 5

Three Grand View Council members begin terms today

Two familiar faces are among three new Grand View City Council members who will be sworn in tonight.

Incumbent Marie Hipwell begins were second two-year term, while Franklin Hart returns to the council after some time away to begin a four-year stint on the panel.

David Buffington is the newcomer, and he will begin a two-year term tonight.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

Phone messages to all three incoming councilmen seeking comment on their upcoming terms were not returned.

All three ran unopposed for

the seats during the November election. Hart earned 84.2 percent of the vote (32 out of 38 ballots cast), while Hipwell earned 68.4 percent (26) and Buffington 63.2 (24). Buffington, who has served on the Rimrock Senior Center board of directors, was a write-in candidate.

Hart last served on the city council in 2007 and was first elected to office in 1999.

Hipwell was elected to office in 2007, the year Hart announced he wouldn't seek re-election.

The Grand View City Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

Other members include Opal Ward and Patricia Beaman. Paul Spang is mayor.

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Looking ahead: New Marsing council members comment

Incoming Marsing City Council members shared their views prior to their first meeting this evening in a response to a questionnaire e-mailed by The Owyhee Avalanche last week.

Streibel and Ferdinand take the oath of office to begin four-year terms at 7 tonight during the first city council meeting of the year.

James Ferdinand

Q: What's the most vital issue facing the city, in your opinion?

A: I think at least one of the most vital issues facing the city of Marsing is new business, and keeping the businesses we have.

Q: What will you do to address it?

A: Provide a business-friendly climate, helping bring new business to Marsing by using economic development organizations, which would include plans for helping current business stay in Marsing.

Q: What issues do you feel need to be focused on, in general, for any city to run

smoothly?

A: In general, communication is the key from city employees, to elected officials, and especially from the community.

Q: Any specific thoughts on: The water project, how its progressed/ is progressing?

A: There have been few setbacks, as I understand it, but the project seems to be on track to complete nearly on time with only a short delay.

The potential issues (funding, rates, etc) with a sewer project?

A: I do not have enough information at this time for an opinion on this subject.

Aron Streibel

Q: What's the most vital issue facing the city, in your opinion?

A: I think the most vital issue facing Marsing right now is the uncertainty of the financial future and how we handle the city's finances.

Q: What will you do to address it?

A: I will be vigilant and informed in making decisions that

involve the city's finances, keeping in mind where the money comes from.

Q: What issues do you feel need to be focused on, in general, for any city to run smoothly?

A: City services are a major factor of a city running smoothly. If the services are not there or are lacking then the citizens suffer. I believe this is the foundation of a smooth running city.

Q: Any specific thoughts on: The water project, how its progressed/ is progressing?

A: From what is being reported, it appears that the water project is coming along well. Once completed it will be a great benefit to the city of Marsing.

The potential issues (funding, rates, etc) with a sewer project?

A: I have a difficult time supporting any rate increases during this economic downturn. I support ideas on how to raise funds in other ways than raising city service rates.

Marsing's growth (How, why to do so, or why not)

A: As I have said before, I support "smart" growth. We can benefit from well planned growth and annexation. This is

one way to generate more revenue without adding more of a burden on our citizens.

Safety and public services

A: My hat's off to the men and women of our fire and ambulance services, and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse. They volunteer countless hours of their personal time without seeking recognition. It is this commitment to our community that binds us together and makes Marsing a great place to live. Concerning the protection of our citizens, I know that we cannot compromise safety to "save a buck". I do support looking at all options that would fulfill our goals of providing the best services and protection for our citizens while being financially responsible.

What's your early take on the political process? What's been a surprise, or what did you see coming?

A: Though a lot of people may be tired of national politics, it is the municipal level of politics that makes our world go around. One thing I am surprised at by attending City Council meetings is the lack of attendance by the public. I thought there would be more citizens in attendance.

Any other comments you might have

A: I am excited to start this new endeavor.



James Ferdinand



Aron Streibel

County routes to be included in DEIS for Gateway West

Wires crossed in Jan. 6 article

The Gateway West power line story in last week's paper is half-right: The northern section 8 of the 500-kilovolt loop doesn't impact Owyhee County, as stated.

Due to an oversight — or in this case not clicking the correct frame on the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management Web site — the southerly section 9 appeared, incorrectly, to no longer be coded as an alternate route.

That section is where it has always been, on its original route through Oreana and Murphy, but now has both county-thinktank-

suggested alternate routes as part of the upcoming draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The addition of the routes is a positive, Frank Bachman, Bruneau-area rancher and proponent of the alternates said Jan. 5. With their inclusion, he is optimistic that one of the routes will become the preferred alternative to the original path of the line — one that crosses both communities and considerable farm ground and private property in the Bruneau and Grand View areas.

Of the two alternates now being examined for the DEIS, the county prefers the northern

one, which roughly follows the northern bank of the Snake River, both Bachman and District 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland confirmed.

The southern route swings south and west of the original proposed route, staying on BLM and State land, rather than private property, for the bulk of its run.

Either would be an improvement over the original route, Bachman said.

"I'm pleased that the two suggested routes were included in the ... process, they'll be examined now," Bachman said. "Either one is a lot less disruptive."

— MML

Homedale burnout benefit cancelled

A benefit to help Thanksgiving Day house fire victims scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled.

Homedale Senior Center coordinator Shirley McAbee said Saturday's spaghetti feed and auction was shelved because generosity displayed by the community and at other fundraisers has generated enough support for the two Homedale families displaced by an afternoon blaze on Nov. 26.

"The Browns already said they wouldn't take any money," McAbee said.

McAbee and Joyce Mast, who live in the West Owyhee Avenue neighborhood where the fire burned, had stepped forward to organize event.

Auction items and spaghetti feed donations will be returned to the people who made the contributions, she said.

Ten people — three from the Brown family and seven from the Davis family — were left homeless when the fire in the 300 block

of West Owyhee ignited in the kitchen of one of the residences.

Both families were offered money from the Homedale Fire Department's burnout fund, and an auction in Caldwell raised money for the Davis family.

McAbee said the seniors collected more than \$300 during one of their Saturday night dances in December. The money was to be split between the two families, McAbee said, but the Browns declined any assistance. The total sum went to the Davis family.

She added that what little cash that had been donated in the run-up to the spaghetti feed and auction will be given to the Davis' oldest sibling, Jefferson, and his fiancée, Victoria Stephens, to help them find a place to live and pay medical expenses for their infant, Aiden, who was born less than a month after the fire.

Seven weeks after the fire, the burned structures on West Owyhee Avenue have yet to be razed.

— JPB

Business networking night slated

Homedale's RehabAuthority, 134 E. Idaho Ave., will be the site of the first "Business After Hours" meeting in Owyhee County.

The event will be held Jan. 21 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Promoted as "a chance to network and learn more about the businesses in our area", the meet is open to business owners and residents from Homedale, Wilder and Marsing, Heather Henderson of RehabAuthority said at the

Jan. 5 Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Refreshments will be provided, and the hour-long meet will feature a brief presentation on the RehabAuthority business, though the bulk of the time will be informal, with businesses owners and residents encouraged to network, Henderson said.

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HMS pot case adjudicated Students sentenced for bringing drug to school

Third District Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober has sentenced four middle school students arrested for bringing a bread-bag full of marijuana to the Homedale Middle School gym on Nov. 13. Each entered a disposition of true.

The students, three age 12 and

one age 10, were each given nine months of probation, paid \$40 in court costs, were sentenced to 180 days in jail (suspended) and were ordered to perform 20 hours of community service. In each case, the court dismissed an additional charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Man whose plants were stolen enters guilty plea

Richard Stewart, Homedale resident at the South Second Street West home where a group juveniles just sentenced stole a large quantity of marijuana from three plants, entered a guilty plea to manufacturing a controlled substance on Friday. Stewart's arrest followed that of the middle school students, three Homedale residents and one from Wilder, on Nov. 13, after the children took the filched marijuana to the Homedale Middle School. Stewart, 48, entered a guilty plea to the felony and to two misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. According to a release from

county prosecutor Douglas Emery, Stewart is scheduled for sentencing on March 12 before Judge Gregory M. Culet in Third District Court. Stewart faces up to five years in the Idaho State Penitentiary and a fine of up to \$15,000, as well as a maximum one-year sentence and \$1,000 fine on each of the paraphernalia charges. No plea agreement on sentencing was made, and both prosecutor Emery and defense counsel William Wellman are free to present evidence and recommendations before Culet during sentencing, the release said.

— MML

Three sentenced for labor camp brawl

Three men arrested on Aug. 2 following an altercation at the Marsing Labor Camp were sentenced last week. Two, Hector Margarito-Melendres, 22, and Francisco Lorenzo-Mateo, 24, appeared before Third District Judge Thomas Ryan. The third, Rodrigo Margarito Agustine, 20, appeared before Judge Gregory M. Culet. Margarito-Melendres was found guilty of both misdemeanor battery (reduced from felony aggravated

battery) and misdemeanor assault. He was issued probation for a two-year period, and credited for 132 days spent in jail. Lorenzo-Mateo was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended, and two years of probation for misdemeanor assault. Agustine was convicted for misdemeanor battery, reduced from felony aggravated battery, and misdemeanor assault. He, too, will be on probation for two years and spent 132 days in jail.



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VFW raffle winner named



Long wait ends for Zatica

Paul's Markets founder Paul Zatica has been buying tickets for the annual VFW Post 11065 scholarship shotgun raffle for years. His winning number finally came up last month, and post quartermaster Dick Burman presented the prize. Proceeds from the raffle, which netted \$700, benefited the scholarship fund through which the VFW honors Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy essay contest winners from five communities, including Marsing, Homedale, Parma, Wilder and Notus.

Marsing Chamber seeks businesses

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual membership drive, Chamber president Cathy Streibel said Thursday. Business owners can contact Streibel at 896-7001.

The chamber will be holding its monthly meeting on Jan. 20 — the organization meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. — at Essence of Life in Marsing, at 107 Main Street.

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SC Road widening plan could cause problems for county

Commissioners fear BLM could use agreement as leverage in broader road and maintenance issue

County officials have asked a private contractor to proceed gingerly in efforts to widen corners on Silver City Road. During last week’s Board of County Commissioners meeting, Silver Falcon Mining Co. representative Bill Earll, who owns Earll Excavation, gave an update on his attempt to get federal permission to widen corners on the winding mountain road. During the Jan. 5 BOCC meeting, Earll sought to enlist Owyhee County as an official party in his quest to get Bureau of Land Management permission for the project. An environmental assessment (EA) is required. Owyhee County consultant Jim Desmond said that Earll currently operates Silver Falcon’s War Eagle Mountain ore-hauling operation on Silver City Road under a 1994 EA. But the BLM has been formulating a new EA for its

Boise District Road and Trail Maintenance Program, and Desmond and other county officials worry about the impact any agreement for the road widening could have on the bigger picture, especially given that the county has to be directly involved. “What position does it put the county in with regards to other maintenance issues?” Desmond asked during the meeting. Earll stressed that the Silver City Road widening would be considered a road improvement, not a maintenance project. Still, commissioners were skeptical that joining the process wouldn’t have an impact on the county’s battle with the BLM to maintain sovereignty over its own roads. “I’m not willing to sign off on an EA to improve that road if it’s going to change the status of every other road,” District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund said.

