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Annual Smorgasbord serves 2,000

Though the numbers were down slightly from 2009 — with 2,005 served versus 2,300 — the Homedale Elementary School was packed on Saturday as diners sampled a variety of cuisine from around the world at the Homedale International Smorgasbord.

Some diners came from as far as Boise, with a senior center there hiring a bus to attend the feed.

The event took in \$6,616 in ticket sales this year, chair Michelle Burks said in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche. Part of the funds, pooled with money raised last year, will be used to purchase playground equipment for the fifth- and sixth-graders by the middle school.

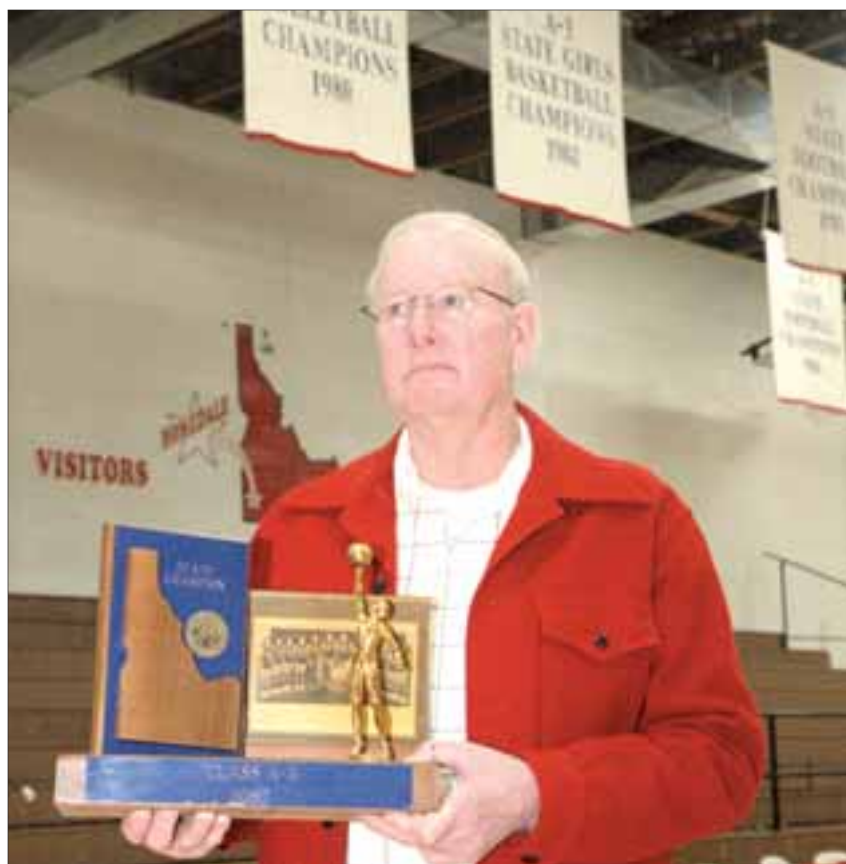
Smorgasbord money raised is divided between the high school, middle school and elementary school each year.

Burks said that the count doesn't

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Trojan champs become “Legends”



Decked out in a coat he wore at games in 1980, former Homedale coach Dean Vance holds the state championship trophy and stands under the title banner.

Only girls' hoops title team honored at state championship tourney

Even 30 years later, the competitive fire still burns within the women who made up Homedale High School's only girls' basketball state championship team.

Due in part to an exhaustive catalogue and campaign launched by the players themselves, that Trojans squad will be honored with a Legends of the Game designation during halftime of Saturday's 5A championship game at the Real Dairy Shootout state tournament at the Idaho Center.

The Homedale team also receives a two-page spread in the state tournament program, which begins circulating at Thursday's opening-round games throughout the Treasure Valley.

The award actually stems from the fact that at least one of the players on that 1980 squad was steamed to find out that another team from that era — the 1979 McCall-Donnelly squad that the Trojans had beaten — got the designation at last year's state

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HHS junior establishes American lifting mark

Todd Bahem's right smack in the middle of a wrestling season, which you think wouldn't give him time for other things.

But his dedication to the Homedale High School wrestling team doesn't seem to hinder his ability to turn the local power lifting community on its ear.

Even though he apparently hasn't worked on his technique, the Homedale junior annihilated an American record in only his second meet. In his first competition last year, Bahem missed a national record because he fouled on his attempts.

The 114-pound 17-year-old



Todd Bahem

ing Idaho State Open High School championships.

“He killed the record, actually,” Team Idaho power lifting coach

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bench-pressed 205 pounds to break the raw American bench press record for 16- to 17-year-olds during the Feb. 6 United States Power Lift-



Todd Bahem also won Miss Beast 2010 at a fundraiser last week. *Story, Page 5*

Library expansion presented as option

Mayor says more info could come next month

Mayor Harold Wilson says he will have more information on the effort to build a new Homedale Public Library in March. Meanwhile, the idea of expanding the existing library has been floated.

Wilson briefly addressed the issue during Wednesday's City Council meeting, saying that he expects to have “numbers” in time for a March 10 meeting.

“Beyond that, I'm not going to say anything,” Wilson said during the meeting.

Resident Pete Austin told the mayor he had attended the meeting to hear more about the library, and got what he was looking for when the mayor made his statement.

Austin told The Owyhee Avalanche that he hopes the city weighs all its options before making a decision on the library facility.

“My concern is that I'm not

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Marsing second COSSA levy run nets overwhelming “yes”

By the closing of the polls at 8 p.m. 444 votes had been cast: 284 yes and 160 no — the largest voter turnout since the 2001 bond election, Holzhey said, at 22 percent. The second run of the issue brought more than twice the number of voters out than the first attempt — an attempt that failed passage by just three votes among 178.

The passage of the supplemental levy, approving a \$474,000-over-two-years increase to property taxes to pay Marsing’s portion of the planned Canyon-Owyhee School Services technical center, means Marsing students will have access to the same technical, nursing, alternative high school and special education and gifted classes as the other member districts — Homedale, Notus, Parma and Wilder.

“I think it was very positive – I’m pleased our patrons chose to take advantage of the opportunity that was available,” Marsing superintendent Harold Shockley said.

“I wasn’t that surprised (at the outcome),” Shockley said. “I was concerned, because we had a very concerted effort of the antis who got out and worked everything hard.”

Despite those concerns, Shockley said he heard from many district voters who had assumed the project was a “no-brainer” and had missed the first vote for a variety of reasons.

In answer to voters who asked the “why again” question, Shockley said that, had the initial run been a landslide, the district would have likely not re-run the levy.

“If it had been a landslide, like the Canyon County jail, I don’t think we’d have re-run it,” he said. “It wasn’t a landslide ... the irony is that we know we had three people show up at the wrong door, which was locked, with yes votes (in the first run).”

While a near 2-to-1 win margin is a reward in itself, Shockley took his greatest satisfaction from the support of residents.

“I was most pleased that we had a lot of community people that were out there beating the brush for us, it wasn’t just us,” he said.

The tech center’s target opening date is Sept. 10, on 17 acres donated by the Wilder school district.

— MML



A-10s practice search and rescue over Homedale

Residents felt the rumble of jet engines Thursday morning as a pair of A-10 Thunderbolts from Gowen Field circled Homedale at low altitude. The two planes were part of a search-and-rescue exercise, Lt. Col. Tim Marsano of the Idaho National Guard said.

The exercise was designed to mimic the search for a downed pilot behind enemy lines, he explained. The A-10s, which can fly low and slow, locate a downed pilot and then clear enemy forces from the area. When the area is deemed secure enough, a helicopter would retrieve the pilot, Marsano said.

The Idaho High School Activities Association presents 2010 “Legends of the Game”



1980 Homedale Girls Basketball State Championship Team

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| Darren Krzesnik | Tim Quintana | Leah Bell | |

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Citizens learn about F-35 impact
Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, public information officer for the Idaho National Guard, points out for residents that the fly zone for the F-35s will be the same as existing military aircraft used in the area.

Politicos, residents ponder F-35 impacts

While public interest seemed low, with only eight or ten residents attending in the first couple of hours, the F-35 scoping meeting at Marsing High School on Feb. 8 saw numerous representatives from the Air Force, National Guard and government present to promote the idea of training and operational squadrons of the advanced fighter jet at Gowen Field and Mountain Home Air Force Base, respectively.

Both Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter, District 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland and District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen attended the meeting. Most questions from residents centered on impacts the jets might cause. Lt. Col. Tim Marsano of the Idaho Air National Guard said the planes would use the already existing training areas used by F-15 and F-16 aircraft, and the A-10 Thunderbolts. He expected the noise impacts to be nearly identical.

“It’s a louder plane, but it flies a lot higher,” he said.

The economic impact of the two possible squadrons, 72 operational aircraft out of Mountain Home and 72 trainers out of Gowen Field, could be as great as \$1 billion in infrastructure alone, representatives said. Selection of both sites could bring as many as 3,000 career jobs to Southwestern Idaho, a release provided by the Idaho Department of Commerce stated. Impacts to business and the state economy beyond the initial jobs created could be greater, the release said.

The training squadron and operational squadron’s final locations will be chosen separately, and multiple states are angling for the planes at the present time.

Comments for the preliminary Environmental Impact Statement for the training squadron can be made with the form available online at www.f-35atrainingeis.com. More information on the F-35 project can be found at the Idaho Department of Commerce site at idahoF-35.com.

Questions sought for Homedale town hall

Legislators meet with constituents next week

A town hall featuring Owyhee County’s three-person delegation to the 2010 Idaho Legislature takes place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. N.

District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), 23A Rep. Jim Patrick and 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen (both R-Twin Falls) are scheduled to attend the town hall, which The Owyhee Avalanche will moderate.

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.



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Fair board appoints new leaders

New officers and new projects have been approved by the Owyhee County Fair Board.

New board president Kelly Aberasturi reported to the Board of County Commissioners on Feb. 8.

A Homedale resident, Aberasturi was appointed to succeed David Rutan of South Mountain as president during the fair board’s annual meeting on Feb. 4. Rutan has retired from the board, leaving his position unfilled.

During the same annual meeting in Marsing, Guffey’s Shawn Dygert was installed as vice-president.

At last week’s BOCC meeting, Aberasturi suggested Owyhee County Rodeo Board member Kent Curtis as a replacement for Rutan.

“Having someone from the rodeo board is very important, but at this point in time it has been

very good working with the rodeo board,” Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi also said Marsing’s Lath Callaway had expressed interest in serving on the fair board.

The BOCC was expected to appoint Rutan’s replacement at Tuesday’s meeting. Results of the meeting weren’t available at press time.

Reappointments also were expected for Mary Lootens, Kenny Tindall and Tiffany Hipwell after all three said they would be willing to continue on the board. Hipwell’s appointment expired on Jan. 1, while the current terms for Lootens and Tindall are scheduled to end April 1.

Aberasturi told commissioners that the fair board OK’d replacement of the fence separating the grandstands from the rodeo arena. He said the rodeo board members have agreed to

remove the old fencing and dig new postholes.

The bid for the replacement project is \$5,500, Aberasturi said, and that includes putting in a bigger-diameter pipe for fence posts for added safety. The older piping will be removed and saved for future needs, Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi also outlined the plan to pipe in irrigation water to moisten the rodeo arena in the run-up to fair week. Currently, city water is used, resulting in a \$1,000 bill for 2008 fair week, he said. Conversely, irrigation water costs \$40 per year.

— JPB

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Woman injured in two-car accident

Homedale Ambulance personnel Teresa Ryska, left, and Cory Uria place Betty Eoff on to a gurney after a wreck last week in town.

Homedale wreck sends one to hospital

One person was transported to West Valley Medical Center after a two-car accident on Feb. 9 at approximately 8 a.m. at the corner of West Montana Avenue and North 2nd Street West in Homedale.

A white Dodge Caravan driven by Betty Eoff collided with a grey four-door Chevy Cavalier sedan at the intersection. Homedale Fire and Homedale Ambulance responded to the scene. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to help extricate Eoff, who had been thrown forward into the footwell of her vehicle by the impact.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that early indications were that Eoff had failed to yield at the uncontrolled intersection, striking the side of the Cavalier, occupied by three high school students, whose names were not released.

The vehicles came to rest off the road surface on the southeast corner of the intersection.

An initial investigation did not locate any skid marks or signs of braking by either vehicle, Eidemiller said.

Sheriff Daryl Crandall was also on the accident scene, and said it was likely that both speed and inattentiveness were factors in the accident.

Homedale to look at stop sign needs

Task force assigned after wreck blocks from Homedale Elementary

Homedale officials will examine the city’s traffic control needs in the wake of an accident near the elementary school last week.

Assistant fire chief Tom Pegram asked the City Council about examining the number of uncontrolled intersections a day after responding to a two-car accident involving a town resident and a carload of children on the way to school.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that it appeared Betty Eoff failed to yield for the Chevy Cavalier driven by a juvenile female when the two vehicles approached the intersection of West Montana and West 2nd Street North.

Pegram responded to the accident, and said that led to his appearance at the council meeting. He expressed concern about the accident’s proximity to the elementary school, which is on West Washington between Third and Fourth Streets.

“We need to heavily re-evaluate where the signs are near that school,” Eidemiller told the council.

There are stop signs at every intersection in the immediate vicinity of the school. Nearby intersections, however, are uncontrolled.

The chief said the situation is compounded by increased foot traffic to the school because the school district has changed geographic guidelines dictating which students are eligible to ride school buses.

Councilmen instructed Pegram, Eidemiller and public works supervisor Larry Bauer to analyze the layout of stop signs. Eidemiller said he wants to fix the grid system and return the network of stop signs back to a uniform layout. Bauer said that the city has a “hodgepodge” of stop signs after specific placement requests were made by residents over the years.

— JPB

Correction

The Marsing Disaster Auction front-page photo last week was misidentified. The featured auction helper is Shelby Dines, who won the \$100 prize for ticket sales.

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From page 1

Bahem wins Beauty or Beast pageant

Todd Bahem is more than a record-setting power lifter. He's also one of the best-looking athletes at Homedale High School ... in drag.

The junior won the Miss Beast 2010 title as "Toddalina" during last week's Beauty or Beast fundraiser pageant inside the old HHS gymnasium.

The pageant and subsequent auction raised \$2,400 for the Trojans wrestling program.

"This show really is a lot of fun," Homedale wrestling coach Toby Johnson said. "The people that came had a great time and were very generous during our auction."

"We are in great need of new practice mats, and this will help a lot."

Bahem, who recently set an American record in power lifting at an Idaho state meet in Nampa, was part of a group of wrestling

and boys' basketball athletes who took part in two rounds of competition at the pageant. Gregg Garrett served as master of ceremonies and asked questions of each contestant.

The pageant entries also danced to the song "Love Struck" after working with HHS Cheer coach Shauna Beebe and the Trojans cheerleaders on their technique.

Judges included Darren Krzesnik, Heidi Nash and Leslie Parker.

Other award-winners included Brad "Bradina" McCain (Miss Congeniality), Kyle "Sha-Kyla" Abels (People's Choice and second runner-up), Ishmahel "Elizabeth" Mendoza (third runner-up) and Jake "Jamie" Tolmie (first runner-up).

Other contestants included Eddie Garcia, Ryan Ryska, Justin Ensley, Cole Jeppe, Tano Montes, Theron Perkins and Trey Corta.

✓ Lifting: Bahem rips down record in just second tourney

Steve Rayborn said.

Lifting as an independent, Bahem broke the previous record by nearly 60 pounds. Jay White held the previous best after pressing 148¾ pounds at a September meet in Cleveland last year.

The raw designation means that no supportive equipment to aid the lift was used, specifically a bench-pressing shirt.

Rayborn said that Bahem's feat is remarkable for a number of reasons, not the least of which are his lack of experience and the fact that he is literally "raw" with no formal training.

"He's got very raw technique," Rayborn said. "If he spent just six weeks with our kids, we could add 15 to 25 pounds to his bench."

Adding a little more than 12 percent to his personal best would put Bahem rarified air even more exclusive than where the American record-holder now orbits.

"Pressing twice your body weight, from a lifting standpoint,

is one of the pinnacle pieces you set out to do," Rayborn said.

For a juvenile to pull the feat is even more exceptional, he said.

"There are only a handful of men in Idaho who can bench press twice their body weight," Rayborn said.

Rayborn is investigating what Bahem's next challenge could be. There's a chance he could qualify for the USAPL Bench Press National Championships, which are slated for later this year in Charlottesville, Va. But the coach also is hunting for a prestigious national meet closer to home, perhaps Denver.

The meets and records may only be a means to an end for Bahem, according to his mother, who has watched him bring home wrestling medals on a consistent basis.

"He always said he wanted a trophy to go with all the medals," Christy DeVinaspre said Friday.

— JPB



Volunteers keep kitchen clean

Homedale volunteer firefighter Dennis Uria whips a trash bag out of a can behind the scenes Saturday during the 49th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord. Homedale student Hailey Kushlan walks past.

