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Storage tanks finally unearthed



Homedale project continues with soil removal

The last of five 20,000-gallon fuel tanks is removed from beneath the former Sinclair station at the intersection of Idaho Avenue and Main Street in Homedale on Jan. 26. The tanks were removed to be recycled as scrap, and the project will continue with the removal of about 2,000 cubic yards of potentially contaminated soil. The bulk of the project's cost was paid through the Brownfields program with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding.

Marsing Disaster Auction warms up the gavel for Saturday

The Marsing Disaster Auction makes its annual return Saturday, with hundreds of items up for bid and dozens of donated prizes in several raffles.

The event kicks off at 10:13 a.m. at the Marsing American Legion Community Center at the corner of Old Bruneau Highway and 2nd Street North.

Some auction items are on display at Marsing Hardware at 222 Main Street, and include: An upholstered lift-capable easy chair donated by Parma Furniture; a red wrought-iron settee and Valentines gift basket donated by the Orchard House; a classic Radio Flyer red wagon donated by Harold and Rosemary Shockley; a pair of new ATV tires donated by Pruett Tire Center; two handcrafted oak childrens' chairs donated by the Downs family; an etched "wel-

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Auction co-chair Betty Ackerman checks out one of two children's rocking chairs honed from an oak that grew in the yard of the Downs family, who have donated items for years.

HHS pulls out stops to fight drug abuse

Half dozen
disciplined; more
hearings held

With six students already disciplined and more facing hearings, Homedale High School principal Mike Williams has embarked on a "family intervention."

The school is experiencing a spike in prescription drug abuse by its students. The veteran princi-

pal says six underclassmen either have been expelled or suspended thus far this school year.

City Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller briefed the City Council at Thursday's meeting about drug use at the school.

"We're working another case that involves the school today," Eidemiller said. "We're dealing with an awful lot of prescription medication abuse in the school

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OCA to honor Marsing ranchers at winter meet

Beef school also
slated for Oreana
on Saturday

In a rare move, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will give an Honorary Life Member award during its Winter Meeting on Saturday.

Marsing-area ranchers Benny and Mary Panzeri will be honored during the gathering at Oreana Community Hall.

Benny Panzeri, who served as OCA president in 1972, died in an automobile accident in November 2005. Mary still lives in Marsing and winters in Arizona.

"He was pretty much on the go. He drove up to the ranch almost every morning to feed or

change water," past OCA president and Panzeri family friend Bodie Clapier said. "Every time you needed a hand, he was there to help."

Homedale-area ranchers Doug and Janice Burgess will receive the second annual OCA Outstanding Resource Manager of the Year Award during the meeting. The Burgesses have completed several projects on their Homedale-area ranch to improve the quality of water running off into Jump Creek.

"Doug and Janice are just trying to make their ranch and their pasture land and their hay ground a lot more productive," Clapier said.

The meeting is scheduled to run

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HHS seniors complete food drive

The Homedale High School Class of 2010 wrapped up a canned food drive on Jan. 22, delivering 859 pounds of food to the Owyhee County El-Ada Community Action Partnership food pantry on West Colorado Avenue. Another 100 pounds of food was given to the Homedale Friends Community Church.

First row, from left: Ariana Cardenas, Megan Harper, Amalia Cardenas, Bethany Clampitt and Kortney Stansell; **Second row, from left:** Alex Mereness, Jordan Kennedy, Jake Tolmie, Cijae Christensen, Brittany Sandy and Megan Romans; **Third row, from left:** Chelsea Troxel, Alyssha Burton, Ashlynn Urie, Megan Quintana, Carmen Zatica, Jessica Eubanks, Jacy Grimm and Nickole D'Alessio; **Fourth row, from left:** Aaron Proferes, Ryan Ryska, Cynthia Rodriguez, Trent Acree, Dylan Kushlan and Drew Farwell. Submitted photo

Council looks at hearings for garbage, zoning

Westowns pitches idea of mandatory garbage carts in Homedale

The City of Homedale could hold public hearings at upcoming meetings regarding a change in garbage service and re-zoning of a large swath of properties within the city limits.

The hearings were suggested for March, but an actual date and time has not been finalized for either.

Planning and Zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem reported on the re-zoning proposal during Thursday's council meeting. On Dec. 1, she sent a letter to property owners regarding the plan.

In a re-zoning plan that Bahem said would help homeowners with loans and sales, the city would change from industrial to residential/commercial the area bordered by Wyoming Avenue on the north, the town's southern limit and U.S. Highway 95 to the east.

There are several homes within the city's industrial zone now, and Bahem said changing the zoning ordinance would help homeowners.

"A lot of people would like to re-zone (to residential), but don't have the money to do it," Bahem said.

The city charges \$300 per re-zoning permit application.

Bill Pastoor of Westowns Disposal, Inc., brought the idea of mandatory garbage totes throughout town before the council.

Another town serviced by Westowns, Marsing, recently adopted mandatory garbage totes.

In a letter to the Homedale council, Pastoor wrote that city utility users would see a charge of \$2.50 per month on their bill for the totes if they were made mandatory. Pastoor pointed out that half of the Westowns Homedale customers already pay \$3 per month for the tote option, and they would see a savings of 50 cents per month under the mandatory program.

He said mandatory totes would go a long way toward tidying up the town on trash day. During the meeting, he suggested that the totes also could usher a change in trash-day routine in which his crews would pick up the totes in front of residences instead of in the alleyways behind homes as they do now. Pastoor said that would also save wear-and-tear on the surfaces of the city's alleys.

There would be long-term savings, Pastoor said, because of lower workmen's compensation insurance rates, but nothing was said about how that savings might affect customers' bills.

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Final weekly Smorgasbord winners crowned
Another round of Homedale Middle School students were recognized Friday for their ticket sales efforts for the 49th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord. Chair Michelle Burks presented the top sellers from each sixth-grade classroom with weekly prizes. Week 4 sales totaled \$1,309. The overall winners in the ticket-selling contest will be announced at lunch on Friday inside the HMS cafeteria. The Smorgasbord will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 13 inside the Homedale Elementary School cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Back row, from left: Abigayle Gibbens (Lesa Folwell’s class, \$221) and Michael Lejardi (Pat Warren’s class, \$184. **Front row, from left:** Derek Pfost (Craig Pentecost’s class, \$116), Nash Johnson (Kelly Schamber’s class, \$176) and Madison Fisher (David Hann’s class, \$276).

Voters to decide COSSA tech center levy Tuesday

The second run of the Marsing School District’s \$474,000 levy — \$237,000 per year for two years — to finance its share of the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency (COSSA) regional technical enter will be decided with a Tuesday vote.

The Marsing levy vote will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Polling places will be open for Owyhee County voters at the Marsing Elementary and High School libraries, and for Canyon County patrons at the sprint-boat track at the east end of the Idaho highway 55 bridge.

Absentee ballots can be obtained through 5 p.m. Monday by calling district business manager Deb Holzhey at 896-4111, ext. 197.

Voters with questions can contact Marsing superintendent Harold Shockley at 896-4111, ext. 196, or Holzhey, or COSSA director Mark Cotner at 454-2087.

The same levy failed by three votes last year. The other four COSSA member districts — Homedale, Wilder, Parma and Notus — passed their own levies last year, covering their portions of the \$5.3 million project.

Nash’s donation creates fund for HPD’s community outreach

A donation from a longtime Homedale resident has turned into a fund to help the police department pay for community outreach programs.

Homedale City Council approved creation of the Rodger Nash Community Activity Fund during its meeting Wednesday night.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller presented a check Nash had written shortly before his death on Jan. 11. The \$100 will be used to start the fund, and other donations made to the police department will be added. Proceeds from the fund will be used to buy turkeys for Christmas and candy for parades.

“He got the ball rolling, and the least we can do is keep it going on,” Eidemiller said.



Homedale Police reserve officer Bob Goodwin smiles after receiving is Level 1 certification from Chief Jeff Eidemiller, left, on Thursday as fellow reservist Moses Montes, right, looks on with his certificate.

Officers certified
Reservists Moses Montes and Bob Goodwin were recognized at the council meeting after completing Level 1 peace officer training in Canyon County.

Certificates presented to the volunteer officers signified completion of 230 hours of training over a four-month period, Eidemiller said.

Montes and Goodwin paid for the training, the chief said.

“That’s a huge undertaking for a volunteer who doesn’t get paid anything, that has bought everything that he’s wearing,” Eidemiller said. “It’s not only a time commitment to the city, it’s a financial

commitment, and both of them combined is a heck of commitment to the citizens and the community of Homedale.”

Once they complete field training, the men will be able to perform the duties of a full-time officer, Eidemiller said.

“These guys are almost the backbone of the police department because without volunteers, just as with any other organization, you just can’t hardly make it anymore,” Eidemiller said.

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Lawmakers plan Homedale town hall

Legislators begin weekly conferences with Board of Commissioners

With the 2010 session of the Idaho Legislature in session, Owyhee County’s delegation wants to hear from constituents.

A town hall moderated by The Owyhee Avalanche is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. N.

District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) envisions an event attended by citizens who want to address the issues with him and his colleagues, District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and District 23A Rep. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls).

Questions can be submitted to the Avalanche, P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, or citizens can show up and ask questions the night of the forum.

Additionally, legislators have started a weekly conference call to keep the Board of County Commissioners abreast on developments during the session at the Statehouse in Boise.

The conference call will take place in the afternoon during each Tuesday meeting in Murphy. Calls during the second week of the month — when commissioners meet on Monday — are being contemplated.

The conference call takes place long after the public comment portion of the weekly meeting. Board chair Jerry Hoagland said the public is welcome to sit in on the conference calls, but the floor won’t be open for questions.

The first conference call took place last week and lasted about 30 minutes, Hoagland said. Patrick and Hartgen participated, and Brackett couldn’t make the call because he was participating in a legislative hearing.

“We told them don’t dump anything on to the counties because we’re already being drowned,” Hoagland said.

Hoagland said the representatives will write a letter supporting the county’s position on Idaho Power’s proposed transmission line routes.

The first call dealt mostly with the state budget and the catastrophic illness fund, Hoagland said.

— JPB

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Commissioners set cap for 2010 gopher bounties

Folks who try to make extra money by trapping gophers will be limited on the amount of money they can receive from the county this year.

The Board of County Commissioners set a \$250 maximum per household on the 2010 gopher bounty during their Jan. 26 meeting in Murphy.

The fiscal year 2010 budget for gopher tail bounties is \$2,500, and the program lasts through Sept. 30 or until the fund is exhausted. The county pays \$1 per gopher tail.

This year, trappers will have to submit a form verifying that the gophers were caught in Owyhee County and that they had permission from the landowner to trap the gophers. The tails must be turned over to the county, too.

Gopher tail claims can be filed at the Homedale and Opaline tipping stations and the landfill in Bruneau.

Trappers can obtain payment in person at the county offices in Murphy, or a check will be mailed, County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said.

Jayo appointed to board

Marsing resident Leslie Jayo has received unanimous BOCC approval to assume a seat on the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development Council. The council helps secure funding for natural resources and conservation projects.

“I am pleased that the BOCC felt that I would do a good job and hope the we can bring many projects to help the county,” Jayo said.

Jayo currently is working with Bill Moore of the Southwest Idaho RC&D to find funding to replace crumbling restrooms at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

Owyhee Conservation District representative Gina Millard is president of the Southwest Idaho RC&D executive board, according to the organization’s Web site.

The RC&D has helped with Owyhee County-related projects in the past, including Duck Valley Indian Reservation Arbor Day; wildfire education brochures for Owyhee County and Duck Valley; fire district maps for Owyhee County; the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area; and the development of the Duck Valley All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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✓ HHS: Principal asks parents to pay attention to children’s spending

right now.

“It’s steadily increasing. I don’t want to use the word ‘epidemic’ or anything like that, but it’s definitely becoming an issue.”

Williams said the latest student suspected of drug use was turned in by her family after the alleged abuse came to light during the week of Jan. 18. He confirmed the juvenile is part of a “set” of disciplinary hearings before the school board that took place Tuesday night after deadline.

Student disciplinary hearings are held in executive session under Idaho Code. The decisions on expulsion or suspension are made in open session, but the identities of any affected students are kept confidential, Williams said.

Williams, who is in his 13th year as HHS’ top administrator, spent a substantial amount of time Thursday and Friday meeting with parents and guardians of children who were either suspected of using drugs or were associates of suspected drug abusers.

“I want parents to know that if we have suspicions of drug use, we’re going to call them and invite

them in,” Williams said, shedding some light on district protocol. “I’d want that, as a parent.”

The conferences are a start, he said, but they aren’t the solution.

“The way we’re going to stop this is not with Mike Williams talking to parents,” he said. “It’s everybody working together to get rid of this.”

He hopes that news of the drug use will open a dialogue between parents and their children. Williams stresses parents should have an active curiosity about their children’s cell phone usage, how they’re using their debit card and what sales receipts show they are buying at the store.

Williams and superintendent Tim Rosandick signed a letter that was mailed to parents Friday.

The letter outlines what has happened this year — six HHS students disciplined for distributing painkillers to classmates or ingesting medication while on campus. It also tries to educate parents on what drugs children are taking and how they are taking them.

Prescription drugs listed in the letter include Norco, Vicodin, Hy-

drocodone and Oxycodone (Oxy-Contin), Darvocet and Ultram.

The letter says students have been found to crush the pills and inhale the residue. Williams said students conceal drugs in lip balm tubes and containers. They’re using their district-issued student ID cards to crush the pills and the plastic sheathing of pens (nicknamed “tooters”) or over-the-counter nasal inhalers to snort the powder.

The thrust of the letter, however, is asking parents to be vigilant about their own prescriptions. Painkillers are being acquired from medicine cabinets — in the homes of the students’ parents, other relatives and friends, the letter states.

“Today’s drug dealer is not on the street corner,” Williams said. “It’s in the medicine cabinet. Parents need to know what’s in (the medicine cabinets), how many (pills are) in there. It’s easy to skim them off the top.”

“No family is assured of immunity from this disturbing trend,” the letter states. “In all Homedale cases, the parents of the involved students were caught completely by surprise.

“We need to work together to curb this dangerous and self-destructive behavior.”

Williams said that he senses a self-policing backlash from the students abstaining from drug use in regards to the children who are abusing drugs.

In discussing the situation Friday night in his office, Williams said there are deterrents to drug use, such as the district’s newly adopted 10-drug screening panel used to randomly test 10 percent of the students involved in extracurricular activity. He’s testing the waters to see if the district’s drug-testing policy would allow random screening of 10 percent of each extracurricular group (i.e., basketball, student council, etc.) rather than 10 percent of the total extracurricular population.

“I know that kids use the drug testing as a way to say no to drugs,” Williams said.

“They can blame us (for not being able to use them). I would rather have these guys safe and living for tomorrow than burying somebody.”

— JPB

Getting rid of old prescriptions

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller confirmed that people could bring any old or unwanted medicines to his office for disposal.