He did agree that widening the corners in the road to the historic mining town would be beneficial to everyone concerned. Earll’s attempt to widen Silver City Road has become entwined with the ongoing county-BLM struggle over the road and trail maintenance program. Citing the increased use of public lands in Owyhee County and the impact more people would have on trails and access roads, the BLM is trying to make changes to the maintenance program for the first time in 15 years. The commissioners commented on the BLM’s proposed changes in a Nov. 9 letter, including pointing out that the scoping report the agency issued doesn’t delineate which roads would be maintained by the county, the BLM, highway districts or private individuals. Other concerns included the fact that the maps in the scoping report didn’t include cherry-stem roads in the area of wilderness provided by the Owyhee Initiative as well as the portion of Silver City Road that Earll uses for ore transportation.

— JPB

Search for county fair board member continues

Officials continue to look for candidates to replace South Mountain’s David Rutan on the Owyhee County Fair Board. The current chairman will resign from the board at next month’s annual meeting. It was announced at Monday’s Board of County Commissioners meeting that the fair board would prefer appointments after its Feb. 4 annual meeting at which a new board chair will be appointed. County clerk Charlotte Sherburn revealed that some current sitting members may not want to be reappointed. Rutan’s replacement would finish his term, which is set to expire in January 2011. But the Nov. 5 Board of County Commissioners meeting revealed that no names have been gathered. Fair board member Kelly Aberasturi of Homedale, who has become a regular at BOCC meetings in the past month or so, said that some fair board members had planned to meet to discuss

nominees in the next week. Commissioners also welcomed calls from anyone interested in serving on the fair board. In addition to a new member, the commissioners will be charged with reappointing other fair board members. Terms for Tiffany Hipwell and Sean Dygert both expire this month. The terms for two other members — Mary Lootens and Kenny Tindall — are set to end on April 1. Aberasturi’s term runs through January 2011, and the board’s newest member — Dennis Dines — will serve until April 2011.

Dispatcher pay approved
The commissioners unanimously approved a pay authorization for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office’s newest dispatcher, Lori Collins. Collins began work in the dispatch center on Dec. 28, according to testimony during the BOCC meeting.

Pancakes featured in story time

Mary Wilson, the wife of Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson, will serve as guest storyteller this week for the Homedale Public Library’s story time. Wilson will read “The Runaway Pancake” by Mairi Mackinnon at

10:15 a.m. Friday. The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. There will be songs, refreshments and crafts. For more information, call 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Breach completes basic training

Army Pvt. Kyle C. Breach has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The son of May Breach of Homedale is a 2008 graduate of Homedale High School.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

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✓ Tonight: Stakes are sign that pole removal is planned

four-year terms in November, will be sworn in tonight. A council president will be appointed, too. Downum is in the position now.

A public hearing on the creation of a Local Improvement District will be held, affording property owners in the proposed area a chance to give comment on or protest their property's assessment or its inclusion in the LID.

The city council meeting begins at 6 p.m.

On Friday, stakes were affixed to the wooden power poles along Idaho Avenue with instructions on which poles would go and which would stay as part of the Idaho Power Co.'s removal process. Some poles that carry lateral power lines, such as the pole on the northeast corner of East Idaho and First Street, will remain if the stakes are any indication.

Idaho Power spokesperson Piper Hyman said that approximately 25 poles and streetlights will be removed at no charge to the city because they have been in service for at least 10 years. New lighting will be powered by underground lines from existing transformer poles. Hyman also said that Idaho Power signed on for the LID because it still owns a building that housed its Homedale office.

Utilities along Idaho Avenue will be buried as part of the downtown revitalization project, which will bring sidewalks, curbs, gutters and new streetlights.



This stake fastened to the power pole at the northeast corner of East Idaho and First Street shows that not all utility poles will be removed as part of the downtown revitalization project.

✓ Raffle: Students will sell \$1 drawing tickets soon

Insurance, Owyhee County.

Tickets are \$10 each, and can be picked up in Marsing at Snake River Mart, Marsing Hardware, In The Grind, The Spot and Essence of Life.

As usual, ticket buyers can chose which item their entry will apply toward for the \$10 tickets.

One-dollar raffle tickets will shortly be on sale from Marsing fifth- through eighth-grade students. Dollar raffle ticket winners will receive one of a selection of prizes, including a \$250 Marsing Shopping Spree donated by the American Legion Post No. 128, half a cut and wrapped beef donated by Sandy

and Terry McCloud, a Boise Get Away donated by Mason and Stanfield Incorporated Engineers and Surveyors, and a Wii game station, donated by Betty and Kelly Ackerman.

The items will be raffled, while hundreds more will be auctioned, at the Marsing American Legion Community Center. Proceeds are used to aid locals suffering from catastrophies, as well as helping in a variety of community projects.

Last year's auction netted \$88,465.

For additional information, call Disaster Auction organizers Betty Ackerman at 896-4562 or Lyle Bowers at 899-3718.

Thief guilty of burglary, clumsiness

Christopher L. Lancaster, 29, residing in Canyon County, entered a guilty plea to felony burglary and misdemeanor charges of theft and obstructing an officer, charges that arose after Lancaster was observed concealing items in his coat at Snake River Mart in Marsing on Oct. 10.

Following the guilty plea, Lancaster was sentenced Jan. 8. He was credited for the 49 days he has spent in jail since the incident, given a year on probation, ordered to pay restitution of \$43,13 for items taken, and was told to, in future, stay out of Snake River Mart.

Lancaster has been in county jail since the incident.

In October, Lancaster was questioned by Snake River Mart employee (and Marsing mayor) Keith Green outside the store, in the company of Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Perry Grant, who had responded to the call. Lancaster became verbally abusive and fled on foot, a release from county prosecutor Douglas Emery said.

"In an effort to get away from store employees and the deputy, Lancaster ran from the scene, scaled a nearby fence, landed wrong and broke his leg," the release said. Lancaster had attempted to scale the chain-link

fence that surrounds the Marsing city shop's parking area, near the site of the new city water tank.

He was transported to a Canyon County hospital for treatment.

The prosecuting attorney charged Lancaster with burglary, arguing that the circumstances of the incident showed Lancaster had entered the store with the intent of theft.

Lancaster has previous convictions for DUI, assault, drug offenses and a variety of other misdemeanors in Canyon and Ada counties, according to Idaho Supreme Court Data Repository records.

— MML

County man gets eight years for child porn conviction

A 32-year-old Grand View man has been sentenced to seven years in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography.

Benjamin Allen Burnett was sentenced Jan. 4 by Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill. After his 84 months in prison, Burnett will serve lifetime supervised release.

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced the sentencing months after Burnett had entered a guilty plea to possession of sexually explicit images.

"Today's prison sentence is a reminder of the serious crime that is committed when individuals use the Internet to sexually exploit innocent children by possessing images of child pornography," said Leigh Winchell, special agent in charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigation in Idaho. "ICE agents will continue to work tirelessly to identify these child predators and bring them to justice, one by one."

The investigation began when agents of the Department of Homeland Security, ICE and Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce developed suspicion that activity involving sexually explicit images of minors had taken place using a

Yahoo! e-mail account assigned to Burnett. The investigation showed that Burnett's personal information and credit card data had been used to facilitate payments for memberships to commercial child pornography Web sites.

ICE Agents, assisted by Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies, U.S. Postal Inspectors, and investigators from the Idaho Attorney General's Office-Criminal Investigation Division, searched Burnett's home on Oct. 28, 2008, and recovered computer media containing 112 sexually explicit images and two videos depicting prepubescent minors in various sexual acts.

Author to talk about his days in Bruneau

Former area resident Preston Hoalst, a Nampa author, will be the featured speaker next week for the Bruneau and Beyond luncheon.

Hoalst, who lived in Bruneau as a youngster, will discuss his time in the area during the free noon luncheon at the Bruneau Valley Library on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Hoalst's book, "All I Ever Wanted Was a New Saddle", was published last year.

The author's brothers were born in the Bruneau Valley, and Hoalst left the area as a teenager and was a member of the last graduating class from Hammett. He'll share humorous stories of his earlier years and later travels, many anecdotes of which aren't in the book.

Although the program is free, organizers request RSVPs to make sure enough food is prepared for the lunch. Call library director Clara Morris at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345 by Monday.

The library is located at 32068 Ruth St., in Bruneau. If there is an overflow crowd, the program will move the community church and notices posted.

Former Kids Outdoors TV host to speak at church's Game Feed

The sixth annual Men's Wild Game Feed is scheduled for Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The cost is \$7, and the dinner will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the church, 26515 Ustick Road in Wilder.

An auction of hunting and fishing items will follow the game feed. There also will be a drawing

for \$50 gift certificate.

Ed Sweet, who has worked in a variety of outdoors-related fields, will serve as guest speaker.

A gunsmith, Sweet formerly owned Intermountain Arms in Meridian, and now runs a video photography business that chronicles children's hunts.

Earlier in the decade, he hosted a half-hour youth-oriented out-

doors sports show, Kid Outdoors, on Boise's Public Television station.

In addition to the feed and the auction, there will be a \$50 door prize up for grabs.

Tickets are available at the door or from any male Mountain View Church of the Nazarene member or by calling the church at 337-3151.



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Smorgasbord ticket rewards begin

Cash donations sought to offset food costs

The first batch of top ticket-sellers were rewarded Friday by the Homedale International Smorgasbord organizers.

Five sixth-graders were singled out for their sales between Dec. 18 and Jan. 7. The first-period tickets sales totaled \$750.

The Smorgasbord will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 13 at Homedale Elementary School.

Tickets for the 49th annual event, which also includes an art show, are available from Homedale sixth-graders. Tickets are \$30 for a family (two adults and a maximum of eight people), \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for kindergarteners through sixth-graders and \$3 for preschoolers.

Smorgasbord chairs Jessi Webster and Michelle Burks showered the students with prizes Friday at Homedale Middle School, including a big candy bar and gift cards to Idaho Pizza Co., and Subway sandwich shop. Each child also received a donut from Paul’s Market, and a movie rental from Reel Time Video.

Each week, the top sellers in each of the five sixth-grade classes at HMS will be honored.



Smorgasbord chairs hand out prizes
The first batch of top ticket-sellers for the 49th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord was rewarded Friday at Homedale Middle School. Smorgasbord chairs Michelle Burks, far left, and Jessi Webster, far right, presented the prizes to:
Back row, from left: Victoria Lane, Marcus Harden and Michael Lejardi; **Front row, from left:** Madison Fisher and Nash Johnson.