Smorgasbord Silent Auction Winners

Name	Item Name	Grade/Club	Bid
Becky Forth	Haiti Benefit #1	Legion Club	37.00
William Shaw	Chocolate Basket #3	Fourth grade	25.00
Verletta Anderson	Garden #2	First grade	45.00
Becky Forth	Everything Chocolate	Resource	47.00
William Shaw	Road Trip #1	Third grade	32.50
Sally Turner	Scrapbook Supplies	Middle School	50.00
Teresa Davison	Garden #3	First grade	50.00
William Shaw	Road Trip #2	Third grade	32.50
Erin Schwartz	Garden #1	First grade	30.00
Chris Landa	Chocolate #2	Fourth grade	32.00
Gloria Lejardi	Oriental Dinner	Middle School Cooks	130.00
Heidi Nash	Oriental Dinner	Middle School Cooks	150.00
Susanna Brockett	Road Trip #3	Third grade	35.00
Kristy Eachus	Bronco Basket	FHLA	55.00
Keiko Takeshita	Money Tree	Middle School Cooks	100.00
Mary Marston	Kitchen #2	Second grade	70.00
Todd Kelly	Valentine Basket	Smorgasbord	60.00
Sandy Dixon	Haiti Benefit #2	Legion Club	92.00
Marge Hickman	Bath & Beauty #1	Kinder	55.00
Hank Quilantan	Garden #4	First grade	27.00
Hank Quilantan	Chocolate #4	Fourth grade	27.00
Todd Kelly	Kitchen Basket	Second grade	100.00
Leah Bell	Bath & Beauty	Kindergarten	65.00
R. Brown	Gift Boxes/Paul's gift cert.	Betty Uda	42.00
Gheen Christoffersen	Welcome Sign	Welding	40.00
Devra Christoffersen	Chocolate Basket #1	Fourth grade	60.00

✓ Smorgasbord: Silent auction nets \$1,500

include late ticket sales by the sixth-graders, or any last-minute donations, and that final expenses will have to be deducted to come to a total tally.

Some of last year's funds were used to purchase a welder and

materials for the Homedale FFA chapter's career development program, a color printer for the yearbook and photography program, a spindel sander, and other equipment at the high school.

Burks said the elementary

school used its share of last year's proceeds to buy benches to be placed in front of the school.

The Smorgasbord silent auction brought in a total of \$1,488.50 this year.

— MML

✓ Library: Councilman, resident curious about adding on to structure

sure if they have enough money to build a totally new facility, and I'm pretty much in favor of expanding the existing library, which I think will be cheaper," Austin said.

Library board meeting minutes reflect that a price tag of between \$340,000 and \$370,000 for a new library has been discussed.

Councilman Tim Downing said he would like to look into building on to the existing library. He has investigated the availability

of a piece of property east of the library.

He attended the Feb. 8 library board meeting to discuss that option, and he said the board members seemed open to exploring the price tag for the lot as well as the offer from an architect from the DesignWest firm to formulate ideas for expansion of the existing library, which was built at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., in 1980.

Wilson confirmed that officials are weighing their options, includ-

ing selling the existing library to help finance the construction of a new library, which is proposed for the city lot east of City Hall on West Wyoming Avenue.

The idea of selling the existing library was brought up during the Jan. 11 board meeting, Wilson confirmed. He said a public hearing probably would have to be held if sale of the library was to occur.

The Owyhee Avalanche learned of the idea to sell the property

from reviewing the minutes from the January board meeting. Unlike other city interests — Planning and Zoning, police, city attorney, public works — neither a library representative nor the city building inspector makes regular reports to the city council.

Downing said that reports of what transpires in library board meetings should be presented to the council.

"I think maybe it's OK to talk about it (in a board meeting), but

it should be then presented to the council at a council meeting," Downing said. "I think everybody should be kept up to speed."

Wilson said anyone interested in the library is welcome to attend the board meeting, which is held two days before the first city council meeting each month, or review the library meeting minutes. The meeting minutes are approved and available for the public after the following month's meeting.

— JPB

Obituary

Doris R. Raburn

Doris R. Raburn, 91 of Caldwell, formerly of Jordan Valley, Oregon, died Thursday, February 4, 2010 at a Caldwell hospital of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Jordan Valley United Methodist Church. Interment followed at the Jordan Valley Cemetery. Friends called at Dakan Chapel in Caldwell from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and at the church from 1:00 p.m. until service time.

Doris was born August 18, 1918 at Payette to Myles and Naomi Yount Farson. She was raised in Payette and graduated from Payette High School. She worked as a dental assistant for five years until marrying Oran L. iShortyî Raburn on August 15, 1941 in Weiser. They moved to the Jordan Valley area where they ranched until Oranís death July 11, 1993. Doris continued to live on their ranch until 2001 when she moved to Caldwell where she has since resided.

Doris was a wonderful cook and hostess. Many people made

it a point to ijust drop byî at noon at her home, knowing she or Shorty would invite them to stay and eat.

Doris was a member of the United Methodist Church in Jordan Valley and the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Sage Hen Club of Jordan Valley.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Jerry and Judy Raburn and Dotha and Jerry Patterson; a brother, Myles Farson and his wife, Billie; three sisters-in-law, Virginia Norton, Anita McFarland and Lila Raburn Millican; four grandchildren, Brett Patterson, Chuck Patterson, Greg Raburn and Amy Wilson and five great grandchildren, Kaylee and Savannah Patterson and Taya, Casey and Emma Wilson and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Oran and a sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jordan Valley Methodist Church or the Jordan Valley Ambulance.

Death notice

JOHN CHARLES JR. DEARY, 83, a Jordan Valley native, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at a Kuna assisted living center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, at the Kuna Stake Center.

AARP safety class open for all drivers

The Marsing Senior Center will play host to an AARP Driver Safety Class on March 3-4.

The defensive driving course will start at 1 p.m. both days at the center, 218 Main St. The cost is \$14 per person.

Anyone 55 or older can get an insurance discount upon course completion, while those younger than 55 can take the course to get points taken off their driving record, according to AARP Driver Safety Program district coordinator Ervin Gifford.

For more information, call Gifford at (208) 337-4647.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Feb. 17: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, fortune cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 18: Nachos or baked potato, cinnamon breadstick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 19: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 22: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, chocolate pudding, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 23: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 24: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Feb. 17: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, apple crisp, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 18: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, breadstick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 19: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 22: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 23: Wiener wrap or sloppy Joe, cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 24: Beef or chicken taco, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Feb. 17: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, fruit bar, French bread, milk.

Feb. 18: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, churro, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Feb. 19: Beef taco or toasted cheese sandwich, soup, corn, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Feb. 22: Cheese pizza, mini corn dogs or chef salad, fruit bar, brownie, milk.

Feb. 23: Chicken tenders or wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit bar, fruit rollup, milk.

Feb. 24: Enchilada, burrito or pizza hot pocket, baked potato, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Marsing

Feb. 17: Sloppy Joe, veggie, chicken burger, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 18: Pizza, garden salad, Chinese egg roll, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 19: Corn dog, veggie, jello & fruit, chicken fajita, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 22: Hamburger, potato wedges, French dip, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 23: Taco, rice, dessert, pizza, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 24: Ham & cheese, veggie, chicken fried steak, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

Feb. 17: Cheese yum, potato soup, fruit, cake, milk.

Feb. 18: Lasagna, tossed salad/croutons, garlic bread, fruited jello, milk.

Feb. 19: Pizza, tossed salad/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.

Feb. 22: No school.

Feb. 23: Beef fajita, refried beans, corn, fruit, cake, milk.

Feb. 24: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, deviled eggs, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

Friends of the LBL meet Thursday

The Friends of Lizard Butte Library board will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in the community room at the Lizard Butte Library at 111 3rd Ave. W. in Marsing.

All patrons of the library are welcome to attend.

Story of moose and bear told at library

Story Time at Homedale Public Library will feature “Morris Has A Cold” by Bernard Wiseman at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

Morris the Moose has a cold and tells his friend Boris the Bear that his nose is walking. Boris corrects him and explains that his nose isn’t walking, it is running. No, says Morris, it is only a little cold, it is walking. Boris tells Morris to open his mouth and stick out his tongue. Morris

refuses because he doesn’t want to be rude.

Will Boris help Morris to feel better or will his friend’s silly ways just annoy him?

Along with the story there will be songs refreshments and crafts.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information, call (208) 337-4228 afternoons between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Census jobs testing held this week

Testing for temporary, part-time jobs for the 2010 Census will be held in Murphy and Homedale this week.

An employment test for qualified applicants will be held at 10 a.m. today inside the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Another testing session will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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 at 1-866-861-2010. TTY users should call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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Calendar

Today

Holy Week soup suppers and services
6 p.m., supper, 7 p.m., services, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

Marsing Youth Rec sports signups
6 p.m. to 7 p.m., boys 5-15, girls 5-14, Marsing Elementary School, 207 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-6095

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

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

Thursday

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

Senior center lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets
5:30 p.m. weigh-in. 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board meeting
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 455-2550

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

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

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

Beginning gardeners class
10 a.m. to noon, free, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104

Bruneau Booster Club fundraiser
5:30 p.m., dinner, auction to follow, Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall, Bruneau

Monday

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

Rimrock Senior Center quilting group
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2665

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

Senior center dinner
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Holy Week soup suppers and services
6 p.m., supper, 7 p.m., services, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

District 23 legislative town hall
6 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 W. 1st

St. N., Homedale

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

Thursday, Feb. 25

Vision Church food distribution
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Senior center lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets
5:30 p.m. weigh-in. 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., Homedale 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

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

Friday, Feb. 26

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.

Marsing Class of 2010 fundraising dance
8 p.m., \$5, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd N., Marsing. (208) 896-4512

Saturday, Feb. 27

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

Sunday, Feb. 28

Marsing Gun Club shoot
For more information, call Tim Dines at 573-3321 or Marty Floyd at 573-3533.

Monday, March 1

Homedale Public Library board meeting
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

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

Tuesday, March 2

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

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

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

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

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.



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Masons host Homedale spaghetti feed Saturday

The Silver City Lodge No. 13 and Silver Star Chapter of the Eastern Star invite diners to a dinner party Saturday from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Homedale Masonic Hall.

The dinner is a fundraiser to help the lodge finance projects including providing clothing and food for needy families in the Homedale area through a liaison with the school district. One community project the Masons and Eastern Star helped finance was the playground equipment at Sundance Park with a \$5,000 donation.

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All three District 23 members of the Idaho Legislature, representing Owyhee and Twin Falls counties, have been named Ag All Stars by Food Producers of Idaho.

State Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Reps. Jim Patrick and Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) were among 87 legislators honored at the start of the 2010 session.

The three District 23 lawmakers represent Owyhee and Twin Falls counties.

Food Producers of Idaho, representing 40 different agriculture commodity and farm organizations in Idaho, annually honors legislators for their voting record on issues supported or opposed by the organization. According to Rick Waitley, Executive Director, the first year a legislator is honored, the award is an Ag License plate that reads, "AL STR". Each year after the initial award, a smaller plate with that year engraved is presented to each honoree.

Two Owyhee country students landed on the College of Southern Idaho's President's List for the fall 2009 semester.

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Freund to seek re-election as District 3 commissioner

A second person has made their run for county office official, with District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund saying Monday that he will seek another term.

Freund told The Owyhee Avalanche he was going to make his announcement during the Owyhee

County Lincoln Day Banquet on Tuesday afternoon.

More candidate announcements were expected at Tuesday's luncheon sponsored by the county Republican Central Committee. The event took place after deadline.

A Republican from Murphy,

Freund is in the final year of his first term as commissioner. He ran for office in 2006 after retiring from a lengthy career as a law enforcement officer in Owyhee County, including serving as chief deputy for the sheriff's office.

Freund recently was appointed

to the Resource Advisory Committee for the Bureau of Land Management's Boise District.

Freund won a four-way race in the GOP primary in May 2006 and then ran unopposed in that November's general election.

Freund made his announcement

Monday to dispel rumors that he would not seek re-election.

"This is absolutely not true," he said of the rumors. "I have every intention of running. If not, I would never have applied for the position on the RAC and other (committee positions) that I hold."

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

All meals include beverage

Feb. 17: Baked fish, baked potato, California blend vegetables, roll

Feb. 18: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll

Feb. 23: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, salad, roll

Feb. 24: Hearty beef stew, roll

Marsing Senior Center

Feb. 17: Baked potato bar w/bean soup, broccoli, chili, cheese, etc., fruit, bran muffin

Feb. 18: Beef stroganoff, pasta, broccoli, carrots, salad, roll, raspberry jello, cake

Feb. 22: Breakfast to order: biscuits & gravy

Feb. 23: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, baked squash, sauerkraut salad, apple & raisin salad, roll, fruit cup

Feb. 24: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, Watergate salad, bread, strawberry shortcake

Rimrock Senior Center

Feb. 18: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, creamed corn, apple salad, roll, ice cream & cookies

Feb. 23: Tuna casserole, tuna & noodles, carrots, onions, broccoli, coleslaw, orange juice, lemon roll, baked custard

PA to hone students' law knowledge

If the Marsing School District takes advantage of county prosecutor Douglas Emery's offer, students may get a leg-up on the legal system.

Emery has offered to volunteer during law week, or for government classes, with an eye toward stressing the importance "of being good citizens and avoiding criminal and detrimental decision-making," Emery said.

Emery has given presentations of this kind before at public organizations, adult classes, Middleton High School, Vallivue High School, Caldwell High School and Boise-area youth groups.

The presentation concept addresses a variety of needs.

"In one of the prosecutorial offices where I worked, area schools often called requesting that prosecutors visit and speak in their classes," Emery said.

"Older students tend to ask questions regarding college law class, law school and the process required in becoming attorney. Some are curious about the law and have general legal questions."

Teaching students about just how the law can affect them through their actions is also part of the idea behind

Emery's involvement with youth.

"I often field generic legal opinions on various points of law, give factual scenarios and discuss the potential criminal charges which could be filed under given fact patterns," Emery said.

In the past, most such classes have occurred in the late spring, Emery said. He had not yet been contacted by the school district when The Owyhee Avalanche contacted him Thursday, so no specific dates or programs had been set.

— MML



CERT training continues

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainees Don and Donna Reed of Homedale extinguish a fire with guidance from Tim Larsen from Nampa-based Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc., while Cindy Foster and Kristin and Erik Freeman look on. CERT trains Homedale and Marsing community members how to safely respond to emergencies in their homes, neighborhoods and communities. CERT members also may be cross-trained in amateur radio for emergency communications. All training is free, and CERT response kits are provided to graduating participants. Call Marlene Moore at 896-5630 for schedules and information. Submitted photo

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Marsing woman plugged into community

Mary Mahler’s life and family are about service and giving. Her answer when asked about what she had gained in her years spent teaching Sunday Bible school has relevance to her entire life: “It wasn’t for me,” she said with a laugh. “It isn’t what I can get out of it, it’s what I can give. I’m to be where the Lord wants me to be.”

Mahler, who just celebrated her 90th birthday, has taught Sunday school for more than 50 years, and still does so as a substitute at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, she said. She’s also president of the Marsing Senior Center, which gave her a birthday surprise last week — a cake with 90 candles, guarded by a smiling head cook in firefighting gear with an extinguisher.

“It took four or five of us to blow it out,” she said. “I appreciate all they do for me.”

Mahler became involved in the senior center after she and her husband Joe retired in 1983.

“We needed something to do,” she said. “My husband



Mary Mahler

would always get up and say ‘where are we going today?’ I used to make coffee for about a dozen oldtimers (at the center). There are only three left now.” She calls the center her “special home.”

While she is still president at the center, she admits she’s trying to find a new one. “I said I’d work at it until I was 90,” she said with a laugh. She’s been a board member ever since 1983 in one role or another, and has been president, secretary and treasurer by turns. She gave all the credit for the center’s work to her co-workers.

“It’s my wonderful board that I work with,” she said. “They do a wonderful job, with the support of the disaster auction board we feel really secure.”

She said the support of the Marsing Disaster Auction is huge for the center. Auction grants help the center pay for some of its costs. While transportation is an issue for the center — with fuel and driver and insurance costs — the organization continues to do all it can.

“We appreciate the Marsing Disaster Auction for keeping us afloat,” she said. “A lot of the seniors in the valley are really struggling with keeping things going.”

She also thanked the food bank for its help in keeping the Meals on Wheels program running.

“We have been blessed with a lot of good help in Marsing,” she said. “People in Marsing are really good neighbors.”

Born in Hazelton in a snow-storm, Mahler was raised in that area, and graduated from Wendell High School. She has six children — among them a nurse, a Navigator whose ministry focuses on U.S. troops, a social worker, a teacher, and a millworker heavily involved in church activities. She has 16 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren, as of a count five years ago. She thinks there are likely more, now.

She moved into the home she still occupies in Marsing almost 60 years ago, so she has a depth of understanding and appreciation for the area.

She and her husband Joe, who passed away 10 years ago, worked for Simplot for 27 and 33 years, respectively. In that time,

Mahler saw things change — she was among the first women to work the big jobs at Simplot.

“I was running the granule line by the time I retired. I was on the union that decided the ladies could do the work the men were doing and were getting paid less for,” Mahler said. “That was when (J.R.) Simplot was part of the management,” she said, confirming he was both easy to get along with and hands-on. “He was one of the guys.”