Medicines should not be flushed down a toilet, the Office of National Drug Control Policy Web site said, unless they specifically were flagged for such a method.

The recommended home method according to the ONDCP is:

1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.

2. Mix drugs with cat litter or used coffee grounds.

3. Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub or into a sealable bag.

4. Conceal or remove personal information, including Rx number, on empty containers by covering it with permanent marker, or by scratching it off.

5. Place the sealed container in the trash.

✓ Auction: Tickets still on sale for two raffles; usual start time: 10:30 a.m.

come” rock from Silver Diamond LLC in Caldwell; a quilt by Cheryl Baber-Salzberg and one by Janet Cooney and a hand-crafted wooden toy tractor made and donated by David Lamkey.

Many of the donated items have stories behind them, and their own individual histories.

The pair of rocking chairs donated by the Downs family is crafted of the last of the oak that once grew in the family’s front yard. The wood was sawn, planed and carved, and the chairs assembled, with every piece being a bit of Downs family history.

Baber-Salzberg’s quilt includes work that was laid down in 1930, including some vintage purple scraps that were, 80 years ago, a rare color. Soft pieces of 1930s linen feed bags grace the quilt, too. Baber-Salzberg will be known to many of Marsing’s former students from her years at the Marsing Elementary School.

Coincidentally, fellow quilter Cooney is a teacher at Marsing

Auction spotlight: Ramona Lindemann

by Betty Ackerman, Disaster Auction chair committee member

The Marsing Disaster Auction will once again benefit from the generosity of Ramona Lindemann. Ramona is working on her donation for this year’s auction, an old saw blade, no longer useful on the farm but very useful for canvas as Ramona skillfully brings to life a scene of elk grazing in a mountain meadow. Ramona could not remember exactly how long she has been giving paintings to the auction, “about 15 years, I think,” Ramona said. Ramona’s paintings have been the subject of friendly bidding wars in past years, bringing as high as \$600.

“Painting isn’t as easy as it was before I injured my shoulder a couple of years ago but I’ll keep donating paintings as long as I can”, Ramona said with smile.

Ramona has been drawing since she was a young girl but after moving to the Marsing Area in 1969, decided she wanted to learn to paint, took a couple of classes, and for the last 41 years has been creating beautiful scenes depicting different types of animals. Her artwork has won numerous blue ribbons at valley fairs; in 1999 winning Grand Champion in Caldwell.

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High School today.

Lamkey’s handcrafted wooden tractor (fully articulated, with moving parts and great attention

to detail) is another example of the hours and hours of personal labor that go into many items that find their way into the Marsing Disaster Auction.

The Disaster Auction will feature its traditional made-on-the-spot doughnuts as well as other snacks, meals and drinks to keep bidders energized.

Raffle items on display at Snake River Mart 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 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, Ackerman said.

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

One-dollar raffle tickets are 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 Inc. Engineers and Surveyors, and a Wii game station, donated by Betty and Kelly Ackerman.

The Disaster Auction raises money each year to help those in need who have suffered crippling medical bills, loss of their home or other such devastating losses. Funds are also used in some community grants.

In 2009, the auction brought in \$88,465.

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

— MML

✓ OCA: Feral hog threat in Bruneau, rustling report also on the agenda

from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Oreana Community Hall. A 2½-hour winter beef school precedes the meeting and starts at 10 a.m.

Producers can earn important Beef Quality Assurance certification by completing the beef school.

Winter meeting registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Other topics to be covered in the business meeting include the threat of feral hogs in the Bruneau area; a proposed replacement heifer program through which Owyhee

ranchers donate animals to youth livestock showpersons; an update on cattle rustling from state brand inspector Larry Hayhurst; a legislative update, including possible modifications to state grazing lease auction rules; and updates on mosquito abatement and sage-grouse conservation.

A social hour starts at 5 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m.

A dance to benefit the community hall caps the day, beginning at 9 p.m. Admission to the dance, which will feature live music

from Runnin’ For Cover, is \$5 per person. Runnin’ For Cover is a band featuring, among others, OCA members Chris and Tony Collett.

For more information on the meeting, call (208) 896-4104.

Organizers said the decision to honor the Panzeris at the winter meeting is one of logistics.

“This is kind of a little overdue,” Clapier said. “We really wanted to do this in 2006.”

Family members never have been able to attend the summer meeting in Silver City (when honorary life members are traditionally awarded) because of involvement in the Percifield Memorial Softball Tournament during the third week of July. One of the tournament’s most prestigious awards is named for the Panzeris’ late daughter, Kim, and Panzeri Livestock has sponsored one of the more successful teams in tournament history.

— JPB

Obituaries

Birdie Mayme (Bower) McDannald

Birdie Mayme (Bower) McDannald was born December 26, 1913, and passed from this life on December 20, 2009 just a few days short of her 96th birthday.

Birdie was born to Michael Robert and Edna Leora (Tolle) Bower in rural Dewey County, near Seiling, OK. Birdie’s school years were spent in several of the local grade schools in the Seiling area. She attended through the eighth grade.

On June 23, 1936 Birdie became the bride of Burrel Everett McDannald. They made their home in the Camargo area. They were blessed with the birth of their two children, Wayne Eugene and Arletta Correne.

Birdie made her home in Oklahoma for a time but also lived in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, where she was living at the time of her passing.

Birdie was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed taking care of her children and providing a loving home for her family. She liked to spend time in her garden and always had some chickens to care for. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Birdie faithfully attended the Church of the Nazarene while living in Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burrel McDannald; parents, Michael and Edna Bower; by sisters, Violet Coulson, Sina Reese, and Ruby Wray; by brother, William (Bill) Bower; and grandson, Roy McDannald.

Family members remaining to cherish her memory are son, Wayne McDannald and wife Joan of Gage, OK; daughter, Correne Marble and husband David of Drain, OR; brother, Robert Bower and wife Louise of Midwest City, OK; grandchildren, Rodd McDannald and wife Donna of Reno, NV, Robert McDannald and wife Debbie of Walker, MO, David D. Marble of Drain, OR, Angela Worley and husband Wesley of San Diego, CA and Kimberly Bellew and husband Richard of Winston, OR; by eleven great-grandchildren, eight great great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 29, 2009 in the Church of the Nazarene, Harmon, Oklahoma, with burial following in Sunnyside Cemetery.

Thomas Mitchell Quintana

Thomas Mitchell Quintana was born on May 28, 1931, to Mitchell and Ettia Quintana in Nampa, Idaho. He spent his early days in a sheep camp in the Owyhee Mountains with Mitchell herding sheep and Ettia tending camp. Tom spent his grade school days between the one room school in Pleasant Valley in the spring and fall, and Homedale in the winters where the sheep were wintered and lambed. He completed ninth grade at which point he went to work full time on the ranch.

He married Deloris Stout on Easter Sunday 1950. Deloris was the love of his life and they remained sweethearts until Deloris’ death in June 2008. Tom mourned her death until they were reunited on January 28, 2010.

Tom is survived by his mother Ettia Larsen, son Larry, daughter



Tom loved being at the Ranch in Jordan Valley and he loved his horses and animals. He was a patron of nature’s church, and often commented that he never felt closer to God than when on his horse and on the top of the mountain.

Tom will be remembered in a viewing from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Sunday, February 7, 2010 and a funeral service at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 8th 2010. Both services will be held at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Burial will follow at Marsing-Homedale, Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials go to the Txoko Ona Basque Center, PO Box 1163, Homedale, Idaho, 83628. A dinner will follow at the Txoko Ona Basque center, Homedale. Condolences my be given at www.FlahiffFuneralChapel.com

Sherry (Rod Rhoades), and son Tim (Nikki). Grandchildren Misty (Rich Burns), Tony (Robin) Quintana, Nicole (Jeremy) Fredrichs, Ryan (Gabi) Rhoades, Rhett (Paige) Rhoades, Sheena Rhoades, Mitch Quintana, and Megan Quintana plus eight great-grandchildren.

Homedale Senior Center plans pair of February dances

The Homedale Senior Center has a light activities agenda this month outside of the usual daily lunch schedule.

A shopping trip will be held Monday. Call the senior center to reserve a spot on the bus, which leaves at 9 a.m.

The board of directors meets at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 10.

There will be two dances again this month — on Feb. 13 and Feb. 27. Both start at 6 p.m., and the admission price each night is \$4. Organizers request that attendees bring finger foods to share.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 3: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 4: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, goldfish crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 5: Hot ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 8: Wiener wrap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispy bar, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 9: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 10: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 3: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 4: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, green beans, breadstick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 5: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 8: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 9: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 10: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

- Feb. 3: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk.
- Feb. 4: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, sherbet cup, fruit & salad bar, milk.
- Feb. 5: Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & salad bar, milk.
- Feb. 8: Pizza or nachos, cookie, fruit & salad bar, milk.
- Feb. 9: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, green beans, fortune cookie, milk.
- Feb. 10: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, cinnamon roll, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Marsing

- Feb. 3: Pizza, veggie, dessert, baked potato, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Feb. 4: Chicken burger, carrot sticks, dessert, soup, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Feb. 5: Burrito, veggie, dessert, hot dog/chorizo, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Feb. 8: Soup w/roll, pizza, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Feb. 9: Waffles, ham & scrambled eggs, strawberries, chicken burger, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Feb. 10: Enchilada casserole, rice, chicken fajita, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

- Feb. 3: Turkey & noodles, winter blend veggies, fruit, roll/butter, milk.
- Feb. 4: Spaghetti, tossed salad/croutons, peaches, garlic bread, milk.
- Feb. 5: Hamburger/bun, potato wedges, veggies, fruit, cookie, milk.
- Feb. 8: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, cake, milk.
- Feb. 9: Mexi mac, tossed salad/croutons, fruit, breadstick, milk.
- Feb. 10: Biscuits & gravy, sausage patties, hashbrowns, oranges, milk.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

All meals include beverage

- Feb. 3: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll
- Feb. 4: Pork chow mein, stir fried vegetables, fried rice.
- Feb. 9: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll
- Feb. 10: Ham & beans, corn bread, salad

Marsing Senior Center

- Feb. 3: Pork chops, Spanish rice, apple salad, roll, green beans, cookie
- Feb. 4: Chicken supreme, Italian vegetables, noodles, French bread, peach cobbler
- Feb. 5: Breakfast to order: waffles, eggs & ham
- Feb. 9: BBQ ribs, potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, French bread, peach cobbler
- Feb. 10: Fish fillet or chef’s choice, macaroni & cheese, salad, broccoli, peas, cauliflower, roll, cookie

Death notice

HAROLD D. STEVENS, 78, of Homedale and formerly of Spokane, died on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 at a local care center. Pending arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.



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Calendar

Today

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

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

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

Homedale Youth Sports signups
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 880-4552

Bruneau Boosters Auction planning meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau

Thursday

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

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

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets
5:30 p.m., weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

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.

Saturday

OCA winter beef school
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, Oreana

OCA winter meeting
1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, Oreana. (208) 896-4104

Oreana Community Hall fundraiser dance
9 p.m., \$5, Oreana Community Hall

Monday

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

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
1 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

Melba school board meeting
4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

“Let’s Talk About It” book club
7 p.m., 16 years old and older, free, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

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

Tuesday

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
1 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
1:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control board meeting
1:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby Street, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Marsing school board meeting
8 p.m., district office board room, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 11

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

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

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave., Marsing. (208) 337-4575

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

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

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets
5:30 p.m. weigh-in; 6:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Friday, Feb. 12

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.

Marriage Today conference
8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., live simulcast, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Saturday, Feb. 13

Grand View Lions Club auction
1 p.m., Grand View Elementary School gym, 205 First Street, Grand View

Marriage Today conference
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., live simulcast, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Senior center dance
6 p.m., \$4 and finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208)



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Melted candy leads to invention of the microwave oven

The microwave oven. That piece of kitchen equipment that we find indispensable. Well, it was invented by one Percy Spencer while he was working for Raytheon. He was working on improving the magnetron on a radar unit when he noticed that candy in his pocket had melted. He got the idea that microwaves could be used to heat food.

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Final one ... Kim Novak was Miss Deepfreeze of 1953 ... Where was this held?

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

Jordan Valley student makes Covenant Dean’s List

Jordan Valley’s Luisa Lowry appears on the Fall 2009 term Dean’s List at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga. Lowry is the daughter of Miren

Lowry and granddaughter of Tim and Rosa Maria Lowry, all of whom reside in Jordan Valley. Luisa qualified with a grade-point average of 3.30 or better.

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Bruneau Booster Club holds auction meeting tonight

Another planning meeting for the Bruneau Booster Club's annual auction will be held tonight.

The meeting is set for 7 at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau.

Anyone interested in helping with this year's auction is encouraged to attend the meeting, according to coordinator Ginny Roeder.

This year's auction is slated

for Saturday, Feb. 20, and proceedings begin with a baked ham dinner served at 5:30 p.m. The dinner and auction take place at the Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall.

Auctioneers Kyle Colyer and Dick Strickland will get the bids rolling after the dinner. Every year the auction features a wide range of goods and services donated by local businessmen and craftsmen.

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Homedale FFA members at one of the entrances of the recently renovated Idaho State Capitol building in Boise.

Homedale FFA take ‘Day on the Hill’

by Ali McRae, chapter reporter

On Jan. 26, 15 Homedale FFA members had the opportunity to attend the Pete Cenarrusa Day on the Hill in Boise.

Their day started off with a tour at the newly renovated Statehouse, followed by a lunch with the Idaho state legislators. The chapter was honored to share lunch with District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and District 10A Rep. Sen. Pat Takasugi (R-Wilder). The conversation centered on current events, local concerns and how students can impact the future.

The time spent with our state leaders was educational and inspirational.

Students attending were Kaitlyn Amos, Katie Eaton, Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Kolbie Gerdes, Megan Harper, Caitlyn Johnson, Clay Johnson, Shelby Lee, Ali McRae, Shelby McRae, Zach Mereness, Kaylee Rupp, Erin Shenk and Carmen Zatica.

Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club news

By Jeffery and Martin Law

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club held its first meeting on January 25. We filled out membership papers and choose projects we were going to take. Then we discussed old business from last year, which included the rodeo booth, as well as taking gift baskets to some of our big supporters. In our new business we discussed what we would like to do for our community this year. We also discussed when each animal weighing would take place and we were reminded that the new dues were \$11 for each person.

In conclusion, we would like to send out an invitation to anyone that would like to part in the 4-H program to come to our meeting on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Bruneau Valley Library, at 32073 Ruth Street.



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Seniors president turns 90

Longtime Marsing resident Mary Mahler and her family will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday.

The party takes place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder.

It's requested that no gifts be given, but cards with memories are appreciated.

Mahler was born on Feb. 4, 1920. She currently serves as the president of the Marsing Senior Center's board of directors.