The top three sellers for the entire campaign also earn gift cards from WalMart.

Top sellers for the first round included Nash Johnson from Kelly Schamber’s class, who sold \$148 in tickets; Madison Fisher from David Hann’s class (\$130); Michael Lejardi from Pat Warren’s class (\$104), Marcus Harden from Craig Pentecost’s class (\$36) and Victoria Lane from Lesa Folwell’s class (\$16).

Webster and Burks also reminded supporters that cash donations to offset the cost of food for the 49th annual Smorgasbord can be submitted to the Homedale School District office. Webster and Burks said the donations are tax-deductible.

Donations from businesses are smaller than in years past because of the continuing difficult economic times, they said.

— JPB

Birth announcement

Andrew Robert Ehuwaikona Bauer

Former Homedale resident Dusty Bauer and his wife Emily, who now reside in Holualoa, Hawaii, announced the birth of a son, born the night of Dec. 25, 2009.

Andrew Robert Ehuwaikona Bauer weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches at birth. He joins a sister, 2½-year-old Anna.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Becky Bauer of Homedale. Great grandparents are Harold and Elizabeth Liddell of Nampa.

Maternal grandparents are Jon and Deb Folkerts of Haviland, Kan. Great grandparents are Robert and Merna Folkerts of Wasilla, Alaska, and Irene Lane of Richfield, Minn.

Six Owyheeans earn BSU degrees

Several students listing hometowns in Owyhee country graduated from Boise State University at the end of the fall term last month with various degrees:

College of Arts & Science	Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design — Andres Morales, Bruneau
Associate of Arts — Levi Samuel Duckett, Homedale	College of Business & Economics
Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies — Michel Danise Mowry, Jordan Valley	Bachelor of Business Administration, Accountancy — Kimberly Michele Frans, Homedale
	College of Social Science & Public Affairs
	Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology — Mary Lee Bybee, Grand View
	Bachelor of Arts, Psychology —Samantha Anita Hansen-Schaal, Oreana

Death notice

MARGARET “MARTY” MILLER, 86, former Adrian resident, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. Funeral services were held at the LDS Owyhee Ward in Nyssa, Ore., on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

HHS seniors launch food drive Saturday

The Class of 2010 for Homedale High School is kicking off a canned food drive Saturday.

The weeklong event is aimed at replenishing the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County food bank. The food bank is located at El-Ada’s county office on West Colorado Avenue.

“We are doing this not only to help the people out in our

community, but it is also a community service project for the senior trip all of us seniors are planning on attending this upcoming May,” said HHS senior Chelsea Troxel.

Drop-off locations will be open until Jan. 23 at Paul’s Market, Tolmie’s Ace Hardware, Matteson’s Owyhee Motor Sales, Subway sandwich shop and all three Homedale schools.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Jan. 13: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.

Jan. 14: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Jan. 15: Cheese pizza or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 18: No school.

Jan. 19: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon breadstick, milk.

Jan. 20: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Homedale Middle

Jan. 13: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 14: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.

Jan. 15: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 18: No school.

Jan. 19: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice, steamed veggies, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Jan. 20: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

Homedale High

Jan. 13: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Jan. 14: Chicken patty, deli sandwich or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, soup, fruit & salad bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 15: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 18: No school.

Jan. 19: Chicken fried beef steak or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 20: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk.

Marsing

Jan. 13: Taco & rice, desserts, pizza, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 14: Cook’s choice. Beef nuggets, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 15: Hot dog, baked beans, veggie, sub sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 18: No school.

Jan. 19: Tator tot casserole, cinnamon twist, taco, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 20: Macaroni & cheese, veggie, burrito, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

Jan. 13: Chicken Cesar wrap, fried rice, stir fry veggie, fruit, brownie, milk.

Jan. 14: Chicken noodle bake, salad/croutons, fruit, bread stick, cake, milk.

Jan. 15: Chicken sandwich, baked chips, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Jan. 18: No school.

Jan. 19: Bean burrito/salsa, Spanish rice, veggie, fruit cup, milk.

Jan. 20: Ham, potatoes/gravy, veggie, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
All meals include beverage

Jan. 13: Sausage & biscuits, carrots, potatoes, gravy

Jan. 14: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, roll

Jan. 19: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice

Jan. 20: Baked fish, baked potato, California blend vegetables, roll

Jan. 21: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, beets, gravy, roll

Marsing Senior Center

Jan. 13: Pork stir fry, rice, vegetables, orange jello w/pineapple, roll, gingerbread w/raisins

Jan. 14: Chicken Ala’King, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, apple & nut salad, biscuit, cookies & raisin

Jan. 18: Breakfast to order. Biscuits & sausage

Jan. 19: Beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onions, coleslaw, pears, cranberry juice, biscuits, cookies

Jan. 20: Ham & beans, mixed vegetables, green salad, corn bread, apple crisp

Jan. 21: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, carrots, onion, cabbage/raisin slaw, orange juice, beets, roll, prunes, oat crunch

Calendar

Today

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

Homedale Senior Center board meeting
1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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

Celebrate Recovery
6:30 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

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

Thursday

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

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

Vision Church food distribution
Distribution is made at the Vision Church at 221 W. Main St. in Marsing. For information or to make a donation call (208) 896-5407

Celebrate Recovery
6:30 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

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

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

Friday

Story Time at library
10:15 a.m., children’s story, activity and refreshments, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday

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

Marsing Lions Club meeting
7:30 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204

Tuesday

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

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

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Wednesday

Celebrate Recovery
6:30 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon
Noon, free, RSVP by Jan. 18, Bruneau Valley Library, 32068 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Thursday, Jan. 21

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

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library meeting
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

Vision Church food distribution
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Celebrate Recovery
6:30 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

Friday, Jan. 22

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

Story Time at library
10:15 a.m., children’s story, activity and refreshments, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Melba Community Auction
8:30 a.m., auction preview; 10 a.m., 61st annual auction, Melba High School gymnasium, Melba. melbacommunityauction@blogspot.com or (208) 495-2669

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

Men’s Wild Game Feed
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., dinner and auction, \$7, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Homedale. (208) 337-3151

Monday, Jan. 25

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

Tuesday, Jan. 26

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Celebrate Recovery
6:30 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

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

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Bet You Didn’t Know

Honey in ball gives new meaning to the sweet spot in golf

Honey has been known to be used as the center for golf balls as well as for antifreeze.

Emily Dickinson wrote more than 900 poems, of which only four were actually published while she was alive.

At various times the Colosseum in Rome was filled with water, and naval battles were staged there. These included ships of all sorts with the crews fighting to the death. This was before television.

In the Chinese language, the symbol for trouble represents two women living in the same house. I just write what I read, so don’t get mad at me.

The longest recorded attack of hiccups lasted 65 years.

Shakespeare’s play ... “The Twelfth Night” was originally called ... “What You Will.”

Along those same lines ...

Cataract operations were performed in India starting in 1000 BC. If the surgeon made a mistake and blinded a nobleman, one of his hands was cut off. If he blinded a slave, he had to pay to replace him.

Costa Rica, a country of more than 2 million people, does not have an army.

I never heard this before ... Columbus visited England in 1477 and Iceland in 1480.

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

County angus owners honored

Three Owyhee County angus breeders recently received recognition for their efforts.

Piper Colyer of Bruneau is co-owner of the grand champion female and supreme champion female from the 2010 Arizona National Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, held Dec. 30, in Phoenix.

The American Angus Association confirmed Colyer’s awards last week.

Colyer owns Exar Winnie 7887 with Brad and Dawn Gohr of Madras, Ore.

A total of 73 females were evaluated at the Arizona show.

Homedale ranchers Doug and Janice Burgess and Bill White of Murphy were listed as owners of proven bulls in the American Angus Association’s 2010 Sire Evaluation Report.

The Burgesses and White each owned one bull in the report detailing performance information on 4,607 sires.

The report, which is published twice a year by the St. Joseph, Mo.-based trade organization, is available at www.angus.org.

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Big-screen TV brightens Homedale Senior Center

About 20 people turned out last week to watch the Fiesta Bowl on the Homedale Senior Center’s new big-screen television.

Coordinator Shirley McAbee said the center received the 52-inch Sony television as an anonymous donation. It has been mounted on a wall in the dining area.

McAbee said about 20 fans watched Jan. 4 as Boise State beat Texas Christian, 17-10, in a rematch of college football unbeatens. Admission was free, but tacos and pizza slices were sold for \$1 each.

The center was decked out in BSU blue and orange balloons for last week’s exciting showdown, McAbee said.

She said the center may plan a similar alcohol-free viewing party for Super Bowl XLIV on Feb. 7. Call 337-3020 for info.

“It’ll take time, but we’re going to have fun with it,” McAbee said of the TV. “We could show movies down here, too.”

The idea of a big-screen television was hatched more than a year ago when sight lines made it difficult to view a video tribute shown on a ground-level TV during a funeral at the senior center.

— JPB

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Chief warns about scammers

City businesses put on alert

In December, two local businesses fell prey to a quick-change scam, and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller warned business owners to be aware and alert. He made his remarks at the Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Jan. 5.

In both of the reported incidents, which occurred just an hour apart, a man paid for his purchase with a \$100 bill, then, while acting in a distracting manner, paid with smaller bills, nabbing his

\$100 as well as the change for the hundred. Both incidents involved the same individual, and are under investigation.

“Be cautious and be aware of your surroundings,” Eidemiller said. “As the economy gets worse, normally honest people will do desperate things.”

Count-back scammers aren’t the only concern.

“Bad checks are really kicking into overdrive,” Eidemiller told those present.

He warned shopkeepers not to enter into payment arrangements with the writers of bad checks if they wished to prosecute. Once a

payment arrangement was made, the matter ceased being a criminal act, and becomes a civil matter “and we can’t help you, then,” he said.

Businesses can bring bad checks to the police, who will pursue them, he said.

Eidemiller also offered the possibility of a police-hosted seminar of sorts addressing business owner concerns, whether bad checks, scams or how to respond to a robbery attempt, if there is interest in the idea.

The meeting was held at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

— MML

Law enforcement briefs

With the exception of a handful of alcohol-related charges, the county at large had a relatively quiet week.

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On Dec. 30 several juveniles broke into the American Legion Hall in Bruneau and stole about half a case of beer. The call was logged at 4:32 a.m.

A search for an overdue person on Dec. 31 was triggered after five snowmobilers failed to return from the Cow Creek Road area. The report reached the sheriff’s office at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31. Severe weather on New Year’s Eve delayed the search until midnight, Sheriff Daryl Crandall said. Crandall searched the area from midnight until 4 a.m., returned to Murphy and took a search team prepared to go to the area at 7 a.m. The five were found, unhurt, with their snowmobiles, one of which had broken down, about 20 minutes after searchers unloaded their own machines at 11 a.m.