Mary’s daughter Donna, who now lives with Mary, remembers those years — she was two months old when Mary brought her to their Marsing home.

“She (Mary) worked at Simplot when I was a little girl ... (she and my father) worked the nightshift so they could be home for us.”

Not every change over the years has been positive, and Mary admits her personal soapbox is uncontrolled development.

“The thing that bothers me most is the good prime land that’s going into housing,” she said. “Someone thinks they’re going to make a lot of money and they build houses. All those houses are going to require water from the aquifer — and there’s only

so much water there.”

Mahler worries that not only will the water table be under threat by burgeoning population in what many forget is a desert without irrigation, she wonders about water quality as well, with decades of chemicals and fertilizers working their way down to the water people tap to drink.

“They think they’re going to make a handful of money (but) people have to stop and think what the consequences are of what they’re doing,” she said.

Mahler’s own patch of land isn’t covered by anything that wasn’t there centuries ago.

“I still own 80 acres of sagebrush. I leave it for the jackrabbits, the coyotes and birds,” she said.

Despite development, she said the warm hearts of the area haven’t changed.

“The good camaraderie and fellowship and love they have for each other has stayed the same,” Mary said of people in Owyhee country. “How many kinds of churches do we have in the valley?” she asked. “But we’re all good friends and respect each other — all good neighbors.”

— MML

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Above: Volunteers on the ticket desk were kept busy throughout the event, as more than 2,000 hungry diners passed through the lines for a variety of foods prepared by booth volunteers. Homedale High School principal Mike Williams and Homedale Elementary principal Yvonne Ihli were among those lending a hand.

Right and below: Diners lined up for dishes that ran the gamut of cuisine from around the world. Booths prepared dishes based on Asian cooking, Mexican staples, American cuisine, old-world European pasta, Basque classics like chorizos and codfish, desserts, salad and breads.

The event raises money each year for all three Homedale schools and is used for a variety of projects. This year saw \$6,616 in ticket sales by early counts.



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Bruneau Boosters Auction

Auction comes to Bruneau on Saturday

The Bruneau Booster Club’s annual auction will be held Saturday at the Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. with a free ham dinner with sides of scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, roll, punch and coffee. Homemade pie will be sold for \$1 per slice, and water and pop will be available throughout the event for \$1

each. A silent auction will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., with special lots on which children can bid. The live auction, with Kyle Colyer and Dick Strickland auctioneering, begins at 7 p.m. Items slated for auction include tools, tires, batteries, Western art, fertilizer

application, pictures, firewood, gift baskets, gift certificates, homemade cakes and candies, toys, metal sculptures, hay, a quilt and more. Auction spokesperson Ginny Roeder said the usual white elephant mystery items will be up for grabs as well as an old-time cowboy print from Idaho photographer David Stoecklein set in a frame fashioned

from barnwood by Bruneau resident Robin Howard. Mountain Home photography Jerry Kencke also has donated a print for the auction. Donations for the auction can be dropped off at the legion hall from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Call (208) 845-2552 to arrange pickup of a donation.

It takes boosters of all ages to produce an auction

The annual Bruneau Boosters Auction, which takes place Saturday, is fueled by community spirit and contributions. Auction publicity person Ginny Roeder recently sat down with a handful of contributors to get their stories.
— Ed.

Chuck Hall: A family tradition

Chuck Hall’s bosals are no strangers to Bruneau Booster Club Auction attendees. He has donated several of his handcrafted pieces over the years. He is not a newcomer when it comes to helping with community events — he comes by it naturally. His mom, Celia, has also been a longtime contributor to the annual auction, making her delicious German chocolate cake and her wonderful peanut brittle for auction bidders. His dad, Tom, has a long history of involvement in civic affairs. Chuck has a lot of pride in the hometown where he was raised. Although he left after graduating from Bureau High School, his “dream job” eventually brought him back to Owyhee County. After attending Boise State, he headed to California to work for a while before returning to Idaho. His jobs were varied: working for the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, shoeing horses at the racetrack, working on a ranch, and doing a stint as a model for David Stoecklein. His pictures appeared in ads for smokeless tobacco, a Chevy pickup, Remington and others. While working on a ranch in Eagle, the job for Idaho State Brand Inspector for Owyhee and Elmore counties opened up. He seized the opportunity and proudly served in that capacity for 24 years, retiring in 2007. After 15 years ago, Hall decided to try his hand at braiding leather — something that he had been exposed to at the age of 13 or 14. An old cowboy by the name of Jack Adams used to winter in Bruneau. Chuck remembers him telling wonderful stories and doing a lot of braiding. “I listened and watching him a lot,” Chuck said. “He must have been seven feet tall, and he was



Chuck Hall my hero.” Along the way, several people have encouraged and helped Chuck hone his craft. Ray Colyer has been especially helpful, sharing his expertise and experience. Tack that Chuck makes includes bridles, bosals, reins, headstall and even a saddle, all of which are proudly displayed in his workshop. “The first just took 10 years, and that’s the only one I’ve made so far,” Chuck said of his saddle-making. A bosal or reins don’t start with the braiding. “That’s the fun part of the project,” according to Chuck. The process actually begins with skinning out the hide and putting the hide on a stretcher to dry. Once the hide is dry, it is removed from the stretcher and then soaked in water to ready it for cutting. The cutting is done in a circular fashion, beginning on the outside edge and cut in one-inch strips. These strips are then stretched and dried on a fence line. After drying, these strips are scraped to remove all of the hair. Chuck estimates that it takes a minimum of five hours to scrape 150 feet of strips. To finish the process to get the “strings” used for braiding, the strips are then cut to the desired width and tapered on the sides. Considering the process, there aren’t a lot of people who take up this hobby. Chuck says that he would be glad to mentor anyone wishing to learn this skill; however, they must be willing to provide their own “strings”.

by Ginny Roeder, auction publicity Whenever Chuck completes another piece of tack, it is given to a friend or neighbor or donated to a fundraiser. “I never sell any of my pieces,” Chuck said. And what does he get out of making his own tack? He says each piece is unique, one-of-a-kind, and that the quality of life that it provides him and the friendships that are made are his greatest satisfactions.



Rita Gillespie Rita Gillespie: Friend to horses Rita Gillespie is a busy lady who wears many hats. She is a wife to Craig, mom to Hadley and Lyndie, Mrs. Gillespie to the students at Bruneau Elementary, a competitor to team ropers, and friend to all the horses she massages.

She and her husband settled in Bruneau 17 years ago and operate a ranch in Little Valley. Rita was raised on a ranch in Glenns Ferry. The Glenns Ferry High School graduate grew up around horses and developed a passion for them. At Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., she completed a two-year course in horse production, learning about nutrition, breeding, horseshoeing and lots of hands-on colt training. In 2004, Rita decided she wanted further her knowledge of horses, not only to help her own animals but also those of her friends. Determining that horse massage yield multiple benefits to horses, which she describes as “amazing animals”, that became the focus of her training. She enrolled in a 50-hour class in

Round Tree, Va., that was taught by equine massage pioneer Mary Schreiber, and received certification in equine sports massage therapy. “Massage improves the circulation and can reduce inflammation and swelling,” Rita said. “It can also improve the range of motion by enhancing muscle tone, and it relieves tension.” She says each horse reacts differently to massage, just as with humans. Some like very little pressure while others like a lot of pressure. “You can tell by the look in the horse’s eyes and the expression on their faces — it gets softer,” she said. “And if they start licking their lips, that’s a sign that they are really liking it.” Gillespie massages her own horses, some of which are used when the family team ropes. She also massages cutting horses, barrel racers and dressage horses. Saddle cleaning is a relatively new aspect of her life. She was looking for a job that would enable her to stay at home. Because there are a lot of people with horses and saddles in the Bruneau area, cleaning saddles seemed like a perfect fit. “Moisture, dirt, sun and sweat are enemies of saddles, and we have all of those factors present here,” she said. Because of this, she recom-

mends that a saddle be cleaned and conditioned once a year. If properly maintained and not heavily hand-tooled, a saddle can be cleaned in a couple of hours. It is then left to dry overnight before it’s conditioned. She believes that those who are able should give back to the community and help whenever they can. She is an avid supporter of the Boosters auction and auction-goers can once again find gift certificates for a horse massage and saddle cleaning on the auction block.

Buckingham family: Right at home

When it comes to community, it’s truly a family affair for the Buckingham family. Stacey and Kelli Buckingham, their daughter Rya, and Kelli’s two sons, Cy and Chris Lootens, are all involved with a wide variety of community activities. Raised in Bruneau, Stacey is a Rimrock High School graduate. He credits his high school shop teacher, Gary Jones, with initially pointing him toward woodworking. After graduation, Stacey worked in California as an apprentice for his “Uncle Jay”, building custom homes. He added to his skills by working for a grading and paving company. After

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Stacey, left, and Kelli Buckingham and two of their children.

County sees state revenue sharing shrink again

Total 1Q state funding down 12.1% since '08

Owyhee County officials still are being urged to watch pennies as revenue sources continue to show diminishing returns.

First-quarter state revenue-sharing and excess sales tax figures are down for the third consecutive year, according to figures released by county Clerk Charlotte Sherburn.

Owyhee County received \$67,817 from the State of Idaho in revenue sharing and \$194,166 in excess sales tax for the first quarter of fiscal year 2010. The revenue-sharing figure is down 21.8 percent — or more than \$19,000 — from the same quarter in 2008 when the county received \$86,818.

Sherburn had predicted about a 20 percent drop during the Jan. 19 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Quarter-to-quarter comparison shows that the county received \$8,026 less (10.6 percent) at the end of the first quarter of FY 10 than it did in revenue sharing in the final quarter of FY 09 three months ago.

Although the decline is bleak, commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said it wasn't totally unexpected.

"I was disappointed," the District 1 commissioner said. "But Charlotte reassured us that was kind of about what we had anticipated when we did our budget last year."

The share of sales tax returning to Owyhee County from state coffers also slipped compared to the same time last year. The county received \$194,166 this quarter,

down 3.2 percent (\$6,457) from a year ago, when the county received \$200,623, and 8.1 percent (\$17,212) from the first quarter of FY 08 when sales tax returning to the county was \$211,378.

Hoagland was pessimistic about the rest of FY 10 sales tax returns after hearing about the first-quarter figures.

"These revenues reflected sales tax revenues from the Christmas season, so that may be an indicator that the (second-quarter revenue-sharing) may not be as well," he said.

The excess sales tax figure was down 4.3 percent (\$8,691) from the \$202,857 Owyhee County received in after the final quarter of FY 09.

In all, the county has seen a dip of 12.1 percent in total first-quarter revenue from the state between FY 08 and FY 10.

Last month, Sherburn reported that county-generated revenue from departmental fees also had dropped.

But at the same Jan. 19 meeting, the clerk expressed optimism, echoing the commissioners' sentiment that county elected officials and department heads have done well to curtail spending in light of those decreasing revenues.

"I feel that if every department watches their training dollars and mileage dollars we should be all right," Sherburn said.

There could be some sun breaking through the gloom, too, she said.

Sherburn said that the federal government has indicated the county will get a full dose of Payment in Lieu of Taxes money to cover revenue lost from the massive tracts of tax-exempt public land in Owyhee County. She

said that could help cover the gap in state funding. However, District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund has expressed pessimism about the feds' track record for following through on things they say.

Meanwhile, county Treasurer Brenda Richards reports that property 2009 tax collections continue to out-pace the revenue received at this time in each of the previous two years.

Richards' office has taken in \$2,228,063 thus far this year, or 41 percent of the total tax charge of \$5,498,937. By the same point in the payment season in 2007 and 2008, county landowners had paid only 39 percent of the total tax charge, Richards said.

Year-to-date tax collection is up 14.6 percent over the same time last year, when the county had received \$1,944,064 of a \$4,922,232 tax charge. In 2007, when total taxes owed were \$5,419,072, the county had received \$2,124,790 by this time in the year.

While property tax revenues are looking up, Sherburn has reported that revenues from other county fees are slipping:

- A 69.2 percent drop from this time last year in planning fees (from \$14,000 to \$4,300)
- An approximately 82 percent decrease in rental fees at the Homedale Armory (from \$2,200 to about \$400)

Another big expenditure for the county — indigent and charity claims — are on pace to finish over budget for fiscal year 2010.

Through Feb. 11 — or 36 percent of the year — 45 percent of the budget for hospital bills had been spent. The county has paid

\$108,583.58 for hospital bills thus far, leaving about \$141,416.32 in the fund to cover the next seven months. The county already is running in the red for indigent burials, having spent \$3,000 out of a line item that was appropriated only \$2,800.

The county's obligation to pay employee retirement won't get any easier to swallow, either.

Sherburn told commissioners on Jan. 19 that the county and employee contributions to the Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) will rise. At its December meeting, the PERSI retirement board instituted gradual increases in contribution rates, beginning next year. Sherburn said the county will pay \$23,000 more in contributions for fiscal year 2012, \$46,000 more for FY 2013 and \$81,000 more for FY 2014.

Employees' contributions will rise from its current rate of more than 10 percent to nearly 14 percent during the same time.

Freund speculated the recommendations were spurred by the 16 percent loss the fund has suffered since March. Sherburn said the pension account is 25 percent underfunded currently after being over-funded by as much as 13 percent in the past.

Although the financial picture is gloomy, Hoagland said the commissioners will continue to monitor the situation before making any decisions on cuts.

"I think we'll ride it out as we get into the July revenues," Hoagland said, looking ahead to the third-quarter revenue report. "As we know what those are, then we'll have a better idea in the last quarter on what we will need to do."

— JPB

Freund appointed to BLM panel; Hoffman left off

Cattlemen are concerned that a knowledgeable rancher and veterinarian was not reappointed to a federal advisory panel.

But while word spread that a Boise District Resource Advisory Council veteran wasn't retained, the Bureau of Land Management announced that Owyhee County's District 3 commissioner, Dick Freund, had been added to replace former Sheriff Gary Aman.

"We're pleased that Dick has agreed to join the RAC and provide us with his perspective and a very good representation in Owyhee County, and we value his input," Boise District spokesperson MJ Byrne said.

Freund said: "I am pleased to have been appointed to the RAC as it gives me another opportunity to be of service to the residents of

Idaho. Being able to serve with others who represent varied interests such as recreation, environment, sportsmen, grazing, etc., is an opportunity to present the views of a county with thousands of square miles of public land which is used by all these interests."

"Hopefully I will be able to represent issues important to the county to the others in a way that will have a positive impact."

Former Idaho Cattle Association president Ted Hoffman, a Mountain Home-based rancher and large-animal vet, wasn't retained after representing ranching interests for three years. A former Owyhee County landowner who still leases grazing acreage here, Hoffman was Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president in 1993, was an early member of the

Owyhee Initiative Work Group and also has worked on several elements of conservation.

"I think my record speaks for itself as far as collaborative conservation and problem-solving and working together to make a difference (on land issues)," Hoffman said. "The fact that someone perceived me as a radical, I assume, was intriguing at the least."

"The decision was made at the Washington office ... for reasons we were not told about," Byrne said. "I know that the governor's office and the congressional offices called about it. Obviously they were not able to prevail."

Hoffman said after inquiries from Idaho's U.S. Senate delegation, the White House realized its decision was misguided and invited him to reapply when RAC

appointments reopen in September. That leaves a void for ranching interests until next winter.

"While we're not the only interest in the BLM, far from it, we do represent the most extensive land users for BLM and it's pretty foolish to leave that open for a year," said Hoffman, who remains on a resource management planning subgroup that advises the RAC.

Byrne said Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter letter of inquiry was answered by the White House's liaison to the DOI responded to the letter.

"It's pretty disappointing that ... an administration that spoke so loudly and so often about transparency in government and working across the aisle and with different groups does something like this and then won't provide an explanation," Hoffman said.

Ranchers expressed concern about what excluding a man with Hoffman's credentials could mean to the big picture of public lands issues in the West.

"With that kind of attitude in Washington, D.C., the western states are in trouble," former OCA board member Brenda Richards said at the Feb. 6 OCA meeting.

Three RAC members got new three-year terms: Gil L. Green (utilities and rights-of-way concerns); Ralph K. Richardson (wild horse and burro) and Richard Raymond (public at-large member).

Richards and fellow Owyhee County rancher Donna Bennett serve on the RAC, too.

The next public meeting of the Boise District RAC is scheduled for 9 a.m. March 3 in Boise.

—JPB

√ Boosters: Families come together to donate services, goods for auction

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traveling in the Golden State, he realized Idaho was a good place to live and moved back to Bruneau. He then got a job with a friend who did home remodeling, and it wasn't long before he decided to start his own construction company.

He met Kelli on a blind date. The courtship lasted three years, and they were married in Hawaii eight years ago.

Kelli grew up in Parma and graduated from Homedale High School. After moving to Marsing, she worked for the school district as a paraprofessional and also became involved with the Parent As Teachers

program. She owned and operated Pooh's Corner, a daycare center for preschoolers, which was sold after she married and moved to Bruneau.

Stacey and Kelli participate in a variety of projects, and they strongly encourage the participation of their children. Stacey is president of the Bruneau Water and Sewer board, and Kelli keeps the books for the group. She also fills in as a substitute teacher at Rimrock High School and volunteers to run the Parent Child Reading Challenge Program at Bruneau Elementary. The entire family has been enlisted to help at some time during the school year.