Mahler's daughter, Donna, said her mother is looking forward to her 90th birthday because it means free swimming at Givens Hot



Mary Mahler
Sunnyslope where Mahler is a regular.
She lives with her daughter and son-in-law, both of whom were also born on Feb. 4.

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Local civic groups receive US Ecology grant funding

According to a release from US Ecology, 32 groups applied and 16 were chosen to receive grants as part of this year’s community grant program.

Four highlighted by the release were the Rimrock Senior Center, the Oreana Community Hall, the Rimrock Food Pantry and the Grand View American Legion.

The senior center will use the award for day-to-day operations, the release said. Oreana Community Hall will use the funds for building improvements. The Rimrock Food Pantry plans to purchase a new refrigerator and freezer, while the Grand View American Legion will use the grant money for its own building improvements, the release said.

Award amounts were not

released.

“We have been able (to help) local organizations for the past several years and we hope to continue our grant program in the future,” Betsy Black, head of Human Resources and office manager at US Ecology said in the release. “Being an active corporate citizen in our community and where our employees live is very important to us as a company. Thanks to all those that applied and we are very proud to be a part of such a supportive community.”

US Ecology is a hazardous waste facility in Grand View.

Awards were determine in a review of applications by a group of US Ecology employees, with the goal of helping to “improve

the quality of life in our area and to help support the community where we live and work,” Black said.

The full list of 16 award winners included: Rimrock Senior Center, Grand View American Legion, Oreana Community Hall, Rimrock Food Pantry, Bruneau/Grand View Joint School District, Marsing Elementary, Jordan Valley Ambulance, Daniel Dopps Memorial Rodeo, Homedale Public Library, Bruneau Valley Library, Owyhee County Probation Department, Mountain Home Giving Tree, Owyhee County Sheriff Food Basket Program, Grand View Little League, Bruneau Elementary School and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.



Betsy Black, US Ecology human resource/office manager, presents Grand View Mayor Paul Spang with a grant check given for day-to-day operations of the Rimrock Senior Center.

GOP preps Lincoln Day Banquet

Another election year means another Lincoln Day Banquet for the county’s Republican Central Committee.

This year’s banquet is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Sandbar Restaurant, 16 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. after a 30-minute social event.

The event traditionally has been the place to meet Republican government officials and GOP candidates for offices on the May primary ballot.

Donations of auction items are

being sought, with proceeds benefiting the Owyhee County Republican Party. For more information, call county committee secretary-treasurer Charlotte Sherburn at (208) 495-2421 or committee first chair Brenda Richards at (208) 495-1158.

Ready to Read and book club meet next week at Lizard Butte

The Every Child Ready to Read program at the Lizard Butte Library is slated for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone with preschool-age children are invited to attend, Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel said in a release last week.

The program will address Letter Knowledge, and all those attending will get to take home the book “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom”.

The library will also host the Let’s Talk About It book club meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. The group will be discussing Ernest Hemingway’s short stories, and the event is open to all. The continuation of the book club will also be discussed at the meeting.

There is no fee for either program.

Those with questions can contact Streibel at 896-4690.

Author reads own tale at Homedale story time

Author Jane Freund, who co-wrote “Grandma, Does My Moon Shine Over Your House?” with her mother, Mary Hansen Freund, will serve as guest reader Friday for Homedale Public Library’s story time.

Freund reads her own book beginning at 10:15 a.m.

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Nickel Creek decision demands mandates, not suggestions

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management must examine the language and enforcement of recovery standards for about 70,000 acres of grazing land — the Nickel Creek allotments in southwestern Owyhee County.

The decision was issued Dec. 30 by B. Lynn Winnmill, Chief U. S. District Judge in Boise after an appeal filed in 2003 by the Western Watersheds Project (WWP).

Idaho BLM State Office Chief of Resources and Science Jon Foster told The Owyhee Avalanche that the BLM was currently cautious in saying just what the decision would mean to the organization and grazing leaseholders. The BLM is working with its legal advisors to determine what would add to the clarity of the BLM’s report and requirements on the Nickel Creek acres, he said. He added that he expected to know more, shortly.

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

We are well into 2010 and the folks of Three Creek are still perking around. School is now back to three pupils, but they and the teacher, Marilyn Boss, keep busy. Last Friday they went to the ski lift on Magic Mountain and took skiing lessons. Mrs. Boss has a Bible class going for five little kids.

2009 say many changes. Kevin and Nancy Chapin retired from the Diamond A Ranch after spending 20 years there. They were a tough young couple when they went there, and they stuck it out. It’s a rugged place and a long ways out there. New manager and wife are Nels and Denice Arnson from California.

Libby Swan is now at Chaparral House in Twin Falls, and Maxine Clark at Applegate Retirement at Buhl.

We lost some of our old timers in 2009 such as Ray Clark, Rolly Patrick and Walter Wells.

Lynn Dunn, the last child of Samm and Lettie Dunn, passed on. The only living grandchildren left of Crandall and Martha Dunn are Jack Dunn of Boise, son of Al and Opal, and Martha Dunn Campbell of Twin Falls, daughter of Bill and Eva Dunn.

Crandall Dunn from the 1800s until the late 1940s owned ranches watered by every creek from House Creek to Flat Creek.

Rose Swanson McClain, age 95 and a legend of Jarbidge, Nev., passed away Jan. 9, 2010. She spent her girlhood in Jarbidge and attended all eight years of grade school there. Her mother, Mamie Swanson, was nurse and coroner for the settlement. Rose owned the Nevada Hotel in Jarbidge, and it is furnished the same as it was in the gold rush days.

My latest fun excursion was going out Rock Creek to the beautiful historical Crockett ranch with Wilma and Phil Homan. Philip was interviewing Katie and Bert Hurst. They were a good-looking, friendly couple. Katie is a great granddaughter of early day pioneers, the Grays, Jones and Crocketts.

The original recommendations — to rotate grazing on a four-year plan to help protect riparian habitat — were challenged in court by the WWP, which argued that the agreement was improper and unenforceable — that the BLM had failed to impose mandatory standards as it was chartered to do under existing law, and that permit holders had not met suggested management practices. WWP also argued that alternatives, like a reduction in grazing, were not fully explored.

Prior to an overturning of the challenge decision by the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), WWP succeeded in convincing Department of Interior Administrative Law Judge Andrew Pearlstein that the BLM’s initial agreements were flawed.

Winmill did not issue a decision on grazing on the allotment. Rather, he found that the IBLA had inappropriately overturned Pearlstein’s decision — which faulted the BLM’s lack of detailed alternatives to the adopted plan, and said the BLM must issue mandatory, enforceable rules for leaseholders, not just recommendations.

“BLM has limited its ability to effectively respond to ... noncompliance by labeling crucial range improvement terms as ‘management guidelines’, which are not ... enforceable as terms and conditions,” Pearlstein said.

Winmill upheld Pearlstein’s finding that the BLM had failed, in its original plan, to put mandatory, rather than recommended, rules in place in the agreement.

Judge Winnmill’s memorandum of decision indicates that if the recommended guidelines became mandatory, he would have no issue with the agreements.


“Assuming that the Management Guidelines will be made mandatory Terms and Conditions of the permits,” the decision states, “the Court will deny the remainder of WWP’s motion, and will also deny the motions filed by the BLM and the intervenors.”

“We hope it means that cattle grazing in this ... area of the Owyhees will be ... held to measurable use standards on an annual basis to protect the damaged springs, streams and uplands,” Katie Fite, WWP’s biodiversity director, said. “And ... if standards aren’t met, (the) BLM will take action to ensure that significant changes are made in grazing use.”


Ranchers involved, including the Glenns Ferry Grazing Association and the Juniper Mountain Grazing Association, have said that they want to meet the BLM guidelines, and continue to ranch in the area.

At present, the BLM is seeking to clarify the issue.

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Owyhee County Sheriff's Office trains in water rescue

On Jan. 27, members of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office held a class at Givens Hot Springs Pool to train sheriff's deputies and posse members in the latest techniques of water rescue.

Kate Baldwin, an instructor with Meridian-based ProSafe, acted as the head instructor at the event.

"CJ Strike Reservoir can see as many as 10,000 visitors on any given weekend, and with improvements to the docks and campgrounds, we expect a higher than normal turnout for the coming boating season," Sheriff Daryl Crandall said in a press release. "Most of the deputies spend 90 percent of their time within a mile of the Snake River

and need to be prepared and equipped to save a life at any time."

With the cooperation of Melba emergency medical technicians, Deputy Kenny Hoagland, a county marine deputy, worked to set up the training, according to the release.

Deputies were instructed on how to enter the water to go after

a drowning victim, swimming with an unconscious person, getting victims with neck and back injuries out of the water to a boat with or without a back board and several other water rescue skills.

Hoagland said the training dovetailed with several items OCSO has discussed with county commissioners.

OCSO hopes to get items including inflatable life vests, a window punch, seatbelt cutter, diving mask, and an underwater strobe for potential use in accidents that result in a sunken vehicle.

The request is awaiting the review of the waterways committee, Hoagland said.

— MML

Census may mean jobs

Preparations for Census 2010 continue, with thousands of people statewide to be hired to help with the effort, according to a Census Bureau press release.

The bureau announced last week the opening of a Census office in Idaho Falls, which will serve 26 of Idaho's 44 counties, including Owyhee.

According to Census spokesperson Stacy McBain, there also is an office in Boise serving the remaining 18 counties.

McBain said complete and accurate participation in the Census is important to the county because the federal government uses the updated population figures for apportionment of federal funding as well as the setting of political boundaries over the next decade.

Paperwork found at various locations throughout the county — including the county clerk's office in Murphy — indicates that there are job opportunities as the Census process begins.

The Census Bureau will mail a 10-question Census Form to all households in mid-March. Thousands of Idahoans will be hired as Census takers to ensure that all citizens are reached, the press release said. More than 2,300 workers will be employed through the Idaho Falls office.

The temporary, part-time jobs could net as many as 40 hours per week, according to literature distributed by the Census.

Employment tests for qualified applicants will be administered locally. A test will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling the national Census jobs line at (866) 861-2010.

More information on the job opportunities is available through the Census office at (208) 821-3670 or by visiting www.2010censusjobs.gov. There also is a toll-free national jobs line for the Census



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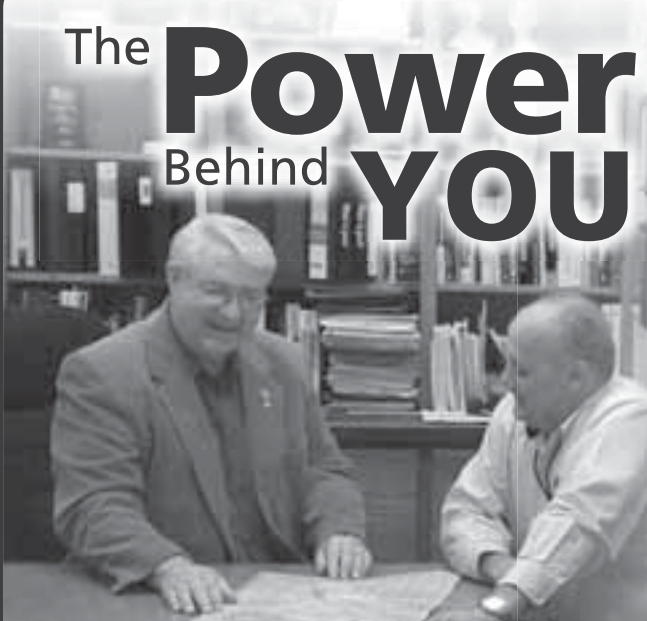
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Law enforcement briefs

HPD

Homedale police logged 21 incidents between Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. No major arrests were made. Three citations were issued, two for traffic violations and one to a minor for a tobacco violation.

During the previous week, several arrests occurred, details of which were not available at that time.

Osvaldo Pichardo, 31, of Los Angeles, was arrested for DUI on Jan. 15 on Idaho highway 19 west

of Homedale by HPD officers.

Homedale resident Mario Quezada, 24, was arrested following a traffic stop in the evening of Jan. 16, and was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and a concealed weapons violation stemming from a knife hidden under the seat of the vehicle.

On Jan. 17 two Nampa men, David Barroso and Geraldo Ayala, were arrested for possession of

drugs in a stop at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and East Idaho Avenue at 2:52 a.m.

OCSO

In the same time period, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office logged 56 incidents. Three arrests were made and two were arrested on Owyhee County warrants by other agencies.

Among the week's calls were half a dozen reports of road hazards. Chief Deputy Bill Detweiler said that, with warm wet weather,

agricultural equipment was bringing mud onto road surfaces in several cases.

Jack C. Palmer, 56, of Caldwell was arrested on Main Street in Marsing for DUI. The stop occurred on Jan. 24 at approximately 1:58 a.m.

Deputy Perry Grant arrested Marc Lester Castor, 39, in Marsing on Jan. 21. Castor, who was described as having "survivalist leaning" in the incident log, was believed to be living in Marsing by authorities.

Castor was wanted on a pair of

warrants issued out of Malheur County for two counts of computer crimes — one a felony, one a misdemeanor.

Castor was sentenced to three years for a 1992 Ada County burglary, and five for a felony burglary and grand theft conviction in 1990.

An investigation is under way concerning the theft of a firearm or firearms in the Homedale area logged on Jan. 20.

No details have been released, but the investigating deputies are pursuing a possible charge of grand theft.

Court briefs

Johnathan M. Hardt, 19, of Homedale, appeared before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober last week on an amended charge of misdemeanor petty theft. Previous charges of felony grand theft and felony burglary were dropped. Homedale Police arrested Hardt Jan. 5 in connection with stolen property. He was found guilty, ordered to pay fees and fines of \$300 and was given one year of probation. Hardt served 20 days in jail.

Luis Alberto Ozuna-Garcia, 28, of Homedale, was found guilty of DUI and providing false information to officers, both misdemeanors, in connection with a July 2008 traffic stop by Homedale police. Ozuna-Garcia faces fees and fines of \$500, combined between the two convictions.

Homedale resident Pamela Hines was found guilty of a reduced charge after originally being accused of felony insurance fraud and forgery after presenting false liability insurance papers at a June 2009 traffic stop. Hines, 47, was found guilty of the lesser charge of misdemeanor forged vehicle liability insurance before Magistrate Judge William B. Dillon III, must pay \$287.50 in fees and fines, do two days on the

Sheriff's Inmate Labor Detail in lieu of four days in jail, and was put on probation for one year.

Jorge Arturo Castellanos, arrested in November for felony domestic battery with traumatic injury, was convicted of the lesser misdemeanor charge of domestic battery with no traumatic injury before Judge Dan C. Grober. Castellanos, 41, is a Homedale resident. He will pay \$200 in court costs, be on probation for two years, and he served 17 days in jail.

Marsing resident Chris Lancaster, 29, was found guilty of felony burglary on Jan. 8 before Judge Gregory Culet. His sentence — of two years — was commuted. He was also found guilty of misdemeanor petit theft and resisting arrest. He will have to pay \$287.50 in court fees. He served 49 days in jail and will be on probation for one year.