Crandall said relatives had mentioned this was not the first time the group had required rescue in this area. The sheriff expressed surprise that the individuals had not transferred the rider of the defunct machine to one of the other snowmobiles and driven out under their own power.

Two women were involved in a bar fight on the evening of Jan. 7. Grand View ambulance also responded to the call. The case is under investigation as possible battery, and is awaiting further medical information before a decision is made on charges, Crandall said.

Units responded to a single car rollover accident at mile marker 9 on U.S. Highway 95 on Jan. 9. Deseree Murphy of Meridian was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, Crandall believed.

HPD

Homedale police arrested a

pair of DUI drivers over the New Year’s weekend.

At 11:13 p.m. on New Year’s Eve police arrested Cody Michael Hendrickson, 21, for an open container violation and DUI. A passenger in the vehicle, Elizabeth Weatherly-Norland, 18, was charged with her own open container violation. Weatherly-Norland voluntarily produced a baggie containing a “green leafy substance” HPD Chief Jeff Eidemiller said, when Owyhee County Deputy Slade Heeb was going to check the vehicle with his dog, Goose. Weatherly-Norland was then charged with possession of a controlled substance.

A few hours later, at 2:08 a.m., Lucas Ryan Moore, 26, of Homedale, became the HPD’s first bust of 2010 when he was arrested for DUI at Jackson’s Texaco on Idaho Avenue. This is Moore’s second DUI in Owyhee County since 2007.

— MML

Regional outlook dry at present

Idaho’s snowpack is below normal in almost all areas, according to the annual Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report released by the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the first week of January, and Owyhee County is no exception, thanks in part to poor runoff last year.

While the winter has seen record-setting cold, the temperatures were accompanied by dry weather, the report’s preface warned.

“As of Jan. 1, the state’s snowpack is only 45 percent to 75 percent of normal for this time of year,” NRCS researchers said. “The lack of moderate temperatures and rain kept the snow light and fluffy,” the document reported. “Snow surveyors making core samples of the snowpack found that their snow tubes sliced through the powder to the ground under the tube’s own weight; this is not generally the case.”

New Year’s rainy respite brought some needed water to the higher elevations, and helped

compact the powdery snow, the report said. Still, precipitation is below average, with most basins at 65 to 85 percent of normal snowpack. The Owyhee Basin is among those doing the best, with 75 to 80 percent of its average snow on the ground.

“Above average January precipitation is critical for ... a realistic hope of returning to near average amounts by April,” the report said, implying that time was pressing unless normal weather patterns shifted.

“Historic data shows that the chance of recovering to near normal after Feb. 1 is slim, if the snowpack is still 50 to 70 percent of average at the end of January,” according to the NRCS report.

While the best news throughout most of the state is that reservoir storage was up compared to last year — which should offset some of the lessened snowpack — that doesn’t hold true for the Owyhee Reservoir.

“Owyhee Reservoir, which is (at) 40 percent of average, 22

percent of capacity, has slightly less in storage than a year ago,” the report said, blaming unusually low runoff levels locally.

While many areas had runoff exceeding 100 percent of the norm during June rains in 2009, “the lowest runoff amounts were 60 percent of average for the Big Wood below Magic Reservoir and Owyhee basin,” the report said. “Current streamflow forecasts mirror the meager snowpacks and call for 50 to 95 percent of average volumes across the state.”

The Owyhee Basin streamflow forecast calls for 60 to 65 percent of the average flow.

“It is early enough in the winter that the water supply outlook still has time to improve,” the forecasters said in their Southside Snake River Basins specific predictions.

“Hopefully, southern Idaho will continue to benefit from the El Niño conditions in the Pacific, which are bringing abundant moisture to Southern Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.”

Homedale FFA news

by Ali McRae, chapter reporter

On Dec. 19, the Homedale FFA chapter held its annual Gift of Green community service project chaired and coordinated by Ali McRae.

Chapter members had the opportunity to go shopping for Christmas presents for a total of 11 children in two families. The money raised at the fall Harvest Auction was used to purchase gifts and needed items for these families. In addition, students brought in more than 100 cans of canned food for the families in addition to Dwayne Fisher donating 500 pounds of potatoes for the families and Harrison Herefords donating beef. All items were wrapped and the stockings stuffed by enthusiastic members. The gifts were delivered to the families on the night of Dec. 19.

Afterwards, students were set loose for the annual scavenger hunt with \$600 in prizes up for grabs. The winning team consisted of Kaitlyn Amos, Katie Deal, Ali McRae, Shelby McRae and Kaylee Rupp; second place went to Kylie Farwell, Karl Henry, Tell Hyer and Curtis Stansell; and third place to Jessica Eubanks, Katie Price, Raven Kelly, Laurien Mavey and Gabby Nash.

Teams were allowed three to five members, according to FFA



Homedale FFA gives Gift of Green again
Homedale FFA chapter president Drew Farwell, left, and treasurer Megan Harper show off a couple of the Christmas gifts wrapped for the families helped out by the annual Gift of Green. Submitted photo

advisor Lori Harrison.

Families hosting houses for the scavenger hunt included Gheen and Devra Christoffersen, Gary, Tygnah and Kendall Rupp, Ryan and Heidi Nash, Troy and Dolores Rice, Donnie and Dixie Gerdes, Steve and Tina Purdom, Larry and Margery Corta, Alan and Andrea McRae, John and Maletta Henry, and Darr and Laura Johnson.

We are very thankful for everyone who helped make this night a success.



Shoo-Fly officers elected

The Shoo-Fly 4-H club’s new officers include:

Back row, from left: Vice-president Esteban Lejardi; treasurer Ashlynn Urias; president Shelby Criffield; historian Morgan Nash; and sergeant-at-arms Kenny Harper.

Front row, from left: Secretary Riley Haun and news reporter Kendall Nash.

Submitted photo

Shoo-Fly Livestock 4-H news

by Kendall Nash
news reporter

The Shoo-Fly Livestock 4-H club held its Christmas party on Dec. 13.

The club chose new officers: President Shelby Criffield, vice-president Esteban Lejardi, secretary Riley Haun, treasurer Ashlynn Urias, sergeant-at-arms Kenny Harper, news reporter Kendall Nash, and historian Morgan Nash.

At the end of choosing new

officers, all of the club opened presents and ate desserts.

For community service, 10 members of our club helped the Homedale Chamber of Commerce put together goodie bags that were handed out to children by Santa during the Homedale for the Holidays Christmas parade Dec. 12.

Our next community service project will be cleanup following the International Smorgasbord on Feb. 13.

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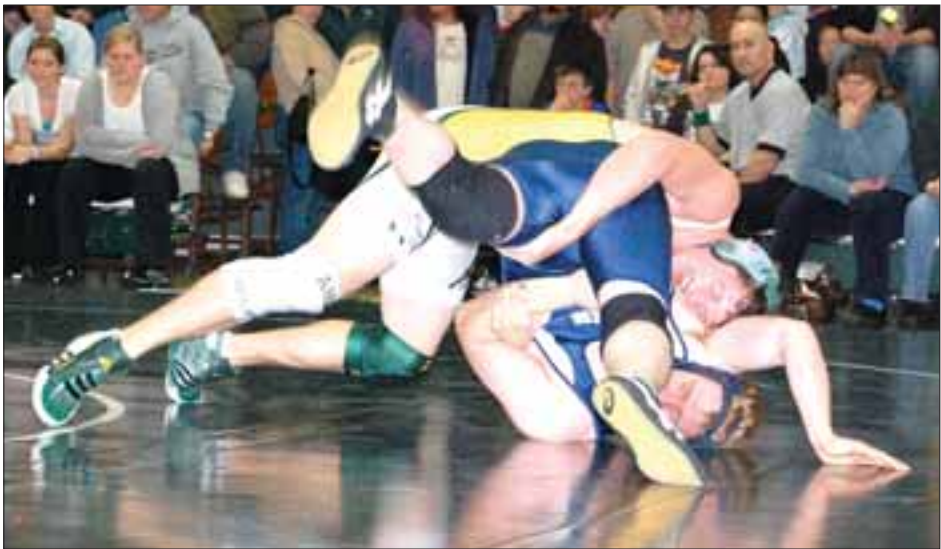
Marsing, Homedale,
JV girls hoops

Avalanche Sports

Trojan boys lose OT
battle with Melba

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

Adrian's James Pretchl during his winning 189-pound match against Marsing's Taylor Aikens at the Adrian Duals last week.



Antelopes top in Adrian duals

The Antelopes put on a good show at the Adrian Duals on Jan. 5, taking the laurels in the three-way high school wrestling match with Homedale and Marsing, to the delight of a noisy and supportive crowd.

Homedale won only one of its varsity matches against host Adrian, with Ismael Mendoza beating Adrian's Kory Hartman by pin at the 1:28 mark of the 152-pound match. A thin roster meant that two forfeits cost the Trojans, upping Adrian's final margin to 30-12. On an individual match basis, Homedale won one, and forfeit two. Adrian won three, and gave one forfeit.

Adrian's varsity wrestlers squeezed out another win — this one by a single point — beating Marsing 25-24 despite giving up three forfeits versus one for Mars-

ing. Adrian won five on the mat, while the Huskies were limited to just one by Dillon Danner at 135.

The Huskies wrestled Tuesday at the Glenss Ferry/Declo meet, also after deadline. They will wrestle again on Friday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell.

Homedale is slated to wrestle at Payette on Thursday to open the 3A Snake River Valley Conference slate, and will also attend the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell this weekend.

Adrian Duals: Match results

125 — Ishmael Hinajosa, Marsing, forfeit Adrian, forfeit Homedale.

130 — Jake Wilde, Adrian, 4-0 dec, Christian Fialho, Marsing. Fialho, forfeit Homedale.

135 — Dillon Danner, Marsing,

pin 2:20, Zach Hundersmarck, Adrian. Danner, forfeit Homedale.

140 — Mark Ishida, Adrian, pin 3:54, Javier Moreno, Marsing. Ishida, pin 1:45, Cayetano Montes, Homedale. Montes, WBF, Javier Moreno, Marsing.

145 — Kory Hartman, Adrian, forfeit Marsing.

152 — Ismael Mendoza, Homedale, forfeit Marsing.

171 — Daniel Lode, Adrian, pin 3:00, Brandon Walgamott, Marsing. Lode, pin 0:58, Eddie Garcia, Homedale. Walgamott, forfeit Homedale.

189 — James Pretchl, Adrian, MD 8-0, Taylor Aikens, Marsing. Pretchl, pin 5:34, Brad McCain, Homedale. McCain, WBF, Aikens.

215 — John Heidt, Marsing, forfeit Adrian. Kyle Abels, Homedale, forfeit Adrian. Heidt 18-8, Abels.

285 — Andrew Olson, Marsing, forfeit Adrian, forfeit Homedale.

Huskies find tough sledding at Rollie Lane

No wrestlers advance to second day in Nampa

Marsing High School's wrestling team struggled through the first day of the prestigious Rollie Lane Invitational at the Idaho Falls Center.