Kelli also has directed the Bruneau Valley Library's summer reading program, along with help from Cy and Chris.

In 2004, when the Bruneau Booster Club was planning to erect a picnic shelter in the park, Stacey volunteered to help. He and his Skyline Construction crew did the site prep and helped with the concrete work.

"I get a lot of satisfaction out of helping take a project to completion, keeping it simple, productive and cost-effective," Stacey said.

Both Stacey and Kelli are in agreement that the atmosphere and way of life in Bruneau makes it a great place to live and

to raise kids.

"People help each other out, and this community has been good to us," Stacey said. "Since a lot of my jobs are out of town, one of my greatest satisfactions is coming down the Bruneau hill, seeing the sunset in the distance, and knowing that I'm coming home to my family and a community of good people."

Auction-goers will again have the opportunity to bid on Rya's cookie tray and Kelli's gift basket. As for the woodworking piece from Stacey, assisted by Chris ... that's a top-secret project to be revealed Saturday at the auction.

E-mail investigation not pursued, issue up to sheriff

After last week’s announcement that an investigation was to be pursued into the use of a county e-mail address by a private citizen, county commissioners confirmed this week that there would be no investigation.

“It boils down to the sheriff managing his department,” District 2 Commissioner George Hyer told The Owyhee Avalanche. “It’s his department. Unless any of the office heads step across the line, it’s not our job. We get accused of micromanaging, and we don’t want to micromanage.”

Whether there may be any legal worry over the setup is unclear. As is just who in the county set up the access to a county e-mail account for the sheriff’s office new public information officer: Merleen Johns, according to a conversation Hyer reported with the sheriff.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland declined to release the name of the person who requested the e-mail account be set up.

The Avalanche asked county Prosecutor Douglas Emery if there were any Idaho statutes that

were violated by the assignment of a county address and duty to a non-county employee. He indicated that nothing appeared to OK the methodology, but did not say any statutes were violated by the situation.

“While an elected county official may issue press release(s) under the auspices of his/her elected post,” Emery responded in an e-mail, “there is no Idaho Code statutory provision, attorney general opinion, nor Idaho case law which enables a non-County employee and non-attorney pri-

vate citizen to represent the legal interests the County, nor to ‘speak for’ nor to otherwise issue press releases in behalf of a county department.”

“I don’t think it’s that big of a deal,” Hyer said. “We talked to the sheriff, gave our concerns to him, now it’s up to how he handles it.”

The county’s chief worry, according to Hyer, was over any possible liability that might arise.

“It’s a concern,” he said. “You don’t want someone representing the county who’s not an em-

ployee.” Making sure the sheriff, or any department head, approves any press release before it is issued should go without mention, he said.

But “it’s not something I’m going to go to the attorney general for an opinion on,” Hyer said.

Several calls failed to reach Sheriff Crandall, nor had he responded to an e-mail on the issue, but messages from the new sheriff’s office PIO Hotmail address now include written approval from the sheriff on release contents.

— MML

Marsing City Council briefs

The Marsing City Council met in its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 10. Councilpersons James Ferdinand, Marie Hipwell, and Aron Streibel were present.

Ped light possible

Marsing is researching pricing and studying the installation of a touch-activated pedestrian crossing light for the corner of Main Street and Idaho 78. The light, subsequent to Idaho Transportation Department approval, would provide students and others crossing the otherwise uncontrolled highway additional safety. The option being researched is a touch-activated system that utilizes two blinking yellow lights to alert drivers to pedestrians crossing the intersection.

With the limitations on bus-

limits. He explained that total did not include non-logged stops for warnings or the like.

Marsing Mayor Keith Green mentioned that, in connection with city concerns with law enforcement presence in the schools, he had spoken with county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery, who had shown interest in providing some middle school and high school criminal knowledge classes. Emery has provided similar classes in the past and had been pleased with the results, Green said.

Councilman Streibel asked if it was possible to have reports include locations for crime or traffic incidents so the council could determine if specific areas should be examined for updating traffic controls or instituting a neighborhood watch. Wasson said he believed that could be done, and would inquire into doing so.

Green asked if a meeting between Marsing city attorney Stephanie Bonney, Emery, Sheriff Daryl Crandall and himself could be scheduled. The meeting, to address OCSO presence in the Marsing schools, was a condition of the law enforcement contract between the city and county and it has not yet occurred, Green said.

“We just need to get that done,” he said.

Bonney said she would contact Emery and see if he could work with her to schedule the meeting.

Law enforcement

Deputy Jeff Wasson gave a monthly report of activity within Marsing. He said the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office had personnel in the city for 321 hours over the course of the previous month, including 67 hours in the schools, much of which he fulfilled himself. He also reported that 34 calls had been logged within city

Hookup charges clarified

The council passed ordinance A-177, amending A-97 and A-105 and clarifying language that had been confusing some residents. The amendment cleared up the language concerning water and sewer charges for hookups to the city system.

The charges are based on the physical hookup of a property, not on actual service received, Green explained, whether a building is occupied or unoccupied. The charges were determined in that manner because the city’s bond payment is based on connections to the system, not usage, Bonney explained. In order to make the bond payments, residents were, therefore, paying for the physical hookups, not merely usage, Green said.

F-35 resolution passed

In a move designed to show political support, the council passed Resolution 116, urging the U.S. Air Force to select Idaho for its F-35 Joint Strike Fighter missions. The resolution was the brainchild of the Idaho Department of Commerce, which asked all city mayors in Idaho to support the state’s bid to move base two 72-plane squadrons at Gowen Field and Mountain Home Air Force Base.

The resolution is strictly a show of support and is not binding on the city in any way, Bonney confirmed after Streibel asked

what the commitments of the city might be.

Birders express concern

Jim Holcomb of Nampa, retired National Park ranger and member of the Southwest Idaho Birding Association, asked some questions during public comment on the planned improvements of the northern portion of Island Park, slated for transformation into an arboretum this year.

“Island Park is a very hot spot for birding interest in the fall and spring,” Holcomb said. He read a letter into the record, expressing concerns that removal of existing trees or destruction of cattails bordering the north pond could have detrimental effects on birds visiting the area. He also expressed worry if the area was sodded, pointing to the ducks and geese that would feed and defecate on such areas. He also inquired as to the possibility of xeric (desert-style, low water-requirement) landscaping that would use minimal irrigation in the construction of the arboretum.

Green assured Holcomb that the plans for the area did not include any sod installation, nor any disruption of the existing cattails. No mature trees would be removed, though some of the long-untouched willows would be pruned, and new trees would be drought-resistant and fed only by drip irrigation. Any introduced grasses would be drought-resistant gamma grasses and the like.

Legion donates for board

Jim Thomas of Marsing American Legion Post No. 128 attended the meeting to announce the donation of \$750 toward the 3-by-11-foot civic electronic reader board destined for the old railway signal scaffold above Idaho highway 55.

The donation, along with an expected \$500 donation from the Post’s Ladies Auxiliary combined with the grant money and donations previously received, brings the fund to \$9,500 of the \$11,000 cost for the board, Green said. The city will pick up the remaining cost after all donations.

The board was ordered last week, Green told the council, and should arrive within a month.

Spring cleanup discussed

The annual city cleanup is tentatively set for April, and dates will be discussed and set at the March 10 city council meeting. Residents may be able to discard larger items, and there is the possibility that city trucks could help remove things some residents could not otherwise transport. Details will be settled at the next meeting.

City’s donates prizes

The goods purchased with the city’s \$500 set aside for the Marsing Disaster Auction were donated to the Marsing High School Texas Hold ’em fundraiser as prizes, Green said. The fundraiser helps to garner the money used each year to fund the seniors’ drug-free graduation party.

—MML

Homedale fire chief calls in own traffic accident

Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui was involved in a two-car accident at the intersection of Homedale Road and Garnet Road at about 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 10. Salutregui called in the accident, and was among three transported by ambulance afterward.

The Canyon County Sheriff’s Office said the three injured parties were treated and released, among them both occupants of the Homedale Electric GMC Sierra pickup truck in which Salutregui was a passenger. The name of the 65-year-old driver, a Homedale resident, was not released.

The driver of the Ford F-250 pickup, a 19-year-old Nampa resident, was also transported and was the most seriously injured of the three, according to CCSO Deputy Lenny Abbott. A male passenger, a Wilder resident, in the F-250 was the only person

not transported. No age was given for the passenger.

The white GMC belonging to Homedale Electric was eastbound on Homedale Road when it struck the blue F-250 pickup which was northbound on Garnet. The F-250 had a stop sign at the intersection.

The driver of the Ford was not wearing a seatbelt, according to Abbott, and airbags did not deploy in that vehicle. Damage to the vehicles indicated the front of the GMC had impacted the driver’s side door of the Ford.

Both vehicles came to rest off the road surface in a ditch around a cornfield on the northeast side of the intersection. The airbags of the GMC did deploy.

Bystanders at the scene said the F-250 did not come to a stop at the stop sign. CCSO



The two pickups involved in the Feb. 10 accident came to rest northeast of the intersection of Garnet Road and Homedale Road.

issued an inattentive driving citation to the driver of that vehicle on Feb. 10, and confirmed a failure to stop by the Ford.

— MML

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Antelopes earn top seed into girls' HDL district play

Sixth-ranked Adrian faces Jordan Valley on opening night

Adrian High School closed out the season with four consecutive wins, including three in 1A High Desert League girls' basketball play, to nail down the top seed in this week's district tournament.

The Antelopes (19-5 overall, 14-1 1A HDL) open district play at 7 p.m. MST on Thursday against archrival Jordan Valley (5-17, 5-10), which barely pulled out the final invitation to the party.

Adrian swept the season series with the Mustangs, taking a 40-16 decision at home on Jan. 29, and beating Jordan Valley on the road, 54-25, exactly three weeks earlier.

Adrian hasn't lost since a 50-40 loss to regular-season co-champion Crane on Feb. 4. Crane is the second seed in the district tournament, according to OregonPrepSports.net.

The Antelopes enter the district tournament at Grant Union High School in John Day as the sixth-ranked team

in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll. Crane is rated No. 4 in the state and opens the tourney against seventh-seeded Dayville-Monument.

Saturday: Adrian 41, Cove 27 — The Antelopes methodically built a 21-point lead through three quarters of its regular-season finale, cruising to a non-league victory at home.

Swiss exchange student Letizia Bordoli scored 17 points and yanked down nine rebounds for Adrian. She played a splendid defensive game with six steals and a blocked shot while committing just one foul.

Ranea Orosco added seven points.

Tierra Prince scored more than half of Cove's points, pouring in 16. Only five of the seven players in uniform for the Leopards found their way into the scoring column.

Friday: Adrian 56, Burnt River 32 — Bordoli poured in 23 points and collected seven steals, and the Antelopes

routed the Bulls in the first half of a 1A HDL game in Adrian.

The Bulls ball-handlers lost the ball 26 times to Adrian thievery as the Antelopes built a 32-11 halftime lead.

Nichole Orosco added eight points for Adrian, while teammates Jessica Morton (seven) and Olivia Morton (six) also got in on the act. Bordoli and Andrea Shenk registered six rebounds each, while Shenk led the predatory defense with eight steals.

Burnt River put just five players on the court, with Ellie Delong leading the scoring with 13 points.

Thursday: Adrian 38, Harper 28 — Coach Gene Mills' squad's fast start allowed the Antelopes to withstand Harper's fourth-quarter comeback.

Bordoli scored 14 points to pace Adrian, which built a 16-2 first-quarter lead then managed only a free throw in the second quarter.

Shenk posted eight points and eight rebounds.

Harper suited only five players, with Jackie Jordan leading the way with 11 points.



Owyhee wrestlers warm up for district competitions

Adrian, Homedale athletes collect titles in Halfway

Adrian High School senior James Precht pinned Brad McCain of Homedale to win the 189-pound championship Saturday at the Pine Eagle Invitational in Halfway, Ore.

It was McCain's highest tournament finish of the season, according to Trojans coach Toby Johnson.

Adrian, Homedale and Marsing all competed in the Pine Eagle meet, a week before their respective district tournaments.

Two Homedale wrestlers brought home championships.

Justin Ensley moved to 125 pounds and beat Melba's Jared Johnshoy for the championship. Johnshoy entered the tournament

with a 30-1 record. His only loss before a 7-4 defeat against Ensley on Saturday was a one-point loss to a 4A wrestler in the championship of the Rollie Lane Invitational.

Kyle Abels also moved up a weight class and brought the 285-pound championship back to Homedale. He beat Travis Hickman, defending 3A Oregon heavyweight champion from Nyssa, to collect the first gold medal of his career. Abels is ranked sixth

among Idaho's 3A wrestlers, according to IdahoWrestlingNews.com.

Homedale finished seventh with 117 points at Pine Eagle. Adrian was eighth with 95 points, and Marsing collected 16 points to finish 14th in the 16-team tourney.

The Antelopes put three wrestlers in championship matches, with Mark Ishida (135 pounds) losing to Zach Cody from Crane, 17-5, and Daniel Lode (160) dropping a 16-1 decision to Kyle

Dennis from Pine Eagle.

Adrian is entered in the Oregon District 4 Tournament on Saturday.

"This was the best showing the boys have had all year," Adrian first-year coach Eddie Kinkade said. "With Districts coming up next week, I wouldn't expect anything less."

"The boys have been working really hard in the practice room and are peaking at the right time."

— See *Wrestlers*, page 18

Hot-handed Hardin helps JV to High Desert crown

Mustang boys and girls both reach district play as season wraps

Logan Hardin emerged as leading scorer during a weekend in which Jordan Valley High School wrapped up the top seed in their boys' basketball district tournament.

In two games, Hardin converted 15 of 18 field-goal attempts (83 percent) and averaged 17.5 points.

On Friday, he scored 18 points

and hit eight of 11 field-goal attempts as Jordan Valley — ranked 10th in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll — locked up the 1A High Desert League championship with a 40-35 win over visiting Crane.

Jordan Valley (20-4 overall, 16-0 1A HDL at week's end) withstood a furious fourth-quarter comeback to nail down the title with a two-game cushion over

Crane (16-3, 14-2).

"This was a tough defensive battle," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "Neither team found many open looks. It's always a tough game with these rivals."

Jordan Valley will face No. 8 seed Prairie City (11-10) at 9:45 p.m. MST Thursday in the final first-round game of the district tournament at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Jordan Valley's road to the top seed included a third quarter of

shutout defense against Crane on Friday. Jordan Valley entered the second half with a 22-19 lead then went on a 10-0 run in the third quarter.

Crane's 16-8 streak in the fourth quarter wasn't enough to catch Jordan Valley.

Brandon Mackenzie scored 12 points and dished eight assist, and Kade Eiguren knocked down two three-point goals for Jordan Valley.

Royal Hendricks' 10 points led Crane, while teammates Jeran

Conaway and Ryan Opie scored nine points apiece.

Jordan Valley registered 13 steals, including four each from Dusty Easterday and Brandon Mackenzie. Easterday also had a dozen rebounds.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 66, Burnt River 41 — Hardin led four players in double figures with 17 points (7-for-10 shooting) and grabbed 10 rebounds in a league victory in Unity, Ore. Hardin also had a team-high five steals.

— See *Crown*, page 18

Sports

Purnell-powered Adrian ready for district tournament

Senior delivers another 40-point scoring night

Blake Purnell reached into the stratosphere again Friday during Senior Night for the Adrian High School boys' basketball team.

The upperclassman missed his career-high point total by one, pouring in 43 as the Antelopes raced past Burnt River, 63-46, to close out the 1A High Desert League regular season.

Purnell also had a game-high 15 rebounds as the Antelopes (15-9 overall, 11-5 league) locked up the No. 4 seed in this week's district tournament.

The Antelopes will meet No. 5 Mitchell (13-9) at 3:45 p.m. MST on Thursday in the opening round of the district tournament at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Purnell's big offensive night highlighted a performance against the Bulls in which Adrian used a strong start in the second half to erase a sluggish beginning.

Adrian held a 32-28 halftime

lead, but pulled away to allow coach Brent Ishida the opportunity to get young players some floor time.

"We got off to a slow start, but once we got started we were able to stay up. We rebounded well in the second half," Ishida said.

Tommy Miller had 10 rebounds and six points.

Burnt River received 15 points apiece from Caleb Andrews and Harry Szu-Yao Su.

Saturday: Cove 56, Adrian 49 — The Antelopes fell short in a non-league game at home that served as a tune-up for the district tournament.

Adrian trailed by 12 points heading into the fourth quarter before chipping away a bit at the Leopards' lead.

"This was a tight physical game tonight," Ishida said. "We came out a little flat in the third, but stepped up our defense in the fourth to make it a close game."

"The boys played hard tonight. This was a good game for us to

go into districts with."

The Antelopes struggled with possessions, turning the ball over 29 times. Senior scoring leaders Purnell (25 points) and Bryan Reay (15 points) were responsible for 17 of the turnovers.

Purnell had 12 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Jered Witty scored 25 points for Cove to lead all scorers. Teammate Jordan Brown chipped in with 11.