According to the Jan. 29 docket, the courts saw 61 cases through the course of the week. Three were for driving without privileges, five cited a failure to purchase or invalid license, six listed failure to provide proof of insurance, three were for speeding and three were for petty theft.

Former Homedale resident arrested for grand theft

Just after noon on Jan. 24, Rosendo Parra-Garcia, 32, formerly of Homedale, was arrested on an Owyhee County warrant for grand theft arising from the discovery of a stolen shotgun in his possession more than two years ago.

The incident began in January 2008. Parra-Garcia was charged with two game violations in September 2007, when Idaho Department of Fish and Game Senior Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson cited him for shooting doves without a license and possession of illegally taken

game.

In that initial offense, Parra-Garcia dropped the shotgun he was carrying in a ditch as Mickelson drove up to Parra-Garcia and his two hunting partners. Senior Conservation Officer Marshall Haynes, who was patrolling with Mickelson, walked Parra-Garcia back to where the wardens had seen him drop the weapon, and Parra-Garcia showed them the shotgun, the IDFW enforcement report from the incident states.

The game officers ran the semi-auto Remington shotgun's

serial number through the Idaho State Police and discovered it had been reported stolen in November 2006 in Owyhee County. IDFW officers then added possession of stolen property to the list of charges.

An arrest warrant for grand theft was issued for Parra-Garcia on Jan. 3 2008. He was located recently, and the warrant was served, county prosecutor Douglas Emery said last week.

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County commissioners appoint waterways panel

Commissioners OK grant application for Marsing boathouse

The Board of County Commissioners has appointed a new Owyhee County Waterways Committee.

Current members Jerry Benson of Givens and Bob Aldrich of Marsing were retained, and Snake River RV Resort owner Dave Ellis appointed.

“They had shown interest, and they were very excited about looking for ways to enhance the waterways and the uses on the rivers and reservoirs,” board chair Jerry Hoagland said.

Commissioners made the appointments Jan. 26 in Murphy after emerging from an executive session that was requested by Sheriff Daryl Crandall, according to Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery. Emery said the meeting was closed under state law because of the discussion of possible litigation. No other details were

available.

Ellis replaces Larry McDaniel, who had served as chair. A new chair will be elected, Hoagland said.

“Early on, (District 3 Commissioner Dick) Freund talked to (McDaniel), and said he didn’t want to be on the committee,” Hoagland said.

Resolution 10-05, passed Monday, gives Ellis and Aldrich three-year terms. Benson will be up for reappointment after two years.

The resolution establishes the committee for as many as five members, so that representation from other areas of the county, such as Bruneau-Grand View, can be considered, Hoagland said. The committee will meet quarterly and a representative will make — at the minimum — quarterly reports to the BOCC.

The three appointees have been

asked to attend the commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday.

At least five men had been considered for the panel that advises the county on how to use Vessel Fund money.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Waterways Deputy John Nagel recommended Dick Waltz of Grand View, and an unidentified son of District 2 Commissioner George Hyer was discussed during a recent commissioners meeting. Hyer’s son was dropped from consideration because of the specter of nepotism, Hoagland said, even though he felt the man would have been a good fit because of his interest in waterways.

Hoagland said Waltz wasn’t selected because commissioners knew little about his qualifications. The District 1 commissioner said he and his colleagues had spoken extensively with Aldrich, Benson and Ellis before making the decision.

Meanwhile, commissioners authorized Benson and Aldrich

to sign the application submitted by Nagel to seek grant money for a boathouse in Marsing.

After George Hyer pointed out that he had requested to see the application previously to no avail, Nagel presented the information last week. He said the application had been completed earlier in the day.

“I know it’s been discussed for some time, but I wish we would have had the application in hand before the meeting to review it a little bit,” Hoagland said. “I wish we would have had the committee review it.”

The grant application was authorized four days before the submission deadline set by Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. A grant award board will make a decision in May, Nagel said.

Using cost estimates he said he obtained from four licensed contractors, Nagel put the total cost of the project at \$37,100, half of which — \$18,550 — would be

spent out of the Vessel Trust as matching money.

The document also states that utility costs estimated at about \$400 annually would be financed by the Vessel fund.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the Vessel Trust balance is \$55,000, but more revenue from boat inspection fees is expected by summer.

Nagel said if the grant were awarded, a 1,440-square-foot building (36 feet by 40 feet) would be built at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office on 8th Avenue West in Marsing.

The plan is for a three-bay structure to house a patrol boat, the search and rescue command trailer and other equipment, such as a personal watercraft or the marine pickup, Nagel said.

The deputy said he had discussed the grant application with both Benson and Aldrich before coming to the commissioners.

— JPB

Fair board meets Thursday: outlines capital projects

New fencing, water pipe, restrooms on the list

The Owyhee County Fair Board has a wish list for the year, and awaits word on how much the county will allocate for its needs.

Board secretary Kelly Haun said that directors voted last month to replace the fence inside the rodeo arena. The aging barrier that separates spectators from the rodeo livestock has been patched several times over the years, she said.

“I think it was my first year working with the fair that the rodeo board came in and requested that that be replaced, and it just hasn’t happened,” Haun said. “And this year it’s a priority.”

Haun is entering her fourth

year as secretary and manager of the fair. The county commissioners traditionally solidify the fair board’s budget ahead of the fair directors’ annual meeting, which is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

Haun said that the price tag for the rodeo arena fence project was estimated at about \$10,000 two years ago, but the cost can be expected to come down. Haun said the rodeo board has offered to demolish the fence, and labor and material costs have plummeted since the last estimate was secured.

“Aesthetically, it needs to be done and, for the safety of the spectators, it needs to be fixed,” Haun said.

There are other projects on the radar for the fair board, she said.

Directors want to install pipe to bring irrigation water to the east side of the fairgrounds and reduce the amount of municipal water usage.

“It’s something that has been circulating verbally,” she said. “It hasn’t been put in motion yet, but everybody on the fair board feels pretty strongly about that.”

If the board follows through with the project, Haun expects the work to be done by the time irrigation water comes in, around April. She said the idea was prompted by an underground city water leak

that spiked the fair’s utility bill last year.

The fair board usually spends about \$2,500 for city water between April and September, she said.

“During the (Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby) and the week of the fair, our city water usage skyrockets,” Haun said. City water is used to saturate the livestock holding area adjacent to the rodeo arena in the weeks before the fair.

A more pressing issue is fixing the goat barn roof, which Haun said was damaged during heavy winds in October.

“Either we’ll replace the roof or at least put new sheet metal panels on there,” Haun said, adding that some roofing was dislodged and

thrown to the ground by gusts.

Preliminary work has begun on securing grant money to replace the worn-out restrooms behind the food court and also the restrooms and showers to the rear of the fairgrounds. The fair board is working on finding in-kind contributions for the project, including concrete work, plumbing and demolition.

The fair manager said that there probably is enough public interest in seeing the current restrooms go away to garner great volunteer support.

“There’s almost no question that there will be volunteers to come demolish the building,” Haun said. “We are hoping that there will be a lot of people so willing to make this happen that we can get a lot of these services donated.”

A floor plan for the project was finalized at the Dec. 3 fair board meeting, Haun said. A hunt for preliminary bids from local contractors also has begun.

Longtime Marsing resident Leslie Jayo is writing the grant, which will be submitted with the help of the Southwest Idaho Council for the Idaho Resource, Conservation and Development Association (RC&D).

Jayo was scheduled to meet with RC&D representative Bill Moore this week to analyze data he has received pertaining to possible grants.

The restroom construction most likely won’t occur this year. Haun said that the prevailing wisdom is to shutter the restrooms near the food court to cut down on costs during the Aug. 9-14 fair.

“There has been talk of boarding up the smaller restroom behind the food booth, instead of putting \$10,000 to \$15,000 into it,” Haun said. “We’d just board it up and rent a few extra Port-a-Potties.”

— JPB

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Property tax reduction available for qualifiers

Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott announced that the deadline to take advantage of the 2010 property tax reduction program is April 15.

“This is one of the few programs that the state has come up with that they haven’t pushed the burden on the county (taxpayers) to finance,” Endicott said. “This money literally comes out of the state sales tax, and we all share in that.”

Endicott said that only about 260 to 275 qualifying landowners take advantage of the tax reduction program annually. He’s sure that’s only a drop in the bucket compared to the number of people in the county who are eligible.

And he said the economy and its effect on income and employment may have driven more property owners into qualification status.

“People, I don’t think, understand how many people would lose their place if this wasn’t out there because they’re basically living on Social Security,” he said.

The “Circuit Breaker” program is open to anyone who owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho as a primary residence before April 15, 2010, had a income of \$28,000 or less in 2009 and met any of the following criteria as of Jan. 1, 2010:

- Age 65 or older
- Widowed
- A fatherless or motherless child under 18
- A former prisoner of war or hostage
- A veteran with at least 10 percent service-connected disability or who receives a pension from Veterans Affairs for a nonservice-connected disability
- Considered disabled by either the Social Security Administration, the Railroad Retirement Board or the Federal Civil Service

Anyone meeting one or more of those classifications can apply for property tax reduction with the county assessor’s office. Qualifiers can reduce property taxes on their home and up to one acre of land by as much as \$1,320, according to a state-produced pamphlet.

There are numerous forms documenting income that are required to file, including a federal income tax return, income not reported (including non-taxable income), a completed medical expense form or proof of payment for non-reimbursable medical expenses and proof of payment or pre-payment of funeral expenses, if applicable. For anyone not filing a tax return, income documentation includes W-2s, 1099s, a medical expense form or proof of payment of non-reimbursed expenses, and funeral expenses proof, if applicable.

All sources of income must be reported on the application, too.

There are a list of deductions that can be made as well.

Property tax reduction does not apply to solid waste, irrigation or other fees charged by government agencies.

Endicott said assessor’s office personnel plan the annual round of visits to the county’s senior centers to help people file applications. Dates and times will be announced later.

“We’re willing to take the time to help them fill it out even if they think they may not qualify,” Endicott said.

For more information, call the county assessor’s office at (208) 495-2817. — JPB

Owyhee PA to pursue Canyon embezzlement case

Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas Emery is handling a high-profile case for Canyon County Prosecutor John Bujak, according to a recent press release from the Owyhee County Prosecutor’s office.

Emery will tackle a five-charge embezzlement case that features the alleged theft of funds from the Canyon County Sheriff’s Posse by its bookkeeper, Cori L. Hampton.

In an order dated Jan. 20, issued by District Judge Gregory M. Culet of the Third Judicial District,. Emery was appointed special prosecuting attorney to handle the Canyon County case against Hampton, the release stated. Hampton, 33, was employed as a deputy clerk, assigned to the Canyon County Board of Commissioners.

Hampton also served in a part-time voluntary capacity as a bookkeeper for the Canyon County Sheriff’s Posse.

The prosecution alleges that from 2006-’09, Hampton took \$28,124.24 from one or both Canyon Sheriff Posse accounts to which she had access.

Bujak recused himself from the Hampton case to avoid a potential conflict of interest. Following a written request from his colleagues in Canyon County, Emery reviewed the case being investigated by Nampa Police. Emery assisted Nampa Detective Gary Marang in subpoenaing and obtaining posse bank records. A forensic audit of those records was requested. Upon reviewing the findings of that audit, and the investigative reports, Emery filed formal charges against Hampton in Canyon County.

In the amended complaint of Jan. 27, Emery, in his role as Special Canyon County Prosecutor, charged Hampton with six felonies, consisting of five counts Grand Theft and one count Destroying and/or Concealing Evidence. Hampton, if convicted of one or all felony counts, faces a potential penitentiary sentence.

Canyon County has requested that Emery handle a number of their conflict cases, since January 2009, when Emery took office as prosecutor in Owyhee County.

The practice of appointing special prosecuting attorneys from neighboring jurisdictions to handle county conflicts is common. “Conflict cases” are usually accepted from prosecuting attorneys in counties throughout Idaho as a matter of professional courtesy. No compensation is paid by the requesting county, the release said. Emery said his office is involved in seven to 12 conflict cases, on average, each year.

Hampton’s preliminary hearing will be scheduled soon, Emery said.

Officials appointed to emergency communications panel

Sheriff Daryl Crandall and District 2 Commissioner George Hyer have been appointed to represent Owyhee County on a regional task force forming emergency communications policy recommendations for the state.

The Region 3 Interoperable Communications Governance Board is one of a handful of panels from around the state that helps emergency services dovetail their communications systems. Regional experts will give recommendations to the Idaho Statewide Interoperability Executive Council on a variety of issues including uniform standards for communications, coordination between agencies across the state and analyzing funding sources.

Thus far in the regional board process, Crandall and emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond have represented the county. Now, Crandall and Hyer will be the county’s reps with Sheriff’s Sgt. Russ Turner serving as Crandall’s alternate, and Desmond as the second to Hyer.

Other counties represented on the Region 3 panel include Ada, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Elmore and Washington.

Desmond said that committee members have expressed an interest in including Shoshone-Paiute Tribes representation even though most tribal administrative dealings go through Nevada.

Desmond said the reasoning revolves around the fact that Grand View Ambulance responds to many calls related to the Duck Valley reservation and that the Tribes’ own emergency medical services personnel often respond into Owyhee County for service.

— JPB

County preps for May primary

The 12 voting precincts to be used in this year’s elections were set last week.

The Board of County Commissioners established the boundaries of each precinct with Resolution 10-03.

The primary election is set for May 25, and the general election will be held Nov. 2.

Precincts include:

- Precinct No. 1: North Homedale
- Precinct No. 2: South Homedale
- Precinct No. 3: North Marsing
- Precinct No. 4: South Marsing
- Precinct No. 5: Pleasant Valley
- Precinct No. 6: Wilson
- Precinct No. 7: Murphy
- Precinct No. 8: Oreana
- Precinct No. 9: Grand View
- Precinct No. 10: Bruneau
- Precinct No. 11: Riddle
- Precinct No. 12: Three Creek

Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek are mail ballot precincts. Polling sites for the other nine regions will be announced later.

Maps detailing the boundaries of each precinct are available on the Owyhee County Web site, www.owyheecounty.net, under the County Clerk’s link. A link to the county Web site also is available on the right-hand side of the home page at www.owyheevalanche.com.

Among the offices on the primary ballot in Owyhee County: a four-year term for District 2 commissioner and a two-year term for District 3, clerk, treasurer, assessor, coroner and precinct committeepersons; Mike Crapo’s U.S. Senate seat; Walt Minnick’s First District Congressional seat; governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state controller, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent of public instruction, two Supreme Court justice seats, a spot on the Court of Appeals bench and all District Three judges.

Candidate filing begins at 8 a.m. March 8 and continues through 5 p.m. March 19.

Other elections are set for this year, although the polling places may differ from the county, state and federal election sites because the district boundaries don’t follow precinct boundaries.