None of the six Huskies entered in the 10th annual tournament advanced to Saturday's championship bracket. There were 39 teams from Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, Wyoming and Montana in attendance.

Wrestling in the 189-pound bracket, Taylor Aikens drew a two-time state champion during his round-robin action Friday.

But Meridian's Tanner Hall, who was the No. 2 seed in the weight class, was stretched to the second round before achieving a pin 2 minutes, 13 seconds into the round 3 match.

Earlier in the day, Aikens was pinned by Matt Howard of Coeur d'Alene (1:25) and Idaho Falls' Marcus Anderson (:59).

John Heidt was third in Pool C at 215 pounds, picking up a pin in 5:25 against Glacier's Jake Criner in a third-round match. Heidt opened his tournament against

Ty Jordan of Columbia, who got a pin 71 seconds into the third round. Clay Grosshans of Idaho Falls' Skyline edged Heidt, 7-5, in a Round 2 match.

Heavyweight Oscar Ceballos finished third in Pool E, but picked up a victory in his final match, pinning Colby Funk of American Falls in 2:47. Ceballos lost by pinfall to Dan Gilbert of Glacier (3:20) and Josh Price of Borah (3:46) in his first two matches.

Marsing 171-pounder Brandon Walgamott got a victory by injury default in Pool C after dropping his first two matches. The injury default over Dylan Owen of Timberline secured third place in the pool for Walgamott, who had lost 5-0 to Logan Clay of Montana's Glacier and got pinned by Capital's Cody Carlson (1:40) in early-round action.

Javier Moreno finished fourth and winless in Pool H at 135 pounds, suffering pinfalls at the hands of Caldwell's Hayden Maggard, Trent Hale of Rigby and Kamran Zabitov of Centennial.

At 160 pounds, Nathan Danner finished third. He lost both of his matches in the three-person Pool I (pin at 4:16 to Ian Carson of Centennial and a 16-1 tech fall to Johnny Peregrina of Coeur d'Alene).

Mustangs crush Adrian boys in HDL hoops showdown

Jordan Valley takes sole possession of first with win over Crane

Jordan Valley High School got off to a fast start in the battle of boys' basketball league unbeatens last weekend. The two victories put the Mustangs alone atop the 1A High Desert League.

The Mustangs used good defense to build a 14-point lead early and didn't look back in a 45-28 league victory over visiting Adrian on Friday.

"The defense did a good job of slowing down Adrian's shooters," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "The offense showed good patience, except for the third

quarter.

"It's nice to get a big league win coming off the holidays."

Dusty Easterday scored 18 points for Jordan Valley (10-3 overall, 6-0 1A HDL). The Mustangs rolled out another early lead Saturday and beat Crane, 48-29, in another tilt between teams that had yet to lose in league. Jordan Valley has a one-game lead over four teams tied for second place (Adrian, Crane, Long Creek and Spray). The Mustangs play host to Spray on Saturday.

Jordan Valley sprinted out to

a 16-2 lead in the first quarter against Adrian and was in control most of the way.

"This was a tough loss tonight," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "We just had a hard time getting started in the first quarter."

"We spent the rest of the game trying to dig out of the hole we made for ourselves."

Adrian trimmed into the lead momentarily with a 10-5 run in the third quarter.

Blake Purnell led the Antelopes (7-3, 3-1) with 17 points, but none of his teammates were able to reach double figures.

Bryan Reay, who has been consistently tallying a double-

double in points and rebounds for the Antelopes, was limited to two points and two rebounds. He took only four shots.

"Jordan Valley had an all around good game inside and out," Ishida said.

Easterday's 14 boards allowed Jordan Valley to hold a nearly 2-to-1 edge on the backboards, 35-19. The Antelopes managed only five offensive rebounds.

Brandon Mackenzie scored 11 points and Nate Easterday kicked in 10 to round out Jordan Valley's double-digit scorers.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 48, Crane 29 — In a battle of Mustangs, Jordan Valley knocked off

its second HDL unbeaten in as many games. Dusty Easterday led a balanced attack for the visitors, scoring 13 points and securing 14 rebounds. He also knocked down three of four free throws.

Brandon Mackenzie also was 3-for-4 from the foul line on his way to 11 points.

"We played with good composure and controlled the tempo," Workman said. "I think we caught Crane flat-footed."

Jordan Valley's defense kept Crane's big scorers in check while building a 25-16 halftime edge.

The Mustangs closed the game with a 10-2 domination of the fourth quarter.

Lode 2nd, Antelopes 6th at Joseph tourney

Adrian High School's Daniel Lode grabbed a runner-up showing at 171 pounds Saturday during a wrestling tournament in Joseph, Ore.

Lode lost in the championship match to Friend Bechtel from Moscow, and the Antelopes finished sixth in the 10-team tournament. Pomeroy, Wash., won the championship with Moscow grabbing second.

James Pretchl beat Elgin, Ore., Wayne Lauricella, 10-8, for third place at 189 pounds.

Mark Ishida was fourth at 140 pounds after losing to Pomeroy's Craig Heitstuman.

The Antelopes had three wrestlers finished sixth after losing fifth-place matches — Jake Wilde lost to Wallowa, Ore., 130-pounder Forrest Cox; Chance Marquez lost to Union, Ore.'s Sabastian Cronen at 145; and Andras Koczian lost to Enterprise, Ore.'s Alex Courtney in a 189-pound match.



Daniel Lode rolls with Marsing's Brandon Walgamott in their match at the Adrian Duals last week. Lode took the win in the match.

Sports

Marsing girls face WIC leaders, drop two league games

The Marsing varsity girls (9-4 overall, 3-2 2A Western Idaho Conference) played their toughest conference foes back to back last week, and while they didn't win either game, they also didn't go quietly, playing to the buzzer both nights against New Plymouth and Parma.

Saturday: Parma 57, Marsing 36 — The Huskies matched up with the big dog in the 2A WIC fight when they faced 2A WIC's undefeated leader Parma (12-1 overall, 6-0 2A WIC) on Saturday. While the Panthers took the win, they did so with one of their smallest margins of any league game this year, thus far.

Leon led points for the Huskies

with 12, followed by Cossel and Hull with eight each. Parma saw its usual duo of Kali Roche and Alli Nielsen pour in 21 and 18, respectively. Roche was named 2009 Wendy's High School Heisman female athlete winner from Idaho in November.

"Even though we lost, Parma is one of the best in the state," Marsing coach Tim Little said after the loss. "We played really well, and I think we earned some respect from them. They were just tough to match up with; they've got a couple of six-footers, and one (Roche) is going to play division 1 basketball (at Utah Valley University)."

Little said he thought the girls did very well through three tough

games, having faced Vale, New Plymouth and Parma — pretty much a hat-trick of who's hard to beat this year on Marsing's schedule — and that the experience was a positive reality check.

"The girls haven't ever had to play at that level," he said. "They're realizing they're closer than we thought."

Marsing hosted Melba on Tuesday after deadline. The Huskies will next face Nampa Christian on the road on Friday.

Thursday: New Plymouth 56, Marsing 35 — The Marsing High School varsity girls' basketball team met its match against an accurate new Plymouth offense that had a laser-guided night in 2A

WIC play.

Five-foot-nine point guard Sierra Edmunson led the Pilgrims with a whopping 22 points and was 100 percent at the line on six efforts, while the team overall shot 71 percent (10-for-14). The Huskies, who fought back to within four during the third, shot 3-for-8 (37.5 percent) from the foul line and couldn't stem the tide.

Marsing trailed by 10 for most of the first half, after suffering early turnover problems in the face of an aggressive New Plymouth defense. The Pilgrims (8-5, 3-0 2A WIC) continued to press hard throughout the game, going full court to the final buzzer.

Shooting was a bit flat for Marsing, despite a lot of hustle on the

floor, and the Huskies were held to single-digit scoring in every quarter but the third. Points were still spread throughout the squad, however, with the Marsing roster again showing its ability to score from anywhere.

Candy Leon and Ashley Hull led scoring for the Huskies with nine each, backed up by eight from Rebecca Cossel. Hull had Marsing's lone three-pointer.

New Plymouth's No. 2 scorer was Shannon Woods with 12. Lauren Ainzen and Anna Pittman both sunk threes for the Pilgrims.

Parma and New Plymouth collided Tuesday after deadline, ending the unbroken league run of one of the pair.

— MML

HHS girls one game out of first

The Homedale High School girls' basketball team was on opposite ends of two blowouts last week to start the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.

The Trojans ended the week 2-12 overall and 2-1 in conference, one game behind Fruitland.

Friday: Homedale 47, McCall-Donnelly 12 — The Trojans had a 37-15 rebounding edge behind 12 boards and shot-spoiling defense

from Sydney Cornwall.

Kylie Farwell scored nine points, and Raven Kelly added eight. Aubrey Nash and Niki Hetrick tossed in six apiece. Hetrick came off the bench and filled in for Bryce Osborn, who missed the game with an illness, coach Jeremy Chamberlain said.

The Trojans committed a season-low 10 turnovers.

Thursday: Fruitland 52,

Homedale 12 — The Grizzlies roared to a 24-0 lead at home and never looked back.

"We looked like we were stuck in slow mode the entire game, which was something I was afraid off coming off the break," Chamberlain said.

Justine Calzacorta scored five points for the Trojans, while Fruitland's Hailey Felgenhauer put in a game-high 18.

Raiders struggle in return to court

Notus hands Raiders first WIC loss

One might think Mike Chandler sees Christmas break as a necessary evil — one that can wreak havoc with chemistry.

"Just starting to get back from vacation kills us every year," Chandler said Wednesday after the Raiders collected another 1A Western Idaho Conference victory.

If last week is any indication, the break may have sapped the streaking squad of some momentum.

The Raiders went 1-2 on the week, suffering their first 1A Western Idaho Conference loss of the season Friday night in Notus, a 42-38 setback.

Rimrock (9-4 overall, 6-1 conference at week's end) was outscored down the stretch in both their losses — a 43-39 non-conference defeat at the hands of Owyhee, Nev., on Jan. 5, and Friday's loss to host Notus.

Friday: Notus 42, Rimrock 38 — The Pirates went on an 18-8 sprint through the fourth quarter to post a come-from-behind victory. Rimrock held a 23-14 lead at halftime.

Tarah Anderson scored 16 points for the Pirates (10-2, 5-1), while Randie Denton scored 15 points for Rimrock, which went 2-for-6 from the foul line. Notus was 3-for-6.

Denton and Jackie Thurman

(six points) hit two three-point goals each. Anderson hit a pair for the Pirates. Anna Cantrell scored nine points and pulled down 14 rebounds. She had 10 boards on the defensive end, while all of Thurman's seven rebounds came on the Pirates' end of the floor.

Lyndie Gillespie collected 12 rebounds and scored six of her eight points in the first quarter.

Jasmine Parra added nine points, including a trey, for Notus.