Thursday: Adrian 55, Harper 23 — The Antelopes scored more points in the first quarter than their hosts scored during the entire league game.

Ishida said he pulled his starters after Adrian raced out to a 26-3 lead after eight minutes. Reserves and starters were rotated in liberally throughout the remainder of the game.

Purnell scored 21 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had eight of his team's 17 steals.

Adrian built a 30-point lead, 49-19, after denying the Hornets a point in the third quarter.

Logan Fisher led Harper with nine points.



Bryan Reay combined for 17 steals with Blake Purnell against Cove.

Melba ends Huskies girls' state hopes

The quest for a state berth ended Thursday night for the Marsing girls' basketball team in a 42-31 loss to the Melba Mustangs in Middleton at the 2A District III tournament.

The Huskies defeated Nampa Christian and advanced to face tourney favorite Parma last week. The Panthers knocked the Huskies into the losers' bracket, while New Plymouth did the same to Melba. Marsing retired Cole Valley Christian 40-32 from district play, and Melba did the same for Nampa Christian, 49-25.

Following Thursday's win, the Mustangs faced New Plymouth in a shootout for the second state

berth, and the pilgrims earned passage to State with a narrow 37-34 win over Melba.

Marsing finished its season at 13-11 overall, 6-6 in league play, and 2-2 in district play.

Feb. 9: Marsing 40, Cole Valley 32 — Candy Leon led Marsing with 12 points against Cole Valley, and Rebecca Cossel posted 10 in the Huskies win. Cossel pulled down 12 boards and notched up four assists. The loss knocked the Chargers out of district play. The win took Marsing to a 13-10 record, overall. Kara Grisby led Cole Valley with 11 points.

Thursday: Melba 42, Marsing 31 — Stats not provided.

Miller family makes donation to HYS Inc.

The family of Daniel Miller recently donated part of the proceeds from a memorial softball tournament played in his honor to Homedale Youth Sports Inc.

Miller's mother, Benita Miller, was joined by Chris and Virginia Landa, in presenting a check to HYS officer Brad Dines in Homedale.

The Conner Landa/Daniel Miller Memorial Softball Tournament was held last summer at Sundance Park.

"We are very thankful to the Miller and Landa families for their

generous donation and support of Homedale Youth Sports," Dines said.

It was the wish of Bruce and Benita Miller that half of the proceeds from the Landa/Miller tournament go to HYS. Dines said some of the money might be earmarked to fund scholarships for children who can't afford to participate in summer rec and flag football programs.

Homedale High School student Conner Land and HHS graduate Daniel Miller died unexpectedly days apart in April.

Trojan Winter Sports



BASKETBALL

Boys basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 17 vs. Weiser, 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 3A District III Tournament, opponent TBA, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Friday, Feb. 19 at 3A Snake River Valley Tournament, championship game (if nec.) Weiser HS, 6:15 p.m.

Girls basketball

Season complete

Saturday, Feb. 20, 1980 Homedale state championship game honored with Legends of the Game award, Idaho Center, Nampa, halftime of 8 p.m. game

WRESTLING

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 3A District III Tournament, McCall-Donnelly HS, McCall, 10 a.m.

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Sports

Loss to Weiser means Homedale boys get ... Weiser

No. 3 Trojans start district vs. SRV runners-up

The Homedale High School boys' basketball team will get a late-season re-run tonight to start the postseason in Ontario, Ore. The third-seeded Trojans (11-9 overall) take on No. 2 Weiser (14-4) in a 3A District III Tournament semifinal at 6 p.m. today inside Treasure Valley Community College's John J. Easley Memorial Gymnasium.

The hot-shooting Wolverines swept the 3A Snake River Valley conference season series against Homedale, including an 82-58 win on Senior Night inside the Trojans' gym Friday night. "Hopefully they don't shoot as good," HHS coach Kenny Thomas said. "They've shot the ball extremely well in the last two games against us. "We've got to get a hand in people's face and contest more shots." The Wolverines (6-2 3A SRV, with their only losses coming to conference champion Fruitland)

shot 57 percent from the floor and sank 10 of 16 three-point attempts Friday. Weiser built a 23-point lead by halftime against the Trojans, who finished 4-4 in conference play. Drew McKie scored 22 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the Wolverines. "I just don't feel like our defense has been as aggressive as it needs to be and as it can be against them," Thomas said. Playing the final home games of their careers, Alex Mereness scored 12 points and Ryan Ryska dished seven assists.

Walter Almaraz scored a team-high 19 points for Homedale, which pared the deficit down to as few as 11 points by outscoring Weiser, 26-15 in the third quarter. "We had it do an 11-point game in the third quarter and then we couldn't hit a shot and kind of ran out of gas," Thomas said. "If we can play defense (tonight) like we did in the second half Friday, I'll be happy." Fruitland, which lost 61-60 to Payette on Friday, earned the top seed in the tournament and play at 7:30 tonight against the

winner of an earlier play-in game between McCall-Donnelly and the Pirates. **Feb. 9: Homedale 54, McCall-Donnelly 36** — Kenny Esparza scored 15 points and helped the Trojans' domination on the backboards in an easy conference victory at home. Esparza, Trey Corta, Almaraz and Mereness grabbed five rebounds apiece as Homedale won that battle, 34-20. The Trojans squad blew the game open with a 14-6 start to the second half. — JPB

Rimrock girls' season comes to an emotional end

The coach couldn't hide it. Red-faced and teary-eyed, neither could his players. After watching a core group play at a high level for four seasons, Rimrock High School girls' basketball coach Mike Chandler let the tears flow Thursday night. He wasn't alone.

Anna Cantrell, Jackie Thurman, Randie Denton and Stevie Richardson saw their prep careers come to a close with a 44-34 loss to Notus in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament at Emmett High School. Rimrock ended the season at 15-8.

"It's just the type of kids they are," Chandler said in explaining why the postgame talk was especially emotional for him. "I've known Anna forever because of (older Cantrell sister, Ellie, who also played for the coach). Jackie and (Chandler's daughter) Shelby played together. "They're just the greatest group of kids. Besides losing the game. I'm losing them. That's tough." So were the Pirates in the third-place game for the district tournament. Coach Brad Huter's team held on to an early lead to earn a spot in a Saturday state tournament play-in game, which the Pirates lost, 52-46, to Raft River from District IV-V-VI. "He had a great gameplan," Chandler said of his counterpart. "We did a nice job defensively, but

they made some threes early." By "they", Chandler meant Tarah Anderson, who canned three of her four three-point goals in the first quarter as Notus took control. Anderson led all scorers with 15 points. Yesenia Gomez and Jasmine Parin hit treys in the third quarter for Notus, but Rimrock managed to pull within one point, 26-25, late in the quarter. Cantrell scored eight of her 10 points in the third quarter. Twelve of her team-high 20 rebounds came on Rimrock's end of the floor. Richardson scored nine points in her prep finale, five coming in the first quarter on the strength of a three-pointer and field goal. Thurman scored six points and grabbed six rebounds. She hit a pair of treys. Denton converted a

three-pointer in the second quarter and notched two steals. **Feb. 9: Rimrock 58, Cascade 34** — Thurman nailed half of her six three-point goals in the second quarter as the Raiders posted a victory in Bruneau. Thurman's treys — part of a game-best 18-point performance — helped Rimrock to a 27-19 halftime lead. Rimrock scored big again in the third quarter to widen its advantage to 17 points. Cantrell dominated on the glass with 23 rebounds, including 14 on Rimrock's end of the floor. She added 10 points. Jennifer Walter scored six points in the fourth quarter to lead Cascade. Three other players scored five points each for the Ramblers. — JPB

MARSING
HUSKIES
BASKETBALL

Girls' Basketball

Season complete

Boy's Basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Nampa Christian,
2A District III Tournament, 7 p.m.
(if Huskies won Tuesday's play-in)

Saturday, Feb. 20 at Cole Valley Christian,
2A District III Tournament, 7 p.m. (if win Wednesday)

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2A District III Tournament, V
allivue HS, Caldwell, if nec., 6:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2A District III Tournament,
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Kyle Abels twists Vale's Derrek Rodriguez onto his back in the 215-pound Senior Night match.

HHS wrestlers nab wins in dual meets

Homedale High School wrapped up the dual-meet wrestling season with three non-conference victories last week. Justin Ensley (119 pounds), freshman Tano Montes (135), ninth-grader Brad McCain (215) and senior Kyle Abels (285) all

collected pins on Senior Night as the Trojans trounced Vale, Ore., 42-18. Homedale's other senior, Eddie Garcia, got a forfeit victory at 160 pounds. On Friday, Todd Bahem picked up a 12-10 overtime victory at 119 pounds, and the freshman trio

of Montes, Cole Jeppe and Brad McCain grabbed two wins each. Homedale beat Marsing and Tri Valley in a tri-meet. Abels won both of his duals matches by pinfall, and Ishmahel Mendoza also pinned an opponent at 152.

Sports

✓ Wrestlers: Homedale heads to McCall, Marsing sets out for Melba



Justin Ensley squaring off against Vale's Mario Ramos. Ensley is the state's top-rated 3A competitor at 119 pounds, and fourth among all 119-pounders.

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I am excited about next week and expect the boys to do very well.”

Homedale

McCain pinned Huntington's D'Kota Milburn in an early-round match at the Pine Eagle Invitational, according to results provided by the Baker City Herald.

Ishmahel Mendoza lost to Pine Eagle's Kyle Dennis in the 160-pound semifinals then pinned Steven Brock of Baker City to grab third place.

Trojan 112-pounder Todd Bahem picked up a first-round pinfall against Baker City's Travis Whiting en route to a sixth-place showing.

Tano Montes, a 135-pound wrestler, was pinned in the second round of the fifth-place match against Jesse Lawrence of Pine Eagle. Johnson said Montes showed a lot of improvement.

At 140 pounds, Cole Jeppe counted a pin of Baker's Tyler Hertel.

Theron Perkins pinned Lane Zacharias of Baker City in the

second round to win a fifth-place medal. It was one of two victories Saturday for Perkins. Taylor Coons competed at 103 pounds.

Homedale will compete in the 3A District III Tournament in McCall on Saturday.

Ensley enters the district tournament as the state's top-ranked 119-pounder among 3A wrestlers, according to IdahoWrestlingNews.com. Ensley is rated fourth in the overall state rankings for 119 pounds, but has competed at 125 pounds, including Saturday in Halfway, Ore.

Payette and Weiser are favorites in the district tournament. The Pirates are the No. 2 team in the 3A dual team state rankings behind American Falls, and Payette falls in a No. 3 in the tournament team rankings behind American Falls and Teton. The Wolverines are the seventh-ranked tourney team in the state.

Marsing

Javier Moreno lasted until the third round in his 135-pound match against Lawrence at the Pine Eagle Invitational.

Brandon Walgamott was pinned in the first round of his 171-pound match against Wyatt Duncan from Baker City.

Marsing's 2A-1A district tournament takes place Saturday in Melba. The Huskies will face a tough field that includes three schools ranked in the state top 10, including No. 1 Parma, No. 4 Melba, which won the Pine Eagle championship Saturday, and No. 8 New Plymouth, for which sophomore Raymond Evans — a state champion a year ago for Marsing — is the top-ranked 119-pounder in the state.

The Huskies have three wrestlers in the 2A-1A top 10 for their respective weight classes.

Senior John Heidt is rated second in the state at 215 pounds behind New Plymouth's Seth Gaskins. Junior Oscar Ceballos is ranked 10th in the division.

Junior Nathan Danner is the eighth-ranked 152-pounder in the state, while Melba's Bryce Crossley, a senior, is ranked fourth and Cody Danes of Parma is fifth.

—JPB

Raider boys cap season by ending skid

Senior Ricardo Araujo led all scorers with 12 points Friday as he helped Rimrock end an eight-game losing streak in the final regular-season game of his high school boys' basketball career.

Clay Cantrell had 13 rebounds and six points as the Raiders' season came to an end with a 41-34

1A Western Idaho Conference victory in Bruneau over Idaho City.

Rimrock (3-16 overall, 3-11 conference) received nine points from Billy Smith and six from Cody McCarthy.

The Raiders surged ahead with an 11-3 run through the second quarter, forging a 22-14 halftime

edge.

Feb. 9: Wilder 51, Rimrock 35 — Stetson Dick scored 14 points, but the Raiders suffered their eighth consecutive loss as Wilder built a 38-22 lead after three quarters of its home conference game.

Brian Simper added 10 points,

and Clay Cantrell grabbed six rebounds for the Raiders.

Gabino Silva hit two second-quarter three-pointers and led three Wildcats in double figures with 19 points.

As of press time the status of any district play-in game was not known.

Marsing boys finish regular season play

Marsing faced Parma and Melba last week, wrapping up the 2A Western Idaho Conference high school boys hoops season with a pair of losses. The final tally leaves Marsing at 10-2 in 2A WIC play, making them sixth seed in district competition, which opens this week.

To advance into the bracket, Marsing will have to have won in its play-in game against North Star Charter on Feb. 16 — a game played after press time — setting the Huskies up for a match this evening against Nampa Christian on the Trojan home court. The winner of that game will move on to face No. 2 seed Cole Valley Christian.

Top-seeded Melba, undefeated in 2A WIC play, will enjoy a bye in the first round, and will take the court against the winner of the Parma-New Plymouth game played this evening.

Looking to district, Marsing coach JW Chadez thinks his team has what it takes, as long as the team keeps its mental game together.

“I think that in the last couple of weeks they've improved a lot,” Chadez said Monday. “The key is to play a full half each time. They did against Parma, but they didn't against New Plymouth.”

Staying focused, or failing to, can win or lose a game in a hurry. Against top-ranked Melba

the Huskies snuck ahead by two with four minutes to play in the second period, but by the half the Mustangs had driven ahead to a 14-point lead.

“I'm proud they've improved,” Chadez said, “but we have to play a full 32 minutes without mistakes.”

District seeding: 1, Melba (10-0); 2, Cole Valley Christian (7-3); 3, Nampa Christian (6-4); 4, New Plymouth (4-6); 5, Parma (3-7); 6 Marsing (0-10); 7 North Star (0-10).*

*Some league teams did not play North Star, and those games are not shown in overall records.

Friday: Melba 67, Marsing

47 — Melba, caught early, nevertheless managed a late second-period shooting frenzy that pulled the league-leading Mustangs out to a devastating 33-19 lead at the half. Mustang Sy Nebeker led all scoring with 25, aided by 16 from Josh Silver and 10 from Joey Nebeker.

Feb. 10: Parma 72, Marsing 45 — Jason Galligan led Marsing scorers with 16, backed up by 10 from teammate Toney Beagley.

Despite the effort, the Panthers handily retired the Huskies in a match-up led by a 23-point effort from Nathan Nielsen, padded by 13 from Trevor Kiser. Nielsen also yanked down 14 boards.

—MML

Marsing rec reg taken tonight

Marsing Youth Recreation baseball and softball registration will be taken tonight at Marsing Elementary School, 207 W. 8th Ave.

Signups for boys ages 5-15 and girls ages 5-14 will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The registration deadline is Feb. 26.

The entry fees are:

- \$30 for boys/girls T-Ball, open to ages 5-7 (must be 5 before May 1)
- \$30 for Coach Pitch boys, ages 7-8 (cannot be 9 before May 1)
- \$50 for Cal Ripken boys, 9-10 (cannot be 11 before May 1); and Cal Ripken boys, 11-12 (cannot be 13 before May 1)
- \$60 for Babe Ruth boys, 13-15 (cannot be 16 before May 1)
- \$40 for Girls 8U softball (cannot be 9 before Jan. 1)
- \$50 for Girls 10U softball (cannot be 11 before Jan. 1), Girls 12U softball (cannot be 13 before Jan. 1) and Girls 14U softball (cannot be 15 before Jan. 1)

Multiple players in a family qualify for \$10-per-player reductions in entry fees. Extra fees may apply for competitive leagues.

For more information, contact Brandi Campbell at 896-6095.

✓ Crown: Jordan Valley girls just make cut, face Adrian Thursday

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The Mustangs opened the game on a 20-6 run and cemented the victory with 26 points in the third quarter.

“This was a solid performance by the entire team,” Workman

said. “I was concerned about their energy level after the hard-fought Crane game.”

The coach apparently had nothing to worry about. Eiguren hit two treys en route to 16 points, and Nate Easterday added 13

points. Dusty Easterday had 12 points and nine rebounds.

Justice Wise scored 11 to pace Burnt River, while Bulls teammate Caleb Andrews connected on a three-pointer as part of his 10 points.

Girls

Coach Chris Elsner's squad squeaked into the district tournament with the eighth and final berth. The Mustangs draw archrival and top-seeded Adrian in at 7 p.m. MST opening-round game

Thursday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

According to OregonPrepSports.net, Jordan Valley ended the 1A HDL season with losses to Crane and Burnt River during the weekend.

Sports

1980 HHS legends: Where are they now?

Dean Vance, head coach — Still a Homedale resident and married to wife Karen, Vance earned A-3 Coach of the Year honors in 1980 and took three straight Trojans teams to state championship games, grabbing runner-up trophies in 1979 and 1981. He coached boys’ basketball in the 1960s and returned to coach the new girls’ team for five years in the ’70s and ’80s.