Board of directors elections for the Eastern Owyhee, Lizard Butte and Bruneau Valley libraries will be held May 25. The filing deadline is March 19.

Commissioners elections for the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District will be held Sept. 1. Candidates must file by Sept. 1.

The Homedale Highway District commissioners elections will be held Aug. 3. The candidacy filing deadline is Jun 25.

Weather

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Jan 26	45	35	.18
Jan 27	44	32	.02
Jan 28	47	35	.00
Jan 29	47	28	.00
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Rimrock girls sew up top seed for 1A District III play



Raiders clobber Idaho City, get nod after three-way tie at top

Rimrock High School blasted Idaho City on Friday then sat back for the ride to the top seed in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament for girls' basketball.

Jackie Thurman canned six three-point goals in the first quarter and scored 25 of her 27 points before the intermission Friday at the Raiders hammered host Idaho City, 61-21, in the 1A Western Idaho Conference season finale for both teams.

On the same night, Liberty Charter knocked off Notus, 28-24, to create a three-way tie atop the conference standings. Rimrock (13-6 overall, 10-2 1A WIC) earned the tiebreaker for the top seed and will play host to an opening-round game Thursday.

Against Idaho City, Thurman never committed a foul and the Wildcats never sent her to the

free-throw line. She recorded 10 blocks and three steals and dished six assists.

Anna Cantrell scored 12 points in the second half and also collected 14 rebounds.

Rimrock led 25-3 after eight minutes and had built a 30-point edge by halftime.

Saturday: Richfield 45, Rimrock 35 — The Raiders tuned up for the district tournament against one of the best teams in the state. Coach Mike Chandler's squad held serve in the second half but was unable to make up an eight-point halftime deficit.

Jeenie Kent fired in six three-pointers and scored 11 of her game-high 28 points in the fourth quarter for Richfield.

Thurman scored 10 points, Cantrell eight and Stevie Richardson seven for the Raiders. Thurman also scrapped Richfield's

backboard for seven defensive rebounds, while Cantrell had 10 boards on the opponents' end en route to 16 overall.

Jan. 25: Rimrock 46, Gem State Adventist 16 — Despite playing with a badly broken finger, Anna Cantrell pulled down 15 rebounds and made seven steals in the Raiders' easy 1A WIC victory in Bruneau.

Cantrell shook off a slow start and scored 12 of her game-high 16 points in the second half.

Rimrock (12-5 overall, 9-2 1A WIC) held a 21-8 lead at the break.

Randie Denton sunk a pair of three-point goals en route to 12 points for the Raiders. Jackie Thurman scored all five of her points in the first quarter then dominated defensively with 10 steals and four blocked shots.

Lyndie Gillespie chipped in four points in the third quarter.

Sarah Maine scored eight points to lead the Jaguars.

— JPB

Jackie Thurman, left, shown during the Raiders' win over Liberty Charter, was deadly from outside the arc against Idaho City, dropping in six three-pointers in the first quarter.

Ensley racks up mat victories for Trojans

Justin Ensley continued his winning ways last week for the Homedale High School wrestling team.

Wrestling at 119 and 125 pounds, Ensley had six varsity wins and seven overall between Thursday and Saturday, when the Trojans first lost a 3A Snake River Valley conference home dual meet to Fruitland and then played host to the Homedale Duals Tournament.

Five of Ensley's victories came during Saturday's duals tournament as the Trojans dropped four of five dual meets. The Trojans beat a team of independents behind wins from Ensley, Cole Jeppe (140), Eddie Garcia (160), Brad McCain (189) and Kyle Abels (215).

Ensley, Todd Bahem, McCain and Abels all picked up pinfall victories Thursday in a 52-24 conference loss to Fruitland. The same four wrestlers and Garcia collected junior varsity victories on the same night as the Trojans

won nine of 18 matches against the Grizzlies.

Middleton edged Homedale, 41-36, on Jan. 26 in the first of two dual meets at New Plymouth. The Pilgrims beat Homedale, 66-18, in the other non-conference action that night.

Ensley wrestled up at 125 and was of only two Trojans (Tano Montes, 135) to grab victories in a 59-12 loss to Timberline of Boise on Saturday.

Other dual meet results Saturday, with the Homedale winners listed:

Skyview 44, Homedale 29 — Ensley (119), Montes (135), Jeppe (140), McCain (189) and Abels (215)

Homedale 30, Independents 16 — Ensley, Jeppe, Garcia (160), McCain and Abels

Baker City 61, Homedale 12 — Ensley (125) and McCain 189

Boise 52, Homedale 21 — Ensley (119), Montes, Theron Perkins (145) and McCain



Justin Ensley wraps up Skyview's Tomas Gonzalez on Saturday. Ensley posted five wins during the Homedale Duals, wrestling at 119 pounds.

Mustangs swat Hornets as Jordan Valley climbs to 16-3 record

Jordan Valley High School started the game on a 22-2 run and wiped out Harper in a 1A High Desert League boys' basketball

game Saturday.

The host Hornets (1-12 overall, 1-9 1A HDL) trailed by 23 points at halftime as the Mustangs scored

a 65-34 victory.

Kade Eiguren scored 11 points for Jordan Valley (16-3, 12-0) as coach Mike Workman emptied

the bench.

"Everybody got a lot of playing time with 14 of 16 players in the scoring column," Workman said.

Dusty Easterday added 10 points, and Ty Warn had seven.

Jordan Valley is at No. 7 in the Oregon Prep Sports 1A poll.

Sports



Michael Collett looks for a shot over traffic in the lane. Collett was 8-for-12 from the free throw line, with the fouls coming thick and fast as the clock ran down.

Huskies JV-A edges Melba Mustangs

While Melba may have shut down the Marsing varsity on the court on Thursday, the game of the night was definitely the JV-A hoops matchup, which saw a neck-and-neck race to the buzzer — at which Jamie Wood’s Huskies took the win 49-46.

Both JV and Varsity lineups for Melba had height on their Marsing opponents, but Wood’s squad used speed and technique to stay within a handful of points through the game, and began to edge ahead in the last minutes.

With 6:32 left in the fourth, the Huskies trailed 35-32, but a the next two minutes saw Marsing methodically playing tight defense, control rebounds and turn the tables to go to a 42-35 lead, the largest scoring gap of the game. Melba brought the score back to within a point, at 43-42 with 2:30 left, but Marsing held its ground to win by three.

“My kids battle every single time,” Wood said after the game. “They keep fighting.” He pointed to their Jan. 22 game against Parma, where an uncharacteristic lack of focus let the Panthers get out to a 17-2 lead in the first

quarter. By the end of the game the team had closed the gap to three.

“They’re good kids to coach. They don’t give you troubles,” Wood said.

The Huskies were able to find the hoop from the paint and from beyond the arc, and freshman point-leader Miguel Leon added three to his side-leading 13 from three-point land. Dakota Hill drained two threes from the outside, as well.

Junior Michael Collett, who finished the day with 12 points, hurt Melba at the foul line, going 8-for-12 there.

Melba was paced by 14-point efforts from both Tucker Earls and Micah Good, both of whom fouled out in the last seconds of the fourth quarter.

The win puts the JV-A at 10-5 overall (5-2 2A Western Idaho Conference). The Huskies will be in the battle for first if they can knock off Cole Valley Christian, tonight.

“Hopefully, we can get CV,” Wood said. “That would put us in the hunt for first place. We’re just taking it one game at a time.”

Mustang boys squeeze past Antelopes to remain unbeaten

Adrian girls dominate rivalry game vs. Jordan Valley

Jordan Valley High School put the pedal down in the second half Friday night to eke out a boys’ basketball victory against its archrival.

The Mustangs (15-3 overall, 11-0 league) outscored host Adrian over the final 16 minutes to post a 59-52 win and remain unbeaten in the 1A High Desert League.

The league leaders held a nine-point edge in the second half after entering the break down 25-23.

“We knew we needed to shut down the Easterday boys (Dusty and Nate) for us to have a chance,” Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. “The boys did a great job on limiting them the ball.

“We were going to make them earn the win from the outside. There were several lead changes throughout the game. It was a physical, hard-fought game.”

Adrian (10-7, 6-4) held Dusty Easterday to 10 points, and Nate collected nine. Jordan Valley,

however, was up to the challenge from the outside, nailing six three-point field goals.

Bryce Kershner nailed three of the Mustangs’ treys and led the team with 14 points, while Brandon Mackenzie added 11.

The Antelopes shot 41.7 percent (20-for-48) from the field, but were only 1-for-10 from beyond the arc.

Blake Purnell led Adrian with 18 points. Bryan Reay scored 12, but missed his customary double-double as Jordan Valley held him to eight points.

Adrian’s David Stones scored 10 and grabbed eight rebounds before fouling out.

Girls

Friday: Adrian 40, Jordan Valley 16 — On a poor-shooting night for both squads, the Antelopes attempted twice as many field goals as the visiting Mustangs and coasted to a 1A HDL

victory.

Adrian led by 20 at the break after limiting the Mustangs to just two points in the first quarter and outscoring them 17-0 in the second.

Coach Gene Mills’ squad won the game despite shooting 19.7 percent (33-for-66) from the field. Jordan Valley, coached by Chris Elsner, took only 32 shots, hitting five (15.6 percent).

Ranea Orosco unseated Swiss exchange student Letizia Bordoli as the Antelopes’ leading scorer for a night. Orosco scored 11 points, while Bordoli put in 10 and added seven rebounds.

Jessica Morton scored seven points, Madison Shira had six points and six boards, and Andrea Shenk piped up with seven rebounds.

Meagan Fillmore was one of only four Jordan Valley players to get into the scoring column, draining seven points. Anne-Marie Eiguren and Haley Caywood scored four points apiece, and Mattie Wroten hit one of Jordan Valley’s five successful foul shots.

Trojan Winter Sports



BASKETBALL

Boys basketball

Varsity

Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.



BASKETBALL

Girls basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Feb. 4, 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore.

Junior varsity A

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 3A Snake River Valley Tournament championship game, if qualified, Payette HS, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 3A Snake River Valley Tournament championship game, if qualified, Payette HS, 6 p.m.

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Thursday, Feb. 4 at Payette, 6 p.m.

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Sports

HHS girls nab No. 3 seed for district

Homedale High School enters Thursday’s opening round of the 3A District III girls’ basketball tournament as the No. 3 seed.

The Trojans will meet Weiser on Tuesday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, 10 days after closing the 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a 25-point loss to the Wolverines in Washington County.

“I still like our chances next week,”

HHS coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. “We have to wins to go to State.

“We are definitely a capable team. We just have to show up and play.”

The Trojans committed 28 turnovers Saturday in a 51-26 conference loss to Weiser. Kenzie Eisenbarth scored 10 points for Weiser to lead all scorers.

The Wolverines turned the ball over only seven times and held a 34-10 halftime lead.

“We turned the ball over to much

and didn’t execute our offense when we had the chance. I’m not sure what went wrong,” Chamberlain said. “We had a good week of practice and had a good game plan, we just didn’t execute it.”

Justine Calzacorta scored eight points to lead the Trojans. Sydney Cornwall scored six points and snagged a team-high nine rebounds as Homedale won the battle of the boards, 23-14.

Antelopes steam past Locomotives

Adrian High School dodged shooting woes Thursday night to collect a 1A High Desert League girls’ basketball victory.

Adrian beat host Huntington, 47-32, despite converting only six of 22 free throws (27.3 percent) and only 20 of 77 field-goal attempts (26 percent).

Letizia Bordoli scored 16 points and collected 11 of Adrian’s 56 rebounds. The Antelopes minimized any disadvantage from poor shooting by grabbing 34 offensive boards.

Vanessa Reed scored 11 points for the Locomotives.

Boys

Thursday: Adrian 57, Huntington 43 — Blake Purnell erupted for a season-high 33 points and stymied the Locomotives with six steals. Committing only one foul, the Antelopes’ leading scorer also collected 13 rebounds during the game played in Huntington.

Adrian rallied from a slow start to take a 48-31 lead into the final period.

Austin Wilcox scored 13 points for Huntington, and teammate Ondrej Sciranka added 12.

Homedale youth baseball, softball signups tonight

A second registration session for Homedale Youth Sports Inc., T-ball, baseball and softball will be held tonight.

Signups will be taken between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Homedale Elementary School lobby, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Registration forms were sent home from school with students and also will be available at tonight’s registration.

HYS board member Brad Dines said that the organization did not raise registration fees from a year ago.

The prices are:

- \$35 for boys and girls T-Ball, open to ages 5-7. Players must turn 5 before June 1.
- \$45 for boys Coach-Pitch, ages 7-8 (cannot be 9 before May 1).
- \$75 for boys Cal Ripken 9-10 (cannot be 11 before May 1) and boys Cal Ripken 11-12 (cannot be 13 before May 1).
- \$90 for Boys Prep, age 13 (cannot be 14 before May 1).
- \$100 for Babe Ruth, ages 14-15 (cannot be 16 before May 1).

- \$45 for 8U girls (cannot be 9 before Jan. 1).
- \$75 for 10U girls (cannot be 11 before Jan. 1), 12U girls (cannot be 13 before Jan. 1), 14U girls (cannot be 15 before Jan. 1) and Babe Ruth Age 16 girls (cannot be 17 before Jan. 1).

The organization also has sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$50 to \$250. If a parent secures a \$250 sponsorship, the registration fee will be waived for a child.

For more information, call Shane Brown at 880-4552.

Marsing girls readying for district

Face Nampa Christian in first round, winner to play Parma

The Marsing High School girls’ basketball team is focusing on Thursday, and the beginning of 2A District III tournament play.

The Huskies come off a tough end-of-season schedule that saw the team drop matches against New Plymouth, Payette, Parma and Melba, all in the space of a week.

The 2A Western Idaho Conference has considerable strength this year, with Marsing’s loss to 3A Payette being by just one point, 34-33. Second seed New Plymouth turned in a 54-28 win over the Huskies on Jan. 23, while league-leading Parma won on Jan. 26 with a 57-31 effort, and Melba beat the Huskies on Friday 34-24.

Marsing coach Tim Little wants

to pinpoint weaknesses and address them as his team prepares to begin district play against No. 5 seed Nampa Christian (4-8 2A WIC) on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Marsing.

“We look forward to getting back into the gym and working on some fundamental things that have been hurting us during the last four games,” he said. “We are excited to open up at home Thursday — the winner facing No. 1 seed Parma. We plan on playing a lot of games over the next week and a half, but need to reduce turnovers and finish a little better to get a shot for that first or second place to move on to State.”

The team will dress 14 for district competition, with all players healthy, he said.

Marsing enters district play as fourth seed, 11-9 overall, 6-6 in 2A WIC play.

“We know that we have to play our best basketball each game from here out,” Little said. “Our main goals are to play smart (and) disciplined and leave everything we have on the floor each night we play.”