Wednesday: Rimrock 62, Gem State Adventist 31 — The Raiders easily defeated the Jaguars, but the win came only after the Raiders were able to find their groove in the second half.

"We woke up in the third quarter after we talked at halftime," Chandler said.

Randie Denton led scorers with 14 points, and Anna Cantrell and Lyndie Gillespie chimed in with 10 points and 13 rebounds each.

Ruth Mendoza led the Jaguars with 10 points.

Rimrock led by just eight points at the half, which Chandler thought might have been a hang-over from the Christmas break and a hard-fought loss to Owyhee, Nev., one night earlier.

"It like that every Christmas break. It's just how it goes," Chandler said.

"Of course you play Owyhee, and that's a physical game. They

played us tough and banged us around pretty good."

Jan. 5: Owyhee, Nev., 43, Rimrock 39 — The Raiders' offense went cold in the fourth quarter, and the Braves stalled during the final three minutes of the game to seal a come-from-behind non-conference win in Bruneau.

The loss ended Rimrock's seven-game winning streak.

Rimrock had erased a six-point halftime deficit to grab a 37-34 edge in the final eight minutes.

But the Raiders managed just one field goal in the fourth quarter, while Shanae Catches scored six of her 11 points to lead Owyhee's comeback.

"They stalled in the last three minutes, and we had only two fouls," Chandler said. "We didn't play the stall very well."

Jackie Thurman scored eight of her 14 points in the third quarter, and Cantrell added five points during the Raiders' furious third-quarter comeback.

"We got up by six in the third quarter by pressuring the ball (on defense), so we had nothing left (in the fourth)," Chandler said.

Thurman drained four three-point goals. She and Shantell Walker of Owyhee shared high point total with 14 points apiece.

Cantrell had a strong all-around game with 12 points and team highs with 15 rebounds, three assists (shared with Thurman) and five steals.

MARSING HUSKIES BASKETBALL

Girls' Basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 15 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Friday, Jan. 15 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Compass Charter, Garden City, 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15 at Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Boy's Basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 14 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Jan. 14 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Thursday, Jan. 14 at Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

Freshman

Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Compass Charter, Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Friday, Jan. 15 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, home tri-meet vs. Parma and Payette, 6 p.m.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 16, 1985

Don Davis re-elected commission chairman

Don Davis, long-time Owyhee County Commissioner, was again elected to chair the three-member board Monday.

The action came after the swearing in of the other two Commissioners, Dick Bass and Woody Purdom. Also taking the oath of office was Sheriff Tim Nettleton.

The Owyhee Avalanche was designated as the official newspaper of Owyhee County.

Bass was appointed road superintendent of commissioner district 1, and Davis for district 3.

Mileage allowance and extra help, wages will be a repeat of last years’ figures, the board decided. Mileage is 25 cents per mile and extra help is at \$3.35 per hour.

In other business, the county opened bids for two new pickups, and awarded a bid for a half-ton pickup to Happy Day Ford for \$8,806; a ¾-ton pickup bid was awarded to Mountain Home Ford at a cost of \$8,588 after a trade-in allowance.

An application to replace siding and paint the Masonic Hall in Silver City was referred to the Historical Advisory Committee.

Marsing council works with feds on park

The Marsing City Council may have “ironed out” the last few problems with the National Park Service on the river park at their regular meeting on Wednesday.

In a letter to Mayor Roy Herman, the Interior Department agency thanks Marsing for working with the Park Service. A representative from the Park Service had visited Marsing recently to view their riverfront park, and a letter was sent that if Marsing did not improve the looks of the area, it would be sold to a private party.

The city countered that if the Park Service wanted the park, and all the problems of vandalism and flooding, they could have it. The City Council and Federal Government are now considering different recommendations on fixing up the site and still keeping a Marsing park.

The letter to Herman, read on Wednesday, asked for a time estimate on improving the park, the costs on the picnic area and pond repair, and advised using volunteers on the work. A reply will be sent to the General Services Administration (GSA) detailing Marsing’s plans.

The council prefers to keep the cost on the project low and pay for the entire sum. Demolishing the building walls could run about \$400-\$500; removal of the showers would be about the same; and the South Board of Control could help with some of the dock and dredging work, Herman said. The buildings cannot be touched until the GSA gives a go-ahead on the park.

Girls win over Parma

The Homedale Girls’ Varsity basketball team out-hustled Parma, 47-38, in a game in Homedale on January 12. High scorers were Pam Kubosumi and Shannon Nash. The results of the game left the Trojan girls with a 6-11 conference standing.

Combs takes part in tennis tourney

Dennis Combs of Homedale participated in the Louisiana-Pacific Invitational Tennis Tournament on Jan. 3, as his first of a series of professional tournaments as member of the United States Professional Tennis Association.

Dennis was recently certified as an active member of USPTA following an intensive testing procedure, which involved a five-hour written exam. The USPTA was founded in 1927 and currently has more than 3,600 members nationwide and throughout the world.

Marsing youth returns from mission

Brent Merritt, son Dewayne and Dena Merritt of Route 1, Marsing, has recently returned from an eighteen-month mission in West Virginia in service of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

50 years ago

January 14, 1960

75 pints of blood donated at bloodmobile visit Wed.

The 75 pints of blood given will enter the blood bank for distribution when needed.

The blood drawing held Wednesday afternoon at the IOOF hall fell 25 pints short of the 100 pint quota asked in this area.

Ernie Cantrall was chairman of the Kiwanis sponsored project. Volunteer help included Elsie Funk, Bonnie Smith, Michie Kubosumi, nurses, Vivian Quintana, Mary Prow, Margaret Eason and Greta Walker, assistants, Rosemary Jesenko, Donna Caler and Donna Jorgenson, typists. Dr. Boeck, Boise, was again helping with the blood drawing along with four nurses from Boise.

State Line Grange ladies served refreshments during the blood drawing which was held from 11am to 3pm.

Trojans win two games to retain lead

Homedale swept to its third straight Snake River Valley-B league basketball victory of the season Friday night as the Trojans defeated Notus 61-39.

The homestanding Trojans led 16-8 at the first quarter and eased to a 31-14 halftime bulge. At the third quarter mark the winners were ahead 54-26.

Pacing Homedale was Dan DeGroat with 12 points and Rodney Leslie with 11. High for Notus was Robert Dickson with 12.

The team downed the Middleton Vikings 62-42 Saturday night to leave the Trojans with a 4-0 league record while the Viks now are 3-1.

Rod Leslie pumped in 13 points to lead the Trojans as they broke away from a 12-10 first quarter lead in the second period and stretched their lead to 28-19. The Trojans were in command the rest of the way.

Basketball fans in Homedale will be able to hear reports of both the Trojans games this week end over Caldwell’s radio station KCID. Friday night KCID, 1490 on the radio dial, will carry reports of the Homedale-Marsing game to be played at Marsing, and Saturday night will broadcast reports of the Homedale-Fruitland contest.

C of C elects president, vice president Tuesday

Vic Uria was named president of the Homedale chamber of commerce at the regular monthly meeting held Tuesday noon at El Gavilan. Ernie Cantrall was elected vice president.

In accepting the office, Mr. Uria said he plans to hold two meetings a month in order to take care of projects planned for the year, with the second meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The chamber’s next meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, and committee appointments will be announced at that time, Mr. Uria said. He said a five-man merchants committee will be appointed to plan special promotions by businessmen.

The annual membership drive will get underway sometime following the next meeting when a chairman and committee will be appointed.

Due to the absence of the secretary-treasurer no minutes were available. Payment of the bill for Christmas lights was discussed. The city and Kiwanis club agreed in advance to pay part of this bill and the chamber decided to try to get this money together and pay part or all of the bill rather than wait 90 days as originally agreed.

Local men attend wildlife meeting in Caldwell

Louis Breshears, Jack Walker and Tom Arima attended a third district Wildlife federation meeting in Caldwell Sunday.

Plans are being made for a Wildlife federation meeting to be held in Homedale in April with the Homedale Rod and Gun club as hosts.

A discussion on the big game regulations in Owyhee county and other parts of the state will be held. Fish and Game department representative will attend the meeting to answer questions and enter the discussion.

140 years ago

January 13, 1866

COSMOS S. M. CO. The officers of this company arrived here the 1st of November. They had no mill site selected; not an order out for lumber; not a man employed, and strangers to all. On the 6th of November the ground was broken for the mill foundation, and now it is nearly completed. The building is fully enclosed; batteries and stamps up and ready for crushing; the frame up and gearing for the pans in position; the engine bolted fast through a stone bed of six feet, and the masonry for the boiler going up rapidly and well. The rate of progress thus far made warrants us in saying that in five or six weeks more the shriek of another whistle will greet us, as regularly as the Morning Star. This company’s mine, the Silver Legion, is being worked night and day. The shaft is 5x9 and down 70 feet. At the surface, the quartz was gold bearing, but each foot downward it approximates silver, and improves in richness. They have nearly 200 tons of pay rock ready to draw to the mill, and their road about finished to the mine. The company intends to sink the present shaft but little deeper, run side drifts and supply the mill from this mine. During the early part of the coming summer, hoisting works will be substituted for the windlass. One of Ericsson’s Improved Hot Air Engines will be used, and has already been ordered from New York, and is expected to reach here in May. The old Hot Air Engine proved a failure, but the improved one has proven to be a success. Mr. Musgrave, Superintendent of the Cosmos Company, has seen it work and knows what he is ordering. The engine works noiselessly, and one of eight horse power occupies a space of only five feet square, and can be placed in an ordinary shaft house; and weighs near one ton. Its economical character is its especial recommendation. No water is needed and one-fourth of a cord of wood will supply one, of eight horse power, twenty-four hours. We have little doubt but two years from now War Eagle and Oro Fino Mountains will be dotted all over with these machines.

IT WILL BE SEEN by the County Auditor and Treasurer’s Report that, on the 2d inst., the actual indebtedness of Owyhee County was \$10,851.19. We are informed on good authority that, since that date, claims have been audited by the County Commissioners to the amount of \$5000 more, making a total of over \$15,000. This is comparatively trifling, and with good management, one year hence all of it may be paid, and have money in the Treasury. We venture the assertion that the affairs of Owyhee county are better managed than any in Idaho Territory; also, that the several county officers will compare favorably with any others. The Revenue laws have been better enforced and less money unwisely expended. All things considered, Owyhee County is in better condition than any other, which is the result of having better officers.

JUDGE HAYS, County Auditor and Recorder, vacated his bed and board in Owyhee, on last Monday, without visible provocation. The Judge is one of the pioneers of Owyhee and this up country generally. He will probably spend a few months in visiting the coast cities. In the meantime his official duties will be promptly and efficiently discharged by Deputy J. M. Hays. The Judge is one of our most valuable citizens and hope he may have a pleasant and profitable respite from labor, and return safely – twenty years younger.