Vance served in the U.S. Navy during the 1950s and also served as an emergency medical technician with the Homedale Ambulance Service. He was chair for the Homedale International Smorgasbord.

Vance’s daughter, Leah, was a senior on the first state final team in 1979. She died of cancer last year.

Barry Hopkins, assistant coach — Now in Caldwell, he is married to Kris and they have two daughters. A mechanical insulation contrator for Insulco Inc., he continued coaching youth sports such as T-ball, football and summer league girls’ basketball.

Nancy Breshears Smyth, sr., center — Breshears, who wore No. 21, was a first-team All-Western Idaho Conference player and member of the West senior all-stars team.

After high school, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Music/Business from Boise State University.

She’s married to David Smyth, lives in Boise and works for KeyBank.

Andrea Jackson, sr., guard — Now president of Jacksons Food Stores, Jackson wore No. 13 and served as team captain. She also earned the team’s best defensive player award.

She earned a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Psychology from Willamette University in Salem, Ore., and now lives in Eagle with her husband, Terry Sevy, and their children, 17-year-old Piper and 13-year-old Connor.

In her professional life, Jackson has been named to the 2006 Idaho Business Review Women of the Year list and was a torchbearer for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. She also has served on several boards of directors, including Big Broth-

ers/Big Sisters, the Willamette Alumni Association and the Boise State College of Business and Economics.

Cindy Breshears Weigel, jr., forward — Now married to Kelley and living in Boise with children Matt, 18, and Morgan, 14, Breshears Weigel earned a second-team all-conference nod in 1980 and followed that with a first-team selection as a senior. Wearing No. 45, she was voted the most inspirational player for the 1980 squad.

She is employed by Intermountain Claims Inc. as a senior worker’s compensation insurance adjuster.

She has coached YMCA and AAU basketball for six years and spearheads fundraising for a club basketball program.

Bonnie Haylett-Beutler, jr., guard — Haylett-Beutler played one more season, earning first-team all-conference and an East all-star appointment in 1981.

She lives in Boise with husband Craig Beutler. She has two sons, Derek and Chad Gammel, and a stepson, Brad Beutler.

A field sales consultant for Henry Schein Dental Co., she is active in the American Dental Association’s “Give Kids a Smile”.

Julie Ann Uranga, jr., guard — Considered by most as the greatest girls’ basketball player in HHS history, Uranga still holds many school records. Wearing No. 15, Uranga was a first-team all-conference player in both 1980 and 1981. She was named the A-3 Player of the Year as a senior.

She still holds four 2A state tournament records: most free throws in a game (21), most points in a tournament (101), most free throws in a tournament (45) and highest average points per game (33.7).

Uranga went on to star at Northwest Nazarene College, where she still sits among the top players in some statistical categories, including the highest single-season scoring average in school history (18.95 ppg in 1985-86). She became an NNU Hall of Fame member in 2002.

Now living in Boise, she’s a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and is active in the annual Wish Tree benefit in Homedale.

Suzanna Drum Brockett, jr., forward — One of many 1980 team members who still lives in Homedale, Brockett wore No. 43 and was tabbed the team’s most appreciated player. She would be the most improved player in 1981.

Brockett is married to husband Ron, and they have two sons, 20-year-old Jared and 18-year-old Brandon.

She served on the Homedale Fan Club board and the Homedale Trust and has worked as a tax preparer and accountant for 21 years at Bowen Parker Day CPAs.

Shelley Sayers Shenk, jr., guard — Like Brockett, Shenk is still in Homedale, serving as coach of the high school’s junior varsity softball team. She also formerly coached HHS volleyball.

No. 33 in her playing days, Shenk was the 1980 team’s most inspirational player.

She has coached YBA and AAU basketball for six years and served on the Homedale Trust Board for eight years.

She’s married to Dave Shenk, and they have four children — Mark, 21; Erin, 14; Elise, 12; and Allison, 19.

Susi Larrocea-Phillips, so., guard — No. 35 was asked to play on the 1980 varsity team for the postseason. She’s married to Flip Phillips and they live in Meridian with their two children, Patxi (16) and Argia (14).

She is a member of the 4-H Hall of Fame and served for 24 years as a group leader. She also has been active on the FFA advisory board and as treasurer for the Meridian Alumni Chapter.

She has been an office-holder for several boards, including Idaho Agri-Women, Idaho Wool Growers, Txoko Ona Homedale Basque Club, Euzkaldunak Inc., and the Boise Basque Club.

She also has coached elementary school basketball and soccer.

Teri Metzger Uria, so., guard/forward — Like Larrocea-Phillips, Metzger Uria was invited to play postseason ball in 1980, during which time she wore No. 23.

She still lives in Homedale and is married

to Dennis Uria. They have three children: Cory, 20; Ashlynnne, 17; and Whitney, 14.

She has been a schoolteacher for 23 years, and was named teacher of the year in 2006.

Diana Uranga Maxwell, so., guard — No. 41 was invited to move up to the varsity of the 1980 postseason run.

She’s married to Ray Maxwell. They live in Homedale and are parents to Jolene, 22, and Tyler, 20.

She is a member of the HHS Fan Club and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She serves as an organizer for the Homedale Community Christmas Wish Tree drive each year.

She also has served as secretary for the Txoko Ona Basque Club and the Homedale Freestyle Wrestling Club.

Melissa Hughey Cornish, fr., forward — Another JV call-up, No. 31 is credited with sinking a crucial free throw in the second game of the state tournament run to iced the victory for the Trojans.

She now lives in Hillsboro, Ore., with her husband, Bill. They have three children: Chance, 20; Bo, 17; and Mary, 12.

She has worked as a law firm administrator and legal assistant for 26 years.

Hughey Cornish earned the Army National Guard Oregon Commendation Medal for “Outstanding Services as Family Assistance Program Coordinator” in 2004. She served as a coordinator for A Company 1-162 Infantry from 2001 to 2004.

She’s also active in Liberty High School football and baseball booster clubs.

Stacie Matlock, fr., guard — A JV call-up who would earn four varsity letters at HHS, Matlock lives in Caldwell and has two children — 15-year-old Cole and 12-year-old Kacie.

She serves as student mentor and substitute teacher at St. Edward’s Catholic School, where she also co-chairs the annual benefit dinner and the Christmas wreath benefit.

She also has been a participant in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and is a piano accompanist for church events and school graduations.

✓ Legends: Concerted effort by entire team lands prestigious honor

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tournament. Andrea Jackson, now the president of Jacksons Food Stores, heard of McCall’s honor from the Idaho High School Activities Association, from her former coach’s wife, Karen Vance, when they met at Ardis Nash’s funeral last spring.

“I said, ‘That’s ridiculous that McCall got it and we didn’t. We beat McCall,’” Jackson said.

And so was the tipoff toward Saturday’s honor, which will take place at halftime of the 8 p.m. game.

“We met at my house every month since last spring to organize it,” Jackson said.

And, of course, there was an unmatched gusto to the teammates’ efforts to bring the honor home.

“All that was required was a one-page form. We decided that

wasn’t good enough, so we went all-out,” Jackson said.

Team member Nancy Breshears Smyth compiled an application packet chock full of biographies for the coaches (head coach Dean Vance and assistant Barry Hopkins) and each athlete who served on the championship team that posted a 53-41 victory over Prairie in the A-3 state championship game at Vera C. O’Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls.

The packet also included letters from fans, referees, city officials and Tara VanDerveer, who as University of Idaho women’s basketball coach sent a congratulatory letter to the HHS athletes on Feb. 27, 1980.

“All the kids were active and have been instrumental in pulling this together,” Dean Vance said.

Vance, his wife Karen and 1980 team member Cindy Breshears

Weigel saw the McCall-Donnelly squad collect a Legends of the Game award and banner during last year’s tournament. The Homedale legends will get a similar banner to hang in the gymnasium of their alma mater.

Coach Vance, who guided three consecutive Trojans squads into the girls’ basketball state championship game, continues to beam with pride when recalling how the 1980 Trojans team alumni went after the award.

“It bore out that these girls were assertive and aggressive in achieving goals like they were during their playing days,” Vance said. “It just kind of fit the mold with the gals of this kind. They just kind of take something and go with it.”

Vance was the first girls’ basketball coach in school history, and the organization of a girls’ hoops

squad at Homedale was a harbinger of the tenacity and spirit the team would bring to the floor.

It all began when many of the players who would make up the 1980 title team were in eighth grade, Vance said. With a pep talk from another coach, Sharon Frost, the girls petitioned the Homedale School Board to create a girls’ sports program.

“Really it was Sharon Frost,” Jackson said. “She’s the one who really got us stirred up and said, ‘If you want girls’ sports, you’ll have to go after it.’”

That drive resulted in basketball and volleyball. The volleyball team would win an A-3 state championship only a few months after the basketball team brought home hardware.

Jackson said invitations to Saturday’s award ceremony have been extended not only to the

coaches but also the school board members and other supporters who were instrumental in bringing girls’ sports to Homedale at the high school and middle school level.

That includes Wayne Cornell, The Owyhee Chronicle reporter who at the time put the Trojans’ championship exploits on the map with his photos and writings.

“Back then girls’ sports were pretty invisible,” Jackson said. “Wayne Cornell was important, too. He was a new reporter at the time as well, and before he got to (the Chronicle), we were just invisible.

“He started writing articles about us probably in our junior and senior year that really got us a lot of notice for the first time, and that was very heart-warming for us.”

— JPB

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Pioneers

One of the qualities that characterizes dedicated ranchers and farmers is a joyous commitment to hard work. It’s sort of an odd combination of curiosity, independence and bravado. They actually crave the struggle like long-distance runners crave the race. They love their job!

Ranching is not a sport. It pits man against all that nature can throw at him year after year. It takes a hard-headed person to keep pushing back. That’s how frontiers were conquered and the West was won. Today’s ranchers possess the same qualities exemplified by the 18th and 19th century pioneers. The origin of the word Pioneer comes from the native Indian language Pi, as in “pie in the sky”, and Near, meaning “it’s just over the next hill, Mother!”

They battle the same obstacles encountered by the early settlers: drought, blizzard, disease, despair, and predators both wild and packing guns or toting regulations. It is simply nature trying to take back its own balance.

When we received our Christmas newsletter from longtime friends in Wyoming, calmly listing all the highs and lows of the past year, I was inspired. Their mettle is strong as individuals but as a pair they seem invincible. Their union began when he put an ad in the livestock paper for a ranch hand who could cook and keep house. She was, in essence, a mail-order bride! One who grew up in suburban California!

With a tip of my hat to Wyoming, it can still be as formidable to settlers today, as it was 150 years ago. It’s one of those places where you always keep coveralls, a bedroll, moon boots and a shovel in the trunk of your car. Where you never take four-wheel drive for granted, keep a generator handy during a snowstorm, check the antifreeze in your tractor in September and snow plow the road to the pasture. Not to mention the spring breeze that can turn a hard hat inside out!

But she came, this California maiden, they wed and went to raising corrientes, mules and blue heelers, animals they could relate to! Everything they have gotten out of that tough country they have worked for. He’s a heavy equipment operator, welder, farmer, mule skinner and carries the burden of his daily labor like Atlas. She has that same toughness, nerves of steel, generous heart and can make lemonade out of lemons or jerky out of old reins!

I hear about NASA postulating what will be needed to establish a base on the moon or Mars. They debate the technology required, the clothing, diet, sanity and the structured-monitored work and rest schedule. Then consider intensely the qualifications necessary for the astronauts selected to make the arduous journey.

My first thought was, call Louie and Ann! Give him a backhoe and fencing pliers, her a saddle mule and sourdough starter and come back in five years. You’d have a place good enough to build Wyoming a new community college!

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Man on a mission



If a definition of being proactive is doing something about a crisis before news of it explodes in the media, Mike Williams is right on time.

Or the majority of the valley’s media outlets are deaf, dumb and blind.

The Homedale High School principal, Williams has worked hard to get word out about the abuse of illicitly obtained prescription drugs by students.

And, while media types haven’t publicized the effort, Williams apparently is getting through to the parents of his students as well as catching the eyes and ears of his colleagues.

Meanwhile, the Homedale School District board of trustees recently expelled five more high school students in connection with the abuse of prescription pills on campus.

At least 11 students have been disciplined since the start of the new year, and the majority of those have been kicked out of school.

Since the school district sent a letter calling attention to the phenomenon, Williams says he has received calls from concerned parents. Questions have ranged from how to dispose of prescription pills to what they can do to be proactive about the problem at home.

“They’re looking for help,” Williams said.

More help may be on the way on a broader scale. This month, Williams has shared information about the district’s drug policy and drug testing methods with administrators from the school districts that make up the 3A Snake River Valley conference as well as the schools involved in the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency.

“I think we were able to bring more to light as to what

to look for and how the students are using those drugs,” Williams said.

“(School administrators) will be able to see the signs to pinpoint (drug use) on their campus.”

Williams and the Homedale School District should be proud of the efforts they have taken to curb student drug use. The principal says that getting into the classroom and talking to the kids on a more intimate level seems to be more effective than herding 300-some-odd students into the gymnasium for a group-talk.

Just think how much more effective the Homedale program would be if the media would pick up on it.

That’s not to say that other school districts in the valley aren’t experiencing this problem and doing something about it, but exposure through wide coverage from the larger outlets — print, radio and television — would only further the ultimate objective of helping the kids stay safe.

Alas, it seems the only things the local media care about these days are Olympic athletes, defiant charter schools, Boise State athletics and missionaries on the wrong side of a foreign government’s law.

Drug use in the schools is only news when it’s an unusual case — such as the Homedale Middle School pot bust — and there rarely is context or follow-up to any of the stories.

Thankfully there are people like Williams and his colleagues — both within the Homedale district and in neighboring districts — to keep the front-burner going not only in enforcement but prevention.

The town’s parents should embrace the efforts and understand the benefits.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest* Still writing, keep reading



I got an e-mail from Avalanche Editor Jon Brown saying he received word from some reader who was cancelling her subscription because I am retiring and will no longer be writing my column.

The caller was only half right.

Fourteen years ago, when I handed in my resignation as managing editor of a local daily newspaper, a lot of people apparently got the impression I was retiring — as in “I’m not gonna work any more.” That would have been nice. Unfortunately, I could not afford to do that. So for the past thirteen and one half years, I have had a secret life as the editor at Caldwell’s Caxton Press, the division of The Caxton Printers. Caxton Press publishes mainly books about the history of the American West. Coincidentally, that has been one of my favorite topics ever since I was a little kid.

On March 26, 2010, I will retire from my full-time job at Caxton. Some people say they want to work as long as they can. I’m not one of those people. There are places I want to go, things I want to see and people I want to spend more time with, while I’m still in shape to do it.

No longer having a full-time job, after working pretty much my entire life, is a little scary. I think it’s even scarier for Sara. She hasn’t said so in so many words, but I believe she’s a little worried about me hanging around the house all day. She already is babysitting a two-year-old granddaughter and one more child would be too much for her.

That’s where my column comes in.

Sometimes being a book editor, plus coming up with an idea every week for a column — plus writing it, has been

a real chore. But I haven’t missed the column very often. That’s because it is important to my mental well-being. It gives me a place to vent my frustrations and share my deepest secrets with a few thousand close friends. It’s my therapy.

Some folks keep their day-to-day experiences to themselves, or just share the more interesting events with family members. I have never been able to stop there. There’s something in my make-up that requires that I share with EVERYBODY. Well, at least everybody who is an Avalanche subscriber.

But back to the original topic:

Yes, I am retiring. After March 26, 2010 I will no longer have to get up at about 6 a.m. every weekday and get ready for work. I probably will still wake up at the same time. But I will go to bed each night with the knowledge that I don’t have to get up at 6 a.m. unless it suits me. That’s a BIG difference. The other major perk that I can see at this point is that I will be able to haul things to the dump on weekdays and not waste precious Saturday time with that task.

My Avalanche column is another thing. I do not plan to retire from that unless the newspaper powers-that-be decide “Not important ... but possibly of interest” is no longer possibly of interest.

Samuel Clemens, once said, “Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.” That also applies to my column. So don’t cancel your subscriptions, I’ve still got things to say.

Note: Thank you, Bev and John.

Commentary

Financial management

Bride-to-be must understand parents can't afford lavish affair

Dear Dave,

Our daughter is 24 and engaged, and we can't afford to pay for the wedding she wants. My husband and I have had some financial difficulty over the past few years, and we are finally beginning to slowly dig our way out. On top of this, we're still paying on her student loan from college. Should we let her know the situation up front, and how can we keep from feeling guilty about things?

— Gina

Dear Gina,

The big thing is that first you and your husband should be on the same page. You need to come to a decision about exactly what you're willing and able to do. It doesn't sound like it will be much, though. Especially if you're trying to get your own finances in order and still paying on her student loan.

Now, how do you not feel guilty about all this? I think that's a personal journey you'll both have to



take. A wedding is a wonderful thing, but it's not any less wonderful when it doesn't cost an arm and a leg. It also doesn't make you child abusers or bad parents just because you're not willing to go \$20,000 into debt to throw a fancy wedding!