As the bracket stands at the outset, the winner of the Marsing and Nampa Christian game will advance to face undefeated Parma on Saturday in Parma, while the winner of the Melba/ Cole Valley Christian game will meet No. 2 seed New Plymouth (10-2 2A WIC) the same night in New Plymouth.

The top two teams will continue on to the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

MARSING HUSKIES

BASKETBALL

Girls’ Basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Feb. 4, 2A District III Tournament, site TBA, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2A District III Tournament, site TBA, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2A District III Tournament, Middleton HS, if necessary, 6:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Feb. 13, 2A District III Tournament, site and time TBA
Junior varsity B
Feb. 13, 2A District III Tournament, site and time TBA

Boy’s Basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 3, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 3, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Feb. 3, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Parma, 4:45 p.m.

WRESTLING

Thursday, Feb. 4, home tri-meet vs. New Plymouth and Garden Valley, 6 p.m.
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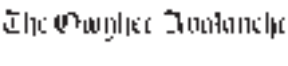
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Sports

Trojans boys take firm hold of second in SRV play

Homedale avenges Payette loss; top spot within reach

The Homedale High School boys' basketball team started the second half of the conference season by solidifying its place near the top.

For the second time in as many games, Walter Almaraz put his stamp on the Trojans' offense, leading the way in a 68-51 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over visiting Payette on Friday.

Almaraz scored a team-high 17 points, dished six assists and committed only three turnovers and one foul as Homedale avenged its conference-opening 45-38 loss to the Pirates from Jan. 12.

Coach Kenny Thomas's squad (10-7 overall, 3-2 3A SRV) came out with a vengeance Friday, storming to a 32-22 halftime lead and sealing the deal with a 21-point fourth quarter.

Justin Harrell converted his only offensive rebound of the night for the last of his eight points to give Homedale a 17-point lead, 62-45 with two minutes left

in the game. Harrell finished with eight points.

Season scoring leader Kenny Esparza added 12 points for Homedale, while senior Ryan Ryska had nine of his team's 20 assists on a night when the Trojans converted 24 of 52 shots (46.2 percent), including half of their 14 tries from three-point land.

Jake Tolmie, Mario Gonzalez, Trey Corta and Esparza were all flawless from the foul line as Homedale nailed 13 of 16 attempts (81.3 percent).

The Trojans have won three of their last four after snapping a four-game losing streak.

Homedale can take a giant step toward sewing up at least the No. 2 seed in the 3A District III Tournament by pulling off a repeat performance of its 51-36 upset of Fruitland on Jan. 20. The Trojans play host to the Grizzlies on Thursday.

Homedale entered the week trailing

conference-leading Weiser by one game. The Wolverines (4-1) played Fruitland after press time Tuesday night. The Grizzlies handed Weiser its only conference loss, 48-45, on Jan. 15.

Jan. 26: Weiser 85, Homedale 68 — Both teams combined for 79 points before halftime, but the Wolverines did a better job at the foul line in a wild 3A SRV game in Washington County.

Walter Almaraz's season-high 21 points weren't enough to help the Trojans catch Weiser, which nailed 20 of 25 free throws. Homedale sank nine of 15 foul-line attempts.

As the Trojans' offense sputtered in the second quarter, Weiser scored 27 points to forge a 44-35 lead at halftime.

Homedale was limited to 11 points in the fourth quarter.

Four Wolverines scored in double figures, including Drew McKie with 22.

Right, Homedale guard Walter Almaraz takes a shot over a Payette defender in the second half Friday. Almaraz scored a team-high 17 points.



Huskies show promise against NC, fall to Melba

The Melba Mustangs boys, who have now won their last seven games, did as expected and retired the Huskies varsity 47-22 on Thursday. The team found extra energy on Saturday with a major effort against 7-1 Nampa Christian, but couldn't keep up with Trojans' shooting.

Saturday: Nampa Christian 51, Marsing 40 — Visiting Nampa Christian topped the Huskies, dropping the MHS varsity to 5-11 overall, 2-6 2A WIC.

Ethan Salove led Husky scoring with 11 points and two three-pointers, while James McDonald

led Nampa Christian (10-5, 7-1 2A WIC) with 17 and pulled down 13 boards. Jason Galligan had nine points, seven rebounds and three assists, and Joel Moreno chipped in nine points of his own.

Despite the loss, Marsing coach JW Chadez was happy with the effort he saw from his players.

"On Saturday night I thought we played our best game of the year," he said. "We lost to Nampa Christian 51-40, but led the game 24-23 at (the) half, and only trailed by six with 1:45 to play in the game before we had to start fouling."

Nampa Christian took back the lead in the third quarter with a good inside game.

"Six-foot-6 senior James McDonald took over and had a game high 17 points and 13 rebounds," Chadez said.

"I thought we finally played with a lot of pride and passion. I felt we out-played Nampa Christian; we just couldn't finish from the field," he said.

Marsing shot 30 percent from the field, as compared to the Trojans' 52 percent. Nampa Christian went 11-for-15 from the foul line; Marsing was 3-for-9.

"I really hope this propels us towards the end of the season and district tournament," Chadez said. "Jamie Wood and I consistently preach pride and confidence, and it looks like the players might be starting to respond."

Thursday: Melba 47, Marsing 22 — The Mustangs, 8-0 in 2A WIC play, outshot the Huskies better than 2-to-1, led by a 13-point effort from Sy Nebeker and backed up by a double-double from Josh Silver. Silver claimed 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Tony Beagley led Marsing shooters with six points, and Gal-

ligan pulled down seven boards.

"We shot 20 percent from the field," Chadez said of the game. The Huskies were just 1-for-10 from the foul line, in a game that never saw MHS find its shooting groove.

"We were trailing 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, but our lack of offense eventually caught up to us," Chadez said.

The Marsing boys host Cole Valley Christian tonight, and head to New Plymouth on Friday, before wrapping the season up against Parma and Melba next week.

Raiders boys' skid reaches five games

Ricardo Araujo and Cody McCarthy scored 11 points apiece Friday, but the Rimrock High School boys' basketball team could shake the ill effects of the third quarter against Idaho City.

The Wildcats locked up a 52-41 1A Western Idaho Conference victory at home with a 12-4 run to open the second half.

Rimrock (2-13 overall, 2-8 1A WIC) entered this week on a five-game losing streak. The Raiders were 13-for-18 from the foul line against Idaho City.

James Moughamian led all scorers with 20 points.

Saturday: Garden Valley 38, Rimrock 32 — The Wolverines shook off a slow start with a 13-point second quarter to edge the visiting Raiders in a non-conference game.

Dylan Bas scored a game-high 15 points for Garden Valley.

Cody McCarthy and Oscar

Gomez scored seven points each to pace Rimrock. McCarthy also grabbed eight defensive rebounds.

Jan. 25: Gem State Adventist 48, Rimrock 37 — Brian Simper was the only Raider to score in the first quarter in Bruneau, and Rimrock couldn't recover after stumbling early in the conference game.

The Raiders lost for the third consecutive time.

The Jaguars from Caldwell led, 19-9, at halftime. Gem State held a 38-20 rebounding edge as Billy Smith led Rimrock with five boards.

Simper scored a basket in every quarter to lead Rimrock with eight points. Araujo scored all seven of his points in Rimrock's 18-point fourth quarter.

Justin Hansen was one of two Jaguars in double figures with a game-high 19 points.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense County fairs. Why?

“Most people just don’t get it,” said Ron, bemoaning the urban politicians that continue to whittle away at funding for county fairs and the ag extension service. “It’s all about the kids learning real life.”

To their misfortune, urban children have much less opportunity to connect with real life. They look at some farm kid working on his show steer every day for months. It is beyond their comprehension. “Why”, they think, “Would anyone want to waste their time in such a mindless pursuit?” And then they whip out their Game Boy and fall into a trance.

Thank goodness there are some politicians, corporations and influential associations that DO get it. As farmers and livestock raisers continue to decline in numbers, it is even more critical that parents, county agents, ag teachers, 4-H leaders, scientists and teachers instill in the next generations the realities of life that farming depends on. Does America want to become a net importer of food in 50 years?

I appreciate Mrs. Obama’s garden, Whole Foods specialty markets, organic and natural producers. They have a niche market. But who is going to feed the other 99 percent of our burgeoning population, much less a hungry Third World?

Those kids, our kids who are fitting steers, doing chores, picking apples, showing hogs, driving the grain truck, learning to weld, riding pens, irrigating strawberries, managing a pasture, hosing the milk room, stacking hay and learning to read the sky are assimilating the mountain of knowledge that it takes to make dirt and rain into food.

Farm kids start learning the land and the livestock when they are old enough to carry a bucket. When they help with the daily chores, they are practicing. It’s like taking piano lessons or tennis lessons except what farm kids learn has a much more profound objective: feeding us all.

Our culture expends a great deal of effort on future NBA stars, astronauts, environmental lawyers, doctors, and political science majors. But for every 100 rock stars, Rhodes scholars and Heisman trophy winners our country produces, we better make sure we spend enough to train at least two future farmers, so the rest of them can eat. That is the essence of the county fair.

Beneath all the fun, auctions, and show ribbons, the serious business of learning how to make a living off the land continues like an underground river.

The list of “essential professions” is a short one. That’s the reality of real life. Farm kids hold our future in their hands. They are in training to feed the world. And fair board members and county agents get it.

— *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* A childhood hobby rekindled

When I was a kid, I had an electric train set — a Lionel — that I received for Christmas. It included a small circle of track, and I later added a couple of electric switches. When I was a little older, I bought out the model railroad holdings of a kid who later worked part time at my parents’ newspaper and grew up to be a newspaper publisher. The equipment included a red and silver Santa Fe diesel Super Chief locomotive that was about as good as it got for a young model train buff.

In my early teens, I decided I needed to get some “real” model railroad gear. I sold my “toy” trains for almost nothing so I could get some more authentic equipment in the smaller HO scale — the size REAL model railroaders used.

It wasn’t long before I concluded that getting rid of my toy trains had been a mistake. The Lionel track came in rigid sections that were easy to assemble. Also, the wheels on the locomotives and rolling stock had deep flanges so it was difficult for them to derail. The track for the smaller HO trains had to be fastened down securely or you had constant derailments. And if the track wasn’t perfectly clean the engines wouldn’t run smoothly.

Later in my teens I lost interest in model railroading. Then I dabbled with it again in my 30s. But space and cost were limiting factors. Raising three girls in a relatively small house left little room for railroads. And Sara didn’t really appreciate the switching yard I tried to build in a corner of our bedroom.

The railroad gear eventually went back into storage.

I have now reached the age where I have the room for a model railroad and could more easily afford at least some of the equipment. The only problem has been lack of ambition. Every time I thought about starting a new railroad I thought about how time consuming it is to lay track and build decent-looking scenery.

Another problem is a grown man playing with trains is sort of like collecting old Soviet cameras. When you start explaining your hobby to someone, the listener’s eyes usually roll back in their sockets and the person obviously is fighting to stay awake.

Recently, however, I discovered a way to satisfy my railroading passions without most of the previously mentioned issues.

My new model railroad includes more than 20 scale miles of track with about 50 sidings and spurs. I currently have about a dozen accurately detailed diesel locomotives — all wearing Union Pacific colors. I have rolling stock of all sorts that will automatically take on loads of grain, coal, oil, or whatever is appropriate from automated industries along the route. Locomotive performance even takes into account the size of the loads they are pulling and the steepness of grades.

It’s a great feeling to finally have the kind of model railroad I always dreamed about building — with engines that stay on the track and run smoothly. My next addition to my layout will probably be ...

Darn! Sara says she wants to send an e-mail to someone. I’m going to have to shut down my railroad and let her use the computer for that more mundane task.

A virtual model railroad has its advantages. But it doesn’t produce the smell of a hot electric train motor, the hum of the transformer that controlled the engine or the clack of an electric switch moving so the train can go onto a siding. Those special enhancements are stored in my memory banks, not on the computer.

— *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.*



Guest editorial, District 23 Rep. Stephen Hartgen Legislature looks for more ways to tighten the belt

While Idaho’s economy continues to drift in a national recession, it is a good time to look to the recovery ahead and what economic principles should guide Idaho’s business and political leaders.

In that effort, a group of nearly 30 Idaho House members have put together a platform of prosperity principles that emphasize limited government, fiscal responsibility and low taxes. I am pleased to review some of these conservative ideas.

The first objective is to strengthen our state economy by encouraging investment, entrepreneurship and private sector revitalization. Nothing will accomplish this better than improving our competitive edge by limiting or reducing income taxes for both individuals and businesses. Those who advocate increasing taxes as a short-term way of maintaining government’s size are missing how the private sector works to create jobs.

A second objective is to maintain common sense in our Idaho state budget. To that end, we should resist substantive fee increases, levies and surcharges as measures that weigh on private investment, not encourage it. Limiting Idaho’s governmental growth is critical. For two decades, from 1990 to 2010, Idaho’s population grew by more than half a million people, an increase of about 50 percent. But our government costs grew from \$1 billion to more than \$3 billion, a 200 percent increase.

If we had held the growth of government to the same rate as the population increase, we would not have to painfully wrench state costs downward so sharply in this recession. (The most recent projections show Idaho at below a \$2.3

billion budget for the current year, off at least \$700 million in 18 months.

Keeping us in balance at this new level will mean painful cuts, which could have been avoided by more, not less, prudence in prior years. Yet many spenders, both in and out of government, continually advocated even more costs in those times, and some still do, despite the clear weakness of this logic.)

A third principle is to find savings in governmental restructuring. We have seen two successful announcements of this in recent days, both initiated by Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter. One is with the state Human Rights Commission, which is proposed to move into the Department of Labor. The other is the Department of Parks and Recreation, which is proposing more of a business approach to parks management, to include broader entrance fees, unit-by-unit business plans and staff cuts in Boise. A third opportunity is the Idaho Capitol Commission, on which I have proudly served, but which is now winding down after completing the Capitol renovation. Two positions there will be dropped in the coming budget year.

If savings can be found in entities like these, there are surely more for the looking, if we are up to the task. The tree of government, well watered by taxes and fees, grows like a Russian Olive on a Southern Idaho ditch bank; intelligent pruning is a well-proven, if not so well-exercised, option. We need more such efforts, not fewer. We must prune the cloth of government to fit the body of what our

— See *Budget*, page 21



Commentary

Financial management

Do your homework to find profitable foreclosure deals

Dear Dave,

I want to buy a foreclosure. How do I go about it, and where do I look? I'm having a hard time making anything happen, because it seems like the real estate brokers are buying them up before I know they're available or have a chance to look at them.

— Jeff



want a chance to make a deal!

Another problem I noticed was that a lot of the people who were being foreclosed on owed lots more on the house than I was ever willing to pay. Plus, it's really tough to get a short sale worked out in the two or three weeks before the foreclosure actually occurs. So, I started looking for houses that had some decent equity in them. I'd leave it alone if the house was worth \$110,000 and there was still \$100,000 owed. But if you've got a situation

where they owe \$100,000 and it's worth \$300,000, *then* we've got something to talk about!