THE GOVERNOR has approved House Bill No. 11 to incorporate a gas company for Ruby and Silver Cities, Owyhee county. The owners of this franchise are Col. T’Vault, W. S. Stevens and A. H. Webb. Stevens is one of the most popular gas manufacturers in the country – makes a good deal without a franchise. As it is next to impossible to get coal oil or candles sufficient to illuminate the camp this winter, we hope this company will rush along with their gas works. Bills to incorporate gas companies in Boise and Idaho Cities have been introduced.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
Good deeds gone awry



Most of us in our daily lives have occasion to be a good Samaritan. It's a tenet in the Cowboy Code: to be kind to the less fortunate, to help someone in need. Selfless deeds like stopping to help a stranded motorist, feed the neighbors dogs and horses while they are away, or euthanize an old cat ... well, maybe I shouldn't count that as a good deed, but I am a veterinarian!

However, in spite of our good intentions, our generosity can backfire! Like offering to tune Willie Nelson's guitar, or painting someone's car while they were away, or as a surprise, cutting down the big oak tree in the neighbor's yard so they can have a better view of the reclaimed open pit mine.

There are many versions of friends helping friends who are doing something in the dark that needs illumination; like siphoning gas, or adjusting the acetylene torch, or sticking a bloat! I can still hear the scratch of a match and Hank saying, "Here, lemme hep ya!", as my trocar penetrated the swollen rumen! The explosion lit the night sky, sterilized the surgical field, set the brim of my hat on fire and singed my moustache! But, he meant well.

I ran into Scott at the Wheat Growers meeting. He reminded me that he had come to a poetry gathering I had done in Ogden, Utah. He had worried that he would not be able to get a good seat. Tickets were scarce. "But," he said, "to my good fortune I managed to get a single on the fourth row center!"

"It was great," he told me, "There were lots of fancy lookin' cowgirls prancing down the aisles, boots shinin' and curls bouncin'. Maybe one or even two would have the seats next to mine!"

Five minutes before the curtain rose he heard the usher escorting an elderly lady down the aisle with her walker. They stopped at the end of his row. Those seated rose so she could work her way to the seat right next to him! The usher stood her walker in the aisle.

Scott said the lady was nice and laughed a lot. She managed to stand up during the patriotic piece, and then later at the conclusion of the show. As she stood to leave, she tottered and seemed to collapse! Scott slid his hands underneath her armpits and caught her. She was so light, so frail, he remembered. She said something he didn't catch and then toppled over again! Once more he stepped in to save the day!

"Why don't you just sit down and I'll go get your walker," Scott offered.

She turned to look at him and said, "I was trying to tell you, sonny, the usher's got my walker and is waiting for me. And if you'll just let me pick up my purse, I'll go!"

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

Wayne Cornell

Not important ...
but possibly of interest
The journey here ends



Moving to Idaho, January, 1910, Part 3, by Grandfather Bert Cornell:

Although this journey was made in January, care was taken to see that one of the doors was allowed to be open as much as possible. Not both doors, however, because of the danger of a draft chilling the animals. Ventilation is an item that cannot be neglected without danger of serious results as keeping the animals too warm and in the polluted atmosphere of a close car causes their powers of resistance to be so much lowered as to give rise to the danger of an attack of lung trouble when the animals are unloaded, and brought in contact with the cold and perhaps damp air. Lung fever in some of the animals is often the result of too little care in this particular.

We made it a point to see to it that our stock was in a thrifty condition as one of our preparations for the journey. Grain was used rather sparingly in the ration before and during the journey as it was considered safer to depend on good bright hay as the excitement and nervousness naturally caused by such an unusual procedure would cause more or less of a deranged digestive process. Upon our arrival and for a time thereafter, we took care to protect the animals from any sudden change of conditions but worked them moderately from the start and thus the acclimating was made without any bad results.

There is one more observation that, in this age of much moving and investing in unfamiliar conditions, perhaps is quite relevant to this subject.

This country, like most others, has considerable land that has better qualification for giving the newcomer "cold feet" than for home building and farming operations. Some of it is water logged and alkalized. Some of it has unsatisfactory ditch accommodations and expensive water rights. Some of it lays under ditches that were actually made to sell the land and are as innocent of water as the Sahara itself. Then again, some of it only has the survey stakes set for ditches and the real estate dealer is sure to allude to the very pertinent fact that homesteaders under these projects were just as sure of an early water supply a dozen years ago as he pretends to be today.

The safest course for this, or any other section of far flung opportunities, is for the prospective locator to mix freely with the people who are getting their living, and paying their water charges and taxes from farming operations at first hand instead of by practicing the wind-artist, bunco steering stunt on unsophisticated tender feet.

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So ends Grandfather Cornell's story of the journey to Idaho 100 years ago. Although his description isn't exactly Pulitzer material (that's a really bad ending), it gave me as

— See *Journey*, page 15

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Special interest health care



"Never in our memory has so unpopular a bill been on the verge of passing Congress, never has social and economic legislation of this magnitude been forced through on a purely partisan vote, and never has a party exhibited more sheer political willfulness that is reckless even for Washington or had more warning about the consequences of its actions."

— *Wall Street Journal editorial, Dec. 21, 2009*

The Senate worked long hours and weekends on the Democrats' health care reform legislation. Given the size and scope of this effort, and the fact that it will affect every American and one-sixth of our economy, one might think it reasonable to take all the time necessary to get it right. However, Senate leadership and the president would stop at nothing to have a bill completed by Christmas, even in light of polls that have shown that the vast majority of Americans oppose this legislation. In an effort to reach the 60 votes needed for a series of procedural votes and, ultimately, final passage, the Senate leadership included a series of "special interest" provisions in the bill.

Louisiana and Florida each received a bonus from the bill. Louisiana will receive \$300 million to cover the extra Medicaid costs that all states will face as a result of this bill. Florida will receive a Medicare Advantage grandfathering clause, which will protect many Floridians from losing benefits that they currently enjoy while the bill cuts benefits for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries in other states. Each of these dubious deals has earned an embarrassing nickname: the "Louisiana Purchase" and "Gator Aid."

When the Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) introduced his 383-page "manager's amendment" to the original health care reform bill, the Senate invoked cloture

on a strictly partisan 60-40 vote. There were so many special deals and exemptions for individual states in this amendment that the vote received an embarrassing nickname: "Cash for Cloture." The deals in this amendment include: higher Medicare reimbursements and \$100 million for a single hospital in Connecticut; higher Medicare reimbursements and exemptions from insurance fees in Michigan; \$10 million for community health care centers and \$600 million for Medicaid reimbursements in Vermont; \$100 million for Medicaid costs and insurance fee exemptions in Nebraska; \$500 million for Medicaid reimbursements in Massachusetts; higher Medicaid payments for "frontier" hospitals in Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas; higher Medicare payments for eight medium-sized hospitals in Iowa; and continued Medicare coverage for Libby, Mont.

These special interest deals only add to an already enormous bill. At a time of record deficits, debt and spending, this bill adds to the deficit and the debt and spends even more — \$2.5 trillion more. The bill purports to offset this spending with about \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare, \$493 billion in tax increases in the next 10 years and even greater Medicare cuts and tax increases in the future. If this is truly a good bill, why does the Senate leadership need to add bonuses to convince senators to support the legislation?

The Senate is often called the world's greatest deliberative body, but deal-making is not deliberation. This is not real health care reform, and, as the polls show, this is not the reform that Americans want.

America deserves a better bill and a better process. We need to start over with step-by-step reforms that will actually address real, specific issues that will make a difference for all Americans.

Commentary

Financial management

Established credit not a prerequisite for home loan

Dear Dave,

I've never had a credit card or a bank loan, so I really don't have any established credit. What should I do when it comes to a cell phone contract or establishing utility service? Also, what will happen if I try to get a mortgage loan at some point?

— Matthew



changing almost daily at this point. Under the current rules, there are two ways to be in a great position to get a home loan. One is to have credit running out of your ears and a huge FICO score. This is pretty stupid when you think about it, but it will get you a home loan almost instantly. The second is to have no credit whatsoever. So, it's really the people in the middle who are feeling the pinch.

When you have no credit, the lender has to do the underwriting themselves. It's something banks

used to do, back when they actually had some sense when it came to making loans. They take a look to see if you have a stable job and a decent income. They'll probably want some kind of proof that you pay your bills on time, and this could be as simple as showing them a few electric bills and other receipts to show that you honor your financial commitments.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife is about to receive a sizeable inheritance from her father. Do you think we should tithe on the principal sum that she receives?

— Wade

Dear Wade,

To the best of my knowledge,

there's no indication in Scripture that you should tithe on an inheritance. It never hurts to give, but I think when it comes to an inheritance, you're talking about something that would be more of an offering than a tithe. I don't think you've got a biblical mandate to tithe on an inheritance.

References to tithing in the Bible seem to me to be connected to money that you *earn*. In Deuteronomy 28, it says to tithe on your net increase. Now yes, you're increased by an inheritance, but many of these people were herders and lived in an agrarian society. If you had a herd of 100 sheep one year, and two died but seven were born, then you'd have a net increase of five, and you might calculate your tithe on that basis.

It would be the same principle if you owned a small business. Your net profits would be your income, and you would determine your tithe based on that amount.

— Dave

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

√ Journey: Artifact of trip west sits in a flowerbed awaiting restoration

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least a glimpse of the event.

When they arrived in Idaho, the Cornells settled in the Middleton area. One of the other families went to Greenleaf and the third in the Kuna area. It wasn't until after I graduated from Kuna High School in the 1960s that I learned some of my classmates were descendants of the family that came west with the Cornells.

It seems like the 100th anniversary of the Cornells in Idaho would be worthy of some sort of family celebration

this coming summer. But I don't know if that will happen. Since Grandpa and Grandma and their children departed, their descendants don't communicate much. The only Cornell other than my two sisters with whom I have contacted is a second cousin — and that's because we work for the same employer and see each other almost daily.

The best monument I have to commemorate the journey from Kansas to Idaho sits in the flowerbed in our backyard. It is a rusty, horse-drawn plow. I have it, at least in part,

because I am the son of Grandfather's oldest son who had a son. One of these days I'm going to clean off at least some of the rust, replace the missing wooden handles and try to make the plow look at least a little like it looked when Bert Cornell unloaded it from a Emigrant Car, parked on a siding outside of Middleton, Idaho, 100 years ago.

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

Americans for Limited Government

Democrats' health care reform bill good news for GOP

by Robert Romano

Fueled by voter dissatisfaction over the government takeover of the nation's health system and the unbridled expansion of government as a whole, 2010 is already shaping up to be a plus-year for Republicans. A growing consensus in Washington suggests that Republicans stand to pick up a windfall of seats in both houses of Congress.

As reported by the Washington Post, "Democrats now face the evaporation of their 60-vote filibuster-proof majority in the Senate and losses in the House that a number of strategists across party lines conservatively estimate in the range of 20 to 25 seats."