I think, too, that you owe this kid some straightforward and honest communication. Most 24-year-olds don't have a firm grasp on reality. Even at that age, they don't think about where the money's coming from. They're just bopping along and assuming Mom and Dad will pull thousands of dollars out of the air for a big Barbie and Ken wedding. She needs to know that things just

aren't like that in the real world. Let her know that you love her and want to help, but you're going to be very limited on what you can do financially. Besides, you can have a great wedding without throwing around lots of cash. A marriage is about love, not dollar signs. And when it comes to the money, a wedding is like anything else you'd buy. My rule of thumb is pay cash or don't do it!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I recently heard someone on television say it was a good idea to cancel the collision and comprehensive portions of your auto insurance coverage if you want to save money. What do you think about this? My husband and I are trying to follow your plan. We have \$1,000 in our emergency fund, and we drive a couple of old, used cars. Would this idea work for us?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Obviously you'll save money if you're not paying out as much to the insurance company. But I don't think dropping that coverage is a good idea. Let's say you don't have much money saved up, and then you total your car. How're you going to get to work or to the grocery store? It would leave you in a bad situation, wouldn't it?

If you're driving a couple of beaters, the insurance doesn't cost that much. Cheap cars mean cheap insurance. Self-insuring is a good idea sometimes with some things, but I don't believe in it when you're talking about your cars and you're broke! In my case, I've got enough money to just write a check and buy another car if something happens to mine. But when I added up what the car costs versus what they charge me for insurance, it looks like a decent deal to me. I'm just not willing to take the risk with that

much money.

The purpose of insurance is to protect you from risks that you are unwilling or unable to take yourself.

That's why I still have full coverage on my car. The cost-benefit analysis told me it was a good idea. I suggest you keep it, too!

— Dave

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

Accuracy in Media

Mainstream media must lose its pro-abortion bias

by Cliff Kincaid

Former New York Times reporter Alex S. Jones has written a book, *Losing the News*, saying that journalism is in a crisis and that government help may be necessary to save it. He doesn't insist, however, that political bias has had any significant role in this decline. Instead, he sees the bias in the mainstream media as not political but "cultural." He defines this as "a set of beliefs" that can "skew" reporting.

Taking the word "political" out of the equation doesn't make any sense. A cultural bias has a political impact. And I certainly don't share his idea of getting the government involved at any level in financing journalism or journalists.

But the Jones book is helpful in citing examples of how this "cultural bias" is reflected in coverage of actual issues. He writes, in one of the best parts of his book, that the issue of abortion has been covered in a biased way by many news organizations.

Jones, director of Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, says, "Reporters as a group tend to be pro-choice, and pro-life advocates have long complained that these biases have skewed the way the story is reported." Jones, admittedly pro-choice himself, nevertheless agrees with the pro-lifers, and cites coverage of partial birth abortion. This is a particularly hideous procedure in which the head is punctured so that the child can be removed from the womb dead.

He describes how ABC News, The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, and other major news organizations claimed that the procedure was relatively rare, amounting to a couple hundred or so a year. The CBS "60 Minutes" program even ran a story justifying partial birth abortion because of what carrying the child to term might do to the mother. The coverage was "tilted," Jones writes.

Fourteen months after a bill banning partial birth abortion was introduced in Congress, Jones notes, Ruth Padawer of the Bergen County Record investigated and determined that the procedure was not rare.

She documented at least 1,500 in New Jersey alone in one year.

Jones says David Brown of The Washington Post followed up, finding the same facts on a national scale. "Shockingly — and disappointingly — the other great news organizations generally ignored what Padawer and Brown had found," he says.

Jones, then a reporter on a PBS show, did a story about coverage of partial birth abortion, concluding that the media had failed to cover the issue properly.

He says that he and his producers debated whether to even run their findings, fearful that pro-lifers would use them against the pro-choice side. But they went ahead with the truth.

Pro-abortion media bias is something that Accuracy in Media has documented and complained about for years. It was so bad that in 2000 we documented how the New York Times and USA Today had rejected a paid ad from Focus on the Family criticizing partial birth abortion. The bias extends to refusing to cover scientific evidence showing that having abortions increases the possibility of a woman

having breast cancer.

Media hatred of Sarah Palin can also be explained, at least in part, because of her pro-life stand. As we put it in an AIM Report, "Beyond her role as a pro-life mother who loves her husband, Palin is a reminder to the feminists that what they are screaming for in the battle for the right to 'choice' is not only a human life but in many cases a disabled child, one of the most innocent and defenseless among us."

Abortion is common in today's America for those considered to be disabled or defective.

Call it what you will — political or cultural bias. The fact is that we don't have to take it anymore. You don't have to "lose the news." But you can "lose the bias." And this is something to celebrate.

It is only a "crisis" for the liberals in the media losing their power and influence.

— Cliff Kincaid is the editor of *Accuracy in Media*, and can be contacted at cliff.kincaid@aim.org.

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Job Corps faces possible closure by June of 1986

The Marsing Job Corps Center and around 100 others in the U.S. are facing a “phase out” of Federal funding that could mean a closure of the center by June 1986, although the program is “operating on the assumption that it is going to stay,” according to Don Buchanan, regional director for the Job Corps under the Department of Labor.

Buchanan spoke at a luncheon held at the Corps Center on Feb. 13 to discuss changes in the program. Attending the meeting were Winston Goering, mayor of Nampa. Pat Romanko, mayor of Parma, Jack Krois, Asst. Regional Director of Job Corps, and other dignitaries.

One of the highlights of President Reagan’s 1986 Federal Budget is the termination of the Job Corps, under the idea that it would save \$1,334,000,000 in the years 1986-88. On Feb. 4, the Office of Management and Budget released a “Background on Major Spending Reforms and Reductions in the Fiscal Year 1986 Budget” that provided a scathing report on the Job Corps’ success, a report that Buchanan refuted at the meeting.

The Marsing Corps Center will continue to operate on the idea that funding will continue past June 1986, although a phase out may be initiated before then.

The Marsing Center is unique in it is located on state land and would revert back to state ownership if Job Corps programs halted, said Buchanan.

Rural fire district approved

Residents of the Murphy area wholeheartedly approved a Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District at the polls last Tuesday, 101-33.

The acceptance of the district will mean a system of fire protection in a 27-mile by 23-mile “Texas-shaped” region, encompassing Murphy, Murphy Flats, Wilson and Upper Reynolds Creek.

An organization meeting will be scheduled next week, where names of possible commissioners for a fire board will be submitted, said Tommy Benson, one of the chief supporters of the new entity. The chosen commissioners will then be presented to the Owyhee County Commissioners and Gov. John Evans for approval. After this, the Murphy board will meet with the Melba and Marsing fire boards to discuss a mutual aid agreement. In the past, the two established districts have been legally unable to help the ranchers around Murphy and Wilson, although Marsing could respond with a “brush buggy,” a four-wheel-drive vehicle owned by civil defense.

“We were very pleased with the turnout to vote,” said Benson. In speaking to area residents, he thought this was one of the best responses to any kind of vote held. A letter of opposition was circulated anonymously to voters who had not expressed support for the district, but Benson thought that this helped rather than hindered the cause by alerting people who hadn’t heard about the district through the media.

Benson said he and co-supporter Tim Nettleton had presented the new district as representing about a 5% increase in property taxes that would raise around \$6,000 a year, to show what the cost of fire protection would be. Property owners should consult their insurance groups to see if an improved fire rating wouldn’t offset the property tax increase.

Library named for prominent teacher

A resolution was passed at the December 10 meeting of the Homedale School Board changing the name of the Homedale Elementary Library to the Elise Brown Library.

It was further stipulated that should the library ever be relocated to a new building or site, the designated name shall be carried on in honor of the teacher who served twenty dedicated years with the Homedale School District. Mrs. Brown’s extraordinary concern for others and philanthropic work earned high regard from both educators and community members.

50 years ago

February 18, 1960

Fire department called Sunday

Failure to give an accurate report on location of a fire slowed the Homedale volunteers down Sunday, when a fire was reported in the upstairs bedroom of the Tennan Barnard home across the river.

Children playing with matches started a smoldering fire under a mattress in their upstairs bedroom. The fire department broke out an upstairs window and pulled the mattress out of the room. Entry could not be made from the stairs because of heavy smoke. Damage was confined to the mattress.

Rural Chief Bruce Smith cautioned the public to be sure of accurate description of location when reporting a fire before hanging up. A few minutes’ delay can make a big difference in fire damage.

Homedale sends load of food to Salt Lake City

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Immisch drove a pickup owned by Cook’s Crop-Boosters to Salt Lake City Saturday to join other Shriners for the annual trek of the food caravan to the Shrine hospital for crippled children.

Fresh and canned vegetables, fruit, candy, Kleenex, onions, jello, and soup were among the items collected Friday by Roy Ganow, Clarence Cook and Mr. Immisch. The men said local business houses were generous in their donations to the hospital.

Some 60 pickup truck loads from southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon joined in the caravan.

A dinner was held at Ogden Saturday night for the Shriners. Mr. and Mrs. Immisch spent the night there and left Sunday morning for the hospital, where they had breakfast. They were met by Mr. Immisch’s father, H. A. Immisch, and Mrs. Immisch’s mother, Mrs. Thomas Johnson, at the hospital and enjoyed a short visit before returning home Sunday.

On the return trip they stopped at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Randolph, and family, Boise.

Trojans avenge only loss of season, down Kuna

The Homedale Trojans avenged their only loss of the season Saturday night as they nipped the Kuna Kavemen 51-49 in a see-saw basketball thriller. Kuna earlier won over the Trojans 41-37.

The victory ran Homedale’s season mark to 16-1 and puts the Kavemen at 16-2.

Kuna’s big 6-4 Kent Butler led all scorers with 21 points and played the entire second half with four fouls. High for Homedale was Rod Leslie with 15 points. Dan DeGroat had 13 and Johnny Uranga connected for 12.

The two squads battled to a 12-12 first quarter tie. Then Kuna, sparked by Butler, took a slim 26-22 halftime edge. Kuna maintained their lead in the third period to close out the quarter 37-33.

But with four minutes left Homedale came to life and took over the lead. Uranga and Dick Frazier hit 6-6 each on the foul line to give the Trojans a victory margin.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Adams visited at the Frank Jayo Sr. ranch in Oreana Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Si Fox.

Aldo Seibert, Grandview, Wash., was an overnight guest a week ago Monday at the J. L. Tidwell home. Mr. Seibert, who was on his way home from a trip to California and Mexico, stopped in to meet the Tidwells. His son is married to the Tidwells’ daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Danforth were dinner guests of the Hoyt Nash family Saturday night and of the Ralph Lannigans in Caldwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Snow took Judy Martin, who had spent the last week visiting with them, back to her home in Melba Thursday night.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Conner, Louise, Kay and Neil visited Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Conner and family in Nyssa.

144 years ago

February 17, 1866

NEW ROAD – MILITARY HINT. About fifty miles above the present Owyhee crossing (at the mouth of Jordan Creek) a ford and easy crossing have been discovered. Col. Fogus and Mr. Hall have claimed the right of way to construct a road from their ranch, on Jordan Creek, via this crossing to Antelope Springs at the mouth of Ives’ Canon, on the Humboldt road, about forty-five miles from the military post on Queen’s River. This road will shorten the route to Star City, Nevada, at least fifty miles. It, also, avoids the only bad road to that point. From Hall’s Ranch to Antelope Springs the new route is reported by the parties who have examined it to be level, clear of rocks and mud. A ferry would be put in the Owyhee at the new crossing, but for the reason that it is the very place where the Indians are continually passing and private enterprise can hardly be expected to build roads, bridges, ferries, develop the country generally, and raise, equip and pay a company of men to protect laborers and travel. The route is a most important one and should have a permanent camp of soldiers at the Owyhee crossing. The Indians who made the recent raid and theft on Jordan Creek are known to have crossed at that point, and the signs are abundant that it is their regular ford.

If the military Chiefs wish to do good, immediate service to our community which they are sent to protect, they can do so by ordering a detachment of men to the point named, and be kept there during the summer. They would be on the road and have splendid opportunities to arouse any latent fighting qualities which they claim to possess. Captain Walker, at Fort Boise, we are informed, is Department commander, and we will not charge him anything for suggestions at any time.

THE Celebration of Washington’s Birth Day in Owyhee will take place in Silver City. It is to be hoped that the people generally will attend and make the occasion in numbers and spirit creditable to the community at large. By reviewing the lives and works of eminent patriots and good men, we may learn and practice good lessons ourselves.

RETAIL PRICES AT DURELL & MOORE’S. Brown sheeting, 55 to 60¢ per yd; Do. Drillings, 65-70; heavy duck, \$2 to 2.75; blankets, \$15 to 16; long legged gumboots, \$16 per pair. Bacon, 75¢ per lb; butter, \$1.25; lard, ten-pound cans, \$7.50; cheese, 75; sugar 50 to 55; coffee, 75; tea, \$1.50 to \$2.00; kerosene, \$8 per gal; candles per lb., \$1; dried apples, 50¢; peaches, 60; tobacco, \$2 to \$2.50; whisky, per gal, \$7 to \$9; brandy, \$8.50 to 15; Jamaica rum, \$9; gin, \$7.50 to 8.50; wine, \$6 to 8.50.

WAR MEETINGS. A meeting of the citizens of Silver and Ruby cities was held at the Challenge Saloon, Silver City, on Wednesday evening, 14th inst. R.T. Miller called the meeting to order.

R. Tregaskis was elected President-C.G. Whitcomb, Secretary.

A Committee of five was appointed to collect money and provisions – Lytle, McGraw, Mills, Stanford and Bohannon.

E. Bohannon was dispatched to Boise City to confer with the Governor; and to raise money and munitions of war, and men to co-operate with us.

A committee of five was appointed to collect arms. Also, a Committee of twenty-five men to collect horses for the expedition.

A. J. Sinclair and J. A. Lytle were appointed enrolling officers.

H. Bloom was elected Treasurer. Resolved, That Boise Valley and Basin be invited to co-operate with this company.

2. That any one who has lost stock of any kind can have it by going out with this company and capturing it, but not otherwise.

3. That E. Bohannon expenses to Boise City be paid out of money collected for this company.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2010 MURPHY, IDAHO

Bills paid: Current Expense - \$61,484.32, Road & Bridge-\$24,572.31, District Court -\$3,980.71, Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$1,750.00, Probation-\$4,730.69, Historical Society Museum- \$200.00, Indigent & Charity- \$11,025.70, Revaluation-\$1,920.99, Solid Waste-\$4,700.75, Tort- \$38,474.00, Weeds-\$1,086.00, 911- \$2,051.79.

Reviewed weekly bill paying. Resolution 10-05 Appointments to Waterways Committee ñ Adopted.

Telephonic Conference: Rob Ramsey, Civil Science on Bridge Projects.

Executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1),(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) for personnel matters, attorney memoís and possible litigation.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerkís Office.

2/17/10

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Council and Mayor of the City of Homedale on the 10th day of March, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is:

The requirement of toters (Westowns Disposal trash cans) for the citizens of Homedale.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/ Treasurer, City of Homedale (208-337-4641)

02/17/2010

ORDINANCE A-177

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO AMENDING ORDINANCE A-97 AND ORDINANCE A-105; CLARIFYING THAT SEWER AND WATER FEES APPLY TO ALL PREMISES CONNECTED TO SEWER AND/OR WATER SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City of Marsing currently provides that sewer and water fees are required for all buildings connected to sewer and/or water services, regardless of occupancy, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to state such requirement in the clearest language possible and therefore adopts this Ordinance to set forth such requirement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO: The following description of “User Fee”, Section 1, Subsection A of Ordinance A-105 shall be amended as follows:

A. The minimum water use charge per occupied premise, whether occupied or not.

The following description of “Service rates and charges”, Section .070 of Ordinance A-97 shall be amended as follows:

.070 Service rates and charges—Designated. Owners or occupants of all premises, whether occupied or not, now served by the sanitary sewer of the city and of all premises to be furnished sewer service by the sewage collection system, except industrial users shall pay the rates

as established from time to time by city council action.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 10th day of February, 2010.

Keith Green, Mayor

ATTEST: Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk

2/17/10

CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2011 71-passenger school bus (complete - body and chassis).

Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until day of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2010 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager

2/10,17/10

HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 1991 Ford (Thomas) 65-passenger bus (VIN # 1FDPJ75A8MVA33967), 1992 Ford (Thomas) 65-passenger bus (VIN # 1FDXJ75A8NVA29998), 1997 Thomas 69-passenger bus (VIN # 1T88N4B21V1143761)

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$450.00 (the appraised value) for the 1991 Ford (Thomas) 65-passenger bus (VIN # 1FDPJ75A8MVA33967), \$750.00 (the appraised value) for the 1992 Ford (Thomas) 65-passenger bus (VIN # 1FDXJ75A8NVA29998), and \$3,350.00 (the appraised value) for the 1997 Thomas 69-passenger bus (VIN # 1T88N4B21V1143761). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on March 2, 2010 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates

of February 10, 2010 and March 1, 2010.

Faith K. Olsen
Business Manager

2/17,24/10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-10-01412 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVELYN L. HILL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent’s estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 11 day of February 2010.