Once you find some good possibilities, cut them out of the local newspaper or legal publication, then go to the courthouse and look up how much each one of them owed. That culls about 90 percent of them. After that, I'd just drive over and talk to the 10 percent that are left. I found lots of good deals just talking to the owner before the foreclosure sale took place!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I bought some furniture a while back on what we thought was a 24-months-same-as-cash plan. The original purchase price was \$1,600.

The other day, I got a call from a collector saying that it was actually a 12-month plan, and the balance is now \$2,800. We looked at the contract, and it was our mistake on the length of the plan. Still, that makes the interest rate about 30 percent. Is there anything we can do about this?

— Robert

Dear Robert,

This is one of the reasons I tell people to stay away from "same as cash" agreements. You may not have agreed to a specific percentage rate, and I'll bet it's something less when you factor in the time before *and* after the 12-month period ended. Still, I'm pretty sure that when you signed the contract you *did* agree to have this thing convert to a financed

contract if you didn't pay it off in 12 months. These kinds of deals are really scummy. Not only have they charged you interest since the 12-month period ended, they've also back-charged you interest for the entire length of the contract!

These same-as-cash contracts are a bear trap, Robert. They're designed to screw you over big time. You can try to dispute it, but I've got a feeling you'll lose and have to pay about \$1,200 in stupid tax on this one. Lots of people think they can pull one over on a company with the "same as cash" deal, but stuff almost always comes up — even if you don't misread the contract. I've said it a million times, Robert. If you play with snakes, you *will* be bitten!

— Dave

Letter to the editor

School board backs levy

The residents of Marsing have a wonderful opportunity on Feb. 9 to show our children that their future is important.

Forty years ago, our brave forebearers from Marsing, Homedale, Wilder, Parma and Notus recognized the need to join together, creating opportunities for our children with Professional/Technical training, Gifted/Talented education, alternative high school, and Special Education. COSSA (Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency) was born.

Throughout time, these programs have grown and improved as has the industry and special education laws. Other things are also changing; we are spending money towards costly repairs on these building that we have outgrown. The COSSA consortium has found a way to build a facility that would provide new buildings to house our programs, bring them to one central location, reducing transportation and maintenance costs, while providing room to expand and grow.

Homedale, Wilder, Parma and Notus have already embraced this challenge, passing either a levy or bond. What will Marsing do as we now stand at our own defining moment and are asked to vote on a \$237,000 (per year for two years) supplemental levy to raise funds for our community's share?

The time has come to keep up with the changing needs of industry and job opportunities, and prepare our youth for the future they will face. Will we say "yes" to the growing, expanding needs and future of our children, a future filled with success, pride and progress with the effort of our citizenry and teamwork? Or will we say "no", stagnate and let the opportunity slip away. We feel we must vote "yes" as this levy is about each of us defining our character and moral responsibility to someone other than ourselves. The decision to shape the future once again rests on our shoulders and depends on us.

We, the Marsing School Board, humbly ask for your support.

Joe Usabel, chair; David VanWassenhove, vice-chair; Betty Ackerman; Clay Sauer and Michelle Jacobi

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

Spending does not save



The president will release his budget request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 this month. As a member of the Senate Budget Committee, I will be reviewing the proposal and questioning administration officials when they appear before the committee. I will approach the hearings with the faint hope that the administration recognizes that we cannot spend our way to prosperity. Initial indications, however, are not promising.

Rather than controlling spending, the administration priority seems to be raising taxes to support additional spending. The full details of the president's budget aren't available yet, but it is troubling that the first official budget proposal announced is a tax increase on selected banks, including some that did not receive government bailout funds. Unfortunately, this is a clear signal from the administration that tax increases on individuals and businesses alike will continue to form the backbone of its fiscal policy. In addition, the non-partisan budget experts at the Congressional Budget Office will likely repeat what they already determined on the health care bill: that the fees imposed on various health care industries would likely be passed on to consumers.

There have also been reports suggesting that the White House may make a proposal claiming fiscal responsibility for holding discretionary spending flat, based on the levels of last year's spending. Unfortunately, such a proposal would not be a sign of fiscal responsibility because such a "flat" budget would be based on last year's inflated baseline. Despite the difficult fiscal situation we were already facing, Congressional leadership significantly increased discretionary spending in the recently enacted Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 spending bills — in some cases, more than 23 percent over FY 2009 levels.

These massive increases do not even take into account the hundreds of billions of dollars in un-offset discretionary funding provided in last year's stimulus bill, which had the effect of providing many government programs with an extra year's worth of spending. Taking this into account, it is clear that the proposal to hold next year's spending at these inflated levels does not show true fiscal responsibility. It shows a willingness to play games with the budget to disguise the overspending already incurred.

Moreover, there have been no proposals from the administration to address the biggest challenge we face: \$70 trillion in unfunded liabilities over the next 75 years for entitlement programs. Instead, we have the Democrats' health care reform proposal, which provides for a major expansion of Medicaid and the creation of a massive new entitlement program.

In December, Congress voted to raise the debt limit to an all-time record high of nearly \$12.4 trillion. Now, we are back with a proposal before us to raise the debt ceiling to more than \$14 trillion. Of the portion of our debt that is held by the public, foreign governments and private entities hold nearly half. China alone holds 11 percent of our debt held by the public. Recently, Moody's suggested that the U.S. could ultimately lose its AAA rating if fiscal deficits and heavy debts are not effectively managed.

There are serious economic consequences for not restraining our deficits and debt. Our budget situation is not something we can paper over simply to move on to the next issue. We cannot continue to play political games with the budget. But to claim fiscal responsibility for proposing to hold spending flat after having increased it by substantial amounts, both in the appropriations process and with the stimulus bill, the previous year is doing just that.

√ Budget

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citizens can afford, just as we must all trim our personal expenses in tough times.

A fourth principle is to assert our state's sovereignty against what seems like an endless assault by the federal government under the current Obama administration. The Constitution and Bill of Rights were framed to help create

an appropriate federal union, but left states and citizens essential rights. The 10th Amendment helps assure we keep them, despite efforts to force health care mandates, impose cap and trade and weaken our right to own firearms. Idaho is known as a leading state in defending appropriate sovereign principles. We legislators pledge to do what we can to preserve them today, and for tomorrow.

We have a difficult job this year in balancing Idaho's budget in a down economy, in striking the right balance

between preservation of essential services, removing costs where we can, and in protecting our citizens from excessive regulation and higher taxes. The sound principles of fiscal responsibility, limited taxes and efficient government within our means are goals we are proud to stand by in these challenging times. Our Platform for Prosperity will keep Idaho safe, responsible and strong.

— District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) represents Owyhee County and western Twin Falls.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 6, 1985

Commissioners to testify before state committee

Officials from Owyhee County will show their side of the Envirosafe waste dump argument before the Environmental Affairs Committee today at the Idaho Legislature. This follows testimony by representatives from ESII last week, before the same group.

Idaho Director of Operations for ESII, Larry Haack, spoke before the Environmental Affairs group and presented a 14-minute film strip on the hazardous waste dump located near Grand View, according to Owyhee County Environmental Safety officer Dr. Charles Scott. The Owyhee County Commissions who attended that session felt like they had no opportunity to respond to comments made by ESII. Scott said Rep. Francis Field (R-Grand View) pressed the environmental commission to hear the Owyhee County view and was accepted. The meeting is slated for Room 404 in the Statehouse at 1:30pm, said Scott, and is open to the public.

The county and State of Idaho health officers will once again test land on the Russell Fox farm below the Grand View dump for evidence of polychlorinated biphenyls, following a flash flood last June that coursed through drums of the PCBs stored above ground. According to the preliminary test results this month, readings of 3 parts per million and 4 parts per million were found in the field in the path of the flood waters. Russell Fox was in California and unavailable for comment.

Activities association denies Marsing’s appeal to remain A-4

The Idaho High School Activities Association will stick to its guns on a decision to move Marsing from A-4 athletic competition to A-3. The ruling followed a meeting of the Marsing School District and parent representatives with the IHSSA board on Jan. 30.

The IHSAA denied the Marsing appeal to remain in A-4 competition, announced Pat Charleton, Assistant Director for the activities association. “The feeling was that we couldn’t allow any deviation in our ruling on the matter,” he said. Charleton said Post Falls was also denied their request to stay in A-2, rather than advance to A-1. Burley and Moscow were allowed one more year in A-2.

In September, 1984, the IHSAA ruled that Marsing must “bump up” into A-3 competition with the likes of Homedale, Fruitland and New Plymouth after the school population was counted at 152. Several weeks later, migrant students left, dropping the tally to 141, lower than the bottom line of 149. A-3 numbers can range up to 375.

Charleton said Director Dick Stickle would speak with the schools in the A-3 Western Idaho Conference to see if Marsing could play football at the A-4 level, and other sports at A-3. The football team would not be allowed to compete in A-4 playoff of championship games, however. Charleton said a date has not been set yet for this talk.

The figures used for the IHSAA delineation are from the Idaho Department of Education, those turned in for the ADA (Average Daily Attendance) reimbursement to the district from the state, said Charleton. The IHSAA board used the 152 number, because that was available for the ADA budgeting deadline. He added that the board considered the Marsing decision a “matter of consistency” as they hadn’t allowed other districts to remain in the lower bracket.

Steve Jones, Marsing High School Principal and Athletic Director said the school would attempt to work with the IHSAA on the ruling. He said there might be some hope that Marsing could compete in the A-4 playoffs but this has not been determined yet.

In some sports, such as basketball, Marsing could compete without a much greater risk of injury, although the number of players was very important in football, said Jones. He added that Marsing would continue to compete in A-4 football, even if they could not go to playoffs, because it is important that the team get out and play each week.

50 years ago

February 4, 1960

Weekend victories keep Trojan win streak intact

Homedale broke loose from a 30-19 halftime lead and poured in 52 points in the second half. The Trojans shot a hot 47 percent from the floor, compared with New Plymouth’s 28 percent mark.

Four of the Trojans hit in the double figures with Dan DeGroat leading the attack with 20 points. Del Pope had 17 to top New Plymouth.

Annual Basque dance to be held Saturday night

The annual Basque Dance will be held at the armory Saturday night starting at 9 p.m. The Jim Jausoro orchestra will play modern and Basque music during the evening.

Father George Brennan of St. Hubert’s Catholic church, which is sponsoring the dance, said a chartered bus will run from Boise for those wishing to attend from there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren are general chairmen of the dance. The ladies of the church will serve chorizos and hot coffee during the evening.

Tickets for the \$100 and \$50 dolls and proceeds from the sales should be turned in to Father Brennan by Saturday afternoon. The drawing will be held at midnight during the dance. Winner need not be present. Cash Prizes will go to the sellers of the lucky tickets.

Officers elected for Owyhee Soil Conservation

A meeting was held at the Owyhee Soil Conservation district office at Marsing January 21, to develop the district work plan and to elect officers for 1960, according to John K. Noyes, work unit conservationist.

Arlie Parkins was elected chairman, Henry Sweep, vice-chairman, and Everett Clark, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Parkins presided and stated there are numerous requests for the technical assistance and that priority should be established in the work plan to service these requests. He also declared that a well-balanced conservation program should be encouraged to assist as many farmers and ranchers as possible. All of the requests on hand were reviewed and acted upon.

Immediately following the election a meeting was called to draw up the work estimate and work loan analysis for 1960. In the work estimate the supervisors indicated the extent of each of the conservation practices needed in the district for 1960. Technical assistance will be assigned to complete these practices.

Jack Fry, Boise soil conservation commission administrative officer, was present to observe the board in action at their monthly supervisors meeting. Fry assists soil conservation districts throughout the state in carrying out their administrative and programming functions. He is informed of all of the soil conservation districts activities in the state as well as receiving information from other states and the national association of soil conservation districts regarding soil conservation district programs.

Fry commended the board of supervisors for their active program and said that it is gratifying to work with a district board of supervisors that is well organized and giving the people of the district a good conservation program.

Roy Shipley, Boise, area conservationist, soil conservation service, talked briefly on soil conservation affairs and expressed his desire to attend as many of the board meetings as possible to become better acquainted with all of the board members and the district program.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Donna Haylett and family, Grand View, spent Friday, Friday night and Saturday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stimmel.

Rick Creighton, who came from Wildwood, Ga., recently, with Mrs. and Mrs. Ben Phillips has entered the SDA church school.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Agenbroad, Bruneau, were visitors one day last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, Sr.

144 years ago

February 3, 1866

RUMOR. We have it from respectable sources that a spirit of conciliation between the two Owyhee emporiums is being manifested. It has been wisely suggested that owing to the great distance between the two cities each should have a resident Ambassador from the other. It is proposed to petition his Excellency, the Governor of I.T., to make the appointment. As the Governor is certainly unprejudiced, he would doubtless make wise selections. We have heard the name of John C. Holga’e, Esq., of Ruby, mentioned as a suitable man for the Silver mission. The Silverites would receive him warmly. Miles and Brown (not J. L.) are seeking the position. As the peace and dignity of the two emporiums are at stake, we hope the Governor will not decide hastily. The Silverites are urging Hughey McGraw for diplomatic honors. We’ve heard the Rubyites speak well of him. We are glad that matters are becoming more conciliatory, and that the goose is assuming a greater altitude.

SABBATH SCHOOL FESTIVAL. This entertainment comes on as per programme on last Monday evening. The arrangements, management, exercises and audience were in the highest degree creditable to this projectors and community. The Christmas Tree was superiorly decorated with lights and a variety of gifts. From forty to fifty children received from one to three presents each. If any got none, the fault was not with the managers. Gentlemen embraced the opportunity to load the tree with fit gifts – tokens of regard – for their lady friends; also, with substantial favors for Rev. L. Case. The exercises consisted in prayer, sacred music, scriptural readings, addresses, &c., in all, fifteen exercises well performed. Add to this the bursts of laughter accompanying special gifts to gentlemen, and the risible remarks by the elated and happy children, and an idea of the whole is obtained. We’ve worried out several years in the mountains, attended similar festivals, and freely say this surpassed them all. Owyhee people contribute generously and their entertainments are superb. Just think of a large church neatly decorated, brilliantly lighted, densely filled with youth and age of both sexes, a splendid choir aided by a melodeon, and over two hundred dollars’ worth of gifts on a Christmas Tree in Owyhee, and it’s pride inspiring. See all this and yourself in the midst as we are on Monday evening, and the rocky and remote location is forgotten and a retaste of “God’s Country” keenly enjoyed.

While due credit is freely accorded to many ladies and gentlemen – from Minear’s Mill to Boonville – the chief meed belongs to Thomas H. Smith, Esq. When he and the children decided to have it, nearly all were against it – especially the Sabbath School officers. Mr. S. labored to entertain the children of others – as his family is not here. His actions were prompted by the noble virtue of unselfishness. He has earned the thanks of the parents and gratitude of their children, and gave the public a choice entertainment – one creditable to any place, especially to Owyhee. The greatest point gained is the increased love of the children for Sabbath School.