Since late-June, Republicans have led Rasmussen Reports' generic Congressional ballot, numbering 28 weeks in a row. Since then, their lead has not abated, nor has their support dropped below 40 percent. Today, their lead stands at 44 percent to 35 percent — a nine-point spread — indicating a growing trend in their favor.

The key question is "Why?" Other polling by Rasmussen suggests that the answer largely lies in public opposition to the Democrats' health care takeover. Quite simply, it's an albatross around the necks of Congressional Democrats, especially for vulnerable members who voted in favor of it.

Since Rasmussen's Sept. 13-14 poll, opponents of ObamaCare have outnumbered supporters in every single

poll the organization has taken. In fact, supporters have only outnumbered opponents twice throughout the entire year: in the June 27-28 poll (50 to 45 percent) and in the Sept. 11-12 poll (51 to 46 percent). And that was out of 31 polls taken.

Today, opposition is holding with 52 percent against the legislation, and only 42 percent in favor. Making matters worse for Obama and the Democrats, a recent Quinnipiac University poll showed Independents opposing the legislation by a staggering 58 to 30 percent.

The key point: as opposition to ObamaCare has intensified, Republicans' lead in the generic ballot has expanded. And support for Obama and Democrats across the board has plunged.

Which is not at all surprising. This is, after all, the same legislation that would ration health care away from seniors, raise taxes by hundreds of billions of dollars, take private choices away from the American people and force them onto government-run plans, and bankrupt the Treasury with an another unsustainable entitlement.

In short, while Medicare and Medicaid are going bankrupt and every year depend on more taxpayer funds drawn from general income tax revenue, Congressional Democrats have sought to expand the nation's health care entitlement by 30 to 45 million people.

Not only is that clearly unaffordable — Senate Republicans say it will cost \$2.5 trillion over 10 years once fully implemented — leaders have added insult to injury by attempting to disguise the gargantuan cost with accounting gimmicks that few Americans any longer believe, as ALG News has previously reported.

In fact, the Quinnipiac poll reveals that 73 percent of voters believe Obama's government health care takeover will increase the burgeoning deficit.

And, because the government entitlement being established is so inherently unsustainable, the American people understand intuitively that it will mean that there is less health care to go around. They also understand that increased burdens on the system will mean less research and development, leading to declining quality.

All of which explains why 2010 is shaping up to be a banner year for Republicans politically. Not only are voters dissatisfied with the state of affairs, they are increasingly prepared to address the issue by ousting incumbents currently in the majority.

In short, it's not so much an anti-incumbent feeling as an anti-Democrat one. And one needs look no further than the ObamaCare albatross vulnerable Democrats have hoisted over their own necks.

— Robert Romano is the ALG senior news editor.

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Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 22, 2009 MURPHY, IDAHO
Agenda amended for additions
Adoption of Resolution 09-57
Appointment to Fair Board: tabled until February 2010
Adoption of Resolution 09-58
Marsing Law Enforcement Agreement: approved
MOU with Jordan Valley CWMA: approved
Memorandum to Facilitate Co-Ordination between Owyhee County and Owyhee Initiation Inc.: approved
Ratify signatures for the Power Grant Application
Indigent and Charity: case no. 09-51, 09-52, 09-53 and 09-54:approve lien, 09-45, 09-47, 09-53, approve agreement, 09-48, denied, 09-50, application withdrawn
Indigent and Charity Case No. 08-11: affirmed the 3/17/08 decision
Executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1),(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) for personnel matters, attorney memois and possible litigation.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerkis office.
1/13/10

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On February 3rd, 2010 beginning at 11:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony at the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below. After the hearing, the Commission will take up administrative matters.
Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear conditional use permit application 10-03 submitted by Sue Asselin requesting a one lot subdivision on a 2.5 acre parcel. Subject parcel is in a multi use zone southwest of Homedale located at 3402 Purdom Lane, Homedale, Idaho Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
For additional information on any of the above matters, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.
1/13/10

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Cowboy Pastime on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m..
Chris Alzola, Secretary
1/13/10

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 6th & 13th, 2010 *AND* The Idaho Statesman, Post Register, Lewiston Tribune and Times News on January 7th & 14th, 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 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 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
Trustee’s Sale No. 02-FHF-84686 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on February 5, 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: Lot 8, Block 1, RIVER’S EDGE SUBDIVISION, on file and of record in the offices of Owyhee County, recorded as Instrument No. 226125. TOGETHER WITH A nonexclusive EASEMENT: A nonexclusive easement for ingress, egress and utilities as created by Easement Agreement recorded December 15, 1997 as instrument No. 223538, Owyhee County Records. A portion of Government Lots 1 and 2, in Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 1; thence South 00° 57’ 00” East, 17.21 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way of a county road; thence along the easterly right-of-way of a county road, 138.74 feet along a non-tangent curve deflecting to the right with a radius of 303.00 feet, a central angel of 26° 14’ 08”, a long chord of 137.53 feet and a long chord bearing South 16° 55’42” East to a point on the easterly right-of-way of a county road; thence South 03° 48’38’ East, 89.40 feet along the easterly right-of-way of a county road to a point; thence South 00° 31’17” East, 250.54 feet along the easterly right-of-way of a county road which is the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence 34.97 feet along a tangent curve deflecting to the left with a radius of 30.00 feet a central angle of 66° 47’00”, tangent of 19.78 feet, a long chord of 33.02 feet and a long chord bearing of South 34° 20’30” East to a point; thence South 67° 44’00” East 82.16 feet to a point; thence South 22° 16’00” West, 5.00 feet to a point; thence South 67° 44’00” East 217.24 feet to a point; thence South 37° 21’59” East 198.58 feet to the northwesterly corner of a parcel of land as described in Instrument No. 166865, records of Owyhee County; thence South 22° 53’30” East, 130.00 feet to the Southwest corner of said Instrument No. 166865; thence South 67° 06’30” West 10.00 feet to the northwesterly corner of a parcel of land described in Instrument No. 216242, records of Owyhee County; thence South 06° 17’30” East 137.68 feet to the southwesterly corner of said Instrument No. 216242; thence South 33° 52’29” East, 172.88 feet to a point; thence South 27° 55’20” East, 328.02 feet to a point; thence South 19° 05’20” East, 100.00 feet to a point; thence South 70° 54’40” West, 100.00 feet to a point; thence North 19° 05’20” West, 100.00 feet to a point; thence North 70° 54’40” East, 49.40 feet to a point; thence North 27° 55’20” West, 317.64 feet to a point; thence North 33° 52’29” West, 179.84 feet to a point; thence North 12° 13’32” West, 218.95 feet to a point; thence North 26° 23’15” West, 106.88 feet to a point; thence North 37° 31’59” West, 108.75 feet to a point; thence North 67° 44’00” West, 184.78 feet to a point; thence South 22° 16’00” West, 5.00 feet to a point; thence North 67° 44’00” West, 52.76 feet to a point; thence 59.06 feet along a tangent curve deflecting to the left, with a radius of 30.00 feet, a central angle of 112° 47’17”, a long chord of 29.97 feet and a long chord bearing South 55°

52’22” West; thence North 00° 31’17” West, 129.94 feet to the REAL 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 7228 PROCTOR LANE, 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 DANNY L WILLMORE, AS SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, as Beneficiary, dated 6/23/2006, recorded 6/27/2006, under Instrument No. 257055, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III. 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 6/23/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 5/28/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of October 1, 2009 Delinquent Payments from May 28, 2009 5 payments at \$ 1,661.82 each \$ 8,309.10 (05-28-09 through 10-01-09) Late Charges: \$ 332.36 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 110.00 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 TOTAL: \$ 8,751.46 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 \$207,388.80, together with interest thereon at 7.950% per annum from 4/28/2009, 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: 10/1/2009. 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# 3395183
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-296617-TD On 4/27/2010, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 2 in Block 2 of CANYON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, according to the Official Plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 225841, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. TOGETHER WITH an access easement for ingress-egress and utilities over Wagon Wheel Drive, also known as Lot 19, Block 2, Canyon Estates Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 225941, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 5717 Wagon Wheel Dr., HOMEDALE, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by STEPHEN R LILE MARRIED MAN - SEPARATE ESTATE as Grantor/Trustor, in which WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FSB, is named as Beneficiary and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW CORP., A IDAHO CORPORATION as Trustee and recorded 3/25/1999 as Instrument No. 227902 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 3/16/1999. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$651.26, due per month for the months of 3/1/2009 through 7/10/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$61,968.57 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.4510 per cent (%) per annum from 2/1/2009. 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 and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee

is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s Attorney. Date: 12/23/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego-CA 92101 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder’s rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3389648
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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.trustee.com> ASAP# 3381505
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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.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
TS No. 09-0182380 Title Order No. 090869542IDGNO Parcel No. RP 0035 000 10050 A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, on 05/17/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 07/22/2008 as Instrument Number 265684, and executed by JORDAN J. RELK ANDERINE, RELK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: LOT 5, BLOCK 1, ROYAL VISTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 239203, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the

above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 2562 ROYAL VISTA DRIVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier’s check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.375% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$242,470.50, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this

sale, together with any unpaid and /or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys’ fees, Trustees’ fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. 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. DATED: 01/05/2010 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee Tonya Malugen, Team Member ASAP# 3400663 1/13,20,27;2/3/10

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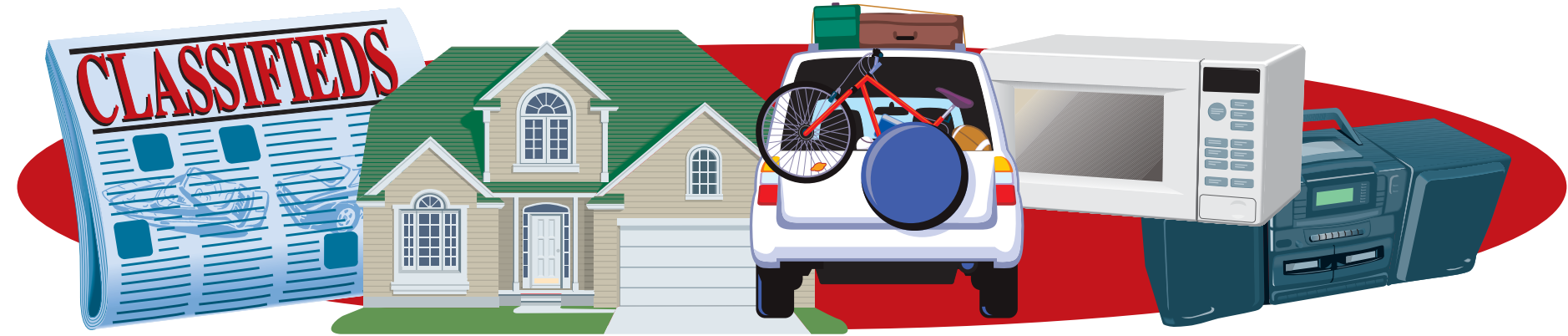
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