/s/CECIL EUGENE HILL
16 First Ave., West, Marsing, Idaho 83639. (208) 989-8480
MURPHY LAW OFFICE, PLLC, Michaelina Murphy, ISB #4990, Skiff R. Larson, ISB #8277
847 E. Fairview Ave., Meridian, Idaho 83642. Telephone: (208) 855-2200 Fax (208) 855-0873
Attorneys for Applicant

2/17,24;3/3/10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2010-1414H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS M. QUINTANA, Deceased person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street (PO Box 44), Caldwell, ID 83606. 208-459-4574 Fax 208-459-4573 Attorney for Personal Representative.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 2010.

/s/Timothy M. Quintana, Personal Representative

2/10,17,24/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On the 8th day of June, 2010, at the hour of 10:30 am of this day (recognized local time), in the office of Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier’s check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the

following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

A part of the West half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

South 89°14’45” East 1327.39 feet along the North line of said Section 14 to the Northwest corner of the said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter; thence

South 0°41’50” West 666.83 feet along the West line of the said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter to a point; thence

South 89°17’42” East 663.31 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 14, said point being the Initial Point of this description; thence

North 89°17’42” West a distance of 286.53 feet to a point; thence

North 00°43’50” East a distance of 166.57 feet to a point; thence

South 89°17’42” East a distance of 286.53 feet to a point; thence

South 00°43’50” West a distance of 166.57 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of **12647 Trail Drive Lane fka HC79 Box 63G, Melba, ID, 83641**, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by David Blaylock and Kelly Blaylock, Husband and Wife, as Grantor(s), to TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as successor trustee, and Far West Mortgage, as Beneficiary, recorded March 28, 2001, as Instrument No. 235432, and assigned to Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment recorded January 27, 2010, as Instrument No. 270204, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

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 Note, the monthly payments of \$1,053.69, due per month for the month of February 1, 2009 and all subsequent monthly payments of principal, interest, late charges and any miscellaneous fees thereafter. The Principal balance is \$113,818.13, the current interest rate is 6.75% per annum, as of November 23, 2009. All amounts 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 and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: February 8, 2010

T I T L E O N E CORPORATION, Successor Trustee

By: Amy Wilcoxson, Trust Officer

TitleOne Corporation, 1101 W. River Street, Ste 201, Boise, Idaho 83702. (208) 424-8511

Order No.: TS0901399 CHF 1693497744/Blaylock

2/17,24;3/3,10/10

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION(S) HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 51-13039,DALE WHOOLEY, 26796 INDIAN COVE LN, HAMMETT, ID 83627-50

Point of Diversion NESW S32 T05S R07E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Tributary

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.1 CFS

Use: COMMERCIAL 01/01 to 12/31 0.9 CFS

Use: COMMERCIAL STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 60 AF

Use: COMMERCIAL FROM STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 45 AF

Use: DIVERSION TO STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 1 CFS

Total Diversion: CFS

Date Filed: 6/24/2008

Place Of Use: COMMERCIAL, S T O C K W A T E R , COMMERCIAL STORAGE, COMMERCIAL FROM STORAGE

T05S R07E S32 NESW Commercial & Stockwater Uses Are For A Feedlot

57-11751, JOYCE LIVESTOCK CO, 14568 JOYCE RANCH RD, MURPHY, ID 83650

Point of Diversion SESW S19 T03S R01W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Tributary

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 4 CFS

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS

Total Diversion: 4 CFS

Date Filed: 7/31/2008

Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T03S R01W S18 SESW T03S R01W S19 NW (ALL) NESW L3(NWSW) SESW T03S R01W S30 NENW SENW

Place Of Use: STOCKWATER T03S R01W S19 SESW T03S R01W S30 NENW SENW

Total Acres: 220

Limited to 200 acres supplemental irrigation in proposed place of use.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 3/8/2010. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Interim Director

2/17,24/10

Public notices

**City of Grand View, Idaho
Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report
For 3 Months Period Ending
As required by Idaho State Code 50-1011
Quarter Ending 12/31/2009**

1st QTR -FY 2010	FY 2010	
	Approved Budget	Actuals
City of Grand View - Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
Administration:	\$10,784.00	\$2,481.91
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil	\$2,000.00	\$1,312.50
Backhoe Maintenance	\$600.00	\$0.00
Capital Outlay	\$600.00	\$0.00
City/City Park Maint/Supplies/Repairs/Equip/Tools/Parts	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Contingency Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dues	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
Election Supplies	\$900.00	\$873.66
Engineering / Surveying / Mapping	\$1,900.00	\$0.00
Fire Hydrant / Supplies	\$800.00	\$0.00
Insurance / Bonds / Workman’s Compensation	\$3,113.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$808.00	\$317.00
Office Supplies / Postage / Safe Dep Box Fee	\$1,750.00	\$193.63
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$0.00
Professional Services: Accounting / Legal	\$1,600.00	\$687.50
Publication	\$1,483.00	\$605.44
Seminars	\$200.00	\$0.00
Utilities - Power / Phone / Dumpster Service	\$3,400.00	\$1,444.24
Total City Expenditures	\$35,838.00	\$9,915.88
	FY 2010	
City of Grand View - Revenues	Approved Budget	Actuals
	Revenues	Revenues
City Business Liquor License	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Interest (Investment Pool / Bank)	\$120.00	\$2.17
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$800.00	\$775.40
State Liquor Allotment	\$6,135.00	\$1,272.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$11,296.00	\$2,543.26
State Sales Tax Revenue	\$3,769.00	\$1,110.10
County Warrant: Grand View Tax Levy & Ag	\$6,768.00	\$508.21
City Revenue	\$30,238.00	\$6,211.14
	FY 2010	
City of Grand View - Street & Road	Approved Budget	Actuals
	Expenditures	Expenditures
Administration - Payroll Reimbursement		
- Wages for Supervisor	\$3,300.00	\$801.00
- Wages for Maint. Assistant	\$12,000.00	\$3,329.30
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil	\$1,000.00	\$1,312.50
Backhoe / Mower / Tractor Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Capital Outlay	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$300.00	\$35.54
Professional: Accounting / Legal	\$1,000.00	\$687.50
Repairs & Maintenance - Streets / Safety	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Street Signs / Signing	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Surveying	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Tools & Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00
Utilities: Street Security Lighting	\$3,000.00	\$495.15
Total Street & Road Expenditures	\$35,600.00	\$7,660.99
	FY 2010	
St & Rd Revenue	Approved Budget	Actuals
	St & Rd Rev	Revenues
HUR - State Highway Users Fund	\$15,292.00	\$4,063.81
Idaho Power Franchise	\$5,000.00	\$2,226.80
Interest (Investment Pool / Bank)	\$400.00	\$6.36
Grand View Tax Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total St & Rd Revenue	\$20,692.00	\$6,296.97
Citizens of Grand View are invited to inspect the detailed records of the financial statements at: Grand View City Hall - 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, Idaho - Monday - Wednesday - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (208) 834-2700 Phone / Fax Helana (Lani) Race Grand View City Clerk Date: Quarter Ending December 31, 2009 2/17/10		

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
1/27;2/3,10,17/10

ANNUAL STREET AND ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GRAND VIEW, IDAHO AS REQUIRED BY IDAHO STATE CODE 40-207 and 40-708 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009	
Beginning Balance as of OCT 1, 2008	\$0.00
Local Funding Sources:	
Interest Income	\$136.00
All Other Local Receipts –	
Idaho Power Franchise	\$6,405.00
State Funding Sources - HUR	\$15,863.00
Federal Funding Sources	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$22,404.00
Disbursements:	
Routine Maintenance Cost	\$1,566.00
Equipment	\$5,075.00
Administration	\$16,726.00
Street Lighting	\$1,897.00
All Other Expenditures	\$4,461.00
Total Disbursements	\$29,725.00
Receipts Over Disbursements	-\$7,321.00
Closing Balance	-\$7,321.00
Funds retained for obligated for specific future projects	\$0.00
Ending Balance	-\$7,321.00
Prepared by: Helana Race - Grand View City Clerk 2/17/10	



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On Thursday, the 10th day of June, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, on the corner of Hwy. 78 and Hailey St., Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, 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:

See Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

The Successor 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 Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 5912 Claytonia Way, Marsing, Idaho, 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 DAVID J. FERDINAND, III and DEBRA M. FERDINAND, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST MORTGAGE COMPANY OF IDAHO LLC, recorded August 3, 2007, as Instrument No. 261970, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on August 3, 2007, as Instrument No. 261971, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS 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, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated August 2, 2007, in the amount of \$1,220.00 each, for the months of July, 2009, through January, 2010, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.91% per annum from June 1, 2009. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$166,200.67, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.91% per annum from June 1, 2009.

DATED This 9th day of February, 2010.

CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
EXHIBIT A

Parcel I

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found brass cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,

Idaho, and being the centerline intersection of Dunlap Street and Edison Street, said brass cap bearing

North 0° 00’00” East 2,666.85 feet (formerly 2,667.00 feet) from a found 5/8 inch iron pin marking the West Quarter Corner of said Section 28 and being the centerline intersection of said Edison Street and Bruneau Highway; thence

South 88°52’33” East (formerly South 88°53’ East) 662.00 feet along the North boundary of the said Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 and the centerline of said Dunlap Street to a set 5/8 inch iron pin, said pin bears

North 88°52’33” West 1,977.50 feet (formerly North 88°53’ West 1,978.00 feet) from a found 5/8 inch iron pin marking the North Quarter corner of said Section 28; thence

South 0°00’27” East 936.46 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron pin, said pin marking the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

South 0°00’27” East 394.80 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron pin marking a point on the South boundary of the said Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28; thence

North 89°03’58” West (formerly North 89°03’54” West) 662.13 feet along said South boundary of the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 to a set 5/8 inch iron pin marking a point on the said Westerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 and the said centerline of Edison Street; thence

North 0°00’00” East 394.80 feet along said Westerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 and the said centerline of Edison Street to a set 5/8 inch iron pin; thence

South 89°03’58” East 662.08 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM:

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found brass cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being the centerline intersection of Dunlap Street and Edison Street, said brass cap bears

North 0°00’00” East, 2666.85 feet (formerly 2667.00 feet) from a found 5/8” iron pin marking the West Quarter corner of said Section 28 and being the centerline intersection of said Edison Street and Bruneau Highway; thence

South 88°52’33” East (formerly South 88°53’ East) 662.00 feet along the North boundary of the said Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 and along the said centerline of Dunlap Street to a found 5/8” iron pin, said pin bears

North 88°52’33” West 1977.50 feet (formerly North 88°53’ West 1978.00 feet) from a found 5/8” iron pin marking the North Quarter corner of said Section 28; thence

South 0°00’27” East 936.46 feet to a found 5/8” iron pin, said pin marking the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

South 0°00’27” East 394.85 feet to a found 5/8” iron pin marking a point on the South boundary of the said Northwest Quarter Northwest

Quarter of Section 28; thence

North 89°03’58” West (formerly North 89°03’54” West) 331.06 feet along the said South boundary of the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 to a point; thence

North 0°00’14” West 394.80 feet to a point; thence

South 89°03’58” East 331.04 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel II

An ingress egress, utility and irrigation maintenance easement, said easement located in a portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found 5/8 inch iron pin marking the West Quarter corner of said Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and being the centerline intersection of Edison Road and Bruneau Highway, said pin bearing

South 0°00’00” West 2,666.85 feet (formerly 2,667.00 feet) from a found brass cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 28 and being the centerline intersection of said Edison Road and Dunlap Road; thence

North 0°00’00” East 1,333.40 feet (formerly 1,333.50 feet) along the West boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of Section 28 and the said centerline of Edison Road to a found railroad spike marking the North 1/16 corner of said Section 28 and Section 29, said pin also marking the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 0°00’00” East 60.00 feet along said West boundary of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28 and said centerline of Edison Road to a point; thence

South 89°03’58” East 1,368.64 feet along a line 60.00 feet North of and parallel to the South boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the said Northwest Quarter of Section 28 to a point; thence

South 0°02’49” West 724.44 feet along a line 50.00 feet East of and parallel to the West boundary of the North Half Southeast Quarter of the said Northwest Quarter of Section 28 to a point on the South boundary of the said North Half Southeast Quarter of Section 28; thence

North 89°09’40” West (formerly North 89°09’21” West) 50.00 feet along said South boundary of the North Half Southeast Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 to a set 5/8 inch iron pin marking the Southwest corner of said North Half Southeast Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28; thence

North 0°02’49” East 664.51 feet (formerly 664.65 feet) along the said West boundary of the North Half Southeast Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 to a set 5/8 inch iron pin marking the Northwest corner of said North Half Southeast Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 (C-NW 1/16 corner); thence

North 89°03’58” West 1,318.58 feet (formerly North 89°03’54” West) 1,318.78 feet) along the said South boundary of the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 28 to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

2/17,24;3/3,10/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On June 4th 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the

front door of Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy , ID 83650, Bruce J. Blohowiak, 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 same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 2 in Block 1 of Cascade Subdivision, Part of the Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter, Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, filed January 21, 1974 as instrument no. 138898, in the office of the County Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 3669 Pioneer Rd., Homedale, ID 83628 MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH 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 of that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, in 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, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by executed by MICHAEL J. SIMPSON AND KATHLEEN SIMPSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, are the Trustructors, to COMMONWEALTH TITLE, as original Trustee, THE BANK OF THE WEST is the

beneficiary, on that certain Deed of Trust dated June 16th 2006 and recorded as Instrument Number 256983, records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), of the 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 he failure to pay, when due, under said Deed of Trust Note, monthly, principal, interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$775.23 for the month of August 2009 and the monthly payment of an amount not less than \$850.23 for the month of September 2009 and each month thereafter together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust; the principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$110,944.09 with per diem interest accruing at the current annual rate of 7.49% together with costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust together with any advances made or to be made. 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.

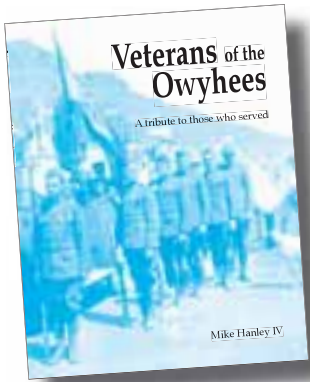
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Title Order No: 4321642 T.S. No.: T09-57091-ID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 06-02-2010 at 11:00 AM, of said day, at IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY ST, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, IDAHO 83650, 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, to wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE, AND STATE OF IDAHO, TO WIT: A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THENORTHWESTCORNEROF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO; THENCE SOUTH 89° 53’ 00” EAST 357.80 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, TO THE INITIAL POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTH 89° 53’ 00” EAST 100.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTH 0° 07’ 00” WEST 435.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 53’ 00” WEST 100 FEET ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 0° 07’ 00” EAST 435.60 FEET TO THE INITIAL POINT. 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: 5757 DUNLAP LANE MARSING, ID 83639-8062, 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: NATHAN W. EELLS AND PAULINE M. EELLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of

CITICORP TRUST BANK, FSB, As Beneficiary, dated 05-07-2007, recorded 05-17-2007, as Instrument No. 261000, records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE GRANTOR(S) 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 total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of this Notice is: \$164,908.21. 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 Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: January 18, 2010 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE C/O CR TITLE SERVICES INC. 866-702-9658 MARIA DELATORRE, ASST. SEC. FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY SALES AND POSTING AT WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM OR 714-730-2727 ASAP# 3430819 2/17,24,3/3,10/10

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 corner 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 1/27,2/3,10,17/10

PUBLIC HEARING

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 1108 West Finch Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83651 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Nampa at the address indicated above on April 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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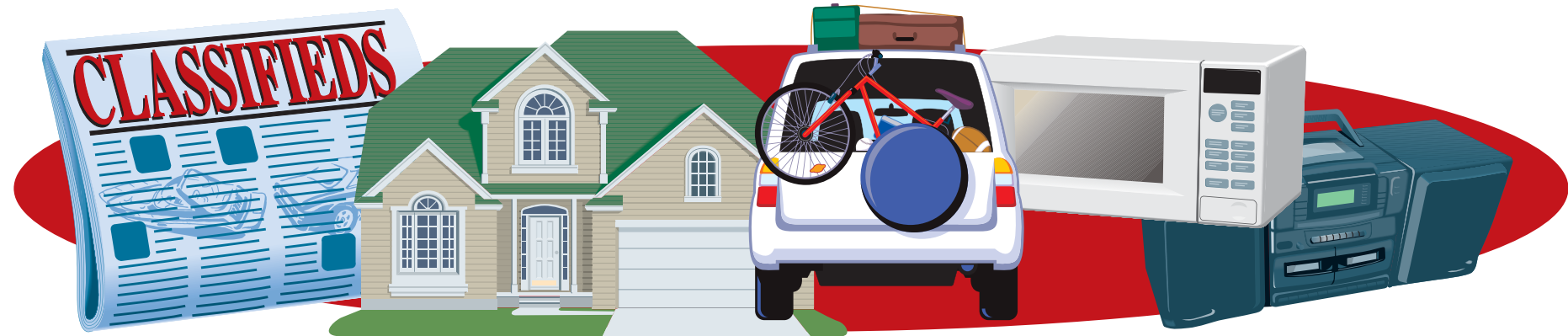
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