OPEN. The road via Boonville to Reynolds Creek has been open and teams passing over it for several days. Fourteen loaded sleighs came over on Monday, and during the week 25,000 lbs. of freight have been brought over. The road is splendid all the way to Boise City and the large amount of goods in store there, for Owyhee merchants, may soon be expected. According to the old woman’s saying that “bread is the staff of life, but whisky is life itself,” we are out of “life” just now, though there is flour enough to meet present wants.

THE OWYHEE Debating Club have decided that the right of suffrage must be coupled with the ability to read and write the English language intelligibly. The question for next Thursday is “Resolved, That the discovery of gold upon the Pacific Coast has been prolific of more evil than good to the United States.”

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 19th2010
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Payment of all Outstanding Bills: Current Expense \$36,983, Road & Bridge \$34,950, District Court \$1,524, Probation \$462, Indigent & Charity \$2,113, Revaluation \$774, Solid Waste \$13,111, Weed \$70, 911 \$1,769.

Letter to all Employees and Elected Officials on spending.

Quarterly Jail Inspection conducted.

Approved Maintenance Agreement with Twin Falls Highway District.

Appointment of Leslie Jayo to Represent County on RC&D Committee.

Approved catering permit for Owyhee Cattlemen’s.

Indigent & Charity: 10-04, 10-05 liens approved. 09-55, 10-03 approved payment. 09-51, 09-54 denied-not the last resource.

Appointed Representatives for Interoperable Com Governance Committee.

Approved purchase of two computers for Sheriff’s Dispatch.

Executive Session 67-2345 (1),(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) personnel and attorney memo’s.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is an Application for Lot Split filed by Dennis Pruett. The Applicant is proposing to split the property between Pruett Tire Store and the lumber yard and store. For more particulars, a copy of the application and details of the split can be viewed at City Hall during regular business hours.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE A-175

A N O R D I N A N C E ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF MARSING; ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE ANNEXED PROPERTY AS RESIDENTIAL; DIRECTING THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE BE FILED AS PROVIDED BY LAW; DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO ALTER THE USE AND AREA MAP ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho (the “City”), is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of Idaho and is authorized to annex and to incorporate within the boundaries of the City contiguous real property in the manner provided by Section 50-222, Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, the owners of

the real property situated in the unincorporated area of Owyhee County and particularly described in Section 2 of this ordinance have consented, in writing, to annexation of said real property to the City of Marsing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission, pursuant to public hearing as required by law, held a **public hearing on the 5th day of January, 2010, on the proposed annexation and zoning** for the real property described in Section 2 below, as required by Section 67-6525, Idaho Code, made findings as required by law, and determined that the consented annexation should be granted and that the annexed property should be zoned Residential pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, as follows:

Section 1: The Mayor and Council of the City of Marsing, Idaho (the “City”), hereby find and declare that the real property described in Section 2 of this ordinance is contiguous to the City, that said property can be reasonably assumed to be used for the orderly development of the City, that the owner of said property has consented, in writing, to annexation of said property by the City, and that the requirements of Section 50-222, Idaho Code, for annexation of said property, have been satisfied.

Section 2: The following-described real property, all situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as:

A parcel of land lying in the SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 3, T.2N., R.4W., Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin marking the corner common to Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, T.2N., R.4W., Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence, N.01°43’56”W. 2639.94 feet along the line common to said Sections 3 and 4 to an iron pin marking the 1/4 corner common to said Sections 3 and 4; thence continuing along said line common to Sections 3 and 4 and the centerline of State Highway 78, N.01°47’45”W. 50.00 feet to the **point of beginning**;

thence continuing along said line common to Sections 3 and 4 and the centerline of State Highway 78, N.01°47’45”W. 603.90 feet;

thence, N.88°12’15”E. 33.00 feet;

thence, N.85°32’15”E. 100.00 feet;

thence, S.46°32’45”E. 107.12 feet;

thence, S.69°37’45”E. 247.25 feet;

thence, S.01°47’45”E. 445.00 feet;

thence, S.89°01’39”W. 404.32 feet;

thence, S.88°12’15”W. 33.00 feet to the **point of beginning**, said parcel containing 4.50 acres, more or less.

Is hereby annexed into the City of Marsing. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, the residents and other occupants and property owners within such area shall enjoy all the rights and responsibilities and shall be subject to all ordinances, resolutions, police regulations, taxation and other powers of the City of Marsing as their fellow residents, occupants, and owners

within the City of Marsing.

Section 3: The zoning land use classification of the land described in Section 2 above is hereby established Residential, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City. The Zoning Map of the City is hereby amended to include the real property described in Section 2 above in the zoning land use classification.

Section 4: The City Clerk is hereby directed to file, within ten (10) days of passage and approval of this Ordinance, a certified copy of this Ordinance with the offices of the Auditor, Treasurer, and Assessor of Owyhee County, Idaho, and with the Idaho State Tax Commission, Boise, Idaho, as required by Section 50-223, Idaho Code, and to comply with the provisions of Section 63-215, Idaho Code, with regard to the preparation and filing of a map and legal description of the real property annexed by this Ordinance.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law. In lieu of publication of the entire ordinance, a summary thereof in compliance with Section 50-901A, Idaho Code, may be published.

DATED this 13th day of January, 2010.

CITY OF MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho

Keith D. Green, Mayor

ATTEST: Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho for the purpose of gathering public testimony regarding a proposed annexation and residential zoning of one parcel of land located contiguous to the City of Marsing on the east side of Highway 78, and more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land lying in the SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 3, T.2N., R.4W., Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin marking the corner common to Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, T.2N., R.4W., Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence, N.01°43’56”W. 2639.94 feet along the line common to said Sections 3 and 4 to an iron pin marking the 1/4 corner common to said Sections 3 and 4 and the **point of beginning**;

thence continuing along said line common to Sections 3 and 4 and the centerline of State Highway 78, N.01°47’45”W. 50.00 feet;

thence, N.89°12’15”E. 33.00 feet to the SW corner of the property described in Instrument No. 73494, in Book 36 of Deeds at Page 181, records of the Owyhee County Recorder, Murphy, Idaho;

thence, N.89°01’39”E. 404.32 feet along the south line of said property described in Instrument No. 73494 to the SE corner of said property described in Instrument No. 73494.;

thence, S.00°21’55”W. 60.65 feet to the south line of the said

SW1/4 NW1/4;

thence, N.89°38’05”W. 435.30feet along said south line of the SW1/4 NW1/4 to the **point of beginning**, said parcel containing 0.56 acres, more or less.

Interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing. Written comment will be accepted until February 18, 2010 at 5:00 pm. Comments may be submitted by mail to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing 83639, or hand delivered to Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing.

Christy Martinat
Planning & Zoning Secretary

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Unit #E-2, Kendall Sodorf, 6083 Howard Rd., Marsing ID 83639, 8x8 with misc. household items.

Unit #I-9 Gina Wilkerson, 1911 E. Railroad St. Apt. 1, Nampa, ID 83687, 9x12 with misc. household items.

Sealed bids will be accepted at Hwy 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Hwy 95 Homedale, ID on February 13, 2010 between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm.

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SPECIAL MEETING

The Southwest District Board of Health will hold a special meeting on February 11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Southwest District Health, Room 206, 920 Main Street, Caldwell, Idaho.

Special meeting called to review and make decisions on lease agreement documents for Southwest District Health’s Canyon County building project.

10:00 CALL TO ORDER, Bill Brown, Chairman

10:05 Introduce Guests, Bill Brown.

Shelley Shannon, Executive Director, Idaho Health Facilities Authority; Michael Stoddard, Bond Counsel, Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP; Cameron Arial, Vice President, Government Relations, Zions Bank; Michael Kane, Kane and Associates, Attorney-at-Law; Stan Olson, Olson & Associates Architects

10:15 Introduce Statutory Authority for lease agreement transaction, Bruce Krosch

10:20 Presentation and review of lease agreement documents, Shelley Shannon, Michael Stoddard

11:00 Attorney representing Southwest District Health discussion, Michael Kane

11:15 Comments from Zions Bank representative, Cameron Arial

11:30 Comments from project architect, Stan Olson

11:45 Entertain motions to modify or approve lease agreement documents, Bill Brown

12:00 ADJOURN

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On May 18, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 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:

South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast

Quarter, Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, 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 the address of **7320 Pony Lane, 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 Arthur E. Crandall and Belen F. Crandall, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 27, 2008, as Instrument No. 266040, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho, 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 \$2,761.22 for the months of December 2008 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 \$366,493.22 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 7.875% from November 1, 2008, 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 10th day of January, 2010.

Sumnerli 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 **www.justlawidaho.com** or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: January 13, 2010 File No.: 7023.00099 Sale date and time (local time): May 17, 2010 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 8028 Owyhee View Lane Melba, ID 83641 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Bryce P. Jensen and Melody Jensen, husband and wife Original trustee: Title One Corporation Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for M&T Bank Recording date: May 22, 2007 Recorder’s instrument number: 261067 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of January 13, 2010: \$266,787.58 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Parcel I: A parcel of land being a portion of Government Lots 4 and 5 lying in Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 5; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 and the centerline of State Highway No. 78, North 00 degrees 17’ 00’’ West 619.10 feet to a railroad spike; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of Government Lot 5 and said centerline of State Highway No. 78, North 89 degrees 11’ 40’’ East 388.01 feet to an iron pin; thence North 41 degrees 59’ 41’’ East 166.98 feet to an iron pin; thence North 05 degrees 17’ 47’’ East 62.01 feet to an iron pin; thence North 15 degrees 59’ 50’’ East 105.56 feet to an iron pin; thence North 25 degrees 30’ 13’’ East 26.97 feet to an iron pin; thence North 55 degrees 51’ 14’’ East 69.51 feet to an iron pin; thence North 88 degrees 33’ 30’’ East 10.47 feet to an iron pin marking the Real Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 17’ 00’’ West 746.58 feet to an iron pin; thence South 67 degrees 21’ 00’’ East 312.35 feet to an iron pin; thence South 60 degrees 31’ 00’’ East 41.65 feet to an iron pin; thence South 00 degrees 17’ 00’’ East 597.64 feet to an iron pin; thence South 88 degrees 33’ 30’’ East 323.88 feet to the Real Point of Beginning. Parcel II: Together with a 30 foot wide ingress-egress easement lying 15.00 feet left of and 15.00 feet right of the following described centerline. Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of Government Lot 5 of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise, Meridian;

thence along the Westerly boundary of said Section 6, said Westerly boundary also being the centerline of State Highway No. 78 North 00 degrees 17’ 00’’ West 634.10 feet to a point; thence leaving said Westerly boundary and centerline, North 89 degrees 11’ 40’’ East 33.00 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of said State Highway No. 78 said point being the Real Point of Beginning; thence leaving said Easterly right-of-way, North 89 degrees 11’ 40’’ East 368.76 feet to a point; thence North 41 degrees 59’ 41’’ East 146.54 feet to an iron pin; thence North 05 degrees 17’ 47’’ East 62.01 feet to an iron pin; thence North 15 degrees 59’ 50’’ East 105.56 feet to an iron pin; thence North 25 degrees 30’ 13’’ East 26.97 feet to an iron pin; thence North 55 degrees 51’ 14’’ East 69.51 feet to an iron pin; thence North 88 degrees 33’ 30’’ East 859.67 feet to an iron pin; thence North 84 degrees 43’ 16’’ East 395.72 feet to a point of ending in the above described 30 foot wide Ingress-Egress Easement The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.00099) 1002.143829-FEI
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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

T.S. No.: ID -233616-C Loan No.: 7439755349 A.P.N.: RPA00000103916A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 4/19/2010 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: A portion of land situate in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian. Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the West Quarter comer of the above described Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence North 0° 48’ East along the West section line of Section 10, 120.00 feel to a point which is THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continuing North 0° 48’ East along the West section line of Section 10, 88.95 reel to a point; thence South 88°44’ East 190.00 feet to a point; thence South 0° 48’ West 88.95 feet to a point; thence North 88°44 West 190.00 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 507 EAST 2ND STREET SOUTH 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: DAVID M. PATTERSON and CHRISTINA M. PATTERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantors, to ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW CORPORATION, as Trustee, for the benefit and

security of “MERS” MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER EQUIFIRST CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 7/28/2005, recorded 7/29/2005, as Instrument No. 252765 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 7/28/2005. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of 539.24, due per month from 9/1/2009 through 4/19/2010, 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 \$62,862.38, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.0% per annum from 8/1/2009. 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: 12/11/2009 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# 3377393
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TS No. 09-0182380 Title Order No. 0908695421DGNO 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

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 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 1/13,20,27;2/3/10

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



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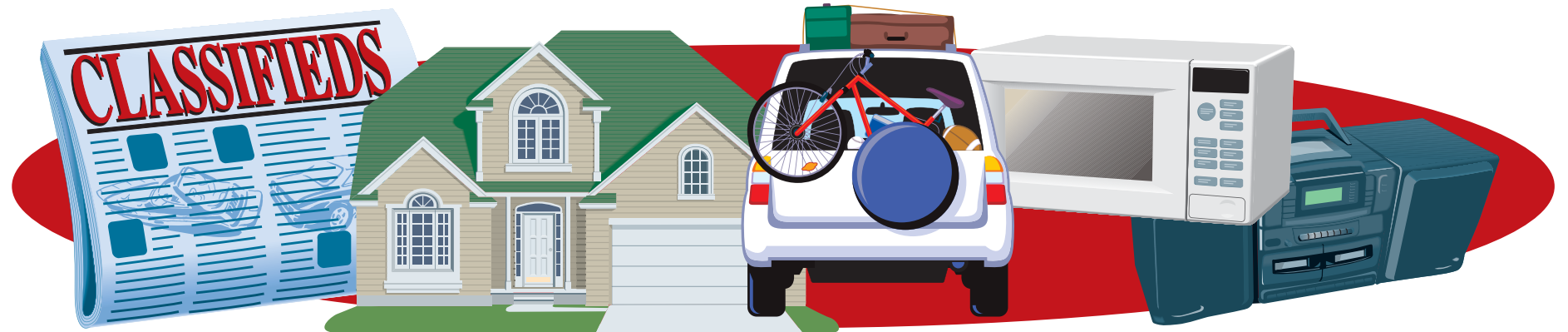
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Peanut Butter \$259
ea.
16.3 oz.

Chinet Plates \$299
ea.
15 ct.

Rotel
Tomatoes \$129
ea.
10 oz.

Friskies Canned
Cat Food 2 for \$1
5.5 oz.

Western Family
Ice Cream &
Sherbet 719¢
ea.
5 qt.

Marie Callender's
Pies \$639
ea.

We will have fresh
Flowers, Cards,
Balloons & Candy
for your Valentine!
Don't Forget

HOURS: MON. - SAT. 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. - SUNDAY 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
MARSING, IDAHO

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